Information Sheet for Incoming Students - 2022/23

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If you need to speak to one of the members of the Study Abroad team, please email us and we will contact you to arrange a meeting via Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

Partner Enquiries

If you are a member of staff at one of our partner universities and you need to ask a question or send us an update, please email us at this address: exchangepartners@contacts.bham.ac.uk

You can also look at our guidance for partners here.

Study Abroad and Exchanges Website (Incoming)

Study Abroad and Exchanges – Incoming information can be found here.

Requirements
Study requirement - Students must have completed at least 2 semesters at the undergraduate level or equivalent before applying for their exchange programme at UoB.

Academic requirement - For Non-Erasmus partners, we have Country specific academic entry requirements. A cumulative UK 2:1 (or country equivalent) is necessary to apply for an exchange in the Birmingham Law School; applicants must have prior experience of studying Law. Academic entry requirements can be found here.

Language Proficiency - English language requirements can be found here.

Nomination and Application

Deadlines:
Nomination – 31 March for Fall semester or full academic year and 30 September for Spring semester.
Application – 30 April for Fall semester or Academic year and 31 October for Spring semester.

Procedure:
Nomination - Using the online nomination form from the UoB Study Abroad team, including Home university coordinator’s details and the Student’s details e.g. contact details, academic background, study period etc.
Application:
1. Official nomination needs to be submitted by the home institution’s exchange advisor/coordinator;
2. Students will receive an email with a link to the online application form
3. Student to follow the instructions on how to complete the online application form and upload all the necessary supporting documents.

Notice of Acceptance – September entry (June – July) and January entry (November – December)

Academics

Academic Calendar

Welcome and Orientation – Fall semester from 19 to 23 September 2022 and Spring semester from 23 to 27 January 2023

Term dates - Fall semester – 26 September 2022 to 16 December 2022 and Spring semester – 30 January 2023 to 23 June 2023

Examination dates - at UoB are different in each College and depend on the modules students choose.

The assessment periods take place in January and June for full year students.

Alternative assessments will be arranged for students who attend the first semester only.

Second semester only students must complete their assessments in June.

Module Load

Exchange students must study 60 UoB credits (equivalent to 30 ECTS) per semester and 120 UoB credits (equivalent to 60 ECTS) per full academic year.

Modules (courses)

The University is structured around five Colleges, four of which are open to Study Abroad and Exchange students. Only the College of Medical and Dental Sciences is excluded. Students need to select their preferred College, which is relevant to their degree subject, and up to two optional colleges. At least 40 credits per semester should be selected within the preferred College, but can be in multiple Schools within
that College.

The four Colleges that are open to Study Abroad and Exchange students are:

- College of Arts and Law
- College of Engineering and Physical Sciences
- College of Social Sciences
- College of Life and Environmental Sciences

We also have an independent school – Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences.

More information regarding modules can be found here.

Restrictions

All modules are subject to availability and academic pre-requisites.

The College of Medical and Dental Science is not open to Study Abroad and Exchange students.

A cumulative UK 2:1 (or country equivalent) is necessary to apply for an exchange in the Birmingham Law School; applicants must have prior experience of studying Law, even if they choose Law modules as optional modules.

Postgraduate level modules are only available on a case by case basis once the application has been accepted by the relevant Schools.

Transcripts

The University has moved to a secure online system called ‘VERIFY’. This online platform is for students to share their academic results with their home university. Please find the Verify website here.

Please note that home universities will not be sent hard copy transcripts, home universities can view and download an electronic copy of each student’s official transcript from Verify after the student gives them access to their record.

Students will receive one hard copy version of their transcript, which will be sent directly to their home address upon completion of their study in Birmingham.

Living in Birmingham

Housing

For Study Abroad and International Exchange students from outside of Europe, the University is able to guarantee housing in one of the many “villages” across campus. University accommodation is not guaranteed for students travelling from inside Europe. Therefore, European students are advised to apply for accommodation as early as possible. However, if a place in university housing is not available, there is plenty to choose from in the private sector. Please note that housing is easier to secure if students stay in Birmingham for either the spring semester or the full academic year.

Additional information can be found here.

Insurance

We recommend that you take out health insurance before you travel and arrive in the UK.

