



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

City guide



A student's perspective:

Birmingham is a vibrant city with a rich cultural heritage and a thriving student community. Find out more about each area of our city and get an insider peek into our students' favourite places.

City centre

The UK's second city, Birmingham is a vibrant and inspiring place to live, with a rich culture and diverse community.

“ My favourite thing about Birmingham is how accessible it is to get to the city centre and have a break from campus when I need it.

“ As an international student, Birmingham will make you feel most welcome. The city is diverse which will make settling in very easy.

Music and nightlife

When the sun goes down, Birmingham doesn't sleep. Sing along with world-famous performers at the O2 Academy or stumble across your favourite indie band at the Sunflower Lounge.

“ I absolutely love Brindley Place because there are so many bars and restaurants. It's a really lively and fun atmosphere.

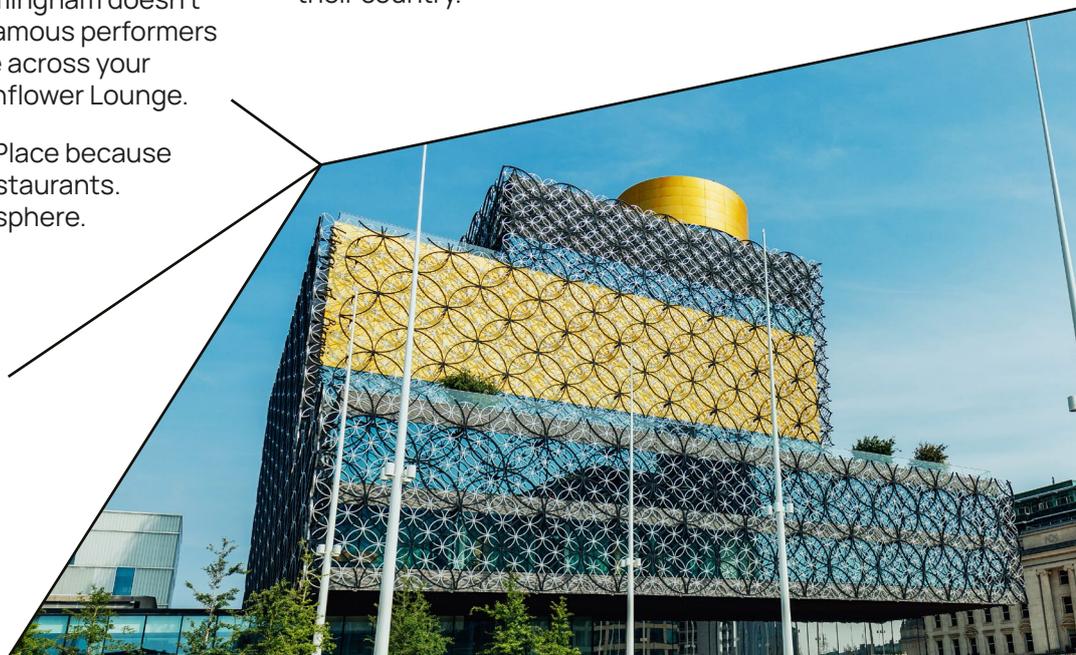
History and culture

Birmingham is home to a vibrant cultural scene. As well as world-leading museums and art galleries, you'll find festivals, independent theatres and creative spaces.

“ You've got to go and visit the Birmingham Hippodrome. They have some amazing student theatre tickets.

“ My favourite place in the city is the library, easily! All my family love it too. I love it because it's rich with history from all across the UK and around the world. Even my family who come to visit from Mexico found something interesting inside it from their country.

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Food and drink

There's an abundance of award-winning and affordable eateries across the city. With multicultural and innovative restaurants springing up throughout Birmingham, discover your new favourite dishes and places to eat.

“ If you're looking for some amazing food, take a trip to Chinatown. There are so many great places to take you right back to Asia.

Shopping

Our lively city hosts a wide variety of shops, from independent owners to famous brands.

“ In my free time, I love take a trip into the city centre for some retail therapy or some good food. The Bullring shopping centre has a huge range of shops from clothes to cosmetics.

Beyond the Bullring

Birmingham is more than just a city centre. We have a wide variety of lively, spirited and friendly suburbs surrounding the campus and across the city for you to explore.

“ One of my favourite things to do is pop to Harborne right next to campus for some lunch and thrifting in the charity shops lining the high street.

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