

# International Guide

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City University





## Welcome From the Vice-Chancellor

As Vice Chancellor of Birmingham City University I am delighted to extend a very warm and sincere welcome to you.

Choosing a university is one of the most important decisions you will make in your life and will be influenced by many factors such as the reputation of the university, its location and facilities. We hope that this International Guide will answer your questions and help you in making that decision.

Birmingham City University is situated within the City of Birmingham, which is a vibrant and successful multi-cultural city. The City offers a large choice of entertainment, together with easy access to fabulous rural and historical landscapes.

Birmingham City University is truly international, with students enrolling from over 80 countries, bringing with them a vital contribution of individual perspectives.

Education is about much more than employability. It includes travelling with a different view, developing different perspectives and opening your mind to the possibilities. The balance of theory and practice at the University, incorporating the key relationships we hold

with local, national and international partners, will prepare you for your chosen careers.

Birmingham City University will give you the ability, self-confidence and the desire to go on learning for the rest of your life and to cope with new situations. Studying at Birmingham City University will give you the skills and knowledge to open up the opportunities that come from having a receptive and enquiring mind.

Birmingham City University provides an orientation programme to help you settle into your new home and our dedicated team at the International Office and International Advice Service (IAS) will do all they can to assist you.

I wish you every success and we look forward to welcoming you to Birmingham City University in the near future.

**Professor David Tidmarsh**  
BSc (Hons), PhD, CEng, FIMechE, FCMl  
Vice-Chancellor



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### The International Office

01	Birmingham City University has a dedicated International Office, which promotes and develops the University's links and partnerships with business, public service organisations, local community, overseas governments and international organisations. We work closely with funding bodies for fellowship programmes and sustainable educational development. The International Office is the focal point of contact for enquiries on the extensive range of University services and facilities which include:
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We have launched a new dedicated website for international students and it covers many areas which will be useful to you. To find out more about our overseas visits, please visit [www.bcu.ac.uk/international](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/international)

### Important Dates

#### Term Dates 2009 – 2010

Orientation Week: 15 – 19 September 2009  
 Freshers Week: 22 – 26 September 2009  
 Autumn Term: 29 September – 17 December 2009  
 Spring Term: 5 January – 27 March 2010  
 Summer Term: 20 April – 19 June 2010



# Birmingham City University's impressive record

## Simply the Best

The University's Education provision was awarded Grade A 'Outstanding', for Management and Quality Assurance in both its secondary and primary teacher training. There are only ten universities in the country to have achieved this adding to our impressive graduate teachers employment record (1st for primary, 3rd for secondary in the United Kingdom).

98% of initial teacher training graduates have a job six months after graduating placing us within the top ten of institutions. (National Student Survey 2008).

## World Class

The Business School has been granted Platinum Approval – the highest level awarded by the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA) for its professional accountancy tuition programme. It is an independent acknowledgement of the teaching, facilities and high quality of support which Birmingham City University offers to ACCA students.

## Innovation

The Faculty of Technology Innovation and Development is among the UK's most sought after technology faculties, ranked among the top ten comparable university faculties in the UK's authoritative Guardian University Guide. Thus Birmingham City University has changed the landscape of Engineering education in the United Kingdom, with its outstanding quality of education.

The Morgan Motor Company won the Achievement in Innovation prize at this year's Lord Stafford Awards through its collaboration with Birmingham City University. The award recognises the achievements of three Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) programmes and the Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Development.

The Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Development is a Super Development Centre for CISCO Academy covering the whole of Europe, the Middle East, Africa and part of Asia. These links with CISCO ensure that the curriculum is up to date and relevant to employers. It also assists in providing numerous project placements and employment opportunities for students. The Faculty also operates academies for Microsoft and Apple.

## Real Courses for Real Jobs and Real Profession

The LLB law programme is a practically orientated course, giving students opportunities to work on 'real' cases with 'real' clients. The Free Representation Unit is an independent free legal advice and representation service run by students in the School of Law, supervised by lecturers. It offers free legal advice, assistance and representation to those who cannot afford the services of a solicitor, yet do not qualify for public funding. Students can also use the Moot Courtroom where they stand up in a court style setting and present in front of a judge (usually a qualified solicitor or barrister) and argue their case.

