Your offer, your guide

THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO HELP MAKE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF YOUR LIFE THAT LITTLE BIT EASIER. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING BIRMINGHAM, AND HOPE TO GIVE YOU A FLAVOUR OF LIFE AS A BIRMINGHAM STUDENT, ALONG WITH A GUIDE TO THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS.

YOUR OFFER LETTER

Your offer letter and offer guide have been delivered. Take a moment to read the ‘Your offer explained’ section to make sure you are clear on the full details of your offer. Your offer explained: offer letter guidance notes, page 5

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Follow our step-by-step application checklist as you complete key tasks before starting university in the coming months. From now until results day you can start shaping your student experience. Application checklist, page 6

VISIT US

Visiting our beautiful campus is the best way to get a feel for the University. When you visit us, you will be able to ask current students and staff any questions you may have, and explore our outstanding facilities. Visiting the University, page 7
### UNIVERSITY LIFE

At Birmingham you will have lots of opportunities to shape your University life, with a supportive learning environment, fantastic opportunities to take part in sports and societies and a range of cultural offerings. *University life, page 8*

### ACCOMMODATION

Choosing accommodation that is right for you is the next step in your decision-making process. There are a range of aspects to consider, from the location to whether or not you want to opt for Meal Plan or self-catered. Remember: you can apply for accommodation once you have received your offer of a place to study here. *Your new home from home page 12*

### THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

At Birmingham, you’ll experience the best of both worlds. Our stunning, green campus is just a few minutes from the vibrant and exciting city of Birmingham. The city offers a huge range of delicious restaurants, fantastic shops and days out, along with a wealth of opportunities for professionals to build a successful future. *University life, page 10*

### FINANCE AND FUNDING

From tuition fees to living costs our *Finance and Funding* pages will explain what support is available, including loans and grants, as well as how loan repayments work. This information will make sure you understand how you can fund your own studies and what support is in place for you. *Finance and funding, page 22*

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#Hellobrum

Whatever stage you are at in the decision-making process, join the conversation with #hellobrum and see what the University’s community is talking about!

It’s a great way to find out more about Birmingham.

Find us on

- Twitter: @unicommunity
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/unibirmingham
- Instagram: UniBirmingham
Welcome to the University

CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING AN OFFER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM! I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED TO APPLY AND WILL NOW BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING COMING HERE TO STUDY. THIS OFFER GUIDE PROVIDES YOU WITH EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR DECISION, ALONG WITH STEP-BY-STEP SUPPORT TO EXPLAIN WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO MAKE THIS LIFE-ENHANCING DECISION.

The University of Birmingham was founded more than 100 years ago. During that century it continually inspired new discoveries, inventions and designs, across every academic area. We are proud to offer you, as a 21st-century student, the opportunity to partake in that long tradition of excellence. Whatever your chosen degree subject, I am confident that you will benefit both academically and personally from the experience of studying at Birmingham – in an environment both of teaching excellence and at the cutting edge of research.

If you join us, you will enter a community of more than 18,000 undergraduate students from all over the world, as well as from every corner of the UK. Your academic efforts with us will be rewarded with a well-respected degree. As well as your academic study, there is a huge amount of sport, culture, friendship and social activity to enjoy at Birmingham – which will all play an essential part in shaping your university experience. You will be on our lively, thriving 250-acre campus, with close proximity to the modern and exciting city of Birmingham, the UK’s second-largest city.

The University of Birmingham consistently excels in national and international league tables, and we are proud to be a global top 100 university.

If you choose Birmingham, you will study at a University renowned for providing excellent teaching. Following an outstanding performance in the Quality Assurance Association’s (QAA) Higher Education Review, our commitment to teaching has been recognised again; in 2017 we were awarded a Gold rating in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), demonstrating our continued commitment to teaching.

The University’s historic campus is undergoing an exciting transformational redevelopment. As a student at Birmingham you will benefit from a state-of-the-art library, a brand new sports centre with 50-metre pool and exceptional new student accommodation. There’s never been a more exciting time to make Birmingham your home.

At the University of Birmingham we work together to reach our goals and the aspirations of our students, and I hope that you choose to join us.

Roderick Smith
Director of Admissions
Your offer explained: offer letter guidance notes

WHEN READING THIS PAGE, PLEASE REFER TO YOUR OFFER LETTER, WHICH ADVISES YOU OF THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS.

Please note that all offer conditions must be fulfilled by 31 August 2018.

1. Changed course
Your offer is for a different course from that for which you originally applied. This might be simply because you used an incorrect course code on your form or because you have since asked us to make the change: in either case, you will know we are acting in accordance with your wishes. However, if neither of these cases applies to you, the change of course means that we are unable to make you an offer for your first choice here. We hope that you will still feel able to give this alternative offer your serious consideration.

2. Deferred entry
Your offer is for deferred entry. This means that you must still satisfy the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2018, but that if you are successful in meeting those conditions, or if your offer is unconditional, a place will be reserved for you beginning in September 2019. Details of accommodation and how to apply for it are enclosed for information only at this stage. A further set will be sent to you during 2018–19, and registration information will be sent before you are due to start. If you change your mind and wish to enter the University in September 2018, please contact us immediately.

3. Fees: international (overseas) students
From the information you gave us on your UCAS form, the University has classified you as an ‘overseas’ student for the purpose of paying fees. Your tuition fee is stated in your offer letter and further information on fees can be found on our website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/finance

   The annual fee remains the same throughout your programme of study – with the exception of clinical programmes. You will need sufficient funds to enable you to pay your fees at the beginning of each year, and to pay for your living costs. Medical students should pay particular attention to the increase in fees between their pre-clinical and clinical years. Instructions on how to pay your fees will be included with your registration information which will be sent when you become placed with us (from July 2018 onwards).

   The University will, by September of each year, publish on its website (see: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees/fees.aspx) the tuition fees that it will charge for the academic year you will be about to start. We will notify you by email when this information is published and you are advised to check the website for further details of any increases in tuition fees in future years.

4. Fees: United Kingdom (UK)/European Union (EU) students
From the information given on your UCAS form, the University has classified you as a ‘UK/EU’ student for the purpose of paying fees. Please refer to the funding section of our website www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees/undergraduate, which summarises our student fee and support arrangements.

   At the time this Offer Guide went to press, the government had not finalised the legislation relating to fees for 2018/19 or for subsequent years of study. However, for 2018/19 entry, the fee, which is currently £9,250, is expected to rise by an amount not exceeding the rate of inflation.

   It is also expected that the government will allow fees to be increased in each subsequent academic year, by an amount not exceeding the rate of inflation, and the University is likely to increase its fees accordingly.

   To give an indication of the potential size of the increase, between 2016/17 and 2017/18 fees increased by £250.

   The University operates a guarantee scheme, details of which can be found in this brochure or on the Accommodation Services website. The procedure for those deferring entrance is also explained here. Please apply online for accommodation. For further information on this procedure and other accommodation queries, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

5. Accommodation
You will find accommodation information from page 12 onwards. The University operates a guarantee scheme, details of which can be found in this brochure or on the Accommodation Services website. For further information on this procedure and other accommodation queries, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

6. All new students – Welcome
Term begins on 1 October 2018, but it is preceded by the Welcome Week which is held from 24 September 2018. All new students are expected to attend this event and, if you accept our offer and are successful in gaining a place, you will be provided with more details when you are sent your registration information. This will be sent out once you have become placed with us (from July 2018 onwards).

Welcome includes specific additional activities for our international students and we hope that these will facilitate a smooth transition into life at the University of Birmingham and life in the UK in general.

7. Clearing and Adjustment applicants
If you have been accepted via Clearing or Adjustment, accommodation cannot normally be guaranteed. You are advised to apply online for accommodation as soon as possible. Any queries please contact living@contacts.bham.ac.uk
### Application checklist

THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST WILL HELP YOU PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS AND COMPLETE SOME IMPORTANT TASKS DURING THE COMING MONTHS.

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<td>October 2017–</td>
<td>Receive your offer from Birmingham, and decisions from other universities</td>
<td>Read through your ‘offer letter guidance notes’ (see page 5), and information regarding the student contract (pages 32–33)</td>
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<td>Read guidance on the funding section of our website:</td>
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<td>Attend Applicant Visit Days</td>
<td>Book your place/make arrangements for your Applicant Visit Day</td>
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<td>Consider your accommodation options</td>
<td>Apply for accommodation once you have your offer of a place to study here and within the guarantee deadlines (31 May 2018 for UK/EU students and 31 July 2018 for international students)</td>
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<td>You can change your accommodation preferences after visiting this Open Day by logging back into your online accommodation application any time before the guarantee deadlines</td>
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<td>April 2018</td>
<td>Check availability and eligibility for funding</td>
<td>Apply online at <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance">www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance</a> for tuition loan and living cost loan/grants</td>
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<td>May 2018</td>
<td>Deadline to reply to your offer (in most cases)</td>
<td>Enter firm and insurance choices via UCAS Track</td>
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<td>Deadline for international students to apply for accommodation</td>
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<td>Summer 2018</td>
<td>Students not taking A levels, BTECs or IB will need to send us their exam results</td>
<td>Send exam results to the University of Birmingham Admissions Office</td>
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<td>August 2018</td>
<td>Receive your exam results (A level students), and confirm your place at Birmingham</td>
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<td>July–September</td>
<td>After you have confirmed your place at Birmingham and met all the conditions of your offer then expect to receive your accommodation offer between July and September 2018</td>
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Some students will also need to do the following, ideally as soon as possible:

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<td>Applicants for most Medical, Health, Education, Sport Pedagogy and Social Work programmes</td>
<td>Complete your application for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check</td>
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Visiting the University

**Applicant Visit Days**

The best way to find out what the student experience is like at the University of Birmingham is to visit, explore, ask questions and meet current students and staff. It is an important part of your decision-making process to attend one of these events, especially if you have not visited before. When you are here you will get a real feel for student life on our beautiful campus and its surroundings.

