Factsheet for exchange students and partner Universities: International

**Studying abroad in Birmingham offers you an incredible opportunity to enrich your life and learning experience through encountering different cultures, people and environments.**

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Spring: 8 January – 23 March 2018  
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http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx |

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### Visa requirements

Students who are in the UK for longer than six months and do not hold an EU passport need to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. Advice and support with visa applications, and information on what documents are needed to come to the UK, can be found advice on the University of Birmingham’s International Student Advisory Service web-pages; http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/international/index.aspx. Students who come to the UK for less than 6 months may be able to use a Short Term Study Visa.

### Application process

Students are nominated by their home institution, and they will then be invited to make an online application. All supporting documents can be attached electronically. Nomination deadlines are end of October for a Spring start and end of March for a September start.

### Housing

International Exchange students are guaranteed accommodation in University housing providing they apply before the 31st July deadline. More information is available on the University Housing Website.

### Course restrictions

Exchange students cannot study modules / courses in the College of Medical and Dental Sciences.

### Student Support

Welcome Week in September and mini-orientation in January
Department Exchange Tutor and Welfare tutors
Birmingham International Academy provides English Language support
Careers Network, Wellbeing and Disability services, studentlines, Student Union

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Choose Birmingham for your Study Abroad Experience

#MyGlobalStory
Since 1900, the University of Birmingham has been a leading global university and today we have one of the largest international student communities in the UK, there are over 5,000 students from more than 150 countries worldwide currently studying with us.

Our 250-acre campus is listed in the top ten most beautiful universities in Britain by The Telegraph, and provides outstanding facilities and a welcoming environment. We have invested £55 million in a new state of the art sports centre and an inspirational new library.

When you choose the University of Birmingham for your Study Abroad experience, you place yourself at the heart of the UK with unrivalled access to London, Scotland and Europe. A modern, vibrant and diverse city, Birmingham is the inspired choice for a Study Abroad adventure in the UK.

Begin your global story at the heart of an ambitious city.

Studying abroad offers you an incredible opportunity to enrich your life and learning experience through encountering different cultures, people and environments.
Welcome to Birmingham

Welcome to Birmingham
When you choose the University of Birmingham for Study Abroad, not only do you choose an outstanding university, renowned for changing lives and transforming society but you also place yourself at the heart of the UK in a modern, vibrant and diverse city. Birmingham offers the best of both worlds, a stunning green campus just a few minutes from the exciting, vibrant city centre.

At Birmingham, you will benefit from high-quality teaching in a world-class research institution that nurtures talent and will support you throughout your life and career.

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Welcome to Birmingham
RICH IN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, THE UNIVERSITY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1900.

RICH IN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, THE UNIVERSITY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1900. (THE TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER)

CONSISTENTLY EXCELLING IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE TABLES
BIRMINGHAM IS RANKED 76TH IN THE WORLD. (QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2015/16)

EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS, OUR ACADEMICS SHAPE POLICY, CHANGE LIVES AND INFLUENCE SOCIETY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM IS ONE OF THE TOP RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND A MEMBER OF THE RUSSELL GROUP.

NAMED BRITAIN'S 'FOODIEST TOWN' BY THE NEW YORK TIMES, BIRMINGHAM IS BRIMMING WITH CHARACTER AND DELICIOUS FOOD CHOICES.

OUR EDGBASTON CAMPUS IS IN THE TOP TEN MOST BEAUTIFUL CAMPUSES IN BRITAIN. (THE TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER)

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VIRTUAL TOUR

Explore our beautiful campus and city online through photos, videos and 360° panoramas. Chat with our staff and students about programmes available and what it’s like to study and live in the city of Birmingham.

www.virtualtour.bham.ac.uk

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World-leading experts – enhancing your learning and making important things happen

Being taught by academic staff who are also world-leading researchers is a huge advantage for you as a student at Birmingham. Here are some of our latest research breakthroughs led by our heroes.