Birmingham School of Acting has recently launched a postgraduate course of specific interest to International students, Acting: The British Tradition.\*

The University has a solid track record in its teaching and employer engagement activities, which has seen a sharp increase in international students and pioneering collaboration with

employers through initiatives like the Skillset Media Academy, Lifestyle and Interactive Media clusters.

The University has become a strategic partner with The Working Manager Limited (TWM), a provider of blended learning to 50 of the UK's largest corporations such as Alliance & Leicester, Carlsberg, DVLA, Malmaison, the Post Office, NHS Scotland and Sainsbury's.

## Flagship Development

Birmingham City University has plans to spend £250 million to develop educational facilities, to include a new state-of-the-art city centre campus at Eastside with some of the UK's best educational facilities.

\* [Subject to Approval]

## OBE for CEO who studied at the University

A former student of Birmingham City University has been awarded with an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours list.

Mrs Deborah Leary, founder of Forensic Pathways Ltd, has been presented with an Order of the British Empire and received the accolade for her services to entrepreneurship and to the community in Staffordshire.



## The City of Birmingham

The University is located in Birmingham, England's second city, situated in the heart of the United Kingdom. Birmingham is one of the largest cities in Europe with an area of 80 square miles and a population of a million people including more than 65,000 students.

It is a vibrant, multi-cultural city where people enjoy living, studying, working and playing. Inspired investment has transformed the city into one of public squares, pedestrianised streets, first class leisure facilities and world renowned venues. A rich heritage and world class cultural scene combine with modern shopping malls, canal-side homes and a diverse and exciting nightlife.

With the £500m Bullring development, which includes the iconic Selfridges building, and other retail triumphs such as The Mailbox and revamped markets, Birmingham proudly boasts the title 'shopping capital of Europe'.

Nights out can take you from the bustle of Broad Street, and the Arcadian in the Chinese Quarter to any number of night clubs. Live music in Birmingham doesn't just mean visiting the NEC or NIA. There's a host of fine venues sprinkled across the city – one of the best has to be the Carling Academy.

If you're looking for something more sedate, head for Brindley Place, another recent development with coffee shops, bars and restaurants and even a contemporary

art gallery (Ikon), serving some of the best tapas in town. Birmingham's got to be one of the best venues for multi-cultural cuisine, with something to suit every palate and wallet.

The city hosts an abundance of parks and green spaces and more miles of canal than even Venice can boast. Canon Hill Park and the Botanical Gardens offer peace within the city limits, but you can easily head off to the Malverns or the Cotswolds for even more tranquillity.

Birmingham is at the centre of road and rail networks and also has its own international airport. The central location means that it is easily accessible from other parts of the United Kingdom and abroad.

If you want to go further afield, situated in the heart of England, Birmingham is ideally placed for you to explore the rest of the UK. 75% of the UK is within access of Birmingham within half a day and with budget airlines offering low cost flights, Scotland, Ireland and Europe are within easy reach.

For further information about Birmingham please visit the following websites:

**Birmingham City Council** -

[www.birmingham.gov.uk](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk)

**Marketing Birmingham** -

[www.birmingham.org.uk](http://www.birmingham.org.uk)

**The Bullring - Europe's largest and newest shopping centre** -

[www.bullring.co.uk](http://www.bullring.co.uk)

**National Exhibition Centre Birmingham** -

[www.necgroup.co.uk](http://www.necgroup.co.uk)

**BBC Birmingham** -

[www.bbc.co.uk/birmingham](http://www.bbc.co.uk/birmingham)

The Faculty of Technology Innovation and Development impressed me. Lots of students do research as a part of their course and come out with innovative ideas to establish themselves in the field of Engineering.

**Vidhyacharan Somanur Ponnuswamy – India**





Above: Millennium Point and plans for new campus at Eastside.

## About Birmingham City University

The University's faculties provide the highest-quality learning experience for our students. The University is a large, diverse, historic provider of higher and further education for the people of the UK and beyond, with our roots going back to 1843.

