WHY UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM DUBAI?

When you choose to study at the University of Birmingham Dubai, you are choosing an outstanding student experience at a global top 100 university in one of the safest, most dynamic and diverse cities in the world.

Immerse yourself in destination Dubai

Whether you already live in the city or are considering it as a destination for your education, Dubai is the perfect place to live and study; a young and exciting city, known for its diversity, friendliness and dynamic economy.

Consistently ranked within the top five worldwide countries for safety, Dubai offers opportunities to experience different cultures like few other cities on Earth.

Select a globally recognised education

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM IS THE FIRST GLOBAL TOP 100 AND ELITE UK RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH A CAMPUS IN DUBAI

Join a network of experts in teaching and research

Rewarding high academic achievement

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXCELLED IN THEIR STUDIES

Build your network

WE HAVE OVER 300,000 ALUMNI ACROSS THE WORLD INCLUDING THRIVING NETWORKS WITHIN THE UAE, INDIA, SINGAPORE AND CHINA (see page 84)

For more information and to discuss your options with us, contact dubai@contacts.bham.ac.uk or +971 4 242 92300

At the University of Birmingham Dubai, you can be assured of a high-quality education at an institution with a global reputation for world-leading research. Birmingham was awarded Gold, the highest possible ranking in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), which was introduced by the UK government to ensure excellence in higher education teaching.

As well as outstanding teaching, 87% of Birmingham’s research activity is measured as having global impact in the Research Excellence Framework (REF), confirming its position among the world’s top universities for research.

11 FORMER STAFF AND STUDENTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED NOBEL PRIZES

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Choose a university that delivers global impact

At Birmingham, we have been challenging and developing great minds for more than a century. Our quest is to constantly question the world and how we understand it.

From revealing the structure of DNA to developing new treatments for heart disease and cancer, the research of our Nobel Prize winners has already made an impact worldwide. At Birmingham we innovate, we push the frontiers of understanding, we ask new questions, we turn theory through experiment into practice – because that’s what great universities do.

Find out more: www.birmingham.ac.uk/quest

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The hallmarks of the educational experience you will receive are curiosity, ambition and opportunity. As a Birmingham student, you will be supported to become a self-motivated learner, eager to develop not only your understanding of your chosen subject but keen to make your mark when you graduate. This is why we support you to step out of your comfort zone. For example, subject to academic performance you have the opportunity to travel to the UK for a year to study at our Birmingham campus. Likewise, we offer our UK students the opportunity to travel to the UAE to study alongside our students in Dubai.

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Employers are looking for graduates who not only shine academically but are also ready for work. At the University of Birmingham Dubai, our careers services are committed to helping you identify and achieve your career aspirations. Negotiation, creative approaches to decision-making and problem-solving are all skills that you will develop during your degree. By making the most of the range of careers support services available to you, you will graduate as an outstanding candidate, wherever you choose to work in the world.

Careers support

During your studies you will have access to a wide range of dedicated support, helping you to achieve your career goals. These include:

- Individual careers advice from the International Careers Consultant and specialist careers advisers, who will be able to answer your requests for advice and guidance
- Apply Yourself coaching workshops and online tutorials to help you present yourself effectively to employers and recruiters and develop an effective CV
- Practical help with preparing for interviews and attending assessment centres
- Access to global job opportunities online and job search webinars
- Opportunities to network with alumni and potential employers
- Access to a range of careers information online to help you consider your next stage after your degree and develop an individual career action plan

Studying for your degree is the first step in developing your future career. You need to be assured that your time at university prepares you for life after graduation, developing not only your academic abilities but also the skills that employers demand in an increasingly competitive global market.

‘The careers service is incredibly helpful when it comes to finding placements for students and creating networking opportunities. The careers service aided me in finding a three-month internship at Grant Thornton, which has been very beneficial for my career development.’

Aishatu, MSc International Business, University of Birmingham Dubai

‘As a highly ranked university with an outstanding record for graduate employment, we have excellent links with global industry partners to give you the opportunity to put theory into practice. You will develop professional behaviours and technical skills to enhance your academic performance and employability.’

Roshni Barot, Employer and Business Engagement Manager

LEARN MORE

For more information, visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/Departments/Careers

WE ARE AMONG THE TOP 10 UNIVERSITIES TO PRODUCE MILLIONAIRES (RESEARCH BY INVESTMENT FIRM SKANDIA)
Work experience and placements

You will have the opportunity to apply for internships with a range of businesses (from small and medium through to multinational organisations), providing you with an advantage when applying for graduate roles. Undertaking work experience and internships are vital to enable you to enhance both your professional and personal skills while giving you the practical experience that is required by graduate employers. Internship places are competitive and to ensure that you are set up for success we provide you with access to online support, workshops and advice, as well as access to funding to help you to make the most of every opportunity.

Virtual internships

The University is committed to developing an innovative range of working experiences for you which will give you the edge in a competitive employment market.

Our virtual internships are remote internships with real companies and real projects. Just like a “normal” internship, students have project work/tasks from an employer to complete over a period of time. However, while you will be working with a national or international employer, you will not be based at their location, and instead complete the work remotely or virtually.

Mentoring

We offer a range of online mentoring support for you during your studies.

Mentoring provides you with the opportunity to receive advice from professionals working in an area you are interested in. This can be a great way to understand how to succeed in this area and be better prepared for the workplace as well as receive practical advice on employability.

Employer engagement

We are committed to working in partnership with leading employers in the region to enhance the employability of our students and graduates. Within our first year in Dubai, we have hosted world-leading organisations at our campus or networking events, including:
- Rolls-Royce
- Pinsent Masons
- Arup
- Grant Thornton
- WSP
- HSBC
- PwC

Our Accounting and Finance BSc programme is accredited by the ACCA.
YOUR CAMPUS

At the heart of Dubai International Academic City, our campus will help you make the best of your time at university, from newly refurbished lecture and seminar rooms through to quiet spaces to study and social areas for group work and networking.

WE BRING THE ESSENCE OF OUR BRITISH CAMPUS TO OUR FLAGSHIP INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS IN DUBAI

Travel to and from the campus could not be easier. There are regular buses from various locations that take you directly to Dubai International Academic City.

Available to you on our campus:
- Space to meet, discuss and debate with academic staff
- Flexible learning spaces including dedicated laboratories, a range of lecture and seminar spaces
- Library and personal study spaces
- Both male and female prayer rooms
- Support and wellbeing spaces
- Areas for you to relax and socialise with other students

VISIT THE CAMPUS! IT’S DESIGNED JUST LIKE THE EDBASTON CAMPUS IN THE UK. WHEN I VISITED THE OPEN DAY, IT CLICKED; THIS IS THE UNIVERSITY I WANTED TO ATTEND.

HANA, BSC BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM DUBAI

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NEW CAMPUS COMING IN 2021

The University of Birmingham is delighted to announce the building of an outstanding new campus in Dubai International Academic City. This new campus demonstrates our continuing commitment to providing a world-leading, research-informed and elite university education in the heart of the United Arab Emirates.

Opening in 2021, our campus will provide an academic home for up to 4,500 students, a community for Birmingham alumni in the region and hub for community outreach and engagement activities.

- The iconic buildings will be located opposite the city’s first purpose-built student housing community – looking across parkland reflecting the Green Heart of the University’s UK campus.
- Collaboration is at the heart of our campus design, encouraging interdisciplinary work across our academic subjects; from Computer Science to Psychology. Flexible learning spaces ensure teaching and research can work in tandem to benefit our students.
- A student ‘hub’ will locate student services in one space. Sheltered courtyards and social spaces will provide a relaxing environment in keeping with the local climate that is designed to enhance the campus’ sustainability.
- Facilities will range from large lecture theatres and laboratories through to smaller seminar and tutorial rooms for working with your tutors and fellow students.

‘This innovative and iconic facility has been designed to echo our beautiful and historic Edgbaston campus, whilst providing a flexible, modern setting for our students in Dubai to obtain maximum benefit from our teaching and research expertise.’

Professor Sir David Eastwood, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Birmingham

Undergraduate students starting in September 2020 will spend their second year in our outstanding new campus!
YOUR STUDENT LIFE

From your first day on campus until your last, we’ll make sure the right support is there for you whenever you need it. You’ll also find plenty of opportunities to develop your skills, play an active role in university life and prepare for the world after your studies.

Welcoming you to your university life

To welcome you and help you settle into university life in Dubai, we run a dedicated programme at the start of term called Welcome Week. This includes everything from support with administrative tasks such as registering with a doctor through to campus and city tours and social events where you can meet other students from across the globe.

Social, health and wellbeing

We understand that adjusting to university life can be a big change and your health, wellbeing and personal development is as important to us as your academic achievement. To help you with your transition, we have a Student Wellbeing Officer who can assist you with any academic or wellbeing concerns that you may have during your time with us.

You will benefit from a range of opportunities to enrich your student experience, including the support you need to manage your wellbeing while studying with us.

You can take advantage of a wide range of opportunities beyond the curriculum including sports, community volunteering, arts and culture. From joining the gym or a sports club to meeting like-minded people in society, you will have plenty of opportunities to socialise, network and enjoy your time at the University of Birmingham Dubai.

The voice of students

As a student in Dubai, you will have the opportunity to help shape the voice of students within our community through the Students’ Association. Working in partnership with the University, you will be able to set up student clubs and organise trips and extracurricular activities – a great way to meet people and try something new! We encourage you to engage with us and have your say on our future plans as the University of Birmingham expands in Dubai.

Student clubs for 2020 entry includes:
- Debate Club
- Robotics Club
- Drama Club
- Public Speaking Club

‘I had the opportunity to be a member of the Student Council as the Activities and Employability Officer. Being a student leader and organising events was the highlight of my academic year. I would recommend that every student runs for a position on the Student Council, because it really does help you build your skills and settle into the University.’

Hana, BSc Business Management, University of Birmingham Dubai

‘We place our students at the heart of everything we do. Our dedicated support team will be on-hand to ensure that you have the best possible student experience while feeling safe and secure throughout your journey with us.’