As an offer holder you will receive an invitation from your academic department to visit the University for an Applicant Visit Day with details of the programme for the day and the date/s when you can attend.

**Please note:** if you are applying for a subject that holds interview days, you will have already visited campus as part of the application process prior to receiving your offer.

More details about Applicant Visit Days including the services on offer and directions to campus can be found at: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/avd](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/avd)

**Campus tours**

If you are unable to attend your Applicant Visit Day we offer guided campus tours led by current students. These take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.00am and 2.00pm throughout the year. Tours last approximately one hour and include all the main facilities on campus, including the Guild of Students, sports centre and main library. Places are limited and need to be booked in advance. Further details and the booking form can be found at: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/campustours](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/campustours)

‘The best thing about Birmingham was the consistent charm and enthusiasm of every representative. Everyone appeared to genuinely love the University! This made me really want to come here!’

*Katie Goodall, Visitor*
University life

AT BIRMINGHAM YOUR ACADEMIC STUDIES WILL BE CHALLENGING. YOU WILL BE STUDYING ALONGSIDE ACADEMICS WHO ARE GLOBAL EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS. SO WE OFFER YOU A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES TO ENABLE YOU TO MAKE THIS TRANSITION TO AN EXCITING NEW WAY OF LEARNING.

A conversation, not a lecture
Learning at Birmingham is a partnership where you will be challenged to think for yourself. From lectures, seminars and academic tutorials to workshops, lab-based work, self study and peer-group learning, you will be encouraged to think, discuss and engage critically with your subject.

To support your transition to this new way of learning, personal tutors will provide help and advice with study-related issues and encourage you to monitor and reflect on your progress. International students can also contact the International Students Advisory Service (ISAS) to discuss any learning support needs.

Your learning environment
Our new £60 million library embraces new and emerging technologies for an enhanced user experience. There are also plenty of other study spaces across campus to suit different working styles, from group study spaces to silent study rooms.

Wherever you choose to study, you will be able to log on to the student portal. This is your personalised gateway to the digital campus, giving you access to email, news, online communities and the e-library, which alone provides access to over 16,000 periodicals and databases.

Your wellbeing
If there are times when you need a little help, you will find that we have a strong advice and support network in place to assist you. We offer psychological, emotional and practical support during your studies to all registered students at the University:

- Guild Advice is a professional student advice service helping you with common problems such as financial, academic, housing and immigration issues that you might face during your time at University
- There are student mentors to provide support in University residences
- Our Disability and Learning Support Services help you get the maximum benefit from University life if you have a disability, including long-term health conditions, specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia and mental health difficulties
- The University chaplaincy offers a place where students of all faiths can meet
- Two day nurseries situated close to campus are available for students with young children, with opening times to fit around your academic life

- Student Support Services: while you are studying here there is lots of support available to help you cope with emotional difficulties that may arise. Counselling, wellbeing support, mental health advice are available when needed. Find out more on our Support for Students website: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/student/support.aspx

‘Life was made easier in the first weeks by the support that I got from Student Counselling. Without them I don’t think I would have been able to do my degree.’

Cath, Law Student
Your university experience goes beyond your academic studies. At Birmingham you have a range of opportunities to develop valuable skills that prepare you for life beyond university.

A global university, a wealth of international opportunities

Your education at Birmingham will prepare you for a career that has no geographical boundaries. With over 6,800 international students from more than 150 countries, we have one of the largest international communities in the UK. So whether you are a UK student or travelling to Birmingham from overseas, you will work alongside students who bring a different perspective to your studies, enabling you to see the world from a different viewpoint.

For those whose degree programme does not include a period of time spent overseas, there are other international opportunities available.

They include University-funded work experience placements and annual summer schools (organised through Universitas 21) which attract the best students from across the world to engage in an exchange of culture, experiences and intellect.

‘Volunteering not only enabled me to improve the university experience of others, it enhanced my own university experience greatly! There’s far more to uni than a degree so get involved – you’ll be surprised at how much you can achieve!’

Connie Parkin, Business Management, Residents’ Association Committee Member

Your university – get involved

Volunteering is fast becoming an essential element of the student experience, and at Birmingham there are over 200 opportunities for students to get involved.

Programmes such as Student Mentoring and PASS Leader provide the opportunity to work with local schools or first-year students to help support their learning and consolidate your own.

Our students are an integral part of the local community, and the Student Community Warden scheme promotes community relations in the areas surrounding the University to increase the sense of pride that residents feel for their neighbourhood.

The Intervol (International Volunteering) scheme sends around 100 students each year to projects across the globe including health projects, conservation work and other initiatives. From our campus to the other side of the world, we are proud of the impact that our students make.

‘You will always remember your year abroad. There is nothing more challenging and rewarding than working or studying in a different country.’

Beatrice, BA French and English Literature with Erasmus year at Université Paris Diderot, France
University life (continued)

LIFE AT BIRMINGHAM OFFERS YOU THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS – A VIBRANT, WELCOMING COMMUNITY AND A BEAUTIFUL, GREEN CAMPUS ON THE DOORSTEP OF ONE OF EUROPE’S MOST DYNAMIC AND EVOLVING CITIES.

Campus life
Studying in the shadow of striking architecture on 250 acres of leafy green parkland, you’ll be inspired to get the most out of your time here. You’ll study in a safe, friendly environment with the amenities of a small town – with the added benefit of a full-time security team. You’ll find bars, banks, shops, a concert hall and an art gallery on campus, plus much more.

Culture on your doorstep
There are few universities with such a wealth of culture on their campus. Ours is alive with fine art, renowned collections and performance. Culture at Birmingham is constantly evolving. The Bramall Music Building provides a 450-seat auditorium for music, opera, drama and prestigious lectures as well as state-of-the-art rehearsal rooms and recording facilities. Culture is here for every student to enjoy and experience whether your passion is music, art, antiquities or zoology, as well as opportunities to take part in theatre, music and dance. The Lapworth Museum of Geology has recently been refurbished and contains fascinating artefacts including a dinosaur skeleton.

Sport taking centre stage
The University of Birmingham opened its new £55 million state-of-the-art Sport & Fitness facility in 2017, with new floodlit athletics track, synthetic pitches, tennis courts and pavilion/clubhouse due to open later this year. This level of investment in new facilities reflects the importance of sport to campus life at Birmingham, whether for fun, fitness or performance. Our impressive facilities are home to a large team of experts in everything from sports performance to group exercise to learning a new sport.

The UBSport team offers a huge range of sport and fitness opportunities for all levels of participation and aspiration, including over 150 fitness classes a week, over 100 sports scholarships, 55 student sports clubs and very flexible membership options for our new Sport & Fitness Club.

Be in Birmingham
Vibrant and diverse, Birmingham is a European centre for retail, commerce and culture. Appropriately, its civic motto is ‘Forward’, and its driving ambition and attitude make Birmingham a great place to study, work and live. Birmingham has a history of welcoming people from all areas of the world.

It is a truly multicultural city and this is reflected in its restaurants, shops and cultural offerings.

With a proud heritage and modern outlook, the city boasts excellent entertainment for all tastes with a range of leading theatres, museums and galleries, including our own Barber Institute of Fine Arts, and music venues from the O2 Academy to the Barclaycard Arena.

A thriving commercial centre, Birmingham has been transformed into a city for young professionals. With 48% of our students staying in the region after graduation, it is more than somewhere to study; it’s somewhere to build a successful career and future.
TRANSFORMING OUR CAMPUS

HOW THE CAMPUS IS TRANSFORMING

THE UNIVERSITY IS IN THE MIDST OF ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND TRANSFORMATIONAL CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE FIRST PHASE OF BUILDING ON OUR HISTORIC EDGBASTON CAMPUS WAS COMPLETED IN 1909. THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME ACROSS ALL OF OUR LOCATIONS IS NOW WORTH OVER £600 MILLION AND WILL CREATE OUTSTANDING NEW FACILITIES WHICH WILL BENEFIT STUDENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS.