**GRAVITATIONAL WAVES**

These waves are tiny distortions of space-time caused by some of the most violent cosmic events such as colliding black holes. The observation of these ‘ripples of space-time’ requires exquisitely sophisticated new technology. Birmingham physicists have designed and built components for the most sensitive instruments in the world called Advanced LIGO, and developed the techniques essential to hunt for gravitational waves.

**WORLD’S OLDEST QUR’AN**

Radiocarbon analysis has shown a Qur’an manuscript, held by the University, to be among the oldest in the world dated between AD568 and 645. The Qur’an manuscript is among the earliest written textual evidence of the Islamic holy book known to survive.

At the University of Birmingham our outstanding academics are making policy, influencing society, saving lives and pioneering change. We call them our Birmingham Heroes. You can meet them at www.birmingham.ac.uk/heroes
Green campus at the heart of a vibrant city

BIRMINGHAM CITY CENTRE
Just 8 minutes by train

NEW LIBRARY

FACT
Surrounded by greenery, Birmingham has more trees than any other city in Europe!

NEW SPORTS CENTRE
Life on Campus

When you choose the University Birmingham for Study Abroad not only will you be at the heart of the UK, but you’ll also be studying in an outstanding learning environment.

LIFE ON CAMPUS

When you step onto campus, you are immersed in our historic red-brick buildings and glorious green spaces.

You’ll find our Edgbaston campus both a peaceful and vibrant place to spend your time, whether it’s studying on one of the lawns, or enjoying a hot drink in one of the many cafés.

THE GUILD

The Guild of Students represents all of the students at the University. As well as working in partnership with the University to ensure that you benefit from the best experience possible, the Guild also offers support and advice to all students, delivers fantastic student nights and entertainment in The Guild and has over 150 student groups and clubs for you to join, whether it’s continuing a lifelong passion or trying something new, it’s the perfect way to meet people and have fun.

Find out more about The Guild, and the societies and clubs available on campus on our website:

www.guildofstudents.com

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CULTURE

The University is home to a rich cultural offer including museums, collections, venues and facilities, which are brought to life through a programme of cultural activity. Culture on campus is here for every student to enjoy, whether your passion is art, music, antiquities or sciences. Take a break from your studying by wandering around the serene gardens at Winterbourne House.

GETTING INVOLVED

Whether you’re interested in martial arts, dance, drama or baking, there’s a wide range of fantastic societies that you can be part of and you don’t have to choose just one!

Societies are open to all students and welcome both beginners and those more experienced in their field. Joining is a perfect opportunity to try something new and make new friends.

SPORTING LIFE

We are one of the UK’s leading sporting universities in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) league and have over 53 sports clubs, so whether you’re an absolute beginner or world class athlete there are opportunities for everyone to get involved. Home to the 360 Sport and Fitness club, which is a new £55 million sport centre boasting Birmingham’s only 50m swimming pool, it also includes a large multi-sport hall, a range of activity and fitness studios, an extensive gym, six glass-backed squash courts and various other facilities.

The University of Birmingham is the perfect place to have fun, excel and be the best you can be with one of the most comprehensive sport facilities.

WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN

Life on campus doesn’t end when the sun goes down. At Birmingham, you have a great night out right on your doorstep. Fab N’ Fresh is a hugely popular weekly club night held in Joe’s Bar and the Guilds underground nightclub on campus. Dedicated for University of Birmingham Students, it’s perfect for a fun night out – you can even walk home!

Seven athletes from The University of Birmingham competed at the 2016 Rio Olympics

Student Lily Owsley and Graduate Sophie Bray won gold with British women’s hockey team at Rio 2016

Winterbourne House and Gardens
Birmingham is a modern and exciting city, famous for its historic, industrial past. It is now a centre of arts and culture, commerce and entertainment with a vibrant and diverse community.

PRIME LOCATION
At the University of Birmingham you will benefit from the best of both worlds; a beautiful green campus, just a few minutes away from the heart of an exciting, busy city. With our very own railway station on campus, trains take just eight minutes to travel into the city centre, making your journey easy and affordable!

