



## Information Sheet for Incoming Students - University of Birmingham 2020/21

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Requirements	
Study Requirements	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 – see Appendix I.  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.
Language Proficiency	English language requirements can be found at:  <a href="https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/applying.aspx">https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/applying.aspx</a>



Nomination and Application		
Deadlines	Nomination	<b>31 March:</b> Fall semester or full academic year <b>30 September:</b> Spring semester
	Application	<b>30 April:</b> Fall semester or Academic year <b>31 October:</b> Spring semester
Procedure	Nomination	Using an online nomination form by the UoB International Relations Office, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home university coordinator's details; and</li> <li>• Student's details <i>e.g. contact details, academic background, study period etc.</i></li> </ul>
	Application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Official nomination needs to be submitted by the home institution's exchange advisor/coordinator;</li> <li>2. Students will receive an email with a link to the online application form;</li> <li>3. Student to follow the Instructions on how to complete the online application form and upload all the necessary supporting documents.</li> </ol>
Notice of Acceptance	September entry: January entry:	May - June November

Academics	
Academic Calendar	<p><b>Welcome and Orientation</b></p> <p>Fall semester      21 – 25 September 2020 Spring semester    25 – 29 January 2021</p> <p><b>Term dates</b></p> <p>Fall semester      28 September 2020 - 18 December 2020 Spring semester    1 February 2021 – 25 June 2021</p> <p><b>Examination dates</b> at UoB are different in each College and depend on the modules students choose. The main examination period takes place from early May to early June. Alternative assessment will be arranged for students who attend the First semester only.</p>
Course Load	Exchange students are expected to study 60 UoB credits (equivalent to 30 ECTS) per semester and 120 UoB credits (equivalent to 60 ECTS) per full academic year.



Courses	<p>The University is structured around five Colleges, four of which are open to Study Abroad and Exchanges. Only the College of Medical and Dental Sciences is excluded. Students need to select their preferred College, which is relevant to their degree subject, 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.</p> <p>The four Colleges that are open to Study Abroad and Exchanges are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College of Arts and Law</li> <li>• College of Engineering and Physical Sciences</li> <li>• College of Social Sciences</li> <li>• College of Life and Environmental Sciences</li> </ul>
Restrictions	<p>All modules are subject to availability and academic pre-requisites.</p> <p>The College of Medical and Dental Science is not open to Study Abroad and Exchanges.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Postgraduate level modules are only available on a case by case basis once the application has been accepted by the relevant Schools.</p>
Transcript	<p>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.</p> <p>Additionally, 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.</p>

## Living in Birmingham

Housing	<p>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 for students staying in Birmingham for either the spring term or the full academic year.</p> <p>Additional information:  <a href="https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/accommodation.aspx">https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/accommodation.aspx</a></p>
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Insurance	<p>We recommend that you take out health insurance before you travel and arrive in the UK.</p> <p>The University 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.</p> <p>If your course lasts less than six months you will be treated as a private patient and will have to pay to see a doctor. The charges for this can be especially 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.</p>																																				
Living Expenses	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Estimated budget</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Essential Living Costs</th> <th>Catered Halls</th> <th>Self-catered Halls</th> <th>Private House</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Rent</td> <td>£175</td> <td>£150</td> <td>£100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas &amp; Electric</td> <td>Included</td> <td>Included</td> <td>£11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water</td> <td>Included</td> <td>Included</td> <td>£3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food</td> <td>Included</td> <td>£50</td> <td>£50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toiletries</td> <td>£5</td> <td>£5</td> <td>£5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laundry</td> <td>£5</td> <td>£5</td> <td>£5</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Weekly Total</b></td> <td><b>£185</b></td> <td><b>£210</b></td> <td><b>£174</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Annual Total</b></td> <td><b>£7,770</b></td> <td><b>£8,820</b></td> <td><b>£7,308</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Essential Living Costs	Catered Halls	Self-catered Halls	Private House	Rent	£175	£150	£100	Gas & Electric	Included	Included	£11	Water	Included	Included	£3	Food	Included	£50	£50	Toiletries	£5	£5	£5	Laundry	£5	£5	£5	<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>£185</b>	<b>£210</b>	<b>£174</b>	<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>£7,770</b>	<b>£8,820</b>	<b>£7,308</b>
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Visa	<p>International students who are in the UK for more than six months and do not hold an EU passport need to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa. Students who are in the UK for less than six months may be able to use a Short Term Study Visa.</p> <p>Advice and support with visa applications can be found on the University's webpages:</p> <p><a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/support-international.aspx">www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/support-international.aspx</a></p>																																				



### Additional Information about UoB

UoB memberships and rankings

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 81st in this year's QS World University Rankings, cementing our position in the top 100 universities globally and placing us as 14th amongst UK universities.
- In the latest Complete University Guide league table for 2020, Birmingham is ranked 13th out of 131 institutions surveyed in the UK.



## Appendix I - Academic Entry Requirements for exchange students 2020-21:

### Non-Erasmus Partners - Country specific academic entry requirements:

Partner Country	Accepted academic marks (GPA)
Australia	Credit Individual entry grades may be considered
Argentina	6/10
Brazil	6.5/10
Canada	2.9/4.0 Individual entry grades may be considered
Chile	4.5/7
China	75%
Ecuador	65% or 6.5/10
India	55%
Indonesia	Group 1: 2.5 / Group 2: 2.5 / Group 3: 2.5
Israel	70%
Japan	2.5/4
South Korea	Propose 2.8/4.0 Propose 3.0/4.5
Malaysia	Group 1 2.5 Group 2 2.7
Mexico	7
New Zealand	C
Singapore	2.ii or 3.5/5 CAP
Thailand	Group 1: 2.6 Group 2: 2.8
Uruguay	TBC
USA	2.8
Vietnam	Group 1: 6.5 Group 2: 7.0 Group 3: 7.0
West Indies	2.ii