INVESTING IN RESIDENCES
CREATING INNOVATIVE NEW SPACES TO IMPROVE STUDENT LIVING, INCLUDING THE £20 MILLION BOURNBROOK HALLS AND PAVILLION

NEW ACADEMIC LIBRARY
WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY-RICH DEVICES FOR MODERN LEARNING

£55 MILLION SPORTS CENTRE
BOASTING BIRMINGHAM’S ONLY 50M SWIMMING POOL

TRANSFORMING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
THE COLLABORATIVE TEACHING LABORATORY WILL INCORPORATE A WET LAB, DRY LAB AND E-LAB AND PROMOTE CROSS-DISCIPLINARY STUDY

A STRIKING GREEN HEART
CREATING 12 ACRES OF NEW PARKLAND ON CAMPUS BY 2019
Your new home from home

AT BIRMINGHAM WE OFFER A FANTASTIC RANGE OF ACCOMMODATION, ALL OF WHICH PROVIDES A SAFE, SECURE AND SOCIABLE START TO YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE.

Whether you prefer the picturesque location of the Vale Village with a view over the lake, or want to be closer to the campus in the Selly Oak or Pritchatts Park Villages, there is something to suit your needs. Villages offer several different types of accommodation, ranging from en-suite study bedrooms to self-contained apartments, with the option of being self-catered or on our Meal Plan so that it fits into your lifestyle. All of our rooms have wireless internet access and IPTV. There is a team of staff on hand to help you 24 hours a day, ensuring that you feel at home here, and a dedicated customer service manager for each residence who are here to ensure that you have the best possible experience at student accommodation.

Making the most of living with us

For most people, moving into student accommodation becomes the first introduction to independent living, and making new friends is a huge part of the experience of living in University accommodation. At Birmingham we offer a welcoming environment, which is designed to foster the development, education and wellbeing of our students. We actively promote a culture of respect in our diverse community which is inclusive to all students, staff and community members. As such we work hard to ensure that our services, communications and spaces are accessible for all, including students with disabilities.

To make sure you get the best out of your time with us, we encourage you to get involved in the many activities based at your accommodation. These include volunteering, participating in our ‘green’ initiatives, becoming an active or elected member of the Residents’ Association, becoming a student mentor or being part of our Welcome Team. There is something for everyone and the varying opportunities will enhance your experience, as well as providing you with a chance to meet new people.

Other activities include events, trips, sports and the chance to be part of the social life of your accommodation, with the social centre in each village helping you to make the most of living in University accommodation and settle into student life.

Deferred/gap year students

For prospective students who have deferred entry to the University for a year, offers of accommodation are usually sent by the beginning of August. Please ensure that you have applied online by 31 May 2018 to be considered under the Freshers’ Guarantee Scheme.

If your application does not fall under the guarantee scheme you are still strongly encouraged to apply for accommodation. In practice, Living is usually able to offer accommodation to most applicants, and where this is not possible you will be advised of the other options available to you. If you are coming to Birmingham with a partner, we have a small number of double studio apartments which are ideal for a couple.

Our accommodation is offered on a 42-week or 50-week contract basis.

If you would like information about private sector accommodation, Living will be more than happy to provide advice.

Keep in touch

Follow us on Twitter @livingatbham and Facebook www.facebook.com/birminghamaccommodation to ask questions, see deadline reminders and to help you find other students who you’ll be living with.

You can also view 360° tours of our accommodation at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation
Where would you like to live?

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR ACCOMMODATION WILL BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE. THEREFORE, WE HAVE MANY OPTIONS TO SUIT DIFFERENT TASTES AND BUDGETS.

We offer a wide variety of accommodation types; ranging from single study bedroom accommodation based in cluster flats sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities, en-suite accommodation, where each bedroom has its own bathroom but flats share kitchen facilities, and studios and apartments, where residents have exclusive use of a kitchen and bathroom.

Single study bedroom, en-suite or studios and apartments

- **Single study bedroom**
  - From £87 per week
- **En-suite study bedroom**
  - From £135 per week
- **Studios and apartments**
  - From £192 per week

Please note all accommodation fees are for 2017–18 and 2018–19 fees will be released in January 2018. Fees given were accurate at the time of publication.

Meal Plan or self-catered

Would you like the freedom of self-catered accommodation or the convenience and variety offered on the Meal Plan? This is something to consider when choosing accommodation.

The Meal Plan is our catered accommodation and is available at the Vale Village (see page 14 for more information). Self-catered accommodation is available across all villages.

Once you have decided which type of accommodation you would like, and whether you want the Meal Plan or not, you then have a number of different options available to you, across our three villages. Each village is described over the next few pages and there is a summary table at the end to help you with your choices.

‘I lived in Maple Bank in my first year – it was my first choice because of its location on the Vale. I loved the friendly atmosphere that came from living in a block with lots of other students.’

*Lucy, Third Year International Relations*

Apply online

Once you have your offer of a place to study here you can apply for our accommodation. You can apply online at: [www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation/apply](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation/apply)
The Vale Village

The Vale Village is centred on the Hub, offering a restaurant, café, bar and convenience store, as well as Hub Help, a reception service for the Vale offering assistance 24 hours a day, 365 days per year.

The Vale Village, set in beautiful parkland, is just a short walk from the University campus. It is made up of seven individual residences, centred around the lake. The Vale is home to the Vale Festival, a student-run summer festival full of music, food, comedy and fun after the exams are over. It also hosts a huge fireworks display over the lake, each year in November.

Meal Plan
The Meal Plan is a flexible and sociable dining experience offering a variety of food choices across various different catering outlets at accommodation and on campus, helping you to eat well and worry less. It offers a perfect way to meet friends, manage your money and free up your time to concentrate on your studies or other activities. Forming part of your accommodation package, the Meal Plan value is spread across the year giving you a regular amount each week during term-time to spend on food and drink in all the food venues across campus and in the Hub at the Vale. Plus the University will top up the credits on your meal plan, giving you a free lunch every week!

Single study bedroom and Meal Plan accommodation

Aitken
Aitken is made up of 23 houses and flats housing 147 students, ranging between six and nine bedrooms. Each single study bedroom has a wash hand basin, with shared kitchen/dining rooms, and shared bathroom facilities.

Weekly fee £138
Total fee £5,732

Maple Bank
Home to 435 students across 87 flats. Each flat has five study bedrooms, a shared kitchen/diner and shared bathroom facilities.

Weekly fee £125
Total fee £5,210

Single study bedroom and self-catered accommodation

Maple Bank
Home to 435 students across 87 flats. Each flat has five study bedrooms, a shared kitchen/diner and shared bathroom facilities.

Weekly fee £87
Total fee £3,610

Tennis Court
Located opposite the Vale Village and accommodates 694 students in single study bedroom accommodation. Flats range between four and six bedrooms, with shared kitchen and lounge, and shared bathroom facilities.

Weekly fee £114
Total fee £4,722

Please note all accommodation fees listed are for 2017–18 and are shown for guidance purposes only. 2018–19 fees will be released on our website in January 2018.
En-suite study bedroom and Meal Plan accommodation

**Elgar Court**
Houses 236 students across 40 flats. Each flat has five or six en-suite study bedrooms, with a shared kitchen and dining area.

- **Weekly fee**: £178
- **Total fee**: £7,408

**Shackleton**
Shackleton accommodation is situated above the Hub and houses 350 students in Meal Plan accommodation. Each flat has between two and eight study bedrooms and a shared kitchen and dining area, with the majority being en-suite.

- **Weekly fee**: £187
- **Total fee**: £7,791

**Chamberlain**
Chamberlain, our newest accommodation, houses 725 students in 117 flats. Each flat has five or six en-suite study bedrooms and shared kitchen and dining facilities.

- **Weekly fee**: £193
- **Total fee**: £8,036

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- **Total fee**: £8,036

**Mason**
Accommodates 840 students in 159 flats. Each flat has five or six en-suite study bedrooms and shared kitchen and dining areas.

- **Weekly fee**: £151
- **Total fee**: £6,296

**Studios and apartments**

**Chamberlain**
Chamberlain is our newest accommodation offering 24 self-catered contemporary studio apartments, which are available to both undergraduate and postgraduate students on a 42- or 50-week contract basis.

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**Mason**
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**Shackleton**
Shackleton features 15 self-catered studio apartments, which are available to both undergraduates and postgraduates on a 42- or 50-week contract basis.

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The Student Mentor Scheme provides advice and guidance to students living in University accommodation. Student mentors will support you when you arrive and help you to settle into University life. They can help with a wide range of issues including shared living, your academic course, financial matters and your general wellbeing while living and studying at the University.

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Pritchatts Park Village

PRITCHATTS PARK VILLAGE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTH WEST OF THE EDBASTON CAMPUS, AND ACCOMMODATES STUDENTS IN A VARIETY OF RESIDENCES WITH A POPULAR SOCIAL CENTRE AT ITS HEART.

The Pritchatts Park Village accommodates nearly 800 students across four self-catered residences and is only a ten-minute walk from campus. The Social Centre provides a great space for you to relax and get to know your fellow residents, offering a large lounge with a bar, large screen television, games facilities, vending area, quiet study zone, and an ATM as well as the main reception for the village.

Pritchatts Park is conveniently located close to University railway station, and is close to the popular Harborne village, a lively area full of bars, cafés and restaurants.

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Selly Oak Village

THE SELLY OAK VILLAGE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE EDGBASTON CAMPUS, NEXT TO THE SELLY OAK HIGH STREET WITH ITS NUMEROUS STUDENT AMENITIES.