For those travelling a little further afield, Birmingham International Airport is just one train stop away from the city centre.

RETAIL THERAPY
The city centre offers a first-class retail experience; from famous brands to independent stores, you’ll find a wealth of choices, including the Bullring and Grand Central for your big brands, and vintage stores in the historic industrial district of Digbeth and the Jewellery Quarter.

Don’t miss the inspirational and world-famous City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) or the Birmingham Royal Ballet Company. The Birmingham Hippodrome is one of the busiest and most popular theatres in the UK with over 520,000 visitors each year.

The city also boasts a wide and impressive collection of traditional and contemporary art galleries to explore, including Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery with its beautiful collection of Pre-Raphaelite artwork and the IKON gallery for contemporary exhibitions.

CULTURE HIT
Birmingham doesn’t just have one sound. Catch the latest live music and DJs or watch an old film at the UK’s oldest working cinema.

AFTER DARK
As a thriving city for students and young professionals, when the sun sets Birmingham has a vibrant nightlife and a huge selection of pubs, bars and clubs. As a student-friendly city, there are set student nights for every day of the week in Birmingham, with something for everyone. Whether you’d rather a quiet evening with some friends in one of our many bars and cafes, or a night partying in one of our clubs, Birmingham is the place to be for a great night out.

For more information about Birmingham visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/myglobalstory
The city on your doorstep

Studying at the University of Birmingham means that you benefit from both an exciting and busy city, as well as a beautiful, historic university campus. If you like the buzz of a vibrant city, there are plenty of ways to transport yourself into the heart of Birmingham.

The world at your feet

FACT

- Birmingham is the youngest city in Europe, with under-25s accounting for nearly 40% of its population.
- We are the only university in mainland Britain with our own railway station on campus, aptly named ‘University’.
- With over 8,000 acres of parks and open space, Birmingham is one of the greenest cities in the UK.

Please note: journey times are for guidance only and are based on the average time taken for off-peak trains travelling between mainland UK city centre stations and flight times from Birmingham International Airport.
UNIVERSITY HOUSING

If you’re a Study Abroad or an International Exchange Programme student from outside of Europe, the University is able to guarantee your housing in one of the many villages across campus. For those travelling from inside Europe, try to apply as early as possible, but if you’re unable to get a place in university housing, there’s plenty to choose from in the private sector.

PRIVATE HOUSING

Our Living Team will help you find suitable housing in the private sector. If this is your preferred choice there is a wide range of accommodation available in the local area, including single flats, shared flats, houses for groups of various sizes, properties for families and lodgings with a residential landlord. Our accommodation search engine can also put you in touch with other prospective students before arriving in Birmingham, enabling you to rent accommodation as part of a group: www.birminghamstudentpad.co.uk

Choose from a wide range of housing

Although this might be your first time living away from home in a different country, you’ll soon feel at home with our range of safe, welcoming student accommodation. This means you can waste no time starting your adventure, making new friends and exploring your new world.
How to apply

Most students spending a semester or a full academic year at the University of Birmingham come through the exchange agreements with our partner institutions across Europe and the rest of the world. We also welcome applications from students from non-partner universities on a fee-paying basis. Please visit our website for further details.

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY
To study at Birmingham you must meet the following entry requirements:
- Be a native speaker of English or achieve an English Language qualification equivalent to IELTS 6.5 (7.0 for Law)
- Have completed at least one year of university study
- Achieved a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or equivalent
- Demonstrate a particular interest or background in the subject chosen

ARE YOU A NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER?
In order to undertake a programme of study at the University of Birmingham, you need to demonstrate a suitable level of English Language proficiency. You can demonstrate your level of English with IELTS/TOEFL/PTE or alternative qualifications. Learn more about these requirements at www.birmingham.ac.uk/myglobalstory

HOW TO APPLY
If you’re an Erasmus or International Exchange Student, your home university must nominate you first before you can apply. Once you’ve been nominated the Study Abroad team will then get in touch with you by email and invite you to apply online. For students at non-partner institutions, nominations are not required and you can apply directly online. To apply online please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/myglobalstory

When applying online, you will need to upload the following supporting documents:
- One academic reference
- A copy of an official transcript showing the courses studied at your home institution and your grades
- A copy of your passport/ID photo page
- Evidence of your English Language qualification (if applicable).

