

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-21

Semester one*

Welcome:	07 September 2020
Semester begins:	21 September 2020
Winter vacation:	19 Dec 2020– 04 Jan 202F
Classes end:	22 January 2021

Semester two*

Welcome:	20 January 202F
Semester begins:	25 January 202F
Easter vacation:	4 Apr 202F – 19 Apr 202F
Classes end:	29 May 202F

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

ERASMUS+ APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Please speak to your University coordinator to nominate you to us in the first instance. All BLSS nominations should go to BLSSErasmusIncoming@bcu.ac.uk. We will then send you the application form and other relevant information. You should complete the application and return to the email below with the required documents.

Send your application to BLSSErasmusIncoming@bcu.ac.uk

Documents required (in English):

- Completed application form
- Academic transcript with from partner university
- Passport copy (photo page only)
- English language qualification (if applicable)
- Draft learning agreement

Nomination deadlines	Application deadlines*	
2H May 20G€	1 Á June 20G€	One Semester (Autumn for September 2020 entry) Two Semester (Autumn and Spring) for September 2020 entry
2 Á October 20G€	1 Á November 20G€	One Semester (Spring) for January 2021 entry

* We cannot guarantee consideration of applications submitted after the above deadlines, although we will try to consider every application where possible.

ERASMUS+ STUDENTS

If you come to Birmingham City University on an Erasmus+ Programme, tuition, examination costs and membership of the Students' Union will all be included with no additional cost.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMMES

You can find a full list of our courses in our Study Abroad Brochure 2019/20. You can download this from our website.

International students are required to take a full-time study load 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. Module options will be advised once a student has received an offer.

VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

If you are a European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss National you do not need to seek entry clearance. If you do not hold a European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss passport you may need to obtain entry clearance (a visa) before travelling to the UK, such as a Short-term Study Visa or a Tier 4 (General) Student Visa. Find out if you need a visa by visiting the gov.uk website.

ACCOMMODATION

University Halls of Residence*

As soon as you have received a course offer from us, you can apply for University accommodation. Students are advised to apply as soon as possible after receiving an offer.

Contact the Accommodation Services Team for more information:

T: +44 (0) 121 331 5191

E: accommodation@bcu.ac.uk

Private accommodation

The University also supports students in finding accommodation through Birmingham City Student Homes, a student-focused letting agency, owned and operated by Birmingham City University Students' Union.

WELCOME

There's plenty of advice available to you to welcome you to BCU! There will also be activities available for you to join in on. We offer a 'Meet and Greet' Service on specific dates at Birmingham Airport.

CURRENT ESTIMATED COST OF LIVING

According to the UK's National Union of Students (NUS), 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 other UK cities, such as London or Edinburgh. Here is a breakdown of some general expenses for you to consider when preparing your finances:

General expenses	Approximate cost
University accommodation * Please check with the Accommodation Services Team whether certain items are included e.g. bedding, kitchen utensils, etc, and whether you would be required to pay a deposit as well as made an advance payment. Fees can be found here.	From £110 to £140 per week
Bedroom in a shared house * Please check with the landlord whether bills are included in the price.	From £90 to £150 per week
Private shared house deposit	One month's rent in advance
Kitchen utensils, plates and cutlery	£40 to £50
Course related costs: books/stationery/photocopying/binding	£10 to £30 per month
TV licence	£12 per month
Insurance for personal belongings (depending on the level of cover)	£10 to £50 per month
Laundry (using a laundrette)	£10 to £20 per month
Food and groceries	£150 per month
Mobile telephone (depends on usage)	£20 to £30 per month for local usage
Bus ticket	£60 to £70 per month
Meal in a restaurant for one person	£10 to £30
Cappuccino (regular)	£3
Police registration (if applicable)	£34

* Please note: The above costs are estimated and subject to each student's individual personal expenses and spending habits. Click here for some general costs of living in the UK.

2020/21 key application dates

- Applications for the academic year 2020/21 open in March 2020.
- Closing date for International Student accommodation applications is 31 August 2020 for September 2020 entry.

Things to consider:

- Accommodation is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed.
- Some accommodation options are not based in the city centre and may involve a journey by public transport.

TRAVEL AND WELCOME INFORMATION:

Arriving in the UK by air

If you're travelling by air, it's easiest to arrive at Birmingham Airport (BHX) (11.9miles).

Other airports

London Heathrow Airport (LHR): 114 miles

London Gatwick Airport (LGW): 150 miles

Arriving by rail

Birmingham New Street Station

Birmingham Moor Street Station

Website: www.nationalrail.co.uk

Arriving by bus/coach

Birmingham Coach Station

Mill Lane

Digbeth, Birmingham B6 6DB

Website: www.nationalexpress.com/destinations.aspx

Website: www.networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes/students/

TRANSCRIPTS

All Erasmus+ students will be issued with 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.

OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

You may find an answer to your question here.

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/go-abroad-at-bcu/frequently-asked-questions

Extra Resources

10 reasons to choose BCU

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/why-study-here/10-reasons-to-choose-bcu

Arriving in the UK

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/preparing-for-the-uk/meet-and-greet-service/overview

FAQs for studying abroad at BCU

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/go-abroad-at-bcu/frequently-asked-questions

Life in Birmingham

www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/why-study-at-bcu/life-in-birmingham

Living costs

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/fees-costs-and-scholarships/planning-your-finances/living-costs

Meet our previous Study Abroad students

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/go-abroad-at-bcu/student-experiences

Study Abroad in Birmingham

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/go-abroad-at-bcu