En-suite study bedroom accommodation

Jarratt Hall
Jarratt Hall is home to over 700 undergraduate and postgraduate students. It is the closest residence to the University: with the Edgbaston campus just a five-minute walk away. It is also situated in the heart of Selly Oak, which is home to much of the student population, offering plenty of choice for bars, cafés and eating out, as well as having supermarkets close by. Jarratt Hall has a small social room on site with TV/games equipment available.

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‘Jarratt Hall provides a strong sense of community, while located conveniently in the centre of Selly Oak – the closest hall to the University campus.’ Samuel, Jarratt Hall Residents’ Association President 2013–14

Partner accommodation

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FRESHERS’ GUARANTEE SCHEME, THE UNIVERSITY HAS ENTERED INTO AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF PURPOSE-BUILT STUDENT ACCOMMODATION TO SUPPLEMENT UNIVERSITY STOCK.

These bed spaces form part of the Freshers’ Guarantee Scheme and you may be allocated one of these rooms in your first year. Each year between 1,000 and 1,500 students within the Guarantee Scheme are allocated to Partner Accommodation. These providers work very closely with the University to ensure that the cost and range of facilities and support provided is similar to what you would receive if living in University accommodation. Living will manage your application and allocation but you will receive your offer of accommodation, which will include a contract from the private provider. The accommodation has good commuter links with the campus and city. A shuttle bus service runs between campus and some of these sites.

Liberty Gardens
Liberty Gardens offers self-catered accommodation with shared bathroom facilities. It is close to the city centre and just five minutes from Five Ways railway station, which is just one stop from University station. For further information please refer to www.libertyliving.co.uk

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Liberty Court
Self-catered, en-suite accommodation. Flats in Liberty Court have a particularly large lounge area and are situated around a large courtyard. For further information please refer to www.libertyliving.co.uk

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Host – The Metalworks
Self-catered, en-suite accommodation, located just five minutes from campus. For further information please refer to www.host-students.com

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Residents’ Associations (RAs) are groups of elected students who represent you when you live in University accommodation. They represent you on issues around accommodation, your academic course and other aspects of University life. Each committee manages a budget to help with this, supported by a small percentage of your accommodation fees.

Bournbrook
Bournbrook opened its doors in September 2017 and is home to 178 undergraduate students living in en-suite accommodation. Bournbrook is bright and modern, with communal spaces at the corners of the buildings. There is also a sports pavilion for students using the nearby sports pitches as well as a cafe and bar.

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Next steps: applying for accommodation

YOU CAN APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR OFFER OF A PLACE TO STUDY HERE. YOU WILL NEED YOUR STUDENT ID AND AN EMAIL ADDRESS TO APPLY.

All accommodation is allocated randomly through our automated allocation process to ensure that offers of accommodation are as equal as possible. Some accommodation is inevitably more popular than others, therefore your first preference of accommodation is not guaranteed.

Accommodation offers are sent out by email once you have fulfilled the entry requirements for your place at Birmingham and you have accepted your place. You can expect to receive your offer in August, within 14 working days of having confirmed your place. Students whose places at Birmingham are unconditional can expect to receive their offers in late July.

When you apply you will be asked to select four to six accommodation preferences, including whether you would prefer a mixed or single sex flat, an en-suite or shared bathroom, and Meal Plan or self-catered. While we allocate preferences wherever possible, we cannot always guarantee this as allocations are dependent on availability.

Clearing, insurance and late applicants should still apply for accommodation, but your application may take longer to process once you have confirmed you are coming to Birmingham. To apply for accommodation you will need your student ID number, which can be found on your offer letter.

A £550 pre-payment will be required to secure your accommodation when you receive your offer. This is not a deposit; it will be deducted from the overall accommodation cost. You can then opt to pay for your accommodation in full, or in instalments. (This applies to University accommodation only. Our partner providers, deposit and payment information will follow with your offer, if appropriate.)

For more information on accommodation fees please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

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1. **Apply for accommodation**
   
   Applications open 1 December. You can apply online at www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation once you get your offer of a place to study at the University of Birmingham.

2. **Guarantee Scheme application deadlines**
   
   UK/EU students – 31 May
   
   International/postgraduate students – 31 July.

3. **Offers of accommodation**
   
   Will be made once you have met your entry requirements. Students with an unconditional offer will usually receive an accommodation offer in July and those waiting on exam results in August.

4. **Accommodation is confirmed**
   
   Once you have paid your £550 pre-payment.
Customer service managers
Each village has dedicated customer service managers, who are responsible for certain residences, and are here to make sure that you have the best possible experience while you are living in student accommodation.

We are committed to providing a high-quality service and your customer service manager is here to provide a support resource for you. They deal with a wide variety of issues – you can talk to them if you are having any problems or if you have feedback on the standard of your accommodation, or if you have suggestions about how we could improve your time in student accommodation.

Student support
Disability can mean different things for different people. It may include you, even if you don’t consider yourself to be disabled.

If you have study support needs related to a physical or health condition; dyslexia and other specific learning difficulties; mental health difficulties; autism or Asperger’s Syndrome we are here to help you. If you would like to find out more about what we offer, please see our website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/disability/index.aspx

We will contact you if you have disclosed a disability on your application form and make us your firm choice. If you have complex support requirements, particularly mobility, care or transition support, we would welcome you contacting us now. Please email disability@contacts.bham.ac.uk

The University has some adapted flats suitable for students with disabilities and there are other adjustments that can be made. We positively encourage you to tell us if you have a disability in order to ensure the most appropriate accommodation is allocated for you. However, you will still need to apply by the deadline to ensure that your requirements are met. If you do not let us know your requirements when you apply, we may not be able to guarantee that we can accommodate your requests.

For further details visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Car parking
The University has a very limited number of parking spaces on its residential sites and therefore you are not encouraged to bring your own vehicle. You are not permitted to park vehicles, except for blue badge holders by prior arrangement with reception for drivers who require access to a mobility parking space.

In addition, the Vale Village and Pritchatts Park Village have a limited number of parking spaces for which permits are available from reception. There is a termly or annual charge for permits at the Vale. Please note permits are issued on a needs basis due to the limited availability of parking spaces. Visitors parking permits are also available.

Universities UK Code of Practice
The Universities UK (UUK) Code of Practice sets out the principles for the provision and management of our student residences and is fully supported by the University of Birmingham. All University-owned student residences comply with the regulations set by the code. The code establishes a set of standards and undertakings about our management practices and the relationship between the University of Birmingham and customers throughout their stay with us. It covers, among other matters, health and safety, maintenance and repair and relationships between managers and you, our student tenant.

For more information on the UUK Code of Practice please see: www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/accommodation/essential-information/codeofpractice.aspx

Further information
## Summary of accommodation

Please note that the fees below are for the academic year 2017–18. 2018–19 fees will be available online from January 2018 as this is when residence fees are set for the following year.

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* The costs and costs per week (rounded to the nearest whole £) should only be used as a guide as the accommodation fees are calculated on a daily rate.

** 50-week contracts are only available to postgraduate students except for Shackleton, Chamberlain and Mason apartments, where they are available for both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

*** Parking is limited and there may be a separate charge. There is limited parking at The Vale. However parking spaces are for students with special circumstances. Please apply for a permit from village receptions.

* Studios and apartments also suitable for couples.

DISCLAIMER:
Although this information was correct at the date it was published (August 2017), details and other conditions are subject to revision from time to time. Services may be added, changed or withdrawn, and we do try to amend this information as soon as changes occur. Please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation for up-to-date information.

Our accommodation guide is in circulation for a year and runs from December to December as this is when we set the residence fees for the following year. Please note that the fees for 2018–19 will be online from January 2018.
Accommodation map

- Selly Oak
  - Private sector accommodation
  - 740 students
  - 5-minute walk to campus
  - Self-catered accommodation available
  - En-suite facilities available
  - Shared facilities available

- Victoria Hall
  - Liberty Court
  - Liberty Gardens
  - Places of interest
    - Aitken
    - Chamberlain
    - Elgar Court
    - Maple Bank
    - Shackleton
    - Mason
    - Tennis Court
    - Green Community
  - Where the majority of students live after their first year with us in Student Accommodation.

- Jarratt Hall
  - Bournbrook – NEW 2017

- Pritchatts House
  - Global Community

- Ashcroft
  - The Spinney

- 3 Pritchatts Road
  - 7 Pritchatts Road
  - 9 Pritchatts Road
  - 11 Pritchatts Road

- Host - The Metalworks
  - Liberty Living

- Selly Oak Court

- University Train Station

- Sports Centre

- University Centre

- Main Library

- Muirhead Tower

- Student Hub – Aston Webb

- The Bramall

- Barber Institute of Fine Arts

- Guild of Students

- New Sports Centre

- Birmingham Medical School

- Living Shop

- 300 students
  - 3-minute walk to campus
  - Self-catered
  - En-suite

- 300 students
  - 25-minute walk to campus
  - Self-catered
  - En-suite

- 200 students
  - 25-minute walk to campus
  - Self-catered
  - Shared facilities
Finance and funding

THERE ARE TWO MAIN COSTS INVOLVED IN GOING TO UNIVERSITY – TUITION FEES, AND LIVING COSTS. FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR THESE FOR MANY STUDENTS, IN THE FORM OF BOTH LOANS AND GRANTS.

