THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM HAS BEEN CHALLENGING AND DEVELOPING GREAT MINDS FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. CHARACTERISED BY A TRADITION OF INNOVATION, RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY HAS BROKEN NEW GROUND, PUSHED FORWARD THE BOUNDARIES OF KNOWLEDGE AND MADE AN IMPACT ON PEOPLE’S LIVES.

We continue this tradition today and have ambitions for a future that will embed our work and recognition of the Birmingham name on the international stage.

We benefit from mutual partnerships with a wide range of international institutions and host a large international community of researchers and students.

The Birmingham International Summer School offers you the chance to study an exciting three-week programme in the Heart of England at one of the most beautiful campuses in the UK, while having the opportunity to meet new friends from different countries giving you a cultural and diverse study experience.

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BISS 2019: ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

BRITISH CULTURAL HERITAGE
Delivered by the College of Arts and Law, this programme is designed for students interested in exploring the best of British culture. The programme gives students an insight into how great heritage sights were created and a behind the scenes look at how they are managed, through on-campus study and a wide range of trips to famous heritage landmarks, including:
- Shakespeare’s birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon
- The cradle of the industrial revolution at the World Heritage Site of Ironbridge
- The cultural city of Liverpool
- The historical city of Oxford

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MATHEMATICAL FINANCE AND FINANCIAL TIME SERIES ANALYSIS
This programme is ideal for students who are interested in the fascinating study of financial engineering, which is a highly specialised and rapidly growing area. The programme allows students to explore the computational skills as well as the underlying mathematical and statistical theory to prepare for a career on the computational end of quantitative finance.

FILM AND MEDIA
This programme provides an introduction to the academic study of film and media within the university environment, as well as the cultural, historical and social contexts of film and media in the UK. Seminars, lectures and workshops will combine with field trips and external activities to offer a comprehensive picture of the disciplines and their place in modern society.

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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Students will look at current global environmental issues particularly focusing on air, water and soil pollution, and strategies for emissions reduction and/or remediation of polluted sites. A unique interdisciplinary approach will be taken, covering the sources, flows and effects of key environmental pollutants, including laboratory and field-scale techniques and tools, and considering the broader impacts of pollution on key ecosystems services and relevant environmental policy aspects.

CHAN KI YAN
(BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES)
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

‘BISS is a very rewarding programme, which rewards me with international friends, communication skills and a thorough taste of British culture. I would definitely recommend it to my friends.’

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF GLOBAL POLITICS

Explaining, interpreting and critiquing global politics are contested activities. Alternative theoretical perspectives offer radically different assessments of real-world issues such as globalisation, development, poverty, and war. This programme introduces students to different theoretical traditions in the study of global politics and also interrogates particular examples of contested issues.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES: FROM LABORATORY BENCH TO HOSPITAL BEDSIDE

This programme gives students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and work with evidence concerning biological sciences, the human body, disease, treatment and patient interaction. Delivered by the University’s Medical School this is an exciting chance to learn from leading researchers and experts, equipped to give students the experience of practical work and important transferable skills that will be valuable for their future career.
SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The inclusive social programme is a great opportunity to get to know each other, with lots of fun activities designed to complement your experience of living and studying in Birmingham. Highlights include opportunities to explore the historical city of Cambridge or the exciting city of London as well as a range of cultural attractions in the diverse city of Birmingham.

NATASSJA LUCCHESI DE NASCIMENTO
UNESP, BRAZIL

‘I was so happy that I had this opportunity because everything was inspiring! The trips, our colleagues, the city, the university… everything was a great experience!’
APPLY ONLINE:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/biss
15 July–2 August 2019

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted onto the Birmingham International Summer School you must:

- Be studying an undergraduate programme at a University outside the UK or be registered as an International student at a UK university.
- Be of good academic standing (based on a translated transcript, verified by your University or a letter of recommendation in English from your University provided during the application process).
- Subject specific requirements may also apply. Please check the website programme page for further information.

You must achieve one of the following English Language requirements:

- Have achieved English Language proficiency of IELTS 6.0 overall with no lower than 5.5 in any band.
- Have achieved English Language proficiency of TOEFL IBT 80 overall with no less than 19 in listening, 19 in reading, 21 in speaking and 19 in writing.
- Have achieved English Language proficiency of PEARSON with a minimum of 53 in listening, reading, writing and speaking.

Equivalent qualifications may be considered. Please check the BISS website for further information.

Each programme offers 20 UK credits, equivalent to 5 US credits or 10 ECTS credits.

COSTS

Programme Fees: £2,500
Fees include:
- Tuition and en-suite accommodation
- Day trips and some evening and weekend activities

Discounts:
Students registered full-time at a Universitas 21 Partner University will receive a £250 discount, students registered at a Partner University receive a £150 discount and all students who apply before 20 March 2019 will receive a £150 early application discount.
THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham is a modern and exciting city, famous for its historic, industrial past. It is now a centre of arts and culture, commerce and entertainment with a vibrant and diverse community. With our very own railway station, it takes just eight minutes to travel by train to the city centre from the University campus.

APPLICATION

Early application deadline: 20 March 2019
Application deadline: 22 April 2019
Payment deadline: 6 May 2019

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