Birmingham City University has six faculties offering over 300 courses which are taught and supported by a staff of more than 2,000. Your course will be located in one of these faculties. Over 23,000 full-time and part-time students from over 80 countries study with us every year with many more attending short courses.

### The six faculties are:

- **Birmingham City Business School**
- **Birmingham Institute of Art and Design**
- **Faculty of Education, Law and Social Sciences**
- **Faculty of Health**
- **Faculty of Performance, Media and English**
- **Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Development**

### Birmingham City Business School

[www.business.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.business.bcu.ac.uk)

Birmingham City Business School is one of the largest university business schools in the UK. It provides an impressive array of undergraduate programmes, all designed to be vocationally relevant and have an emphasis on the development of transferable skills as well as knowledge acquisition. Subjects include Accountancy, Advertising, Business, Computing, Economics, Finance, Internet Systems, Human Resources, Management, Marketing, and Public Relations.

Opportunities exist on all undergraduate courses to gain experience of the workplace. This ranges from simulations through action learning projects based in real businesses to a full year work placement. There is also an opportunity to study abroad for one semester at one of our partner institutions around the world.

### Birmingham Institute of Art and Design (BIAD)

[www.biad.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.biad.bcu.ac.uk)

BIAD is one of the UK's foremost centres for art, architecture and design. It has a proud tradition dating back to the foundation of the Birmingham School of Design in 1843 and an international reputation for the quality of its programmes.

The Faculty offers a range of further education Certificates and Diplomas, which lead to a

comprehensive undergraduate portfolio and a substantial programme of postgraduate courses. It is spread across five recently renovated and modernised sites.

Gosta Green is home to the Department of Fashion, Textiles and Three Dimensional Design, Birmingham School of Architecture, Department of Visual Communication and the School of Theoretical and Historical Studies. The award-winning School of Jewellery is located in Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter. The Department of Art is housed in a magnificent gothic building in Margaret Street in the city's museum and gallery district. Finally, there is the historic location, Bournville Village Trust, which is home to Bournville Centre for Visual Arts.

### Faculty of Education, Law and Social Sciences

[www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk)

[www.ed.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.ed.bcu.ac.uk)

The Faculty of Education, Law and Social Sciences has an exceptional reputation for its teaching and training courses. Ofsted and the Quality Assurance Agency have confirmed the high quality of its provision during recent inspections.

Our established school partnerships, both primary and secondary, ensure that all lecturers and school mentors are up-to-date with current practice and can provide expert support for students.

The Faculty is committed to teaching, scholarship, research and consultancy and delivers high quality courses in subjects including Education, Law and Legal Studies, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Social and Policy Studies.

### Faculty of Health

[www.bcu.ac.uk/health](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/health)

The Faculty of Health prides itself on providing students with the skills and confidence required to develop a successful career in the caring professions. As the largest faculty within the University, over 7,000 full and part-time students each year join us.

The Faculty has established strong links and partnerships with NHS Trusts and health

and social care providers, has become one of the UK's largest higher education centres for health and social care, and is the largest provider of qualified staff to the NHS and Social Services in the region.

It is a nationally recognised Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) as a result of its excellent teaching practice. This is an achievement to be extremely proud of and this will enhance the learning experience by improving student facilities and by developing innovative learning techniques allowing you to learn, where, when and how you need to.

Within a helpful and supportive environment, Faculty programmes at undergraduate level cover a wide range of areas, focusing on encouragement and employability. Within the Faculty, there is a strong emphasis on the application of academic study to the practice of health and social care as all undergraduate courses include practical placements. Students develop clinical and professional skills so they can start their careers in the caring professions with confidence.

### Faculty of Performance, Media and English

This faculty incorporates:

- **Birmingham Conservatoire**  
[www.conservatoire.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.conservatoire.bcu.ac.uk)
- **Birmingham School of Acting**  
[www.bsa.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bsa.bcu.ac.uk)
- **School of English**  
[www.bcu.ac.uk/english](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/english)
- **School of Media**  
[www.mediacourses.com](http://www.mediacourses.com)

### Birmingham Conservatoire

The Conservatoire educates and trains musicians to professional standards in solo performance, composition, chamber music, orchestral playing and jazz. The Conservatoire has welcomed world-class musicians to work with students and the thriving Junior Department provides tuition in classical music, chamber music, jazz and the music of North India, Pakistan and Bangladesh for students aged 3 to 18, including A Level studies.