Ben Bailey, Director of Dubai Campus Operations

www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai

Supporting you
YOUR STUDENT LIFE

Innovative learning and resources

During your time at university, how you study is just as important as what you study. You will benefit from innovative digital learning technologies that enhance your chosen subject. For example, each module that makes up your programme has a dedicated area on our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) where you can access digital content, ebooks, ejournals, virtual classrooms, videos, discussion forums, lecture capture and much more, to support you in all aspects of your learning.

This includes:
- Support to develop your academic and digital literacy skills
- A customisable learning environment to cater to your individual preferences
- Virtual classrooms and online discussion forums to enable you to continue your academic discussion beyond the lecture theatre
- A dedicated online resource platform with additional materials to support your learning
- Ability to link with students in Birmingham studying the same programme as you
- Access to specialist support via online appointments with professionals at the University of Birmingham’s UK campus

Developing your skills

Outside of your academic studies, we offer you a range of opportunities to work with your fellow students to stretch and develop your skills and enable you to achieve your potential.

For example, you can develop your leadership skills on the student ambassador programme or as part of the student association team. You can take part in activities which encourage working in interdisciplinary teams, and attend workshops on topics from building your resilience and critical thinking to prioritisation and time management.

Vice-Chancellor’s Challenge

Personally overseen by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir David Eastwood, the Vice-Chancellor’s Challenge is an initiative for undergraduate students in their second year to tackle a global challenge. The challenge is your chance to work with students and academics from a range of disciplines, and it is designed to stretch you academically, while also helping you to develop skills for your future studies and to enhance your employability.

The Dubai Big Ideas Challenge

In partnership with key employers, the Dubai Big Ideas Challenge is an intensive three-day solutions competition for all undergraduate and postgraduate students. You will work in teams to develop creative solutions to real challenges set by employers for a chance of winning a prize. This is your chance to collaborate with students from across the University of Birmingham Dubai, to learn vital employability and enterprising skills and meet employers.

‘The facilities, cultural and social events that the University of Birmingham Dubai arranges made a real difference to the way I settled into university life. My classmates were all very friendly, everyone got to know each other very well and were willing to help one another throughout the course.’

Aishah, PGCHE Primary Education, University of Birmingham Dubai
Time spent overseas can be one of the most rewarding opportunities available to you during your undergraduate studies. It enriches your university experience and enhances your employment prospects. With a 250-acre campus at the heart of the UK, you can elect to study in Birmingham as part of your degree programme.

Choose to spend part of your undergraduate studies in the UK

When you choose the University of Birmingham Dubai, you receive all the benefits of a world-class education at a brand new campus. As an undergraduate student, you will also have the opportunity to study in the UK at our beautiful Birmingham campus during your second or third year of study (depending on the length of your programme).

You do not have to make this decision before you make your application to study in Dubai.

Our Birmingham campus is home to a wealth of historical, scientific, cultural and sporting assets, as well as playing host to a vibrant and welcoming international community. Students benefit from an excellent learning environment just a few minutes from Birmingham, an exciting and cosmopolitan city. With a transformational campus development programme well underway, this is the perfect base from which to explore UK life and culture.

Choose to spend a summer on our UK campus

Our Birmingham International Summer School offers you the chance to study for three weeks at the Birmingham campus in the UK after your first or second year of undergraduate study in Dubai. You will study exciting programmes while having the opportunity to meet new friends from different countries, giving you a cultural and diverse study experience. You will experience an extensive social programme introducing you to some of the traditional aspects of British culture along with the opportunity to interact with other students in a fun and lively environment. Examples of current programmes include:

- British Cultural Heritage
- Biomedical Sciences: from Laboratory Bench to Hospital Bedside
- Global Energy Systems: Powering the Future
- Film and Media
- Mathematical Finance and Financial Times Series Analysis

Opportunities to study in the UK are dependent on satisfactory academic performance and visa approval by the UKVI.
In little more than 40 years, Dubai has transformed itself from a tiny settlement to a glittering metropolis and world-class destination; the world’s fourth most visited leisure destination. Welcoming 15.9 million visitors in 2018, Dubai offers a rich diversity of attractions, entertainment and lifestyle opportunities.

As well as state-of-the-art malls packed with designer brands, there are traditional souks and vibrant markets. While Michelin-starred chefs have graced Dubai with their high-end culinary credentials, there are still scores of independent restaurants and street food vendors with authentic flavours to explore.

Some people are attracted to the buzz, the kinetic energy of a global business city and tourism hub, however, others prefer the tranquillity of desert retreats, mangroves, calm seas and beaches where you can try your hand at diving, paddle boarding, trekking, dune bashing, camel riding or desert safari camping.

Dubai has a thriving arts scene including the Jameel Art Centre and Alserkal Avenue, which is home to the GCC’s only Arthouse Cinema, Cinema Akil. Hosting the annual Quoz Arts Fest, Alserkal Avenue is an art and design hub, frequently hosting pop-ups, workshops and festivals celebrating its home-grown creative scene.

The only thing you can’t experience in Dubai is boredom.

Our campus is located in Dubai International Academic City, which is home to 25,000 students from 150 different countries.

Dubai has a lower cost of living than major cities in Australia, Canada and the USA.

(numbeo.com)

The recently built Metro system provides efficient and accessible transport links across Dubai, giving you the opportunity to explore all the attractions and amenities that Dubai has to offer.

Dubai is a regional hub for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region and beyond. Dubai International Airport is the world’s number one airport for international travellers.

The cosmopolitan city of Dubai, where the old meets the new, offers an exciting landscape to explore – from traditional souks to the ever-expanding skyline, there is something for everyone.

The UAE is ranked within the top five worldwide countries for safety (Which? Travel magazine) beating popular holiday destinations like France, Italy, Singapore, the US and Thailand.

Cuisine
From world-class Michelin-star restaurants to authentic street food

Sport
From Premier League football and F1 to international golf and cricket

Live music
From the Coca-Cola Arena to the Dubai Opera House

Galleries
From independent galleries to the Louvre Abu Dhabi

Also…
Beaches, snowboarding, watersports and diving!
Dubai has firmly established itself as a global leader in innovation. As a hyper-connected, pro-business hub between the East and the West, it provides many career options for talented graduates.

As one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, numerous multinational organisations such as Microsoft, IBM, HSBC and Google have chosen to have a significant presence in the city. Dubai is home to one-third of all Middle East and North Africa (MENA) investors and 19 venture capitalists, the highest number in the region.

One of the technological hubs of this thriving city, Dubai Internet City (DIC), is at the forefront of tech innovation and advancement. This global community is home to over 1,600 businesses of all sizes, including Fortune 500 companies, SMEs, start-ups and entrepreneurs. Tech incubators within DIC are exploring ideas that will shape the global future of cyber, digital media, mobility, the Internet of Things (IoT) and smart cities.

As well as being a global leader in business and tech, Dubai is also taking an innovative approach to science to tackle global challenges and to become a leading incubator of scientific breakthroughs.

Through the close links we have developed with Dubai’s business and tech industries, our students and graduates are in the best possible position to take advantage of internships and unique career opportunities which will build the foundation of a successful future in Dubai and beyond.

“Dubai offers so many employment opportunities, it is an excellent location to pursue a career because of the abundance of job offers at hand.”

Aishatu, MSc International Business, University of Birmingham Dubai
YOUR COMMUNITY

Our campus is located in Dubai International Academic City (DIAC). Home to over 25,000 students from over 150 different nationalities, you will have access to a wide range of facilities, learning alongside a truly international cohort.

In addition to a range of Birmingham-led events for students throughout the year, you will also benefit from activities and facilities provided within the international academic city. These include:

- **DIAC Week of Welcome (WOW)**
  Alongside Birmingham’s Welcome Week, DIAC also offers a range of events and activities to introduce you to campus and University life. These include social gatherings and outings from desert safaris to gala dinners and movie nights.

- **DIAC Sports Festival**
  The Festival provides the opportunity to meet and network with your peers across inter-university teams in sports tournaments including football, basketball, volleyball and cricket.

- **DIAC Careers Fair**
  Brings together leading recruiters within the UAE from private and public sectors to support you in obtaining a job in the industry of your choice. The fair also provides short training programmes that will enable development of your CV and advice on how to perform well in interviews.

**All the facilities you need in one location:**
- Food and beverages
- Car rentals
- Student recreation space
- Travel agency
- Sports
- Childcare

Find out more at: www.diacedu.ae
YOUR COMMUNITY — ACCOMMODATION

While you settle into university life on campus, we understand that every student has different needs and considerations. Whether you choose to live in student accommodation or commute from your home, our student support teams are with you every step of the way. We will ensure that you get the best out of your time with the University of Birmingham Dubai.

You could be a postgraduate student already living in the city of Dubai or an undergraduate student moving away for the first time. Wherever you choose to live, you will be an integral part of our Birmingham community. As well as the induction activities that you will take part in during Welcome Week, you will have the opportunity to mix with your peers in social settings, which include excursions, trips and social activities.

Accommodation

Your University experience is about much more than studying and learning. Outside the lecture room, you need somewhere to relax and make the most of your free time.

There is a wide variety of safe and modern accommodation options for students near the University of Birmingham Dubai. Dedicated student accommodation providers typically offer en-suite accommodation in shared apartments, where rooms are either single or double occupancy.

These types of accommodation also tend to offer facilities such as gyms and social spaces, with basic costs of Wi-Fi and utilities usually included in the fee.

We can provide you with details of recommended accommodation providers to meet your requirements. Alternatively, we can assist you in finding a private apartment in Dubai. Shuttle transport services will be provided at key times between our campus and our recommended accommodation providers.

Cost of accommodation

The cost of accommodation will vary depending on your lifestyle choice. Most accommodation providers will require you to pay a deposit of rent in advance, meaning that as well as having a monthly budget for accommodation costs, you will need access to additional funds initially to secure your tenancy.

To find out more, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-accommodation where we will keep you updated with more information nearer the start of the academic year.

