



Information Sheet for Incoming Students - 2023/24

Birmingham Global

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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](#).

The team can be contacted by phone on Monday to Friday between 10-4 on 00 44 (0) 121 227 3198

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. Academic entry requirements can be found [here](#).

Language Proficiency - English language requirements can be found [here](#).

Nomination and Application

Deadlines

Nominations: Fall semester: **31st March 2023** Spring Semester: **30th September 2023**

Applications: Fall Semester: **30th April 2023** Spring Semester: **31st October 2023**

Procedure

Nomination - Using an [online nomination form](#) by 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 (by the end of June) and January entry (by the end of November).

Academic Calendar

Welcome and Orientation:

Autumn Semester – 18 September 2023 to 22 September 2023

Spring Semester – 8 January 2024 - 12 January 2024

Teaching and assessment dates:

Autumn semester - 25 September 2023 – 15 December 2023

Spring Semester- 15 January 2024 – 21 June 2024

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

Full year students have an assessment period in January and May/June.

First semester only students are set alternative assessments.

Second semester only students have the same assessment period as full year students in May/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 (and a home school within that college) 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 Sciences 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 school.

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 – please speak to your home university.

The University of Birmingham 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](#).

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 84th in the QS World University Rankings 2024, maintaining our position in the top 100 universities globally and placing us as 15th 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=3wlnw-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=JKh6lffMC2w>