To apply online visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/myglobalstory

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
Once you have been made an offer of a place you will receive an offer letter. All of the information that you require prior to your arrival at the University will be sent to you electronically or it will be available online. You can also visit the Welcome pages on the University’s website which contain useful information for students starting at Birmingham.

Subjects
- Accounting and Finance
- African Studies
- American and Canadian Studies
- Archaeology and Ancient History
- Biosciences
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Literature and Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Drama and Theatre Arts
- Earth Sciences (Geology)
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
  - Chemical, Civil, Electrical Mechanical, Metallurgy and Materials, and Railways
- English Literature
- English Language
- Environmental Science
- Film
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- History of Art
- International Relations
- Law
- Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Nuclear Science and Engineering
- Philosophy
- Physics and Astronomy
- Physiotherapy
- Policy, Politics and Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Sport and Exercise Sciences
- Sport, Physical Education and Coaching Science
- Theology
- Urban Planning

Choosing Birmingham for your Study Abroad semester or a full academic year means you will have access to one of the widest range of courses available at any UK institution. Birmingham is organised into five Colleges and all of our subjects, except those in the College of Medical and Dental Sciences, are open to Incoming Exchange and Study Abroad students providing they meet the entry requirements.

For more information on how to apply and help choosing classes visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/myglobalstory
Study Abroad
Opportunities to study at Birmingham
Study abroad in Birmingham

We are home to one of the largest communities of international students in the UK. More than 5,000 international students study here from over 150 different countries. Having over 100 years’ experience of welcoming international students to our campus, we fully understand the needs of those who are coming to study in the UK as part of an exchange or study abroad programme.

Which programme?
We welcome students from across the globe, who come to Birmingham for a term or year. There are several options for Studying Abroad at Birmingham:

- **The Erasmus exchange programme**
  - for European students studying at one of our partner institutions

- **The International Exchange programme**
  - for international students studying at one of our partner institutions

- **The Study Abroad programme**
  - our fee-paying programme for students currently studying at a non-partner institution

- **Birmingham International Summer School**
  - a fee-paying two- or four-week programme for international students currently studying at another institution

You can take courses from across the University (excluding the Medical School), subject to satisfying the academic entry requirements.

We are also delighted to be one of the UK institutions selected to participate in the Science without Borders Scheme (Ciência sem Fronteiras), available to undergraduate or PhD students from Brazil.

Over 450 Erasmus students and 300 International Exchange students study here each year.

We were awarded *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* University of the Year award in 2013–14.
What does the Study Abroad programme involve?

A full year’s course load at Birmingham is 120 credits. Most modules are worth 10 or 20 credits. There is only one examination period at Birmingham, which is at the end of the academic year in May/June. If you plan to spend only the first term with us then you will have special assessment in place of the end of year exams.

Courses
Our Study Abroad programme offers you a broad portfolio of courses from which to choose and we are sure you will find something to suit you at Birmingham.

Birmingham is organised into five colleges and modules are available to Study Abroad students in most subject areas, except for those in the College of Medical and Dental Sciences.

We also offer a two- or four-week summer programme as part of our Birmingham International Summer School, giving you the chance to spend time at Birmingham during the summer vacation.

If you do not meet our English language requirements, summer pre-sessional English courses are available starting in April, June, July and August.

If you want to refresh your academic English skills (and already meet our English requirements) we also offer a four-week preparation course for unconditional offer holders.