LEARN MORE

If you would like further information, please consult the accommodation providers directly, or email living@contacts.bham.ac.uk for any general enquiries.

THE ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTED BY THE UNIVERSITY WAS GENUINELY THE BEST OPTION AS IT IS A COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES AND PROVIDES EXTRA AMENITIES THAT PRIVATE APARTMENTS WOULD NOT HAVE, WHICH MADE IT EASIER TO ADAPT TO A NEW ENVIRONMENT.

DANIELLE, BSC ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM DUBAI
SCHOLARSHIPS

Birmingham attracts the best and brightest students from across the globe. To ensure we recognise students who will flourish at the University of Birmingham, a number of scholarships are available for students applying for 2020 entry. Some of these are outlined below but contact us to find out more.

Provost’s Academic Scholarship

This prestigious scholarship is a 50% funded scholarship that is awarded to outstanding students who exhibit the highest standards of academic excellence. This is an exclusive and limited award that is offered on an invitation basis only. Awards will cover 50% of the total tuition fees (which could amount to over 150,000 AED).

Chancellor’s Academic Merit Scholarship

Birmingham has a distinguished history of attracting the brightest minds, with our former students going on to win Nobel Prizes and achieving success in business and government worldwide. As a commitment to these outstanding students joining us in Dubai, we are offering a select number of scholarships, which could be worth over 100,000 AED and equivalent to up to 30% of the annual tuition fee for each year of your programme (subject to academic achievement). These awards are available to students on all programmes, at both undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Advanced Scholarship

We recognise the benefits of our applicants being well prepared in their university journey and therefore reward you with an advanced scholarship of 10%, on top of your academic scholarship, if you pay your tuition fee deposit of 5,000 AED by a set date. Please see the website for further details.

How to apply for our scholarships

1. Find your programme by visiting www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/study
2. Click Apply Now to submit your application with us
3. If your application with us is successful you will receive confirmation via your offer letter
4. Click on apply for our Chancellor’s Awards via email invitation
5. Following the scholarships panel review, we will notify you of your scholarship award
6. You will then need to accept your offer with us within the timescales provided

Find out more

For further information about our scholarships, please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-scholarship or email scholarships.dubai@contacts.bham.ac.uk
How much does it cost to attend university? Find out more about international fees and living costs.

Studying at the University of Birmingham in Dubai means you will need to consider two main costs:
- Tuition fees, which are your contribution to the cost of learning
- Living costs, which will include travel, accommodation, food and day-to-day expenses

Tuition fees

Studying at a UK university in Dubai means you will need to pay an annual fee for your tuition, which covers the costs associated with teaching, examinations and graduation. Your annual tuition fee depends on the level at which you study.

If you are made an offer to study by the University your tuition fees will be confirmed in your offer letter.

Your annual tuition fee depends on the level at which you study and your programme of study. To find out more about our fees, please visit your chosen programme webpage for more information.

Securing your place

As a condition of study, you must pay a tuition fee deposit at the time of accepting your offer. Exceptions may apply, for example, if your fees are paid by a recognised sponsor.

Payment options

Your deposit is an advance payment of tuition fees and secures your place subject to meeting your offer criteria. It will be deducted from the fees charged to you after you register for your programme.

You can either pay the outstanding tuition fee for the academic year at the start of your programme or benefit from a termly instalment payment plan.

Your annual tuition fee depends on the level at which you study and the programme you choose to study.

For more information, visit:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-fees

Living costs

The cost of living in Dubai will depend upon your lifestyle choice but it is possible to live economically if you shop wisely and budget carefully. Basic products and services are reasonably priced and there are regular sales and promotions on consumer goods.

You will need to consider costs such as visas, accommodation and transport.

www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai

Student visas

If you’re a non-UAE national, you will need to obtain a visa to be able to study in Dubai (with the exception of GCC nationals).

To ensure that this is as smooth as possible for you, we provide support to ensure you can navigate your way through the application process. This includes:
- The type of visa you need and how to renew for each year of your studies
- How to obtain your visa and when to make your application
- Costs involved
- Requirements for medical insurance

For more information, visit:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-fees
MEET THE TEAM

The staff who teach and work alongside you are a key part of your University experience. Here are some of those who you will meet during your time at the University of Birmingham Dubai.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

‘I am thrilled to teach on this well-established programme from the Birmingham Business School. My goal is to create a truly internationally excellent learning experience for our students by bringing the rigour and critical approach of UK higher education tradition to our Dubai campus as well as engaging with local employers to enhance our students’ employability. We tailored our programme for those who have a career aspiration in international business and management, and with a flexible structure, students can study with us full-time and part-time.’

Dr Mei-Na Liao, Programme Director, International Business

ECONOMICS

‘Dubai has a booming economy with ample opportunities for graduates to embark upon world-class careers in research, consultancy, services and other businesses. These opportunities require global-level skills, understanding and knowledge of young economists. Our research-led Economics programme offers a market-focused and reflective teaching and learning experience.’

Dr Shalik Selim, Programme Director, Economics

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

‘We bring to you the expertise to understand the changing world of business on a global scale. Our broad-based degree offers a combination of academic theory and practical teaching on topics of interest and relevance to employers in a wide range of business areas.’

Dr Umme Salma Mujtaba Husein, Programme Director, Business Management

EDUCATION

‘Our goal is for our graduates to be dynamic and innovative teachers who contribute to the UAE education system and enhance learning and teaching in the country. We deliver a high-quality PGCE course with the same academic rigour as the one offered at the University’s School of Education in the UK.’

Karen Brodie, Programme Lead, PGCE Primary Education

COMPUTER SCIENCE

‘There’s never been a better time to study computer science! In the modern digital world, computer science is the foundation for small and large businesses to build their strategies and grow. It is also the key to making our personal lives easier and more fun: mobile phones, online shopping and social media – we owe them all and a lot more to computer science.

‘The University of Birmingham has an outstanding reputation for producing dynamic and innovative computer scientists which gives our graduates a strong edge in a fast-moving world. It is important that you choose a degree programme that suits your future career aspirations and that you choose a university where you will be actively supported to fulfil your potential.’

Dr Kashif Rajpoot, Programme Director, Computer Science

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

‘Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham has an outstanding reputation worldwide for producing highly competent and employable engineering practitioners who go on to work for outstanding international organisations such as BP, Arup and Aston Martin. The curriculum is designed to develop students into world-class professionals by giving hands-on experience of real-world problems, which enhances awareness of key issues such as globalisation, climate change, sustainability and inequality, and the way these impact their role as engineers.’

Dr Farrak Hafeez, Programme Director, Mechanical Engineering

LAW

‘Our Master of Laws (LLM) programme in International Commercial Law will equip you with a high level of specialist knowledge and analytical skill, placing you at an advantage in competitive commercial law markets. You will be taught by and have access to a range of experts in their fields.’

Professor Lisa Winter, Head of Birmingham Law School

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Some of our students reflect on why they chose to study University of Birmingham Dubai.

‘Being part of a small campus has allowed ease of communication between students and their tutors and enabled us to interact more during lectures and seminars, and raise multiple questions which aided us in understanding the topics in a robust manner.’
Ahmad, MSc Computer Science

‘I chose to do the PGCE programme as I felt there was a gap in the market within the UAE for qualified teachers recruited locally. I was interested in the PGCE programme with the University of Birmingham Dubai as it was the only qualification delivered in the UAE that was recognised in the UK and internationally, where a campus was available and the course was not online. The programme educates you to teach in the UAE, following the teaching standards of the UAE in preparation for obtaining your teaching licence provided by the KHDA.’
Amenah, PGCE Primary Education Teaching Studies

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Kareena, MEng fully funded scholar, BEng Mechanical Engineering

‘I chose to study at the University of Birmingham Dubai because it is a top-ranked university. I chose to pursue this course in Dubai despite living in the UK because it combines my desire to study abroad and launch an international career. What stood out to me was the emphasis on career development; it is clear the University wants students to excel.’
Aishatu, MSc International Business

‘I chose to study at the University of Birmingham because it is one of the world’s best universities and this naturally stems from this institution’s ambition and its nature of providing excellent research, and world-leading graduates. The lecturers are really friendly and are willing to help you at any time. The Student Services staff are also very helpful and will support with anything from applying for a visa to opening a bank account.’
Danielle, BSc Economics

‘I have taken up economics because I want to go into investment banking only to mature in private equity. I believe this is going to give me a structure to work within, being in a team but also will encourage entrepreneurial spirit.’
Aaron, BSc Economics

‘I decided to study at the University of Birmingham as it is one of the top 100 universities in the world, and is a part of the Russell Group of universities, which will help me gain a higher, more refined standard of education that will significantly benefit me in the future.’
Urusa, BSc Business Management

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Tendayi, BEng Mechanical Engineering

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Genniello, BSc Economics

‘The University has a global reputation and one of the largest and influential alumni networks, which will be very helpful when looking for a job or trying to start a business after you graduate.’
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Undergraduate Study

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Educational excellence

We provide our students with the highest academic quality, and the rigour of a world top 100 university, in the globally connected city of Dubai, right on your doorstep! Our students are an active part of a leading academic community, studying and working alongside academics who are global experts in their fields. As well as the benefits of studying closer to home, our students also have the opportunity to gain international insight in their second year by studying at our UK campus.

With a city packed full of different cultures and nationalities, you can network with peers from around the world and experience a thriving cosmopolitan community. As well as the outstanding academic benefits of studying with us, you will also gain a global outlook with a wide knowledge of, and insight into, a range of world cultures.

Student experience

Your time at university can be one of the most challenging yet rewarding experiences of your life; your classmates and peers can become lifelong friends so we understand the importance of a well-rounded social experience. Our Students’ Association works closely with their UK counterparts to ensure you have a fun and enriching student-led social calendar and our dedicated Student Wellbeing Officer is on hand to offer dedicated guidance and support.

Your career starts here

As a student at the University of Birmingham Dubai campus, you have access to our expert careers professionals who will use their wide range of industry contacts to help you take that next step towards employment.