UK/EU students
The tuition fees for all undergraduate courses beginning in 2018–19 will be set out in your offer letter, which you should read carefully. UK students will be able to apply for a tuition fee loan for any amount up to the full fee (including any annual increases) and therefore will not have to pay fees up front. Until such time that a new financial statement is released by the government, students from the European Union (EU) can also apply for financial help towards tuition fees. Please check www.gov.uk/student-finance/eu-students for the most up-to-date information.

Loans are also available for UK students to help towards your living costs.

On top of the government support available, the University of Birmingham offers a Chamberlain Award to UK students whose household income is below £36,000. See: www.birmingham.ac.uk/chamberlain for more information.

For full details of tuition fees, how to pay them, how loan repayments work, and eligibility criteria for financial support, UK students should refer to our undergraduate fees and funding page www.birmingham.ac.uk/ugfunding Please note that the support available may vary depending on whether you live in England or the rest of the UK/EU. Remember that it is up to you to apply for the financial support you are entitled to from the government, including for your tuition fee loan. You can do this now (or before 31 May 2018) at: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Extra support
The government has a range of funds available for those in particular circumstances who may need additional financial help. These include the Childcare Grant and Parents’ Learning Allowance for students with dependant children; the Disabled Students’ Allowance which provides eligible students with both a general allowance and specific help for equipment and non-medical helpers. Find out more at: www.gov.uk/student-finance/extra-help

The University also operates a Student Support Fund: intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/funding/funding-available/ssf.aspx

International (non-EU) students
For overseas students, tuition fees are charged according to the type of programme studied. The exact cost will be stated on your offer letter. For general guidance on the fee go to: www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/finance/index.aspx

The University has a fixed fees policy for international students. The fee paid for the first year of your programme will remain constant with no further increase for the normal duration of your programme, with the exception of the clinical courses.

You will need sufficient funds to enable you to pay your fees at the beginning of each year, and to cover your living costs. Medical and dental students should pay particular care to the increase in fees between their pre-clinical and clinical years. Instructions on how to pay your fees will be sent to you with your registration information before the start of your programme.

Accommodation costs and scholarships
For information on accommodation costs, and how to apply and pay for your accommodation, go to: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Subject-based scholarships for UK students
Depending on the subject you have chosen to study, there may be subject-based scholarships available.

A range of additional financial support in the forms of grants, bursaries and scholarships is available to all students dependent on a range of eligibility criteria. For further details please search the database at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/funding/index.aspx

Music and sports scholarships
Music scholarships are offered each year to applicants for disciplines other than Music who are at Grade 8 standard. The scholarships provide 17 hours of musical tuition per year for three years (total cash equivalent value of £3,000).

University of Birmingham Sport offers scholarships each year to international-level performers from any academic department and of any nationality. These scholarships include a comprehensive package of specialist services and facilities from our Performance Centre’s expert practitioners, as well as expense payments of up to £1,800 per academic year.

For further information on sports and music scholarships, including how to apply, visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/funding/alternative
Funding and scholarships for international students
We are proud of attracting high-calibre students from nearly 150 countries and we award a number of scholarships to our international students. These recognise and reward outstanding academic achievement. These scholarships are highly competitive and may not cover the full cost of tuition. We also have various subject-based bursaries, grants and scholarships on offer. For further information please visit the web pages for the relevant college or school on the University of Birmingham website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools

For further information and to apply for all scholarships visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/internationalscholarships

Students from Canada, the United States and India can visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/international-loans for information on loans.
Visa and other essential information for international students

INTERNATIONAL (NON-EEA) STUDENTS WILL NEED TO CONSIDER IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS WHEN ACCEPTING THEIR OFFER AND WHEN PREPARING FOR THEIR STUDENT VISA, INCLUDING THE ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY APPROVAL SCHEME (ATAS). FOR FURTHER ADVICE, PLEASE GO TO WWW.BIRMINGHAM.AC.UK/INTERNATIONAL/STUDENTS/VISAS/INDEX.ASPX

The International Students Advisory Service (ISAS) delivers a free professional service to all new and existing international students. ISAS provides a number of services which include support, welfare and integration advice and guidance. In addition to this, ISAS is responsible for the provision of all immigration information. ISAS carries out its immigration activities in accordance with the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) and our advisors can offer advice in the following general matters:

- Entry clearance visas: student visitor visas; Tier 4 (General) student visas and student dependant visas
- Applying for entry clearance as a general visitor for friends/relatives to visit you during your studies or attend graduation ceremonies
- Extension of Tier 4 (General) visas in the UK for visitors who want to continue their studies and for their dependants
- Switching your visa from your previous educational sponsor in the UK to the University of Birmingham sponsorship
- The implications for your visa of taking a leave of absence, a break from your studies or changes to your study in the UK
- Changing your immigration status in the UK
- Working during your studies
- Visa routes for working after your studies have been completed

ISAS can support you if you have any problems with your visa applications including refusals or out of time applications.

In order to apply for your Tier 4 (General) entry clearance visa, you will need to prove that you have been accepted on to a full-time course. When you make your visa application you must include your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) number on your visa application. The visa officer will use this number to check your CAS.

- Your CAS is valid for six months
- You can use your CAS no earlier than three months before the start of your course
- You must prove to the entry clearance officer that you have enough money to pay your tuition fees and to support yourself, and any dependants, during your stay in the UK
- You must prove that you have enough money either by showing your bank statement or by showing that you are being officially sponsored by an official financial sponsor
- If you are bringing dependants (family) with you, you must be able to demonstrate that you have sufficient money for living costs for your dependants

For further information, please refer to the visa information pages on the ISAS website: www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international

You can check requirements for entry with the British Council offices, British Embassy or British High Commission in your country or you can go to the UK Visa and Immigration website: www.gov.uk/search?q=student+visas

ISAS workshops
ISAS runs a series of visa workshops every Wednesday throughout the academic year. These workshops are tailored for our students and cover a range of topics including extending a Tier 4 visa, making an online application to the Home Office and document checking.

Right to study/registration events
When international students arrive at the University for the first time, ISAS checks their visas to ensure that they are correct. Copies of your passport biometric page and your visa are kept as part of the mandatory requirement under our Home Office Tier 4 Sponsor Licence. Students can expect their visas to be checked and ISAS will provide assistance if there are any errors or corrections that need to be made. If you extend your visa in the UK, ISAS will also check your new visa and keep a copy of your passport and new visa permissions.

‘The University has fantastic facilities. The learning resource centre is huge and is open 24 hours a day. The BIA is very supportive. There is a medical practice for students, which isn’t too far from campus and ISAS provide good services regarding welfare and visa advice.’

Xiu Bin Lim (Malaysia), BA International Studies with Economics
Induction
Your induction is normally arranged by your College or School. However, ISAS has information online to support international students throughout the year. Students will be able to access the information when they arrive and use it as a refresher or as required throughout the year. Visit the ISAS website for more details.

Welcome International and Registration
All new students are invited to attend the University’s Welcome International and Registration. Arrivals weekend is on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September 2018 when airport collections take place. Welcome week is from Monday 24 September to Friday 28 September 2018. Details will be sent later if you accept your offer. Welcome activities aim to help your transition into life in the UK and at the University. The University offers a free airport collection service and you can book onto this via the ISAS website. Attending Welcome International will mean you can take part in social events that will help you make new friends and you will be given help to complete important activities, such as opening a bank account and registering for your studies with the University, registering with a doctor and with the police where necessary.

Overseas representatives
The University has a network of overseas representatives who can provide further information on studying at Birmingham. Many offer a visa counselling service.

Contact details of representatives in your country can be found at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/impact/overseaoffices.aspx

Learn more
British Council www.britishcouncil.org
UK visas www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration
International Students Advisory Service www.as.bham.ac.uk/studentlife/international
This evidence is required to satisfy the University that prospective undergraduate students have the ability in English to successfully follow the courses to which they have applied. UK Visas and Immigration also require students to have a certain level of English, for them to be granted a visa to come to the UK to study.

CANDIDATES WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF YOUR PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH. THESE PAGES OUTLINE WHICH QUALIFICATIONS WE CAN ACCEPT.

For entry to undergraduate (Bachelor) degree programmes

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<th>Group</th>
<th>IELTS</th>
<th>TOEFL</th>
<th>Pearson Test of English (PTE)</th>
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<td>Group A</td>
<td>6.0 overall with no less than 5.5 in any band</td>
<td>80 overall with no less than 19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 21 in Speaking and 19 in Writing</td>
<td>PTE 51 in all four skills</td>
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<td>Group B</td>
<td>6.5 overall with no less than 6.0 in any band</td>
<td>88 overall with no less than 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing</td>
<td>PTE 59 in all four skills</td>
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<td>Group C</td>
<td>7.0 overall with no less than 6.5 in any band</td>
<td>95 overall with no less than 22 in any band</td>
<td>PTE 67 in all four skills</td>
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<td>Group D</td>
<td>7.0 overall with no less than 7.0 in any band</td>
<td>95 overall with no less than 23 in any band</td>
<td>PTE 67 in all four skills</td>
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Group A  
Biosciences  
Biomedical Materials Science  
Chemistry  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Science  
Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering  
Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences  
Mathematics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Metallurgy and Materials  
Nuclear Science/Engineering  
Physics and Astronomy  
Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences  
Urban and Regional Studies  

Group B  
Business, including Economics  
Education  
English, Drama and American and Canadian Studies  
History and Cultures  
Language, Cultures, Art History and Music  
Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Biomedical Science  
Philosophy, Theology and Religion  
Political Science and International Relations  
Psychology  
Social Policy  
Sociology  

Group C  
Dental Hygiene and Therapy  
Law  
Physiotherapy  
Social Work  

Group D  
Dentistry (BDS)  
Medicine (MBChB)  
Nursing  
Pharmacy
The following table lists qualifications that will also satisfy our English language requirements for our undergraduate degree programmes. Note that where this qualification was taken more than two years ago, we may ask you to take a further English language test.