Courses are offered in the following broad subject areas:

- **Engineering and Physical Sciences**
  (Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electronic, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Metallurgy and Materials, Physics and Astronomy)

- **Arts and Law**
  (Historical Studies, Music, English and Drama Studies, Languages, Philosophy, Theology, Anthropology, Art History, Law)

- **Social Sciences**
  (Business, Education, Public Policy, Social Policy, Politics, Economics)

Search our module directory:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/studyabroadmodules
Teaching methods
Methods of teaching will vary depending on the subject you study. Humanities and social sciences students are likely to attend more lectures whereas engineering and science students are likely to spend more time in laboratories. Whichever you choose, you will benefit from the small group teaching characteristic of the UK higher education system. You may also find that you spend less time in formal lessons than you would at your home institution and will be expected to spend more time on private study.

Teaching environment
You will study alongside our degree students, completing the same assignments, projects and assessments. We appreciate that this can be a daunting experience and we do our best to offer as much support as possible. We pride ourselves on the care we take in advising you at the start of the year so that the courses you choose are appropriate to your needs and present level of achievement. You will also be allocated a personal tutor with whom you can discuss your course choices and academic issues.

We offer one of the broadest portfolios of courses of any UK university, offering over 400 undergraduate programmes, 350 taught postgraduate programmes and a wealth of research opportunities, including ambitious and interdisciplinary research topics.

Birmingham is part of the Russell Group, an association of 24 major research-led universities.

The University has eight Nobel Prize winners among its alumni and staff. From revealing the structure of DNA to developing new treatments for heart disease and cancer, their research and work has made an impact worldwide.
Why Birmingham?

As University of the Year, Birmingham enables you to gain the most from studying in the UK. We have welcomed international students for more than 100 years and the city has one of the youngest populations in Europe. The following pages will give you more information on why Birmingham is the perfect study abroad destination.

We have a dedicated Study Abroad team which is always on hand to answer your questions by telephone, email or in person. The International Student Advisory Service (ISAS) can assist with issues such as visas and immigration, support for dependants, financial matters, housing problems and employment.

International Welcome Week takes place one week before the start of the Autumn Term, which gives you the chance to participate in various practical and social activities and help settle in. A free airport collection service is also available at certain airports for new international students who arrive in September.

In addition there are specialist services which offer support and advice throughout your stay in Birmingham:
- Student mentors within every hall of residence
- The Advice and Representation Centre in the Guild of Students (our Students’ Union)
- The Multifaith Chaplaincy
- The Job Zone in the Guild
- Careers and employability advice through our Careers Network
- Disability and Learning Support

Birmingham made an impressive 15 place rise to 62nd in this year’s QS World University Rankings, cementing our position in the top 100 universities globally and placing us 10th out of the 24 Russell Group universities to feature in the ranking.

The English for International Students Unit (EISU) offer free, term-time classes in academic English and free individual support to help you develop your ability to write academic essays. Visit [www.birmingham.ac.uk/eisu](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/eisu)

Birmingham is one of only 23 UK universities to be placed in the top 150 in The Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings.
Our campus

Sport, leisure and teaching facilities at Birmingham are among the best at any UK university. The beautiful green and leafy campus, located just a few miles from the city centre and covering 250 acres, is a great environment in which to live and study. It is also very safe with all buildings equipped with CCTV and a dedicated community police offer and security team based on site.

Across campus, you can enjoy culture, sport and beautiful scenery. The stunning campus is here for every student to enjoy and experience whether your passion is art, music, antiquities or sciences, and all our students have the opportunity to use our unique facilities and collections during their studies.

Our Edgbaston campus offers the amenities of a small town, enabling our students to enjoy a bustling community on campus with many events and activities on offer. Our monthly farmers’ market provides fresh produce and artisan products from local businesses and the Guild of Students offers many social nights and events in which to get involved.

The Edgbaston campus is bursting with remarkable finds: rare books and archives, a campus-wide art collection, the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, a 450-seat concert hall and an Arts and Crafts house with botanic gardens; all discovered among the lecture theatres and laboratories.

