MA POLICY INTO PRACTICE
Welcome

The mission of the School of Social Policy is to ‘understand the world – but also to change it’. This means doing high quality and relevant research, but using this as a starting point for making a practical difference in the real world through our teaching, through professional training and CPD for managers and practitioners, through policy advice and work in front-line services, through raising public and media awareness and through working directly alongside local people and communities.

In turning this mission into practice, we are proud of our many achievements, including running the UK’s oldest social work training programme (dating back to 1908), our multiple award-winning NHS Management Training Scheme, the relationships we have with local partners in the public and voluntary sectors, and our leading role in the largest senior leadership development programmes in the history of the health service.

More than three-quarters of our research is rated as ‘world leading’ or ‘internationally excellent’ in terms of its rigour, significance and originality, and we have extensive international links with like-minded partners at Harvard, Melbourne, Peking, Vancouver, Seoul and beyond.
Our Policy into Practice programmes

We offer a suite of programmes designed primarily for international students working in areas of policy, research and practice in government and non-government organisations. All of our programmes start with an examination of Social Policy within the UK before moving on to examine experiences and challenges facing other nations.

All of our Policy into Practice programmes introduce students to the theory of Social Policy, and how Policy is put into Practice, whilst considering current and future political, economic and demographic changes within the context of policy making around the world. The programme is flexible and can be taken with a placement or health pathway.

**MA Policy into Practice (1 year)**
**Postgraduate Diploma Policy into Practice (9 months)**
**Postgraduate Certificate Policy into Practice (3 months)**

These programmes have been developed in collaboration with the International Development Department. Masters students undertake a dissertation to complete their programme. The programmes are most appropriate for students who have government or other work experience in either developed or developing countries.

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**Placement Pathway**
**MA Policy into Practice (with Integrated Placement) (21 months)**

This programme includes three elements. Six taught modules are taken during the first year. In the second year students complete a 10,000-word dissertation on a social policy subject of their choice and undertake a 20-week work-based experience in a local public, private or third sector organisation.

**Postgraduate Diploma Policy into Practice (with Integrated Placement) (9 months)**

This programme combines four taught modules with an opportunity for an eight-week work-based placement in a local public, private or third sector organisation. The modules are taken during the autumn and spring terms with the work-based placement starting in March and continuing through to the end of the summer term in June.

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**LEARN MORE**

To view the most up-to-date modules please visit our website:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/courses/taught/social-policy/policy-practice-integrated.aspx#CourseDetailsTab

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Health Pathway

MA Policy into Practice with Integrated Placement (Health) (21 months)
Postgraduate Diploma Policy into Practice with Integrated Placement (Health) (9 months)
MA Policy into Practice (Health) (1 year)

These programmes are aimed at those with an interest in health policy. They include modules from the School’s Health Services Management Centre.

The MA includes six taught modules (with at least two selected from the Health Services Management Centre) and a 10,000 word dissertation. The MA with integrated placement also includes a 20 week work based placement in a non-clinical health setting in the public, private or third sector.

The PG Diploma includes four taught modules and an eight week placement in a non-clinical health setting.

Entry requirements
An undergraduate degree of at least an upper second. Applicants with relevant experience in government or non-governmental organisations will also be considered.

International students
We accept a range of qualifications from different countries – our country pages show you what international qualifications we accept.

English language requirements
English language: IELTS 6.5. Students with lower IELTS scores may apply, but will be advised to register for the pre-sessional English Course (six or ten weeks).

Please contact the Programme Co-ordinator, Dr Kelly Hall, kj.hall@bham.ac.uk for further advice on this.
Careers and employability opportunities

Our graduates go on to develop their careers in public and non-governmental sectors as civil servants, policy analysts, practitioners and social researchers.

The department also provide seminars, short courses and opportunities for professional development for postgraduates.

The University’s Careers Network has a dedicated team for each of the University’s five colleges, providing careers and employability support tailored to our students’ needs.

