



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Fact sheet

For study abroad and
exchange students

We welcome
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Contact the Study Abroad and Exchange teams

Exchange Partners enquiries:

exchangepartners@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Study Abroad enquiries:

incomingstudyabroad@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Summer Schools enquiries:

BISS@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Incoming Student Exchange enquiries:

From EU: incoming-europeanexchange@contacts.bham.ac.uk

From non-EU: incoming-internationalexchange@contacts.bham.ac.uk

To contact our outgoing team, please use:

Go Global Officer
(to send us your nomination information)
goglobal@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Go Global Summer Officer
(to send us your summer school information)
goglobalsummer@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Join our weekly Zoom sessions:

Monday 15:00 UK time:

<https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/89090619360>

Wednesday 10:00 UK time:

<https://bham-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/85155393392>



With over 10,000 students from over 150 countries among our student community this is the fourth-largest population of international students at any UK higher education institution and the largest international postgraduate community in the UK. The total student population is over 36,000.

Academic Colleges

College of Arts and Law

- Birmingham Law School
- English, Drama and Creative Studies
- History and Cultures
- Language, Cultures, Art History and Music
- Liberal Arts
- Philosophy, Theology and Religion

College of Engineering and Physical Sciences

- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Metallurgy and Materials
- Physics and Astronomy

College of Life and Environmental Sciences

- Biosciences
- Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Psychology
- Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences

College of Medicine and Health

- Medical Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Infection, Inflammation and Immunology

College of Social Sciences

- Birmingham Business School
- Education
- Government
- Social Policy and Society

**76th in
QS World
Rankings**

QS World University Rankings 2026

**11th
amongst UK
universities**

QS World University Rankings 2026

Semester dates

Autumn: September–December

Spring: January–June

Course advisory and transcripts

Study Abroad and Exchange students will be allocated an academic exchange tutor from their host school to advise them on course selection and other academic related matters. Academic transcripts will be sent electronically at the end of the semester of study.

Course restrictions

Exchange students cannot currently select courses in the College of Medicine and Health.

Further information

Please visit our website for dedicated information about how to apply as an exchange and Study Abroad student: birmingham.ac.uk/incomingstudy

Student support and key information

The University's International Student Team (IST) and the Study Abroad and Exchange team support students whilst they are at university. There are Wellbeing Officers in all the Colleges, and in addition, we offer the specific support below:

Wellbeing and disability services

At Birmingham, we offer a range of welfare support for students with medical disability or long-term health conditions, dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism or Asperger's and other mental health conditions: [birmingham.ac.uk/study/student-experience/advice-support](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/student-experience/advice-support)

Health care in Birmingham

Information about the NHS, the UK's largest healthcare provider, is accessible here: [uhb.nhs.uk](https://www.uhb.nhs.uk). The University also houses an in-house medical and dental practice available to all its students and staff.

Health insurance

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. If you will be in the UK for less than six months, you will be treated as a private patient and you will need to pay for medical treatment, therefore we recommend that you get health insurance before you travel.

Language of instruction

Exchange Students from non-English speaking countries need to meet our English Language entry requirements. We accept multiple entry tests such as IELTS and TOEFL. For detailed information, please visit: [birmingham.ac.uk/international/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/sae-entry-requirements](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/sae-entry-requirements)

Application process and deadlines

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

Visa requirements

Students who are in the UK for more than six months need to apply for a student visa. Students who are in the UK for less than six months may be able to use a Standard Visitor Visa. Advice and support with visa applications can be found on the University of Birmingham's International Student Team (IST) web-pages: [birmingham.ac.uk/study/international/visas](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/international/visas)

Interested in summer programmes?

We offer a Summer School and a Summer Research Programme. Please visit: [birmingham.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/summer-short-term-programme](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/summer-short-term-programme)

Student living

Our student campus accommodation will allow you to enjoy your independence in safe, welcoming, and sociable surroundings. There are almost 7,000 rooms available at Birmingham – most of which can be found in one of our three student villages: Pritchatts Park, The Vale, and Selly Oak. From contemporary townhouses and studio apartments to private en-suites and shared spaces, we have something to suit every lifestyle and budget.

Please visit: birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation



Essential living costs*	Catered halls	Self-catered halls	Private house
Rent	£187	£133	£110
Gas and electric	Included	Included	£13
Water	Included	Included	£4
Food	Included food allowance +£20 essentials	£60	£50
Toiletries	£7	£7	£5
Laundry	£7	£7	£3
Weekly total	£221	£207	£185
Annual total	£8,442	£8,694	£7,770

*Approximate cost at time of printing 2025

Sport & Fitness

The University is proud to host an iconic £55 million Sport & Fitness Centre including a 50M swimming pool, 200 station gym, up to 200 classes per week, squash courts, climbing wall, 55 sport teams including a five-time UK championship American football team and more. Find out more at: sportandfitness.bham.ac.uk

The Guild of Students

The Guild has over 300 societies, community volunteering groups and associations, collectively known as student groups – all for you to join.

Exchange Society

This society is run by students that have returned to Birmingham after their study abroad experiences, and want to help incoming students to settle in and socially integrate.



International student arrival

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 1.5 hour from London by train. International students can find information on flying into Birmingham Airport.



Find out more:
[birmingham.ac.uk/
studyabroad](https://birmingham.ac.uk/studyabroad)

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