Through our close links with Dubai’s business, engineering and tech industries, our students and graduates are in the best possible position to take advantage of internships and unique career opportunities which will build the foundation of a successful future in Dubai and beyond.

Graduating from a global top 100 ranked institution will provide fantastic career opportunities, including working for organisations such as Rolls-Royce, IBM, HSBC, Apple and BUPA to name a few.

Based on a three-year degree, our students can spend:

- Year 1 – Dubai campus
- Year 2 – Global experience of studying at our Birmingham campus
- Year 3 – Returning to a new state-of-the-art Dubai campus opening in 2021

Destination times to Dubai:

- Karachi – 2 hours
- Mumbai – 3 hours
- Istanbul – 4.5 hours
- Lagos – 7.5 hours
- Beijing – 7.5 hours
- Accra – 8 hours

By choosing to study with us in Dubai you will be part of a young, vibrant, global community. Dubai is a thriving, safe cosmopolitan city which combines history and modernity to create a distinctive place to live and study. Whatever your interests, Dubai has something for you!
INTEGRATED FOUNDATION YEAR

Choosing to study on the Integrated Foundation Year in Dubai provides an opportunity to enter the University environment before starting Year 1 of your chosen University of Birmingham Dubai undergraduate degree programme.

Benefits of studying on the Integrated Foundation Year

Studying the Integrated Foundation Year offers you a range of distinctive benefits:

- You will be guided and supported to make the transition to becoming an independent and self-motivated learner.
- You will experience a variety of teaching methods, depending on the four-year degree programme you are studying at the University of Birmingham Dubai.
- You will be able to formulate your own ideas and engage critically with your subject. We encourage our students to challenge and enquire.
- You will learn vital skills to help you to excel in your undergraduate degree and in a competitive job market.
- You will study a range of academic modules, taught by respected academics.
- You will be a fully integrated member of our student community, with access to all University academic facilities.
- You will be taught in English and will be studying with students from all over the world.

There are opportunities to constantly improve your academic and linguistic skills, and by the end of the Foundation Year programme, you will be fully prepared for your University of Birmingham Dubai undergraduate degree programme. Successful completion of the Foundation Year will guarantee your progression onto Year 1 of your chosen University of Birmingham Dubai degree.

Integrated Foundation Pathways available

- Accounting and Finance BSc with Integrated Foundation Year
- Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science BSc with Integrated Foundation Year
- Business Management BSc with Integrated Foundation Year
- Business Management BSc with Year in Industry and Integrated Foundation Year
- Business Management with Marketing BSc and Integrated Foundation Year
- Business Management with Marketing BSc with Year in Industry and Integrated Foundation Year
- Computer Science BSc with Integrated Foundation Year
- Computer Science and Software Engineering MEng with Integrated Foundation Year
- Economics BSc with Integrated Foundation Year
- Mechanical Engineering BEng with Integrated Foundation Year
- Money, Banking and Finance BSc with Integrated Foundation Year
- Psychology BSc with Integrated Foundation Year

‘As a Foundation Year student at the University of Birmingham Dubai, you will be fully immersed in student life and you will be a greatly valued member of the student community, studying alongside our undergraduate and postgraduate students. You will build confidence in your chosen subject area, increasing your chance of success. We look forward to welcoming you onto our vibrant and exciting new campus.’

Dr Stephen Minchin, Academic Director, Integrated Foundation Pathways

‘Though the courses are challenging, as expected from a Russell Group university, the staff and academics will always be there to help, no matter where you are.’

Yasen Gubara, BSc Bachelors Degree with Integrated Foundation Year (Engineering and Physical Sciences Pathway)

‘University of Birmingham Dubai is great because it feels like a home away from home. The academics are friendly and approachable.’

Ruth Sampson, BSc Bachelors Degree with Integrated Foundation Year (Social Sciences, Business and Law Pathway)

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How will you be taught?

- From the outset, you will be encouraged to become an independent and self-motivated learner; we want you to be challenged and will encourage you to think for yourself.
- You will be assessed in a variety of different ways, depending on the modules that you take. This will normally include coursework, which may take the form of essays, group and individual presentations, and formal exams.
- As well as our Dubai-based academic team, you will also be taught by academic staff from our UK Birmingham Business School, who actively research the fields they teach.
- Your learning will take place in a variety of different settings, from scheduled teaching in lectures to self-study and peer-group learning (for example, preparing and delivering presentations with your classmates) and also through the virtual learning platform, Canvas.

Graduate career destinations have included:

- Ferrari
- Jaguar Land Rover
- PwC
- Unilever
- Microsoft
- Morgan Stanley
- Deloitte
- J.P. Morgan
- Kia Motors Europe
- United Bank of Switzerland
- LinkedIn

Why choose our programmes?

- Our Business School programmes have been designed to provide both academic and excellent vocational relevance, ensuring that the skills and experiences you take away are valued by employers.
- Our faculty are renowned for their world-class research and excellence in teaching, which enriches our students’ knowledge and understanding. We have an enviable international advisory board and an excellent level of engagement with both regional and international businesses as well as strong links with policy-makers. We pride ourselves on students graduating with a range of skills that give them a competitive edge in the global employment market.

Daniella, BSc Economics, University of Birmingham Dubai

‘As an economics major, there are several ways the economy of the UAE, and specifically, Dubai, is an interesting one. The theoretical knowledge I gain in lectures is put straight into practice by looking at the exciting economy of Dubai.’

Consistently found in global ranking league tables and one of just 1% of business schools in the world to be accredited by leading bodies AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, our gold standard ‘triple-crown’ accreditation confirms our position within an elite group of global business schools. The Birmingham Business School delivers world-class research and teaching which provides the insight, ambition and skills to shape advanced and sustainable business strategies.
Accounting and Finance BSc (Hons) – 3 years

What will you study?
The Accounting and Finance programme will prepare you for a successful career in the accountancy profession or financial sector, or for a financial role in industry or government. Many of our graduates go on to become accountants, auditors, tax specialists, financial analysts, fund managers, traders, brokers and investment researchers. On successful completion, you will be eligible to apply for exemptions from professional accounting bodies. This programme is ACCA and CPA Australia accredited.

Module themes covered will include: Financial Reporting; Management Accounting; Auditing; Taxation and Corporate Finance.

You have the option to take a short-term internship in Year 3 and the opportunity to take an exchange year on the home campus (subject to attainment).

Business Management BSc (Hons) – 3 years

What will you study?
The Business Management programme equips you with the expertise to lead and understand the changing world of business on a national and global scale. This degree combines the latest research and thinking with the philosophy that future leaders of industry need a sound and a broad-based business education. You will develop critical and analytical skills, as well as your in-depth knowledge of current business practices. These skills are highly sought after by a diverse range of employers. As a University of Birmingham Dubai student, you are part of an academic elite and will learn from world-leading experts. From the outset, you will be encouraged to become an independent and self-motivated learner. We want you to be challenged and will encourage you to think for yourself.

Every business needs effective management to flourish. Therefore, module themes covered will include: Accounting and Finance; Business Ethics; Human Resources; Entrepreneurship; Marketing; Economics and Management.

You have the opportunity to take an exchange year on the home campus (subject to attainment).

Business Management with Marketing BSc (Hons) – 3 years

What will you study?
Our Business Management with Marketing degree has been designed with global marketing companies to ensure that by graduating from the University of Birmingham you are ready to become a marketer of the future in challenging and exciting new contexts. By providing you with a breadth of knowledge in business management and marketing, we will develop your intellectual and transferable employability skills. Marketers will always be in demand and studying marketing is thought-provoking and exciting. Your degree will enable you to develop in-demand specialist marketing knowledge such as how consumers behave and buy what they do, how online data drives organisational strategy and ethical consumption.

Your first year introduces you to key areas in the study of business such as accounting and economics; as well as focusing on the Principles of Marketing and Communications. You will build on these principles when you study your specialised marketing modules in Years 2 and 3. You will take modules that are in demand from industry such as Branding in the Digital Age; Marketing Communications; Marketing and New Technology and Marketing Strategy: From Analysis to Implementation.

Business Management with Year in Industry BSc (Hons) – 3 years

What will you study?
Based on our BSc (Hons) Business Management degree, you will spend three years studying disciplines with direct relevance to business. You will also have the opportunity to take two industry placements which will enable you to put your academic skills into context.

In Year 1 (June–September), students shall undertake a work placement in Dubai or their home nation for a duration of 3.5 months, which will be assessed via reflective assignments. In Year 2 (June–September), students shall undertake a second work placement for a duration of 3.5 months, which will be assessed via reflective assignments. You may choose to work in Dubai or your home country – subject to obtaining the relevant permissions. This second placement is assessed by a report. You have the opportunity to take an exchange year on the home campus (subject to attainment). Should you take the exchange study year on our home campus then you may then undertake a work placement in the UK.
Business programmes

Economics BSc (Hons) – 3 years
What will you study?
When you choose our Economics programme, you will be taught through a combination of theory and practical teaching, equipping you with the theoretical and practical training for tackling a wide range of issues facing society and the world economy. Economics is an intellectually challenging discipline that builds important skills and techniques in using maths and applying statistics that you can use to analyse economic data and forecast what may happen in the future. In addition, you will gain wider transferable skills, which will make you a highly sought-after graduate with a significant advantage in the employment market.

Module themes covered will include: The core areas of Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Econometrics, alongside more specialised areas such as Financial Markets, International Trade and Development.

You have the opportunity to take an exchange year on the home campus (subject to attainment).

Money, Banking and Finance BSc (Hons) – 3 years
What will you study?
The Money, Banking and Finance programme combines the knowledge and core competencies from Economics and Finance, delivering both the intellectual and applied skills you need to excel in the dynamic, fast-changing financial services sector. Our graduates can go on to achieve the following positions: actuarial analyst, equities trade manager, investment banker, financial consultant, personal wealth manager and others in a diverse range of institutions and firms, such as banks, insurance companies, pensions and investment funds, unit trusts, firms associated with the stock exchange, accountancy partnerships and many more.