The University of Birmingham was named University of the Year for Graduate Employment in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide* 2015–16.

‘Studying British social policy with other international students and leading academics on this beautiful campus is really fascinating. More than anything, I have realised the significance of social research, which can influence policy and people’s futures.’

HYOCHUL AHN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

‘MA Policy into Practice has provided me with a good chance to study British social policy and to experience the related practice. The modules that I took satisfied my academic needs and curiosity over quite a broad spectrum of social policy fields. The academic staff made every effort to transfer academic knowledge and also they are very kind and open-minded. We sometimes discussed the issue passionately, other times we analysed the policy with a cool and neutral attitude.’

EUN CHUL KIM, REPUBLIC OF KOREA
Accommodation
Advice for bringing your family with you

We know that finding the right place to live during your time studying at Birmingham is extremely important. Our accommodation will allow you to enjoy your time with us in safe, welcoming and sociable surroundings.

Budgeting for and securing your accommodation
When you’re getting used to an unfamiliar environment and meeting new people, it’s really reassuring not to have to worry about where you’re going to live. That’s why we guarantee a place in University accommodation to all EU/international students who are new to Birmingham, providing you meet the criteria detailed in our International Guarantee Scheme: www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/accommodation/guarantee.aspx

Bringing your family with you
Students who plan ahead and make preparations for their family to join them at a later stage in the academic year will often find it easier to adapt to life in the UK.

Living can help students with families in their search for accommodation in the areas surrounding the University campus. Many students with families prefer to live in the community close to local families with children, schools, shops, public transport and other amenities. The best place to find a property to rent from an accredited landlord is through our website: www.birminghamstudentpad.co.uk

LEARN MORE
Take a look at how the University of Birmingham estimates the cost of living for a single student by visiting: www.birmingham.ac.uk/postgraduate/support/moneyadvice/living.aspx
Birmingham… a great place to live and learn

Birmingham is an exciting destination with a long cultural and intellectual heritage. Choose Birmingham for a warm welcome in one of the most diverse cities in the UK.

OUR CITY

As England’s second city, Birmingham is a thriving, vibrant place to live. Multicultural, commercial and contemporary, it also boasts a rich history and heritage.

When you study here, you’ll find it’s not just the perfect base for your work – it’s also the perfect place to begin your career and set down the foundations for a successful future.

Easily accessible from and to the rest of the UK, Birmingham is just two hours from London by train, and Birmingham Airport is around half an hour away from the city centre.

Birmingham highlights

All tastes are catered for in Birmingham. In the city centre alone, more than 200 restaurants serve food from 27 countries. Over 100 Balti houses attract more than 20,000 visitors each week while Chinatown offers tasty cuisine from across Asia.

In your leisure time, you’ll find a huge range of activities to keep you entertained and occupied. Shopping areas include the famous Bullring, the ever-growing Jewellery Quarter, and The Mailbox with its designer stores and upmarket restaurants. Birmingham also hosts a range of markets, including the famous German market at Christmas.

If you are looking for some culture, then you’ll find plenty of art galleries – including the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery – theatres, cinemas and music arenas, such as the National Exhibition Centre and the National Indoor Arena.

OUR CAMPUS

The University campus offers a peaceful and tranquil haven, yet is right on the doorstep of the bustling city. So whether you’re looking for some quiet downtime to study or fancy a big night out, you’re never far from where you want to be.

Striking architecture and 250 acres of parkland make for the stunning setting of our campus, which also boasts a whole range of amenities. You’ll find bars, shops, travel agents, opticians and major banks, as well as an art gallery, museum and concert hall all on site. Plus there is the added benefit of a full-time security team.

We are in the process of a £175 million campus development project, which will see new facilities such as our recently opened new library, a new sports centre with the city’s first 50-metre swimming pool, contemporary student accommodation and a multi-storey car park.
This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be dropped and new ones offered in their place.