



CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham is the UK's "2nd city" with 1.2 million population, which is located about 100 miles (160 km) NW from London. The city is a critical transport, retail, events, and conference hub. Its five universities, including Birmingham City University, make it an important centre of higher education outside London. Birmingham has major cultural institutions such as the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the Birmingham Royal Ballet, the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, etc..

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY

BCU is the university for Birmingham, as we're investing £340 million in our estate, providing students with an enviable range of facilities. Many of the UK graduates are working in professional positions within the city are BCU graduates. We welcome over 29,000 students from around 100 countries to study with us, making BCU a large and diverse place to study¹.

The University has four large faculties:

- **Arts, Design and Media**
- **Business, Law and Social Sciences**
- **Health, Education and Life Sciences**
- **Computing, Engineering, and the Built Environment.**

We deliver Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD courses in all the above faculty areas.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

If students come to BCU on an exchange programme, tuition, examination costs, and the Students' Union membership will be included (with no additional charges).

International students are required to take a full-time study for visa purposes.

- **One Semester students: 60 credits required (3-4 classes) [equivalent to 30 ECTS]**
- **Two Semester students: 120 credits required (6-8 classes) [equivalent to 60 ECTS]**

We recommend that students take classes from within one School only. Module options will be advised once a student has received an offer.

TRANSCRIPTS

Students will be issued a transcript detailing their modules and final grades at the end of the academic year. All non-credit bearing students will receive a Certificate of Attendance at the end of the academic year.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

Each year the University offers an exciting International Summer School. The Summer School lasts three weeks and comprises teaching in innovative subjects, social activities, and trips to attractive destinations in the UK.

COST OF LIVING

According to the UK's National Union of Students, the average annual cost of living in England (outside of London) for students is £12,056*. Most students will spend around £150 (~US\$180) per month on food and groceries, or £1,350 (~US\$1,660) per academic year. Living costs will vary depending on lifestyle, but it is generally cheaper to live in Birmingham than in other UK cities, such as London or Edinburgh.

* 22/23

¹Some health-related programmes are not open for exchanges



ACADEMIC CALENDER**

Semester one

Welcome	September
Semester begins	September
Classes end	January

Semester two

Welcome	January
Semester begins	January
Classes end	May

STUDENT SERVICES

We offer students comprehensive support. In terms of learning support, we offer library and learning resources, Centre for Academic Success, which aims to improve academic writing, research, maths, and English language skills; Education Development Service (EDS) engages with our students to enhance the student experience. We have mental health and well-being teams, disability support, and childcare in terms of student support.

WELCOME TO THE AIRPORT AND ORIENTATION

Each September, we offer a 'Meet and Greet' Service on specific dates at Birmingham Airport, and international students are encouraged to participate in our International Orientation programme.

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** Confirmed dates for each programme will be indicated on the individual offer letter.

ACCOMMODATION*

The university provides nine halls of residence (dorms). All rooms have ensuite facilities and prices ranging from £155 to £171 per week. University halls are situated in and around our campuses. Accommodation is not guaranteed but the University supports students in finding accommodation through Birmingham City Student Homes, a student-focused letting agency owned and operated by Birmingham City University Students' Union. Outside the city centre, there are providers of private shared accommodation, which are priced competitively.



CONTACTS DETAILS

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