Modules covered on the programme include: Principles of Economics; The Global Economy; Advanced Corporate Finance; Econometrics; Macroeconomics; Microeconomics; Financial Markets and Institutions and Financial Reporting.

You have the opportunity to take an exchange year on the home campus (subject to attainment).

Integrated Foundation Year for undergraduate business programmes – 4 years
Our four-year undergraduate programme includes an Integrated Foundation Year, which you may need to take depending on your previous studies. As part of your Foundation Year, you will study core modules Business and the Market, Quantitative Methods for Business and the Market and Academic English and Study Skills. You then have optional modules of Law, Psychology (‘social’) and Biology to choose from. These modules have been designed to provide you with a solid foundation in relevant subjects while supporting your English language and study skills, preparing you to move on to the next stage of your chosen degree programme. We will ensure you are fully prepared for your undergraduate programme, immersing you in the University environment.

Entry requirements
To be considered by the University of Birmingham Dubai, you will need to meet our entry requirements as well as the specific entry requirements of your chosen programme.

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Computer Science programmes

Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science BSc (Hons)
Computer Science BSc (Hons)
Computer Science and Software Engineering MEng

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Computer Science is an integral discipline for the 21st century and is a dynamic, fast-moving sector which offers exciting careers and excellent rewards. We provide specialist teaching and conduct cutting-edge research in Intelligent Systems (including Machine Learning and Robotics), Cyber-Security, Theoretical Computer Science and Human-Centred Computing.

Why choose our programmes?
- The University of Birmingham is one of the leading universities globally for computer science, and our outstanding programmes offer a range of exciting career opportunities for students from around the world
- The combination of technical and transferable skills offered by our computing graduates, are highly sought after by employers and gives Birmingham graduates the edge in a competitive job market
- Our research feeds directly into your teaching, ensuring your programme includes the latest developments in computer science
- Our teaching is consistently ranked highly in all reputable league tables and guides and we have the highest possible rating from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

How will you be taught?
- We will broaden your knowledge of selected areas of computing by a combination of taught modules and individual project work which will help you to develop a disciplined approach to analysing problems and the ability to design creative solutions and critically evaluate the results
- Assessment methods include examinations, essays, oral and poster presentations, computer-based tests, marked exercises, class tests and laboratory and project reports

Graduate career destinations have included:
- Microsoft
- Apple
- BUPA
- Expedia.com
- Cisco
- Goldman Sachs
- European Space Agency
- HP
- IBM
- Google
- PwC
- BAE Systems

WE ARE RANKED 11th IN THE UK ACCORDING TO THE TIMES AND THE SUNDAY TIMES GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2019
What is Computer Science?

Computers are a core part of our lives: social networking, media streaming, security, computer games, office applications and online shopping are all obvious examples of things that computer science has brought us that many people are very familiar with.

At its most fundamental level, computer science is about information: how to represent, store, communicate, manipulate, understand and make use of it.

Information is a tremendously valuable commodity and there is a vast industry dedicated to making sense of it: from generating adverts specific to your interests on social networking sites to identifying trends in financial markets. The role of the computer scientist in this process is not just about writing computer programs to perform a particular task (although this can be a significant part of what computer scientists do), it is about developing new ways of thinking about information and what you can do with it. This can have a profound impact on other areas of science and engineering and also humanities, social sciences and business.

Thinking about problems from a computational perspective is leading to fundamental new insights in other areas and allows us to:

- Extract the crucial features from very large datasets such as those generated in the search for gravitational waves
- Develop new drugs for cancer
- Understand how the brain works through the analysis of artificial neural networks and by drawing on our knowledge of information processing to formulate computational theories of the mind
- Analyse data from social networks and mobile systems to understand the movements and motivations of people
- Model and analyse business processes to understand how to improve the efficiency of a company’s operations
- Identify and fix security flaws in computational systems from travel cards to voting systems

So, at its most fundamental level, computer science is about understanding, analysing and designing information processing systems. This is a complex multi-faceted process that can involve mathematical analysis, engineering, human factors and ethical considerations.

Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science BSc (Hons) – 3 years

What will you study?

In the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), you create machines and software that solve problems and study the nature of intelligence. The engineering side of this field is especially relevant in today’s world because of the benefits of making computers perform tasks that normally require human intelligence. From a scientific viewpoint, artificial intelligence is a multidisciplinary field that connects with computing, psychology, neuroscience, philosophy, mathematics and linguistics.

This degree programme will give you all the computing skills you need to enter industry, while also allowing you to acquire scientific skills to pursue research. The University of Birmingham has one of the leading centres for AI teaching and research in Europe, which enables us to offer a rich and innovative programme for undergraduate study. In your first and second years, you will study a range of compulsory modules to give you a solid grounding in computer science. In your final year, you will study cutting-edge modules in specific areas of AI, including complex adaptive systems, machine learning and intelligent data analysis and computer vision and imaging. You also spend one-third of your time on a final degree project. This includes writing a large piece of software or doing a major piece of research, bringing together all the AI skills you have acquired.

Computer Science BSc (Hons) – 3 years

What will you study?

Our Computer Science programme will provide you with a balance of general computer science, practical software engineering and more specialised areas such as artificial intelligence and cyber-security. It will focus on analytical methods and technical skills and offer you the opportunity to combine knowledge and personal skills to undertake the research and development of software solutions to problems. You will learn about different comprehensive aspects of computational systems, their theory, design, development and application. The degree incorporates strong practical elements exemplified by the team project in Year 2 and the independent project in Year 3, where students develop a large software system.

Module themes covered will include:
- Artificial Intelligence; Security and Networks; Software Engineering; Computer Vision; and Computer Graphics.

Computer Science BSc (Hons) with Integrated Foundation Year – 4 years

What will you study?

Our four-year undergraduate programme includes an Integrated Foundation Year, which you may need to take depending on your previous studies.

As part of your Foundation Year, you will study Properties of Matter, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Introductory Computer Science, Mathematics and Academic English and Study Skills. These modules have been designed to provide you with a solid foundation in relevant subjects whilst supporting your English language and study skills, preparing you to move on to the next stage of your chosen degree programme. We will ensure you are fully prepared for your undergraduate programme, immersing you into the University environment.
Computer Science and Software Engineering MEng – 4 years

What will you study?

Our MEng in Computer Science and Software Engineering is a four-year honours degree programme. You will be provided with a thorough coverage of core areas in computer science and software engineering, giving you a systematic grounding in the theoretical underpinnings of the discipline. You will have the ability to go deeper into specialist areas in appropriate modules than is possible in the BSc degree.

The first two years of course content for these degrees are compulsory fundamental modules, whilst in the third year, you have a wide variety of optional modules to choose from. In the fourth and final year, you have the unique opportunity to select extended modules from the School’s portfolio of specialist Masters subjects, in addition to tackling a large project.

In the final year, you will study at our Edgbaston campus where modules from our range of Masters programmes will be open to you. You will also undertake a much more in-depth project which involves a major software or research element, and brings together all of the computer science skills you have acquired. Your choice of modules alongside your choice of project will allow you to specialise in a field such as computer security, human-computer interaction, theoretical computer science, robotics or natural computation.

Entry requirements

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Mechanical engineers make things move. Mechanical engineers design and develop all machines with moving parts – anything from vehicles like satellites, cars, trains and aircraft, to plants for generating clean power, life-saving medical equipment like pace-makers, incubators and micro-scale pumps, and machines such as robots that make other products.

Why choose our programmes?

- A strong element of practical work gives you the experience of applying theory to real-world situations
- You benefit from our excellent links with industry and our graduates are in high demand
- All courses are taught on the Dubai campus with key UK staff – students experience exactly the same course that they would in Birmingham
- Our programmes develop your professional skills such as teamwork, project management, communication and leadership alongside your technical expertise
- Our teaching is informed by our research and you will benefit from developments at the leading edge of the field
- Exchange programmes are planned that – subject to academic attainment – will give our Dubai students the opportunity to spend time studying at the University’s picturesque campus in Edgbaston, Birmingham

How will you be taught?

- You will experience a range of teaching and learning styles during your course that reflect the diversity of the subject
- The programme is delivered through lectures, small group workshops, laboratories, computer-based activities, enquiry-based learning and tutorials; all of which encourage you to become an independent, self-motivated learner
- Academics from the School of Engineering, in Birmingham, will deliver guest lectures throughout the three-year programme
- Emphasis is placed on design and research project work in your third year

Graduate career destinations have included:

- Mercedes-Benz
- Jaguar Land Rover
- BP
- Rolls-Royce
- AMEC
- Aston Martin
- ARUP
- Johnson & Johnson

‘I feel really lucky to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham Dubai because I get to have a lot of hands-on experience and I have the chance to build things independently, which is a great experience for Year 1.’

Dechuang Kong, BEng Mechanical Engineering, University of Birmingham Dubai

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Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education 2016/17
Mechanical Engineering BEng (Hons) – 3 years

What will you study?

Mechanical engineering is a professional discipline that is hugely important in day-to-day life, and supplies solutions to a vast range of sectors.

Our Mechanical Engineering BEng (Hons) programme is designed to produce graduates with the required skills and knowledge to create products that can compete successfully in global markets, or to develop and implement new technologies.

In the first year of the programme, you will gain a thorough grounding in core engineering knowledge alongside a broad understanding of behaviour, policy, entrepreneurship and global perspectives.

In the second and third years, you will study a specialist programme in Mechanical Engineering, addressing key themes such as heat, power and fluid flows, vehicle engineering, control, manufacturing technology and production management.

The final year of the programme has a problem-solving focus, and you will work on a major individual project linked to your chosen field of specialisation.

Mechanical Engineering BEng (Hons) with Integrated Foundation Year – 4 years

What will you study?

Depending on your previous studies you may need to take our four-year undergraduate programme, which includes an integrated entry year.