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<th>Qualification</th>
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<td>University of Birmingham presessional English course (see below)</td>
<td>Pass (see: <a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/englishcourses">www.birmingham.ac.uk/englishcourses</a> for details)</td>
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<td>GCSE English (or IGCSE English)</td>
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<td>GCE O level English</td>
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<td>Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) IGCSE English (language)</td>
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<td>Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) IGCSE English (second language)</td>
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<tr>
<td>International Baccalaureate English, Standard or Higher level, first or second language</td>
<td>5 or above</td>
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<td>HKDSE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) English</td>
<td>Level 3 or above</td>
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<td>India Standard XII (CBSE/CISCE/West Bengal)</td>
<td>75% or above</td>
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<td>India Standard XII (other Indian state boards)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Malaysian SPM 1119 (Cambridge O level)</td>
<td>Grade C or above</td>
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Please note that the grade required will depend on your programme of study. Always check your offer letter for full details of your conditions and see our website for more information: www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-ug/international/index.aspx

**English language courses**

If you have an offer for an undergraduate course, but have not yet achieved a high enough score on a Secure English Language Test (SELT) to meet the entry requirements from your department (see table page 26), then instead of retaking a SELT, you have the option of attending and satisfactorily completing one of the presessional courses run by the Birmingham International Academy.

Please note, however, that you cannot attend a presessional course at the University of Birmingham unless you have already taken a SELT and obtained a score at least equivalent to the lowest point of the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for languages. This is to satisfy UK Visas and Immigration requirements.

If you choose to attend a presessional English course, you will not retake a SELT as part of the course, but you will have to achieve a minimum final mark for your assessed coursework in order to satisfy the English language requirements of your degree programme.

For information on our presessional courses and the Birmingham International Academy, go to: www.birmingham.ac.uk/englishcourses

The length of the presessional courses varies from 6 to 42 weeks. The course that is appropriate for you depends on your current level of English and the requirement stated in your offer letter. For more details and information please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/englishcourses
You will receive all the information you require from the University at the correct time and at this point you do not need to take any action until we send you the DBS pack. When you receive the pack, please complete and return the form to us as soon as possible, as this process can sometimes take a long time.

We have to ensure that the process is carried out correctly but we will do our best to carry it out as quickly and efficiently as possible and with the minimum of disruption to you.

In the event of a query, please contact nsadmissions@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks

It is a condition of entry for the following programmes that you provide information for a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check:

- A100 MBChB Medicine (5-year programme)
- A101 MBChB Medicine (4-year programme)
- A200 BDS Dentistry
- B160 BSc Physiotherapy
- B230 MPharm Pharmacy
- B700 BNurs Nursing
- B701 MNurs Nursing
- B750 BSc Dental Hygiene and Therapy
- BJ95 BSc Biomedical Materials Science
- C6L4 BSc Sport, Physical Education and Coaching Science
- L501 BA Social Work
- L502 MA Social Work
- LX33 BA Education
- XL33 BA Education and Sociology
- XV31 BA Education and History

The reason for the condition is that the above programmes include a placement(s) in an area where you may come into contact with children and/or vulnerable adults. The University has a duty to protect vulnerable members of society with whom our students may come into contact during their studies.

Please note: applicants from countries other than the UK are expected to provide evidence of a satisfactory background police check carried out in their home country in addition to their DBS check.

At the University of Birmingham the process operates as follows:

1. Offer letter sent to you
2. You accept offer as your firm choice
3. After we receive your acceptance of offer, the University sends your DBS pack with form to complete
4. You return completed DBS form along with proof of identity and payment to the University
5. University checks and countersigns form and sends it with payment to DBS
6. Disclosure document sent by DBS to you. You send original disclosure, carried out by the University of Birmingham, to DBS Team, Admissions

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Fitness to practise

Places on the programmes listed right are subject to the University’s fitness to practise regulations and you will be expected to sign a programme-specific code of conduct, similar to the one below, before the start of your programme. As such you do not need to complete and return this form. Certain programmes will include further details with your offer letter (with a link to the current code of conduct). For others you will be provided with the latest version of the code of conduct at the start of the academic year by your department. Should you have any specific queries about the code of conduct you will be required to sign, please contact your department.

Please note that students, who are in the UK or wish to remain in the UK as a Student under Tier 4 of the Points-Based System, will also be subject to University requirements regarding attendance under the points based system, above and beyond the professional requirements in this code.

1. Introduction
1.1. I understand that successful completion of the academic qualification I am seeking leads to admission to a professional body and that I am required, during my studies, to adhere to the requirements of that professional body and any related statutory body. I recognise that this Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise identifies the behaviour required of me, and that it is supplemented by the relevant professional body Code or guidance. I understand that breaches of this Code may lead to disciplinary action including my exclusion from the University or the inability of the University to provide me with a supportive professional reference. In the event of any breach of this Code, I understand that I may be treated differently to other students of the University of Birmingham who are not subject to this Code.

2. Personal behaviour
2.1. I will at all times behave in a manner appropriate to my position as a student of the University studying for a qualification, the successful completion of which leads to entry to a professional body and/or statutory registration.

2.2. I understand that behaviour including, for example, dishonesty, indecency, harassment, bullying, violence, abuse of drugs or alcohol, will lead to disciplinary action under this Code and may result in the inability of the College to supply a positive character reference on completion of the qualification. It may also lead to my exclusion from the programme of study. I recognise that such disciplinary action will include consideration of any criminal convictions, including those for offences that are not connected with my studies and for offences committed prior to my registration as a student of the University. I understand that, where relevant, consideration will also be given to any disciplinary action by a current or previous employer.

2.3. I undertake to notify the appropriate person in the College should I be subject to a criminal conviction, caution and/or Community Resolution Order subsequent to my application to the University. I understand that a criminal conviction or caution may lead to my suspension from certain aspects of my study until the relevant provider’s duty of care can be assured. I understand that this may lead to the need for me to extend my studies where it has not been possible to arrange replacement activities. I understand that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1975) may not apply to the professional body to which I am seeking membership and that, should I be subject to a criminal conviction or caution, this may never be considered ‘spent’.

2.4. I understand that the College will share relevant partnership placements:

2.4.1: information contained in the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) disclosure made against me, when it is requested by the placement provider regardless of whether it is intended that I undertake the placement, as a pre-condition of that placement, and

2.4.1: information in connection with or arising from fitness to practise proceedings taken by the College against me.

3. Behaviour towards others
3.1. I will at all times treat my patients/clients/students/service users*, colleagues, staff and other members of the University or partner institutions with due respect and conduct myself in a professional, honest, decent and courteous manner. During the course of my studies, I will use language appropriate to the situation and people involved.

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4. Appearance
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5. Learning
5.1. The content of my programme of study is designed to meet the requirements of a professional and/or statutory body. I will pursue my studies with reasonable diligence (in accordance with University Regulation Section 5) ensuring that I avail myself of the educational opportunities made available and I will seek to acquire the range of skills and knowledge identified in the relevant professional and/or statutory body guidance.

5.2. I understand that I must take responsibility for my own learning through attendance at lectures, tutorials, seminars and practicals/clinics and through being suitably prepared for them. I will notify the appropriate person or department, in accordance with University and/or College guidelines, if I am to be absent from any part of the course, due to sickness or other reasons, and I will make up the lost learning opportunity, making appropriate use of College support structures. I understand that if I persistently fail to follow my programme of study with reasonable diligence that I will be subject to disciplinary action under this Code.

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5.4. I understand that if I behave dishonestly during the assessment process (including academic misconduct) I will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with University Regulation 8 – Student Conduct and may be excluded from my programme of study.

GENERIC CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND FITNESS TO PRACTISE

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5.5. I understand that if I behave dishonestly in relation to my attendance or the attendance of others by falsifying signatures or other means I will be subject to disciplinary action under this Code.

6. Insight
6.1. I understand that I should recognise my own personal and professional abilities and limits, be self-aware and reflective. When appropriate I should seek support and follow advice and guidance.
6.2. I understand that I should demonstrate consistently appropriate standards of personal and professional conduct, act with honesty and integrity, and maintain acceptable standards of ethics and behaviour in keeping with my profession.
6.3. I understand that a lack of insight into health or professional concerns may bring my fitness to practise into question, and may lead to referral to a College Fitness to Practice Committee.

