



FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS AND PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

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TOP 100 WORLD UNIVERSITY

(QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2018)

GUARDIAN
UK RANKING

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SEMESTER DATES

Autumn: September–December

Spring: January–June

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Exchange Students from non-English speaking countries need to meet our English Language entry requirements. We accept multiple entry tests such as IELTS and TOEFL. For detailed information, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/applying.aspx

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

Students are nominated by their home institution first, and they are subsequently invited to submit an online application. All supporting documents can be attached electronically. Nomination deadlines are end of February for a September start and end of September for a Spring start.



COURSE INFORMATION

Academic Colleges

College of Social Sciences

- Birmingham Business School
- Education
- Government and Society
- Social Policy

College of Arts and Law

- Birmingham Law School
- English, Drama and American and Canadian Studies
- History and Cultures
- Language, Cultures, Art History and Music
- Philosophy, Theology and Religion

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Metallurgy and Materials
- Physics and Astronomy

College of Life and Environmental Sciences

- Biosciences
- Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Psychology
- Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences

College of Medical And Dental Sciences

- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Specialist Medical Sciences Schools

School of Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences

COURSE ADVISORY, INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY AND TRANSCRIPTS

Incoming Exchange tutors are available in each School to advise exchange students on their choice of courses and credit transfer.

RESTRICTIONS

Exchange students cannot study courses in the College of Medical and Dental Sciences.

MARKING, ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Information about University marking and assessment policy is available at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/legal/taught-programme-module-assess.pdf

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARRIVAL

The University of Birmingham is the only UK university which has its own train station with a direct link to the city centre and airport, and is only 1.5 hour from London by train. International students can find information on flying into Birmingham Airport and the University airport pick-up service in September here: www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/before-you-start/travel-information/Travelling-from-overseas.aspx

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 6,500 STUDENTS FROM OVER 150 COUNTRIES AMONG OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

This is the fourth-largest population of international students at any UK higher education institution and the largest international postgraduate community in the UK. The total student population is over 34,000.



STUDENT SUPPORT, SOCIETIES AND SPORT

The University's International Students Advisory Service (ISAS) and the Study Abroad and Exchange team support students whilst they are at university. There are Welfare Officers in all the Colleges, and in addition, we offer the specific support below:

Global Buddies – The service offers peer-to-peer support and regular mixing events – an opportunity to meet our friendly volunteers and other students. Visit: www.guildofstudents.com/support/guildadvice/global-buddies

Exchange Society – This society is run by students that have returned to Birmingham after their study abroad experiences, and want to help incoming students to settle in and socially integrate.

Other support for all students at Birmingham includes:

The Guild of Students – The Guild has over 250 societies, community volunteering groups and associations, collectively known as student groups – all for you to join.

Sport & Fitness – The University is proud to host an iconic £55 million Sport & Fitness Centre including a 50M swimming pool, 200 station gym, up to 200 classes per week, squash courts,

climbing wall, 55 sport teams including a five-time UK championship American football team and more. www.sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk

Wellbeing and Disability Services – At Birmingham, we offer a range of welfare support for students with medical disability or long-term health conditions, dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism or Asperger's and other mental health conditions: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/index.aspx

Academic Support – Exchange students will be allocated an academic, discipline-specific exchange tutor. For more information, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/asc.aspx

Health care in Birmingham – Information about the NHS, the UK's largest healthcare provider, is accessible here: www.uhb.nhs.uk. The University also houses an in-house medical and dental practice available to all its students and staff: www.theump.co.uk

VISA REQUIREMENTS

International students who are in the UK for **more than six months** and do not hold an EU passport need to apply for a **Tier 4 Student Visa**. Students who are in the UK for **less than six months** may be able to use a **Short Term Study Visa**.

Advice and support with visa applications can be found on the University of Birmingham's International Student Advisory Service web-pages: www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/support-international.aspx

DID YOU KNOW?

The University of Birmingham is proud to house one of the largest collections of Roman, Byzantine, Sasanian and Islamic coins in the world within the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, which also includes Renaissance works of Botticelli and Tintoretto up to modern art such as works by Monet, Turner, Renoir, Van Gogh and Magritte: www.barber.org.uk.

The University of Birmingham is also home to one of the oldest known fragments of the Qu'ran in the world within the Mangana collection of ancient manuscripts: www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/cadbury/birmingham-quran-mingana-collection/index.aspx

ACCOMMODATION

International Exchange students are guaranteed accommodation in University housing, providing they apply before the 31 July deadline.

For Erasmus students housing may be available in University accommodation; there is also plenty of private housing available.

More information is available at:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/accommodation/index.aspx



EATING

There is a centralised University of Birmingham meal plan available. To learn more, please visit:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/accommodation/Our-Services/mealplan.aspx

Essential living costs*	Catered halls	Self catered halls	Private house
Rent	£175	£150	£100
Gas and electric	Included	Included	£11
Water	Included	Included	£3
Food	Included	£50	£50
Toiletries	£5	£5	£5
Laundry	£5	£5	£5
Weekly total	£185	£210	£174
Annual total	£7,770	£8,820	£7,308

* approximate costs at the time of printing (2019)



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Emergency Security Contact:

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UK Emergency Services

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