As part of your entry year, you will study Properties of Matter, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, Mechanics and Waves, Mathematics and Academic English and Study Skills. These modules have been designed to provide you with a solid foundation in relevant subjects whilst supporting your English language and study skills, preparing you to move on to the next stage of your chosen degree programme. We will ensure you are fully prepared for your undergraduate programme, immersing you into the University environment.

Masters-level study

By successfully completing the BEng Mechanical Engineering programme to at least a 2:1 and subject to UK visa approval, you can progress onto our MSc in Advanced Mechanical Engineering, allowing you to continue your education at postgraduate level.

Delivered at our Birmingham campus, the MSc allows students to demonstrate their knowledge and expertise to future employers through further learning from experts in their fields of work.

Students will be supported in their applications for the MSc subject to the successful completion of their undergraduate study to the required level (see link below).

With leading research into Advanced Mechanical Engineering, the University of Birmingham is the ideal location for bright graduates, looking for a solid and well-respected postgraduate qualification that will act as a springboard for a successful future.

For more information, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/adv-mechanical-engineering

Integrated Design Project

The Integrated Design Project provides students with the opportunity to take on, as part of a team, a real-life design that addresses worldwide problems, providing an opportunity to apply cross-disciplinary working to solve a range of different problems.

The project enhances students’ awareness regarding challenges imposed by key issues such as globalisation, climate change, sustainability and inequality, and the way these impact their role as engineers. Working together, students provide design solutions to real-world project scenarios which meet a global design challenge.

Spanning all three years of the BEng Mechanical Engineering programme, students will become adept at valuable professional skills, such as report writing, literature searching, presentation skills, and interdisciplinary team-work, as well as the integral practical skills required to excel as an engineering practitioner, including product design specification, concept and detail design, engineering drawings, and computer-aided design.

By the end of the project, students should be able to:

• Apply problem-solving skills, technical knowledge and mathematical and computer-based models where appropriate, to create a design and establish that it is fit for purpose including production, operation, maintenance and disposal
• Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of risk and limitations, and utilise measures to evaluate and manage uncertainties in information, design techniques, the product, health and safety, environmental and commercial consideration
• Appraise and understand the differentiation between responsibility within an engineering team, as an individual, team member and professional engineer, and apply this knowledge to fulfil team goals
• Evaluate, reflect on and adapt engineering practice, in the context of an interdisciplinary team
• Demonstrate an understanding of the broader considerations, codes of conduct and legal regulations, required by the professional engineer with respect to: sustainability, ethics, environmental concerns, human, industrial and commercial constraints
• Communicate and defend effectively the design concepts to specialist and non-specialist audiences
• Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of project, financial and business management

‘An engineering degree from Birmingham gives employers the confidence that you have the capability to think logically, learn quickly, absorb information, complete tasks and deal with external pressures.’

Philippa King-Smith, BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering

Entry requirements

To be considered by the University of Birmingham Dubai, you will need to meet our entry requirements as well as the specific entry requirements of your chosen programme.

Find out more at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-entry
Psychology plays a significant part in modern-day life, from the school classroom to the courtroom, in industry, business organisations and in universities. The University of Birmingham is home to one of the largest and most active psychology schools in the UK, with an excellent reputation for teaching and research across all areas of contemporary psychology.

Why choose our programme?

You will study many different aspects of psychology – from child development to psychopharmacology, social psychology to neuroscience. You can look forward to being taught by world-leading academics, many of whom are experts in their fields.

You will develop a range of transferable analytical, communication, and interpersonal skills. Our graduates are very successfully working in a range of sectors both in the UK and overseas. They are highly regarded and successful in finding careers both within psychology and neuroscience and in the wider professional, commercial and industrial world.

How will you be taught?

Your learning will take place in a range of settings, from scheduled teaching in seminars, lectures and small group tutorials, to peer-group learning where you may be asked to prepare and deliver a presentation with your classmates.

You will be expected to think, discuss and engage critically with the subject and find things out for yourself. We will enable you to make this transition to a new style of learning, and the way that you are assessed during your studies will help you develop the essential skills you need to make a success of your time at Birmingham.

‘My lecturers are so passionate about the field of psychology they are teaching, that they have inspired me to engage in the subject and want to learn more.’

Nareen, BSc Psychology (UK campus student)

‘What attracted me most was that when I looked at the modules, there were many different areas of psychology offered. This has exposed me to new things and indirectly helps me to choose an area in which to specialise in the future.’

Ku Nurul Izzah Ku Seman, BSc Psychology (UK campus student)
Integrated Foundation Year for Undergraduate Psychology programme – 4 years

Our four-year undergraduate programme includes an Integrated Foundation Year, which you may need to take depending on your previous studies. As part of your Foundation Year, you will study the introductions to core areas of psychology e.g., cognitive psychology, social psychology etc; as well as biology, maths for life sciences and academic English and study skills.

These modules have been designed to provide you with a solid foundation in relevant subjects while supporting your English language and study skills, preparing you to move on to the next stage of your chosen degree programme. We will ensure you are fully prepared for your undergraduate programme, immersing you in the University environment.

Psychology BSc (Hons) – 3 years

What will I study?

Our three-year Psychology BSc covers the full breadth of the field of psychology and its research methods. Gaining a grounding in all aspects of psychology is an important foundation for the wide range of potential career paths in which it allows graduates to specialise.

Psychology is traditionally defined as the study of mind and behaviour, but this simple description doesn’t truly capture the tremendous variety of phenomena that you will study or the skills you will learn as a psychologist. The behaviours that you will study range from apparently simple acts like feeding, to much more complex skills such as language and social interactions. In studying the mind, our programme deals with a very wide range of abilities and processes, such as seeing, hearing, feeling and remembering and how these processes act in concert making humans conscious and intelligent. More recently, psychology has become more integrated with the neurosciences, and our programme mines what we know about how the brain and nervous system underlie our thoughts and behaviours, for example, by determining which brain areas and networks deal with particular mental functions, and how individual nerve cells work and communicate with each other.

The degree programme is structured on a modular basis. In the first and second years, you will take a range of modules covering psychology, research methods and subject-related skills. In your final year, you will be offered a range of specialist modules bringing you to the forefront of the field in some carefully selected areas of psychology.

Entry requirements

To be considered by the University of Birmingham Dubai, you will need to meet our entry requirements as well as the specific entry requirements of your chosen programme.

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POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Career support and flexible study

Your ambition is our ambition and we provide the careers support and training which will equip you for the next step in your journey. Whether you are already employed, changing career or are yet to enter the job market, our careers team will offer you employment advice, help you to foster valuable networks, and identify relevant opportunities to ensure you are ready to take your next step and are equipped to demonstrate your achievements.

Our postgraduate programmes offer flexible study times meaning you can balance your existing commitments while enhancing your future professional prospects. As the third most targeted UK University by top employers, we can teach you the skills required to make you a highly desirable graduate for employers locally, nationally and internationally.

Academic rigour

The University of Birmingham is a research-intensive university and our students are an integral part of this world-leading, vibrant and stimulating research community. Your degree will teach you the skills of research, enable you to engage with the insights of leading researchers in your field and expose you to the challenges and excitement of original thinking that creates new knowledge.

As well as being taught to a Gold Teaching Excellence Framework standard, we will work with you to identify your personal training and support needs as you engage in a challenging, yet rewarding, postgraduate degree.

Top three points for postgraduate study at University of Birmingham Dubai

- Cutting-edge and research-led teaching (global top 100)
- Flexible study ‘earn while you learn’
- Building a new career

Visit our website to find out more about our programmes on offer, and to register for more information: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-study

At the University of Birmingham Dubai, we encourage bold, independent thinking. Our postgraduate programmes will stretch and challenge you to achieve your potential, develop your career and pursue your interests. You can expect to engage with challenging debates, theories and concepts. As a postgraduate student, you will benefit from both academic and personal development that will help you achieve success and ensure your degree is an asset in your future prospects.
Studying on MSc International Business has been a great experience for me; excellent faculty members, coupled with a dynamic cohort, world-class tuition and an awesome support system. Coming together in groups to work on projects, assignments and presentations has helped reshape my interpersonal relationships and boosted my confidence and public speaking skills. I must say, the University of Birmingham is actually a home away from home.’

Sandra, MSc International Business, University of Birmingham Dubai
International Business MSc – 1 year or 2 years part-time

What will you study?

The MSc in International Business will equip you with a comprehensive understanding of relevant and current international issues, allowing you to take your career anywhere in the world. Across the globe, organisations are seeking dynamic managers with the skills to work away from their domestic country. You will have the opportunity to draw on the talents of globally respected scholars and teachers whose expertise combined with the breadth of the syllabus will prepare you for your new international career.

The module themes cover key subjects of business and management in a global context, such as HRM, Marketing and Branding, Finance and Accounting, Operations and Procurement, Business Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation Systems, Global Shift and Cross-culture Management. You will then complete a final dissertation on the topic of your choice relating to international business.

Advancing your career aspirations and expanding your skill-set is fundamental to MSc International Business. Throughout the programme, we will develop your analytical and communication skills and you will gain valuable experience in interdisciplinary teamwork and networking. This programme has been designed to be flexible for both full-time and part-time students.

‘I chose to undertake MSc International Business at the University of Birmingham Dubai because I wanted to complement my engineering skills with a comprehensive understanding of how businesses operate in an international context. This course covers a wide range of topics, related to international business, which serve to challenge and stretch your thought process. I have benefited tremendously from this course as I was able to learn from, and interact with, people from various backgrounds, which further enhanced my understanding and appreciation of international business.’

Christopher, MSc International Business, University of Birmingham Dubai

‘The MSc International Business programme exposed me to in-depth research and international experience which helped students to become culturally aware and confident managers in global working environments.’

Rithulal, MSc International Business
Computer Science programme

Computer Science is an integral discipline for the 21st century and is a dynamic, fast-moving sector which offers exciting careers and excellent rewards. We provide specialist teaching and conduct cutting-edge research in Intelligent Systems (including Machine Learning and Robotics), Cyber-Security, Theoretical Computer Science and Human-Centred Computing.