We continue to expand and improve our campus, with our most recent investments being in the planned building of a brand new multi-million pound sports centre, a redeveloped library with a cultural hub and a brand new student hub housed in the iconic Aston Webb Building.
Campus facilities include:
- A post office, supermarket and gift shop.
- Banks, an optician, a hairdresser, a medical and dental practice, a nursery and a dry cleaner.
- Catering outlets offering a wide variety of food and drink including halal and other specialist options.
- The world renowned Barber Institute of Fine Arts housing the works of Monet, Manet, Renoir, Turner, Degas, Picasso and Rubens and offering special events and exhibitions throughout the year [www.barber.org.uk](http://www.barber.org.uk)
- Winterbourne Botanic Garden housing plants from around the world.
- The Munrow Sports Centre which has a gym, swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts, running track, all weather pitches and a dance studio. The Centre also offers an Active Lifestyles Programme which consists of 75 fitness classes per week [www.sport.bham.ac.uk](http://www.sport.bham.ac.uk)
- A railway station with regular services taking just seven minutes to the city centre.
- Free email and internet access across campus and internet points in study bedrooms.
- Joe's Bar within the Guild providing a great place to socialise.

The University's 250-acre campus was recently listed in the top ten most beautiful universities in Britain by *The Telegraph*.
Our accommodation

Settling down to university life can be a challenging time and it is important you have your own space where you feel safe and supported. We offer a wide range of purpose-built accommodation on campus. This includes traditional halls of residence where meals are provided in a communal dining room as well as self-catering flats.

We have three accommodation villages, each offering a safe and friendly place to live, just a short walk from the main campus. The Vale Village, Pritchatts Park Village and Jarratt Hall in the Selly Oak Village provide a choice of quality accommodation, each with its own student community and social hub.

We provide a wide variety of accommodation types:
- **Single study bedrooms** based in cluster flats, sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities
  From £82 per week
- **En-suite bedrooms** with your own bathroom, plus shared kitchen
  From £126 per week
- **Studios and apartments** with exclusive use of a bathroom and kitchen
  From £180 per week
- **Privately owned** purpose-built student accommodation
  Between £110 and £185 per week

Once you have received an offer pack from the University you can apply online for University accommodation.

Detailed information on accommodation, including prices, can be found on the housing website at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

Self-catered accommodation is available across all of our villages, while the Meal Plan is provided at the Vale Village, enabling you to purchase food in a variety of campus catering outlets.
All of our accommodation is furnished and centrally heated and we try to place students in single-sex accommodation where requested.

Alternatively, students may decide to rent a house in the private sector. Housing Services at the University offer a list of approved landlords for students who wish to rent privately. We also run a house hunting event at the start of each year.

Students from outside the European Union who apply before the deadline are guaranteed campus housing.
The city of Birmingham

One of Europe’s most exciting destinations and with one of the youngest populations in Europe, Birmingham is brimming with life and culture, making it a wonderful place to live and study. The city boasts a variety of art galleries, museums and live performances which play a central role to the life of the campus. The thriving cultural scene also includes concerts, student theatre, dance, volunteering and exhibitions, as well as city-wide festivals and events.

The city is a hive of live entertainment, with several music venues across the city, including the O2 Academy, The Institute, National Indoor Arena (NIA) and National Exhibition Centre (NEC). Smaller, independent venues host emerging new talent and Birmingham also boasts one of Europe’s finest concert halls, Birmingham Symphony Hall, home to the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. Birmingham boasts a diverse range of food cultures and a flourishing ethnic restaurant scene. Catering to all tastes and budgets, it boasts the famous Balti Triangle, a must-visit for curry lovers. The Chinese district sits alongside traditional ‘pub grub’, meaning you really are spoilt for choice.

The city also boasts Michelin-star restaurants, and you can sample this food at student prices during one of the many food festivals, which also feature local culinary delights.

From the historic Jewellery Quarter and its shops, cafes and pubs, to the quirky Custard Factory; you can enjoy the eclectic city of Birmingham, just a short journey away from our Edgbaston campus.