### **Birmingham School of Acting (BSA)**

Birmingham School of Acting was founded in 1936 and has become a leading UK drama school focused on providing professional vocational training for actors. It merged with Birmingham City University in June 2005, which provided the opportunity for the School to move to its new £4m state of the art purpose built premises within Millennium Point. The BSA exists to educate and train the next generation of actors for stage, screen and broadcast. BSA combines the benefits of a specialist vocational drama school with the advantages available to other students of this major university.

### **School of English**

Recently relocated into bright, airy studios on the University's City North Campus, the School of English has an established and growing research profile. The school was recognised in the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2008, and is home to the National Academy of Writing.

### **School of Media**

The School of Media offers a wide range of courses with a focus on innovation, creativity and enterprise. The school and its courses have an excellent reputation due to the wealth of knowledge and experience offered by both academics and media industry professionals. The school holds an exceptional track record for employability through its many industry placement opportunities.

### **Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Development**

[www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk)

The Faculty incorporates:

- **School of Computing, Telecommunications and Networks**
- **School of Digital Media Technology**
- **School of Engineering Design and Manufacturing Systems**
- **School of Property, Construction and Planning**

The Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Development is located within the prestigious Millennium Point building, a £114 million complex opened in 2001, which provides state-of-the-art facilities for exploring and utilising technology.

Students benefit from a diverse range of industrial links including applied research and technology transfer. These associations allow staff to apply their knowledge to the challenges facing business and industry, ensuring that they are able to underpin teaching programmes with relevant, up-to-date vocational material.

## **The University Campuses**

Birmingham City University is a modern university but it is steeped in history, having evolved over more than 165 years through the amalgamation of various institutes, colleges and schools.

The evolution is reflected in the buildings on the University's various sites which represent an interesting mix of architectural styles, ranging from very modern accommodation at the Edgbaston campus to a Gothic building on Margaret Street within the City Centre Campus.

So, wherever you are from, whatever you wish to study, to whatever level, Birmingham City University will be able to cater for you.

### **City North Campus**

The University's main campus is found three miles north of the city centre, situated within easy reach of a large shopping centre with many shops including a large supermarket.

Major bus and rail links surround City North Campus. Perry Barr train station is located opposite the campus and major bus routes run adjacent to the site.

The campus has two halls of residence and plenty of private housing in the surrounding area.

More information about facilities is available on pages 8 and 9.

In 2009/10 the following faculties will offer courses on this campus:

- **Faculty of Performance, Media and English**
- **Birmingham City Business School**
- **Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Development**
- **Faculty of Health**
- **Faculty of Education, Law and Social Sciences**

### **City Centre Campuses**

#### **Gosta Green**

This city centre campus is the largest of the sites where Birmingham Institute of Art and Design (BIAD) courses are delivered. It is home to the Digital Media Centre and the Birmingham School of Architecture, with superb and improved facilities.

The library specialises in 3D design, fashion and textiles, visual communication and the history of art and design. It houses an artist collection (books, slides and videos), photographer collection and journal collection, along with a selection of films on DVD.

#### **Facilities at Gosta Green include:**

- Gallery space for exhibitions
- Editing and animation suites
- Theatre
- Fashion workshops
- Photographic facilities and studios
- Textiles area with computerised looms and printers
- Wood and metal workshops
- Student Services office
- Medical rooms
- Careers base

- Art shop
- Eatery

#### **Birmingham Conservatoire**

Our purpose-built music school sits right in the heart of the city centre at Paradise Place and includes Adrian Boult Hall, one of the city's premier music venues. Just a few minutes walk from the Symphony Hall, the Conservatoire has some of the finest performing and teaching facilities of its kind in the country.

The library has been recently upgraded and holds substantial collections of books and journals. Specialised print and computer-based sources are also available. Collections include orchestral and band sets, vocal scores, individual scores and parts, around 12,000 sound recordings and over 6,000 CDs. Our new audio room has an upgraded suite of listening and recording equipment.