Why choose our programmes?
• The University of Birmingham is one of the leading universities globally for postgraduate study in computer science, and our outstanding programmes offer a range of exciting career opportunities for students from around the world
• The combination of technical and transferable skills offered by our computing graduates, are highly sought after by employers and gives Birmingham graduates the edge in a competitive job market
• Our research feeds directly into your teaching, ensuring your programme includes the latest developments in computer science
• Our teaching is consistently ranked highly in all reputable league tables and guides and we have the highest possible rating from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

How will you be taught?
We will broaden your knowledge of selected areas of computing by a combination of taught modules and individual project work which will help you to develop a disciplined approach to analysing problems and the ability to design creative solutions and critically evaluate the results.

Assessment methods include examinations, essays, oral and poster presentations, computer-based tests, marked exercises, class tests and laboratory and project reports.

Graduate career destinations have included:
• Microsoft
• Apple
• BUPA
• Expedia.com
• Cisco
• Goldman Sachs
• European Space Agency
• HP
• IBM
• Google
• PwC
• BAE Systems

‘While studying MSc Computer Science, I had the opportunity to take part in an internship at Chalhoub Group as a Software Developer. During my internship, I worked on developing the best E-commerce website/app in the region and my role went from doing front-end work to back-end work within a couple of months. “One of my lecturers, Dr Ahmad Ibrahim, helped me immensely to manage the internship and my Masters project in parallel.”

Surya, MSc Computer Science, University of Birmingham Dubai

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Computer Science MSc – 1 year

What will you study?

This programme is designed to give a grounding in both the fundamentals of computer science and practical software development skills and opens the door to exciting new career opportunities in computer science and information technology.

The content of the programme consists of a number of core modules and a project. Projects vary from applied software engineering through to work that is linked to our research groups (www.cs.bham.ac.uk/research). The common factor is that almost all projects involve the development of a large software system.

Modules covered will include topics from: Databases, Data Structures, Operating Systems, Introduction to Computer Science, Software Engineering, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Human-Computer Interaction.

‘It’s an essential requirement for every industry to pursue technological advancement to grow and prosper. Joining the MSc Computer Science programme was not only a choice of interest, but a requirement for me to maintain relevancy within the industry.’

Ahmed Khouli, MSc Computer Science, University of Birmingham Dubai
Law has been taught at the University of Birmingham for over 100 years. Being so well established, we have educated and continue to educate students from all around the world. We have a strong faculty of academic lawyers who are leaders in their fields. As such, they conduct cutting-edge research that informs law reform and contributes to the policy-making process.

Why choose our programmes?

Birmingham Law School has an international reputation for its excellence in research and teaching across several specialist areas of international commercial law.

Our academic staff are amongst the UK’s most eminent legal scholars. The most recent Research Excellence Framework confirmed that 96% of our research is judged to be internationally recognised. You will be taught by, and research alongside these academics.

How will you be taught?

At Birmingham, you’ll be taught by experts, often the authors of key legal texts, thereby enabling you to develop significant expertise that will enhance your career prospects.

We continue to provide our students with an innovative, challenging and research-driven education, where you will be actively encouraged to participate in seminars. Modules are all 20 credits in length, comprising ten two-hour seminars to enable you to develop significant expertise in each area of law.

You will be assessed in the modules by essays or formal examination. You will also research and write a 15,000-word dissertation (60 credits) on an approved legal topic relating to international commercial law under the supervision of a member of staff.

Graduate career destinations have included:

- Home Office
- Pinsent Masons
- Lloyds Banking Group
- Kinstellar
- Salmi and Partners
- Volkswagen
International Commercial Law LLM – 1 year

What will you study?

The past few decades have seen enormous growth in global commerce, increasing the importance and prominence of international commercial law. This area of law provides a basis for global business transactions and the development of international markets. The increasing relevance of this programme makes it an excellent choice for those seeking opportunities in the commercial world.

Building on our reputation for excellence in research and teaching, the modules available draw on our strength and expertise.

Module themes covered will include:
- Company Law
- Banking Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Commercial Conflict of Law
- International Trade Law and Policy: Foundations
- Comparative International Commercial Arbitration

‘I would recommend the University of Birmingham to others not only because it is highly regarded and will give you excellent chances of securing a great job, but also because they provide you with all the tools you need to learn.’

Catalina Luisa Rosnante,
LLM International Commercial Law alumna (UK campus student)

Entry requirements

To be considered by the University of Birmingham Dubai, you will need to meet our entry requirements as well as the specific entry requirements of your chosen programme.

Find out more at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-entry
The School of Education at Birmingham has an outstanding reputation as a centre of excellence for teaching and research in a wide range of areas of educational practice and policy. We have a long tradition of providing high-quality teacher education programmes in Primary and Secondary Education at the University of Birmingham. The one-year, full-time PGCE programmes that we offer in Dubai do not confer QTS but are designed to meet recognised teacher standards in the UAE and UK and time is spent in placement schools to develop the necessary experience and skills.

Why choose our programmes?

- Achieve a globally recognised teaching certificate that is taught, assessed and accredited by one of the top universities in the UK
- Develop as a teaching professional while remaining in the UAE
- Improve your employability by developing a portfolio that demonstrates a wide range of professional competencies linked to the UK and UAE standards
- Opportunity to progress to MA Education (Teaching Studies)
- Work with elite tutors and educators
- Develop a global approach to education
- Our programmes have been rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted
- Our programmes have been approved by KHDA

How will you be taught?

During school placements, you will apply what you have learnt and continue learning through observing experienced teachers, team teaching with peers and teachers, and supported solo teaching within classes. As the programme progresses, you will develop increasing confidence and expertise in selecting from a repertoire of learning activities that are supported by appropriate use of resources and technology. The programme has an excellent and proven track record. It is rigorous and challenging, forming an excellent preparation for a successful career in teaching.

Graduate career destinations have included:
Primary schools and secondary schools where graduates have then moved on to leadership roles.

Entry requirements
To be considered by the University of Birmingham Dubai, you will need to meet our entry requirements as well as the specific entry requirements of your chosen programme.

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Teacher education programmes

PGCE Primary Education
(Teaching Studies) – 1 year, full-time

What will you study?

Suitable for those interested in becoming a teacher across the full 5–11 age range, the Primary Education programme is a full-time, one-year postgraduate programme taught at both our campus and with placements in our partnership schools. The programme is designed to help you plan, teach and develop your classroom skills within the primary age range. Time within the programme is spent developing necessary subject knowledge in English, Maths and Science, alongside the consideration of whole-school issues such as Managing Behaviour.

The programme has two parts:

Part 1: The university part develops your understanding of the theoretical and practical issues inherent in the classroom teaching of subjects and whole-school issues within the primary/foundation curriculum. The following areas are covered by all students:

- Professional Studies
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- ICT

Part 2: The school-based practice enables you to apply what you have learned and to develop and refine your teaching skills.

PGCE Secondary Science Education
(Teaching Studies) – 1 year, full-time

What will you study?

Designed for those who want to teach pupils aged 11–18, the Secondary Science Education programme is a full-time, one-year postgraduate programme and includes study around teaching methods, school-based work and whole-school issues in a variety of settings. The programme develops skills and abilities in understanding the complexities that surround the teaching and learning of science; the subject knowledge and the pedagogy. We hope to develop you as a reflective teacher who considers carefully the choices in how to teach science and makes informed decisions about how you work best with students.

The programme includes the following areas of study:

- subject-based teaching methods,
- school-based work,
- whole-school issues.

‘After taking a career break to raise my young family, I sought a career change into teaching. I felt the PGCE at the University of Birmingham was the best option available in Dubai to suit my learning style. The programme is well run, with supportive tutors and in-school mentors.’

Airon, PGCE Primary Education, University of Birmingham Dubai

PGCE Secondary English Education
(Teaching Studies) – 1 year, full-time

What will you study?

Designed for those who want to teach pupils aged 11–18, the Secondary English Education programme is a full-time, one-year programme with some of this time being spent in placement schools. It includes study around teaching methods, school-based work and whole-school issues. This programme will enable students to become reflective, confident practitioners, as well as offering a strong conceptual framework about education, children, English and classroom teaching.

The programme includes the following areas of study:

- subject-based teaching methods,
- school-based work
- whole-school issues.

‘We are delighted to be collaborating with some exceptional schools across the UAE to support our PGCE students during their school experience placement on the programme. With an experienced mentor designated to each student within the partner school, you will learn from experienced practitioners in a supportive and nurturing environment. The combination of focused, research-based teaching at the University and innovative school experience, ensures that our PGCE students flourish into self-reflective practitioners.’

Sanam Yaqub, School Partnership Strategies Manager, University of Birmingham Dubai

PGCE Secondary Mathematics Education
(Teaching Studies) – 1 year, full-time

What will you study?

Designed for those who want to teach pupils aged 11–18, the Secondary Mathematics Education programme is a full-time, one-year postgraduate programme and includes study around teaching methods, school-based work and whole-school issues. The programme develops a deep understanding of issues and complexities that surround the teaching and learning of mathematics. We wish to develop you as a thinking teacher who can be aware of choices in how to teach mathematics and make informed decisions about how you work with students. Our sessions will rarely be in the form of a lecture, instead, we use activities and discussion as the main way of working.

The programme includes the following areas of study:

- subject-based teaching methods,
- school-based work
- whole-school issues.

‘Studying at the University of Birmingham has enabled me to become a reflective and confident practitioner who has acquired a range of skills and strategies needed to teach within today’s profession.’

Thomas Taylor, School of Education alumnus (UK campus student)
PGCE Secondary Modern Languages: Arabic (Teaching Studies) – 1 year

What will you study?

Designed for those who want to teach pupils aged 11–18, the Secondary Arabic Education programme is a full-time, one-year programme with some of this time being spent in placement schools. It includes study around teaching methods, school-based work and whole-school issues. This programme will enable students to become reflective, confident practitioners, as well as offering a strong conceptual framework about education, children, Arabic and classroom teaching.

The programme includes the following areas of study: subject-based teaching methods, school-based work and whole-school issues.