‘What I love about Birmingham is that it truly reflects the vibrant, multicultural city that surrounds it. There is a myriad of student societies and there is always something exciting you can get involved with. I’ve discovered the city like never before and I’ve made loads of friends. It made my Birmingham experience fabulous.’ Olivia, Romania
University of Birmingham Sport (UBSport)

We are one of the UK’s leading sporting universities, regularly finishing in the top three of the BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) championship. We call it ‘Playing with Pride’ and is one of the reasons why student athletes from across the country and around the world choose to study, train and compete here.

Whether you are an aspiring athlete or simply hoping to stay fit and enjoy sporting activities during your studies, UBSport offers fitness classes, a swimming pool, athletics track and much more. If you enjoy team sports, join one of our clubs, which get together weekly to train on our pitches.

For more information visit www.sport.bham.ac.uk

University of Birmingham Sport houses the only fully interdisciplinary sports science and sports medicine support unit in the West Midlands.

The aim of the unit is to provide specialist support to athletes and coaches. The Hi Performance Centre provides cutting-edge applied sports science and sports medicine support that contributes to enhanced training and performance, diagnoses and treatment of injury, rehabilitation and recovery.

Our campus-based facilities are soon to undergo a major £55 million redevelopment, including a 50-metre swimming pool, the first in Birmingham.

The fastest people on the planet chose Birmingham to complete their preparations for the London Olympics. Team Jamaica, including world and Olympic champion sprinters Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake, rated Birmingham as their best pre-Olympic training base to date.
Get involved

The Guild of Students is home to over 200 clubs and societies. Joining a student group is a great way to make friends and help you settle in during your first weeks on campus. They are also a fantastic way of developing your personal skills. There is a huge range to choose from, be it an international society bringing together people from your own country, performance and arts appreciation, a debating society or a subject-related group.

During International Welcome Week there is a Society Fair, where you can sign up to as many student groups as you like. You can also join student groups at any time throughout the year. You can even volunteer to be an ambassador at our exchanges fair and encourage Birmingham students to do a year abroad in your home city.
English language requirements

All students whose first language is not English must meet the English language requirement. The standard requirement is IELTS 6.5, with not less than 6.0 in any one component, or TOEFL iBT 88 with no less than 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing.

Please note that higher English scores are required if you wish to take Law modules; IELTS 7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band and TOEFL 100 overall with no less than 23 in any band.

If you do not meet the English language requirements for entry to the study abroad or exchange programmes, it is possible to attend a presessional English course first. The English courses vary in duration; students who need more improvement in their English scores need to take longer English courses.

The presessional English courses can be joined in April, June, July and August, ranging from six- to 20-week courses. The costs of presessional courses and further information about them are available on the EISU website www.birmingham.ac.uk/eisu
Finance

For living expenses we estimate you will need between £10,000 and £12,000 for a full year which should cover accommodation, food, local travel, study materials and some social activities. This will obviously vary depending upon your standard of living, how often you go out and how many extracurricular activities you take part in.

Further advice and resources to help you manage your money can be found at www.birmingham.ac.uk/moneyadvice

Fees

- **International Study Abroad programme:**
  - September 2014–June 2015: £11,500
  - September 2014–December 2014: £6,000
  - January 2015–June 2015: £6,000

- **EU Study Abroad programme:**
  - September 2014–June 2015: £9,000
  - September 2014–December 2014: £4,500
  - January 2015–June 2015: £4,500

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Next steps

How to apply
For the **International Exchange programme** and Erasmus exchange programme you will need to apply online:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/studyabroad-incoming

For the **Study Abroad programme** please apply online:
www.birmingham.ac.uk/studyabroad/feepaying

Academic calendar
For term dates, please see
www.birmingham.ac.uk/termdates

**Autumn term**: September–December
**Spring term**: January–March
**Summer term**: April–June (exam period)

Students can attend for:
- **A full academic year**: September–June
- **Autumn term**: September–December
- **Spring and Summer term**: January–June

It is not possible to study at the University of Birmingham for just the Spring or Summer terms.

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