#### **Facilities available at Birmingham Conservatoire include:**

- Two premier music venues
- Six recording studios
- 50 dedicated practice rooms and separate keyboard studio
- Instrument loan
- Bar and Cafe



Above: City North Campus, Millennium Point  
Right: Seacole Building, Westbourne Road  
and Birmingham School of Acting

### School of Jewellery

Founded in 1890 our internationally renowned School of Jewellery sits right in the heart of the city's famous, Jewellery Quarter. Much of the jewellery made in Britain today is manufactured in this area.

The multi-award winning building is the largest School of Jewellery in Europe and houses a wonderful complex of workshops, teaching and exhibition accommodation.

The School also benefits from its close location to the University's Jewellery Industry Innovation Centre (JIIC), which offers an expertise in a range of industry-related techniques, including: Computer Aided Design (CAD); Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM); rapid prototyping; surface finishing; reverse engineering and project management.

#### Facilities at the School of Jewellery include:

- Specialist library - Jewellery, Horology and Silversmithing
- Industry-standard resources and equipment
- Bookable exhibition space
- Studio workshops including laser welders and dedicated CAD/CAM facility

### Bournville

Set in George Cadbury's Bournville Village Trust, the Centre is one of the most idyllic settings within which to study. The distinctive qualities of the centre have been enhanced by a £6.5m refurbishment programme and now provide a learning community that is unique both regionally and nationally. The Centre has been providing art education for almost 100 years.

The library covers general aspects of art and design and includes an artist collection, photographer collection and journal collection, along with a selection of films on DVD.

#### Facilities at Bournville include:

- Audio visual equipment
- Extensive computer suite
- Workshops for wood, metal

### Margaret Street

Margaret Street is home to the Department of Art, part of Birmingham Institute of Art and Design. It has won numerous awards for the restoration of its beautiful architecture and has been fully refurbished internally at a cost of £5.5m. It is now a stunning modern art school with light, airy studio and is also full of cutting-edge technology.

The library houses an artists collection (books, slides and video), photographer collection and journal collection, along with a selection of films on DVD.

#### Facilities at Margaret Street include:

- Specialist fine art library
- Bookable installation and viewing spaces
- Gallery
- Design suite
- Print workshops
- Workshops for wood, metal, plaster, fibreglass, ceramics, digital media, print and photography, faculty archives
- Cafe

### Millennium Point

Millennium Point is leading the regeneration of the Birmingham Eastside City Centre. It is a £114 million purpose-built development providing state-of-the-art resources and facilities for discovering and utilising technology with a Science, Engineering Technology & Learning theme. To this end the schools situated within Millennium Point are:

- **School of Computing, Telecommunications and Networks**
- **School of Digital Media Technology**
- **School of Engineering Design and Manufacturing Systems**
- **School of Property, Construction and Planning**
- **Birmingham School of Acting (BSA) of the Faculty of Performance, Media and English**

(\* Subject to Approval)

### Facilities at Millennium Point include:

- IT and media suites
- Sound and television studio complex
- State-of-the-art noise and vibration cells
- Design studio
- Advanced manufacturing facilities and automotive and powertrain test cell
- Studios with acoustic panelling and sprung floors
- Large performance studio
- Quiet room and drop in centre
- Careers base
- Students' Union office
- Bar and Cafe

### Edgbaston Campus

Found just south of the city centre, the Edgbaston site is the recently improved home to a range of healthcare courses.

The Royal Centre for Defence Medicine is also located here, training personnel for the armed forces alongside civilian students.

The site is well-served by bus routes due to its proximity to the city centre and there are halls of residence on campus, with a variety of private housing nearby.

The redevelopment of the campus has allowed substantial enhancements to practical learning facilities.

Seacole library is home to one of the largest specialist health education collections in the UK. Part of the £30m campus redevelopment, the state-of-the-art facility provides a range of working environments and facilities.

#### Facilities at Edgbaston Campus include:

- Clinical skills
- Mock operating theatre and ward
- Birthing rooms
- Learning centre
- Medical rooms
- Careers base
- IT suites
- Students' Union complex
- Shops

# The University's Facilities and Services

Birmingham City University provides a wide range of facilities and support services designed to help you make the most of your time at the University.