The University has a health centre on campus and you should register with this service on your arrival. If you will be in the UK for more than six months, you will be able to use the National Health Service in the same way as anyone permanently resident in the UK. However, pre-existing medical conditions requiring long-term medication or hospital treatment may not be covered. Repatriation would also not be covered. It is therefore essential to take out health insurance before you arrive.

If your course lasts six months or less, you will be treated as a private patient and will have to pay to see a doctor. The charges for this can be especially high if you need medication or hospital treatment. Dental and
optical treatment must also be paid for, as is the case for those permanently resident. It is therefore very important that you take out insurance cover before you travel.

**Living Expenses**

The cost of living here in Birmingham is low when compared to some other major cities like London and Edinburgh. The cost of living in the UK will depend on a number of factors such as the type of accommodation you have, the amount you spend on food, travel, clothing and social activities. For more up to date information please visit our website:-

https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/support/moneyadvice/living.aspx

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**Visas**

Advice and support with visa applications can be found on the University’s webpages here.

**Memberships, rankings and additional information**

The University of Birmingham is a member of:

- Russell Group, a group of leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, and providing an outstanding teaching and learning experience.
- Universitas 21, the leading global network of research-intensive universities for the 21st century.
- Birmingham is ranked 90th in the QS World University Rankings 2022, maintaining our position in the top 100 universities globally and placing us as 14th amongst UK universities.

The University of Birmingham has been challenging and developing great minds for more than a century. Characterised by a tradition of academic excellence and innovation, research at the University has broken new ground, pushed forward the boundaries of knowledge and made an impact on people’s lives. You’ll discover Birmingham is a dynamic and diverse city at the heart of the United Kingdom, known for its eye-catching architecture, friendly people and vibrant culture. You will live and study on our beautiful leafy campus, just minutes away from the UK’s second largest city and Europe’s youngest.
Link to Virtual Campus Tour

Virtual Campus Tour - https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/virtual-tour/#s=pano37

Links to promotional videos

Study Abroad at UoB - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wInw-cwyPg

Campus Tour Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-bsH8hw_U8&t=36s

We are Birmingham (City focus) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKh6ItfMC2w
FACT SHEET FOR
EXCHANGE STUDENTS
AND
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

ACCOMMODATION

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

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

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

EATING

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

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency Security Contact: +44 (0)121 414 4444

Non-Emergency Security Contact: +44 (0)121 414 3000

UK Emergency Services (Fire Services/Ambulance/Police): 999

STAY IN TOUCH

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Instagram: @myglobalstory

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To achieve our top international student ranking, Birmingham has a Global Student Team, which offers support throughout your time abroad. The Team works with students from over 150 countries and has around 8,700 students. This is the fourth largest population of international postgraduate students in the UK, with over 2,000 international postgraduate students and is only 1.5 hour from London by train. The University of Birmingham is the only UK university which has its own train station, with a direct link to the city centre and airport, and is only 3.5 hours from London by train. International students can find information on flying into Birmingham Airport and the University airport pick-up service here: www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/International/Students/entry_requirements. The University’s International Student Team (IST) and the Study Abroad and Exchange team can be found on the University of Birmingham’s International Student Team (IST) web-pages: www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/Advice and support with visa applications and in-country term study visas of up to six months can be allocated an academic, discipline-specific exchange tutor. For more information, please visit: www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/asc.aspx

ACADEMIC SUPPORT, SOCIETIES AND SPORT

The service offers peer-to-peer support and regular drop-in sessions, an opportunity to meet our friendly volunteer mentors and to gain advice and support for students with medical disabilities. The University has over 12,000 students and in addition, we offer the specific support below:

Global Buddies – The service offers peer-to-peer support and regular drop-in sessions – an opportunity to meet our friendly volunteer mentors and to gain advice and support for students with medical disabilities.

We currently have 2,000 students from over 150 countries among our student community.

This is the fourth largest population of international students at any UK university, more than 50% of our international students come from China and over 25% of students come from India. We are proud to house one of the largest collections of Roman, Byzantine, Sasanian and Islamic art in the world within the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, which also includes the Mangana Collection of Ancient Manuscripts:

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