7. Barriers to learning or professional practice
7.1. I have read the School-specific appendix to this Code which outlines the conditions which may affect my ability to follow my programme of study or take up the profession to which the qualification I am seeking leads and which should be reported.
7.2. I have reported to the appropriate authority within the College any specific requirements I may have to enable me to follow my programme of study (including any physical, health or learning requirements) and I undertake to work with the College or support services provided to address these requirements.
7.3. I undertake to report to the appropriate authority within the College any pre-existing or new condition, which may affect my ability to follow my programme of study or take up the profession to which the qualification I am seeking leads, as soon as I become aware of it. In the event of any pre-existing or new condition arising I undertake to work with the College or support services provided. I understand that failure to work with the College or support services provided may lead to referral to a College Fitness to Practice Committee.
7.4. I understand that failure to report any condition, which may affect my ability to follow my programme of study or take up the profession to which the qualification I am seeking leads, may lead to my exclusion or transfer from my programme of study.

8. Duty of Care
8.1. I will at all times act in the best interests of my patients/clients/students/service users* and conduct myself in a professional manner in all aspects related to patient/client/student/service user* care.
8.2. I will undertake to familiarise myself with all College and partner institution guidelines, including health and safety guidelines, codes of conduct and, where relevant, employment contracts, in advance of and during patient/client/student/service user* contact, and will apply these guidelines in all dealings with them.
I understand that breaching these guidelines and codes of practice, will lead to disciplinary action under this Code, and may include exclusion from my programme of study.

8.3. I understand that dishonesty, involving the falsification of patient/client/student/service user* records, may lead to exclusion from my programme of study.
8.4. I recognise that in the course of my studies I may be placed in a position of trust and that as such I am subject to the requirements of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2003. I understand that failure to comply with the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2003 will lead to disciplinary action under this Code and may result in my exclusion from the programme of study.

9. Duty to Report
9.1. I undertake to report to the appropriate authority and to the College any action by others which may put patients/clients/students/service users* at risk. I understand that failure to do so may lead to disciplinary action being taken against me.

10. Confidentiality
10.1. I understand that I may have access to confidential personal information and that I am required to comply with the Data Protection Act. I understand that I may not disclose this information to any third party, other than in accordance with the relevant professional code or in accordance with the law. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will lead to disciplinary action under this Code.

Agreement to abide by the Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise

I understand that the contents of this document do not absolve me from complying with other University regulations currently in force. The requirements of the professional body or University Regulations may be revised from time to time and I will comply with any revision.

I (FULL NAME)

Have read, understood and agreed to abide by the above Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise. I permit my School or the University to make my personal data available, on a confidential basis, to members of a Fitness to Practise Committee convened to consider my fitness to practise.

I understand that if I am referred to a Fitness to Practise Committee, details may be disclosed to the professional/regulatory body of which I am a member.

I am currently a member of the following professional/regulatory body (tick box)

- British Psychological Society
- Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- College of Social Work
- General Dental Council
- General Medical Council
- General Pharmaceutical Council
- Health and Care Professions Council
- Nursing & Midwifery Council
- Other (please state):

(SIGNATURE)
Frequently asked questions

I have changed my mind about the course I want to study. Can I change to another course?

It may be possible, but it will depend on whether places are still available, how competitive the new course is, and whether your subjects and grades are suitable. If the course you wish to study is in the same area or department as your original one, there is a good chance you will be able to change, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Why is my offer for a different course from the one I applied for?

This may be because you have asked us to make a change to the course you wish to study, or because you used an incorrect course code on your UCAS form. However, if this is not the case the change of course means we are unable to make you an offer for the course you initially chose, but would like to offer you an alternative programme. We hope that you feel able to give this alternative offer serious consideration.

What happens if I have applied for deferred entry?

If your offer is for deferred entry (ie, you are intending to take a gap year), you must still satisfy all the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2018. If you are successful in meeting those conditions, or if your offer is already unconditional, a place will then be reserved for you to start in September 2019. Details of accommodation and how to apply for it are enclosed at present only for information. A further set of information will be sent to you during 2018–19, and you should apply for your accommodation then. Registration information will also be sent to you in summer 2019.

I did not apply for deferred entry, but I would now like to take a gap year. What should I do?

This is usually fine but cannot be guaranteed especially for highly competitive programmes such as Medicine. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know, so that we can change your year of entry. You will still need to fulfil all the conditions of your offer by 31 August 2018.

I applied for deferred entry, but my gap year plans have fallen through and I would like to come this year instead. Is that possible?

It may be. However, if all this year’s places for your chosen course have already been allocated, we may not be able to take you this year.

What happens if I defer for a year and the course content changes during that time?

Occasionally we have to vary the method of delivery of our programmes and in some cases the syllabus may be altered or updated. In extreme circumstances we may have to discontinue a programme. If there are any major changes to your programme we will write and tell you about this during your gap year.

I am not taking A levels. Will you get my results automatically?

We receive results for BTECs and for most International Baccalaureate students automatically from UCAS. However, we are not sent results for many other qualifications, including English language tests and any GCSEs you might have been asked to take. You should send English language results such as IELTS or TOEFL to the email address on your offer letter, as we can verify these online. You will need to send the original or certified documents of any other qualifications to the Admissions Office. You can find the address of the Admissions Office on your offer letter. You must send us any results by 31 August 2018 at the very latest to meet the conditions of your offer.

What happens if I do not meet the terms of my offer?

If you miss your offer you may still be accepted, but this will depend on how many places are left on your course. This can vary from year to year, between different courses, and will also depend on how narrowly you have missed your offer. Sometimes we are able to offer an alternative programme of study if you narrowly miss the offer for your chosen course.

If I send in original or certified hard copies of my documents will you return these to me?

Our policy is that we will only return documents where this is specifically requested by the applicant by standard post. If you would like documents to be returned by special delivery you will need to provide a pre-paid self addressed envelope.

I am an international student. How do I apply for my visa?

We will issue you with a CAS (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) to enable you to obtain your visa. We can only do this once your place is unconditional (you have fulfilled all the conditions of your offer and been accepted) and it is no more than six months before your course is due to start. A CAS statement will be emailed to you once your place is unconditional, and you will then be able to make an appointment for your visa.

For further information about the visa process, and the financial arrangements you need to have in place before applying for a visa, please see: www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/visas/index.aspx

I want to apply for accommodation, and I am being told that I need my Student ID number. Where will I find it? Your Student ID number is located at the top of the offer letter we have sent you.

Remember that you will find lots of information about many aspects of life as a University of Birmingham student on our website! If you have specific queries about accommodation, or about fees and funding, or want to find out more about the student experience at Birmingham, please see: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation www.birmingham.ac.uk/mealplan www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/fees

Contact details

If you have any queries, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/ug-faqs
Important information about your student contract with the University of Birmingham

If you decide to accept this offer, a contract will be formed between you and the University. Your rights and obligations to the University and the University’s obligations to you arising under that contract are set out in the documents listed below, which form the terms and conditions of your student contract.

- Your offer letter.
- The Undergraduate or Postgraduate Prospectus, as appropriate.
- The Code of Practice on Admission of Students (see: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx).
- The University’s Royal Charter, Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations and Codes of Practice – these are regularly reviewed, with any changes normally taking effect at the start of the new academic year. A summary of changes which have already been agreed for the start of the next academic year has been published, and we will also publish a summary of any further significant changes, which are agreed before the start of the new academic year. The documents and any agreed changes can be viewed at https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx.
- Programme requirements, which are shown for each programme on the Course Finder section of our website at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/index.aspx

A summary of some of key terms and conditions are set out below:

**Changes to your programme of study**

Your offer of a place to study at the University is based on the latest key information, which can be found on relevant page of the Course Finder section of the website at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/index.aspx. This includes the core modules for the programme and may include an indication of likely optional modules. Information set out in the prospectus and on the University website is accurate at the date of publication. However, changes to programmes, modules, University services and the content of the prospectus may be necessary, for example, to meet the requirements of an accrediting body or to keep courses contemporary by updating practices or areas of study.

Changes to programmes or modules may also be needed because of circumstances outside the reasonable control of the University, such as a key member of staff leaving the University or being unable to teach (where the programme or module is reliant on that person’s expertise) or where the minimum or maximum number of students needed to ensure a good educational or student experience has not been met or has been exceeded.

Other circumstances outside the reasonable control of the University include unexpected lack of funding, industrial action, severe weather, fire, civil disorder, political unrest, government restrictions or serious concern about the transmission of serious illness making a course unsafe to deliver.

If changes to your programme are made after you have accepted your offer, the University will try to give you early notification of those changes and minimise their impact by offering suitable alternative arrangements, helping you find an alternative programme or University or providing compensation where it believes there is a fair case to do so.

**Fees and payment**

Please read your offer letter and this guide carefully for details of the tuition fees payable in each year of your programme. Up-to-date information about tuition fees and funding is available on the Fees and Funding pages of our website where the University will publish, usually in September of each year, the tuition fees that it will charge for the next academic year. You are advised to check the website for details of any increases in tuition fees in future years. It is your responsibility to make sure your fees and all expenses relating to your programme are paid in full and on time. The University’s requirements on the payment of fees can be found in Regulation 5 (see: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx).

If you are paying your tuition fees yourself, you must either pay the full amount at the beginning of the academic year or apply to pay by instalments using the University direct debit scheme. If you are a sponsored student, you are responsible for payment if your sponsor does not pay your tuition fees.

