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Schools and Colleges update

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New year, new courses

It is an exciting time at the University of Birmingham for developments in the courses on offer to students, with three of our colleges offering new courses to students for 2018 entry.

The College of Arts and Law has launched a new English and Film course, comprising the study of a range of literature in the English language and a rigorous study of film and television, including both academic and practical study.

In the College of Medical and Dental Sciences, students can now opt to study a Masters in nursing, but also for a new course in Public Health. This programme has been specifically designed to provide students with the academic skills and knowledge required for a career focused on improving the health and well-being of whole populations.

The University is also pleased to launch its first degree apprenticeship: a joint venture between the University of Birmingham and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC).

The course is entitled Computer Science with Digital Technology Partnership, and will see students spend a year working with PwC sandwiched within their University of Birmingham course. Tuition fees are fully paid for by PwC, and students also receive a monthly salary.

The College of Engineering and Physical Sciences is also now offering specialist courses in Aerospace Engineering at both BEng and MEng level, combining elements of engineering and materials science in a course specifically tailored to the aerospace industry.

Each of these courses has its own course page, which can be found by following the Study tab from our homepage. Here you can find in-depth information on modules and entry criteria for each course, as well as for all of the other courses on offer at the University.



Activities for schools, colleges, teachers and advisers

The Student Recruitment team visit schools and colleges across the UK to present to students and parents on topics related to higher education applications, as well as attending careers/university fairs.

Our services are in high demand with over 250 school visits last academic year, and therefore booking early is highly advised.

We also organise free conferences for teachers and careers advisers to provide you with information to help when advising your students about their university applications.

Programmes include topical admissions issues, information about our degree subjects and what admissions tutors look for. Details of our events can be found on our website, as well as on our Twitter feed @UoB_Sch_Liaison.

To book one of our higher education experts to visit your school or for further information about our services, please contact studentrecruitment@contacts.bham.ac.uk.

Birmingham students getting top jobs

A growing fear for students approaching their decision of whether to apply to university or not is the prospect of finding a top job. Here at the University of Birmingham, our students continue to secure fantastic jobs upon graduation, sometimes in surprising circumstances.

Students from a vast array of subjects go on to work in all sorts of different sectors, with around 70% of graduate jobs not specifying a particular degree subject. Employers are simply looking for those who have a university degree and have developed the skills necessary for the world of work, often through their university experiences.

To highlight some examples, our psychology students have gone on to a wide variety of jobs. Students have gone on to become researchers and assistant psychologists, but also now work in the NHS, as journalists or retail managers. Some of our former chemistry students are now quality control analysts and engineers, but also financial analysts and a music producer. Looking at history students, they have gone on to work in a whole range of different sectors, from policy advisers to teachers, from underwriters to recruitment consultants.



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Birmingham graduates are going on to a whole range of careers, some directly related to the subject they studied and some into innovative new sectors, building on the skills that they have developed at the University.

The Careers Network here at Birmingham has designated careers experts across all of our five colleges, working with students to advise them on their options and help them decide their path on graduation.



Our evolving campus

The University of Birmingham is in the midst of a £606 million transformation of the campus. Over the last academic year, a state-of-the-art library has opened in the heart of campus, as well as a £50 million sport and fitness club, home to an Olympic-length swimming pool and a 200-station gym.

Over the next 12 months, the campus will continue to develop, with the Green Heart project taking shape. The development will see the demolition of the old library combined with the expansion of green space on campus, restoring the University campus to its original design by Sir Aston Webb at the turn of the 20th century.



There will be plenty of space for students and the community to use at the heart of the campus.

Other projects include a new hall of residence in our Selly Oak Village, offering students another self-catered, en-suite option and the development of the Collaborative Teaching Laboratory, which will provide outstanding lab facilities for our science and engineering students.

University of Birmingham awarded Gold in national teaching assessment

The University of Birmingham has been awarded a Gold rating in the 2016/17 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF). Student satisfaction with the quality of teaching and progression of graduates to highly skilled employment or further study were both commended as 'outstanding'.

This Gold rating follows the University's recent outstanding performance in the Quality Assurance Association's (QAA) Higher

Education Review, which looked at the quality and standards of teaching and praised the high value placed on teaching at Birmingham and its sustained engagement with employers.

The TEF assessment panel acknowledged that 'all student outcomes are excellent' at Birmingham, and singled out evidence of relevant, research-informed teaching, a comprehensive pastoral and academic support programme and effective and sustained investment in excellent physical and digital learning resources.



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