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University

STUDY ABROAD

at Birmingham City University

2024/25



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With over 30,000 students you'll find a diverse and welcoming environment. BCU is a modern and dynamic international university, with staff, students and alumni from more than 120 countries. Study with us and you'll be at the heart of it all.

Institutional information

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Academic Calendar 2024-25

Semester One*		Semester Two*	
Welcome:	9 September 2024	Welcome:	20 January 2025
Semester begins:	23 September 2024	Semester begins:	27 January 2025
Winter vacation:	23 December 2024 - 5 January 2025	Easter vacation:	14 - 27 April 2025
Semester ends:	24 January 2025	Semester ends:	23 May 2025

*Dates are indicative only. Confirmed dates for each programme will be indicated on the individual offer letter.

Study Abroad/Exchange Application

If you are a student at one of our partner universities, your home university will firstly need to send a nomination to studyabroadatBCU@bcu.ac.uk.

1. Complete online application(s) before the deadline including all the documents needed (please see below).
2. We will let you know when your application has been accepted and when we may need further details from you.

Please note that if you are applying for a full year you might also need the following:

- Financial proof (in English) of your maintenance expenses. More information here: www.gov.uk/student-visa/money
- A negative TB test. More information on the government website: www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa

Supporting documents checklist:

- Completed application
- Passport copy (photo page only)
- Academic transcript from your home university in English
- Module information from your home university for Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment courses
- English language qualification - for more information, please see www.bcu.ac.uk/english-tests
- Portfolio/sample of your work for Arts, Design and Media courses. If you have any questions on the portfolio please email ADMinternationalmobility@bcu.ac.uk.

PLEASE Note: all documents should be provided in English

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire applicants

Students looking to apply to Royal Birmingham Conservatoire require nomination via EASY system. Details of the required online application(s) will be shared following the acceptance of a nomination. The supporting documents are required as well as a supporting statement.

Applicants to Royal Birmingham Conservatoire must prepare an audition or portfolio. Please visit [our website](#) for Audition and Portfolio guidance.

BCU English Proficiency Test

Students who do not hold an English language qualification that is accepted by Birmingham City University, can consider the Birmingham City University English Proficiency Test (BCU EPT) to demonstrate their English ability.

BCU EPT results can be used as evidence of English language ability at Birmingham City University. [Visit our website to find out more about the BCU EPT](#)

Deadlines

One Semester (Autumn) or Full Year for September entry

Nomination deadline - 14 May
Application deadline* - 1 June

One Semester (Spring) for January entry

Nomination deadline - 14 September
Application deadline* - 1 October

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

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Applications

All applicants (One semester or Full Year)

Application deadline - 31 March

Fees

If you apply to study at Birmingham City University on a Study Abroad programme, the fee includes tuition, examination costs and membership of the Students' Union. The fees are:

Study Abroad for One Semester: £6,990

Study Abroad for Two Semesters: £13,980

Students from our partner institutions who participate in an exchange programme may have their tuition fee waived. Please contact your home university for further details.

Available programmes

You can find a full list of our courses on our [website](#).

International students are required to take a full-time study load for visa purposes as follows:

One Semester students: 60 modules required (3-4 modules per semester)

Full Academic Year students: 120 modules required (6-8 modules for the academic year)

We recommend that students take modules from within one College. The module selection process will be carried out during the application process.

Transcripts

All credit-bearing Study Abroad students will be issued with a transcript detailing their modules and final grades at the end of the academic year. This will be emailed directly to students and to the partner university upon request.

Visa and immigration requirements

If you are coming to the UK as a student you may need to obtain a visa before travelling. Find out if you need a visa by visiting www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa.

Accommodation

University Halls of Residence

As soon as you have accepted a course offer from us, you can apply for University accommodation. Students are advised to apply as soon as possible after accepting an offer. Find out more information about accommodation options by visiting our [website](#).

Contact the Accommodation Services Team for more information on:

+44 (0) 121 331 5191

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.

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 £12,276**. 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. To find out more about living expenses for your time abroad [this website](#).

** www.topuniversities.com/student-info/student-finance/how-much-does-it-cost-study-uk, June 2023

Planning your arrival

Once you've received and accepted your offer of a place with us, there are a number of steps you need to take to ensure you can take up your place and begin your studies in the UK. You'll also need to plan your travel to Birmingham, organise your accommodation, and prepare yourself for living and studying in the UK.

It's an exciting time, but you'll also need to be organised to ensure everything runs smoothly. Visit our [website](#), outlining the main things to prepare for your studies at Birmingham City University.

We offer a 'Meet and Greet' service on specific dates at Birmingham Airport. There will also be activities that you can join once you arrive. For more information please see [our website](#).

All about Birmingham

Studying in Birmingham offers you the chance to live and work in the youngest major city in Europe with world-class restaurants, entertainment and shops. Birmingham is home to more than one million people from a range of different cultures and ethnic groups, 29% of this population is under 20 years old. Discover more [here](#).

Study Abroad in Birmingham

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