Unless your offer letter says otherwise, the tuition fee quoted in your offer letter does not include any charges for residential accommodation, examination re-sits, extensions to the designated period of study, travelling expenses or any other miscellaneous expenses, which may be related to your programme of study (such as the cost of field trips). Details of any other miscellaneous expenses you are likely to incur on your programme are indicated on the Course Finder section of our website at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/index.aspx

**Withdrawal from study – fees**

If you withdraw from your programme, you may still have to pay your tuition fees. The policy on how withdrawal affects your fee liability is available on our fees pages (www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees/pay-tuition/Tuition-Fee-Liability.aspx). This does not affect your statutory cancellation rights (see page 33).

**Deferring your entry – fees**

The tuition fees set out in your offer letter are based on the start date shown in your offer letter. However, if you defer your entry, your tuition fees may be more than is stated in your offer letter, and you should contact the Admissions Office for more information.

**Non-payment of fees**

If you do not pay your tuition fees in full or on time, the University may impose penalties which are set out in Regulation 5 (see: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx). As a result, you may not be allowed to progress on your programme or you may be expelled from the University. The University may also take legal action against you to recover any unpaid fees. If you do not pay any other (non-tuition) fees or other sums you owe, the University may take action to recover those sums. This may include withholding any service for which you owe money (for example, if you do not pay library fines you may not be allowed to access the Library or use some or all of its facilities) or taking legal action against you.

**Non-payment of fees – studying abroad and placements**

If as part of your programme you spend time in another university, institution or organisation in the UK or abroad, the rules and regulations of that university, institution or organisation will apply to you while you are there. Some overseas institutions might impose academic sanctions, for example, they might refuse to release your marks, if you do not pay either tuition fees or any other fees or costs (such as accommodation or meal plan fees) which you owe them. This might mean that you are not able to complete your programme as planned.
Cancelling your acceptance
After you have accepted your offer of a place, you can cancel your acceptance within the cancellation period without giving us any reason. The cancellation period runs for 14 days from the date we receive your acceptance. If you cancel your offer within the cancellation period, any deposit or administration or other fees you have paid will normally be refunded in full. If you start your programme during the cancellation period, the University will charge you a reasonable sum for the programme provided.

You can cancel your acceptance by informing the University’s Admissions Office; details on how to do this are available at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/applicantinformation

Criminal convictions
If your offer of a place is conditional on you obtaining a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, the University will decide if any convictions or information revealed are incompatible with a place on the programme. If they are, you will be notified and your offer will be withdrawn.

Disabilities
If you have a disability the University will seek to support you whenever possible and reasonable to do so. If you have not yet disclosed that disability, we encourage you to do so at the earliest opportunity. As individual students’ needs (even those with the same condition) can vary, it is important that you contact the Disability and Learning Support Service at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/disability/index.aspx before you accept any offer of a place to find out what type of support is likely to be available to you and what information we need to arrange it. If you choose not to tell us about your disability, provide this information with short notice before your course or examination/assessment start dates or do not provide full information about it before or during your programme of study, we will do our best to help you but you might not be able to have access to the full range of support which might otherwise be available to you.

Fitness to Practise programmes
If you are applying for a Fitness to Practise programme, you may be asked to provide information about your health, undergo a health check and provide evidence of immunisation. Your offer of a place is conditional on such requirements being met. You will also be required to sign a Code of Professional Conduct and Fitness to Practise which is provided with the offer letter.

Data protection
The University will collect information about you from your application, when you register and during your studies and University life.
This will be used to create and maintain your student record, for your studies and student life, your health and safety and for the management of University business.

Visas and immigration permissions
If you are an international non-European Union (non-EU) student and need a visa to enable you to be in the UK to study, you will have to attend a Right to Study Check when you first arrive at the University. If you do not attend this Right to Study Check or cannot provide conclusive proof that you have the correct visa or immigration permission, you will not be allowed to begin your programme of study and/or you may be withdrawn from your programme in accordance with the Code of Practice on Student Visa Requirements (see: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx). It is essential that you regularly read our emails (in the email account you used on your application to the University) and that you follow very carefully the instructions for arrival, collection of Biometric Residence Permits and Right to Study checks.

Intellectual property
If you, with material input by the University’s academic staff or as part of a collective project, develop an invention, device, discovery, material, product, process, computer software or any other potentially valuable result or innovation, Regulations 3.16 and 5.4 (see: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx) will apply to you in the same way as they apply to members of staff. In other cases, the University will apply the Intellectual Property guidance, which is set out at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/applicantinformation

Conduct and attendance
You must be aware of the University’s Regulations and Codes of Practice relating to conduct, academic integrity and plagiarism, attendance and reasonable diligence (see: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx). The University can impose penalties if you do not follow these requirements, and in serious cases the University can suspend or expel you from the University.

Supporting you during your studies
The University provides a wide range of support for its students and can support you if non-academic matters are affecting your academic progress, for example as set out in the Codes of Practice on Extenuating Circumstances, Leave of Absence, Reasonable Adjustments, Appeals or Health, Wellbeing and Fitness to Study, which can be found at: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx

When you may be asked to leave the University
You may be asked to leave the University if:
- Your academic performance is not satisfactory;
- You are expelled from the University for breach of the conduct, Fitness to Practise, attendance or reasonable diligence requirements;
- You do not pay your tuition fees in accordance with the University’s Regulations;
- You are dismissed or expelled from any other organisation which you are required to attend or be a member of as part of your programme;
- You do not have the correct visa or immigration permission to study on your programme at the University, and you are an international non-EU student needing a visa to enable you to be in the UK to study;
- The University has reason to believe that you have not supplied all relevant information or have supplied false or misleading information relating to your application to the University;
- As a result of your actions, the University is unable to find a suitable placement, which is required to complete your programme.

A decision requiring you to leave the University will be taken in accordance with the relevant procedure and subject to any right of appeal or review. If the University has good reason for expelling you and does so in accordance with the relevant procedure, the University will not compensate you for any loss or damage you may suffer as a result.

Complaints
The University is committed to providing a high-quality educational experience, supported by a range of academic and administrative services and facilities. From time to time, however, things do go wrong, and if the matter cannot be resolved informally, the University provides students with a system for raising concerns and complaints about both academic and non-academic matters. The Code of Practice on Student Concerns and Complaints is available at: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx and sets out a procedure for dealing with students’ complaints fairly, consistently and as quickly as possible. Students who are dissatisfied with a decision relating to a complaint they have raised may be able to complain to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator (OIA) an independent body which reviews student complaints; more information about the OIA is available on its website at: www.oiahe.org.uk
The Code of Practice on Admissions (see: https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/legislation/index.aspx) sets out the procedure for asking for a review of decisions made in the application and admissions process.
BE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

HERE ARE JUST SOME OF THE REASONS WHY:

FROM PIONEERING LIFE-SAVING DRUGS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER TO DISCOVERING THE WORLD’S OLDEST CALENDAR, RESEARCH FROM OUR UNIVERSITY IS CREATING A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE CITY, THE REGION AND THE WORLD.

WE ARE PROUD TO COUNT 11 NOBEL PRIZES AMONG OUR STAFF AND ALUMNI, INCLUDING THREE IN 2016 FOR PRIZES IN CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS.

WE CONSISTENTLY EXCEL IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES AND ARE RECOGNISED FOR OUR OUTSTANDING TEACHING. FOLLOWING THE UNIVERSITY’S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION’S (QAA) HIGHER EDUCATION REVIEW, WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED A GOLD RATING IN THE NEW TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK (TEF).

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM WILL OPEN A CAMPUS IN DUBAI, BECOMING THE FIRST GLOBAL TOP 100 AND RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS IN THIS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION HUB.

THE UNIVERSITY IS AMONG THE SIX UK UNIVERSITIES MOST FREQUENTLY TARGETED BY THE COUNTRY’S TOP EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR GRADUATE RECRUITS. 87.5% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE IN GRADUATE-LEVEL JOBS OR FURTHER EDUCATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATING.
WE ARE INVESTING OVER £600M IN BRAND NEW FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT TO ENHANCE LEARNING AND RESEARCH, AND SUPPORT OUR VIBRANT AND DIVERSE CAMPUS COMMUNITY.

THE NEW SPORT & FITNESS FACILITY IS THE UNIVERSITY’S BIGGEST INVESTMENT IN SPORTS TO DATE AND UNDERLINES THE UNIVERSITY’S COMMITMENT TO SPORT AT ALL LEVELS. THE 50-METRE POOL AND ARENA SPORTS HALL WILL HOST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTING EVENTS.

IN THE 2016 NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY OUR EXISTING STUDENTS GAVE US AN ‘OVERALL SATISFACTION’ RATING OF 89%, WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

OUR UNIVERSITY WAS LISTED IN THE TOP TEN MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPUSES IN BRITAIN BY THE TELEGRAPH.

THE VALE VILLAGE IS HOME TO THE VALE FEST, A STUDENT RUN SUMMER FESTIVAL FULL OF MUSIC, FOOD, COMEDY AND FUN. IT ALSO HOSTS A HUGE FIREWORK DISPLAY OVER THE LAKE, EVERY YEAR IN NOVEMBER.

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