PGCE Secondary Modern Languages: Arabic (School Direct route) – 1 year

School Direct gives you the chance to combine a school-based teacher training with our outstanding University programmes. You will work as part of the teaching team from day one and will learn from experienced colleagues within the school, while also benefiting from the training, support and expertise of University of Birmingham tutors.

We offer the PGCE in Secondary Arabic on our School Direct route. We will work in partnership with the school to manage your training programme towards gaining a PGCE that offers 60 credits. Applicants will be selected jointly by relevant staff from the University and their partner school. After successful completion of the course, the newly qualified teacher may well go on to work within the group of schools in which they were training, although there is no guarantee of employment.

PGCert Inclusion and Special Educational Needs – 1 year, part-time

What will you study?

The Inclusion and Special Educational Needs (ISEN) programme is a 60-credit postgraduate certificate designed for in-service teachers, school leaders, education policy leaders and others working directly or indirectly with children with disabilities in the UAE, the UK and around the world.

The ISEN programme covers a range of topics, specifically cross-cultural disability theory, inclusive policy and evaluation and inclusive classroom practices. Students in the ISEN PGCert programme will take three 20-credit modules over the course of one year:

- Cross-Cultural Issues in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Inclusion: Individual and Group Differences
- Evaluation and Policy Analysis for Inclusive Education

How will you be taught?

The ISEN programme is taught through a blended approach of digital and face-to-face learning. Students will engage in one module per term and modules are designed on activity and project-based learning strategies that engage students to reflect on, and innovate, their professional practices to promote the inclusion of all students.

Why choose this programme?

- Increase knowledge and awareness of inclusion and special educational needs to support all students in the classroom
- Understand cross-cultural and global issues in inclusion and special educational needs
- Learn from globally recognised experts on inclusion and special educational needs
- Develop assignments and projects to support Continuing Professional Development (CPD) portfolios
- Opportunity to progress to PGDip and MEd in ISEN (based at our Birmingham campus, but offered online)
- Opportunity to progress to MA Education (Teaching Studies)
- Work with elite tutors and educators
- Develop a global approach to education
- Our University programmes have been rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted
- The programme has been approved by KHDA

‘I’ve really enjoyed the course so far. It has been a mind- and eye-opener when it comes to some of my preconceived ideas, and has made me challenge myself in a whole bunch of different ways. I can feel that by the end of the course, I’ll be in a much better position to help the students, and to have a positive influence on how we work with learning support at school.’

Anonymous, ISEN student (UK campus student)
At the University of Birmingham, we believe in making our cutting-edge research and knowledge accessible to all.

Offering a suite of workshops, guest lectures and Executive Education courses, our programmes are designed for working professionals who are looking to expand their knowledge, learn about new developments in their field, or understand other related disciplines.

Our programmes draw on the knowledge and expertise of our academic faculty based in the UAE but also the cutting-edge and world-leading research taking place at the University of Birmingham’s Edgbaston campus.

Our professional curriculum offers an in-depth insight into both a UAE and a global context. Delegates benefit from small class sizes with high academic-to-delegate ratios, peer-to-peer learning through class discussions and networking events.

Our experience of working with critical issues that impact on Dubai and the wider UAE region include: developing inclusion and special education needs support in Dubai; legal issues in financial markets; character virtues of the young in schools; and encouraging support and engagement for Arabic language development.

If you are interested in talking to us about bespoke CPD opportunities for you or your organisation, contact Lynne Saint, Business Development Manager on dubai@contacts.bham.ac.uk or +971 424 92300.
HOW TO APPLY

Choosing to study with the University of Birmingham Dubai is a really exciting decision and you may have many questions on what to do next. You can follow the steps below to help guide you through the process.

1. Apply via our Course finder pages: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-study
   Each programme page will take you directly to the application form. Just click ‘apply now’ to begin your application.

2. Your application will be considered. This will take up to five to ten working days after your application and supporting documents have been received. An application cannot be considered until all the necessary supporting documents have been received, such as references and transcripts, as we want to have all the available information about you.

3. You can track the progress of your application and receive communications from us via the Applicant Portal. If you are made an offer, this will be conditional.

4. If you accept and meet all of the conditions of your offer and pay your tuition fee deposit, we will confirm your place.

Supporting documents

For all programmes, you will need to provide supporting documents with your application.

These include:

- Transcript or statement of results of your highest qualification or predicted grades (originals or certified copies are not required at the application stage)
- One or two references
- If English is not your native language, a copy of your IELTS, TOEFL or Pearson Academic English Test certificate
- A copy of your passport personal details page

Your offer

Your offer letter will detail the requirements still to be met before your place will be confirmed. Offer holders are advised to fulfil their conditions as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to obtain a visa if required, along with Dubai Health Authority-approved medical insurance.

For any questions

If you have any general queries, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-faq

For specific queries, you can contact us at: admissions.dubai@contacts.bham.ac.uk

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be offered a place of study at the University of Birmingham Dubai, you will need to meet the entry requirements of the University, and any specific requirements of your programme.

We accept a wide number of qualifications and country-specific qualifications, which will depend on the country you have previously studied in.

Depending on your current qualifications, you will complete a four-year or three-year undergraduate degree programme.

Further information on the types of qualification that we would expect to see in applicants from your country can be found on your country page at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/country

English language requirements

You will need to demonstrate a level of English in order to meet the demands of your programme. The level will depend on the programme that you choose. Entry requirements will be featured on our website and you will be required to show evidence of this when offered a place to study (if required). Visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-study for more information.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Essential information

Before you apply, please visit our website to view essential information for all applicants: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai-smallprint

If the University makes you an offer, and you decide to accept it, a contract will be formed between you and the University. The website includes important terms, conditions and requirements that will apply to that contract, and on which the University will rely in its future relationship with you. It is essential that you read them carefully.

Information set out in the prospectus and on the University website is accurate at the date of publication.
ALUMNI – A NETWORK FOR LIFE

When you graduate, you will become part of our global network of more than 300,000 alumni living in over 150 different countries.

Join our global community

Our alumni have become Nobel Prize winners, industry leaders, leading academics, Olympic medallists, stars of stage and screen, entrepreneurs with business start-ups and award-winning authors. All alumni receive regular communications and access to a varied events programme. You can find out more at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/alumni

Build your career through the alumni network

You will be offered the chance to interact and engage with our alumni locally and globally. Opportunities could include accessing online lectures, workshops and mentoring to support your career and employability prospects, and attending events with alumni in the region to broaden your network locally.

‘I love the culture and diversity of the University of Birmingham, it is among the top 100 universities across the world and opens up doors to you even after you graduate as you become a part of an amazing alumni network.’

- Yalin Kundu, Contracts and Tender Manager – FBB (First Gulf Bank)

Ask our postgraduate alumni

If you want to find out more about any aspects of life as a postgraduate student, you can get first-hand information and advice from alumni. Our postgraduate alumni and current students will answer your questions based on their own experience of the transition to postgraduate study and the support services offered by the University.

For more information on this service, please visit: www.pg.bham.ac.uk

‘The University of Birmingham is well known around the world and due to its global reach it draws in a great calibre of students.’

- Ciaran Danielis, Director of Plusfile International FZC BSc International Business

‘I have been volunteering with the University of Birmingham Dubai since the exciting new campus opened. I have attended most of the open days, events and workshops, talking to new students to welcome them, and offer my experience of studying with Birmingham.’

‘As a novelist with five published books, meeting new people from different walks of life is a reward that is not easily achieved. On the other hand, volunteering at the University keeps me in touch with the academic world, creating new opportunities for the future.’

- Fatemeh Faroughi, MA Applied Linguistics, 2016
I chose to study at the University of Birmingham as the Computer Science department has an excellent reputation. I undertook a summer placement with IBM (The Extreme Blue Summer Internship) and this experience helped me acquire a range of new skills while gaining experience in a fast-paced agile development environment.

‘You will make amazing lifelong friends at the University of Birmingham, whom you can really relate to and partake in some incredible experiences.’

Aaquib Naved, BSc Computer Science graduate, IBM Extreme Blue Summer Internship

I chose to train with the University of Birmingham due to its reputation; I always knew that the University was well thought of and known for its high-quality education. Due to the nature of the programme, I gained subject knowledge of all areas of the curriculum and also the holistic side to teaching.

‘I am now a vice principal at a primary school. I know the progression in my career is due to the fact that I was so well prepared on my teacher training programme.’

Katrina Crowley, School of Education graduate, Vice Principal at a UK primary school

The diverse nature of the MSc International Business class, both in terms of background and experience, meant that the learning experience was unique and it was interesting getting different points of view. I really enjoyed the case study elements of the programme, tackling real Harvard Business School cases in small teams that included students from around the world.

David Kettle, International Business MSc, Vice President, Private Bank and Overseas Services Propositions – Barclays

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I enjoyed the breadth of content covered under the Accounting and Finance degree, which incorporated general business modules such as marketing, HRM, economics and entrepreneurship. I’m now the Head of Asset and Fleet Management at Aggreko Power Solutions. I am responsible for the management of our global fleet, supply chain and logistics, product data management and our service and rebuild facility in Dubai.

Andrew Lewis, BSc Accounting and Finance, Asset and Fleet Management at Aggreko Power Solutions

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We will be holding Open Days in March, April, June, August and September.

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www.diacedu.ae

Brad Mead (BSc Sports and Materials Science, 2005–08), Specialist Physical Education teacher

‘I’m so glad I made the move out to Dubai. There’s so much to do here and it’s geared up for an outdoor lifestyle. Early on Friday mornings, I am often out running along the beach or enjoying paddle boarding around the Palm Jumeirah and Burj Al Arab, one of the most famous buildings in Dubai.’

‘Dubai is very international, with a real integration of cultures and so many nationalities. I’ve taught children from all over the world, from Canada and Australia to Pakistan and India. The internationalisation here is a real positive about Dubai.’

Alison Mayo, PGCE Primary Education Graduate, University of Birmingham Dubai

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