## Student Services

Student Services provides the following services:

- International Advice Service
- Careers Information and Guidance
- Chaplaincy/Religious Needs
- Childcare
- Counselling
- Financial Advice and Guidance
- Health Care
- Disability services

For further information on the services listed above, please visit the website at [www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services)

## International Advice Service (IAS)

IAS will be your main contact as an International Student. Our team of advisors can provide advice and guidance on a range of issues including, immigration, working in the United Kingdom, finance and funding, academic, personal and other welfare issues.

## Meet and Greet

We will meet and greet you at Birmingham International Airport and take you to your University accommodation. If you are travelling from a London airport, you can pre-book a coach transfer to Birmingham International Airport where we will meet you. You will need to register online for the Meet and Greet service at [www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services/international](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services/international)

## Orientation

Orientation week is dedicated to International Students and our entire focus is on you. During Orientation you will:

- Enrol onto your degree programme
- Get information about the University

- Meet members of staff
- Open your bank account, register with the police, register with a doctor
- Attend social events and familiarise yourself with Birmingham
- Make new friends

**You will need to register online for Orientation and you will need to bring all of your original documentation with you. More information can be found at [www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services/international](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services/international)**

## Counselling

IAS is part of the Student Welfare team and can offer you advice on everything from visas to careers, academic studies to personal issues.

## Xplore!

Xplore is a programme of social and cultural events organised by IAS. Activities include visits to places of interest around the UK and even Europe. In the past, students have visited exciting cities such as Paris, London, Edinburgh and York. Xplore organises social events such as Christmas and Graduation parties. As an international student you will need to register for Xplore to receive monthly newsletters and discounted sightseeing trips in the UK.

## Visas

IAS can also counsel you regarding your visa. If you have conditions on your visa you may need to register with the police, and you will have working restrictions. If you need to extend your visa IAS will assist you.

## Working in the UK

Depending on your visa, normally you can work for 20 hours a week during term time and full-time during the vacation. If you are pursuing a sandwich degree then you will be allowed

to work full-time for a year as it is considered part of your studies. If you have a visa that denies any work, you must not work in a paid job. If you do work, you may lose the right to remain in the UK.

## Birmingham City Students' Union

All students at Birmingham City University receive free automatic membership of the Union and every member has a say on how it is run. If you have any issues as a student you can always seek advice and support from the Union.

At the beginning of the academic year the Students' Union hold social events for all new students. This is called Freshers Week and you will have the opportunity to join social and sports clubs and meet British students. Additionally the Union runs a diverse mix of interesting societies and further information can be found at [www.birminghamcitysu.com/societies](http://www.birminghamcitysu.com/societies)

As a member of the Students' Union you will be eligible for many discounts throughout the University, Birmingham and the UK. Discounts can include travel, theatre, cinema, entry to tourist attractions, night clubs and even shops. There is a small fee for your membership card, but it is worthwhile to obtain these discounts.

Birmingham City Students' Union is located in the Union Building, City North Campus, but representation is spread across all campuses. Inside the Union Building you will find Bar 42, a computer shop, internet cafe, a small supermarket and hairdressing salon.





From top left: Tic, Millennium Point and Moor Lane Pavillion

### Sports Facilities

Everyone is welcome to compete in sport at Birmingham City University and the Union caters for a wide spectrum of sports.

Sports facilities at Moor Lane span 43 acres. The £4.5 million Moor Lane Pavillion opened in 2004 and has 12 grass pitches and an all weather floodlit pitch. You can join any number of sports clubs including kickboxing, netball, football, hockey, rugby and cricket.

The University has also received planning consent for its proposed sports centre in Perry Barr. It will be sited close to the City North Campus and boast a wide range of sports facilities for both students and staff of the University and members of the local community including:

- a sports hall big enough to accommodate eight badminton courts
- an 80-station fitness suite
- dance and aerobic studios

Work is planned to commence in July with completion before the start of the academic year in September 2009 and will cost around £7m.

You can indulge your passion for sport somewhere in or around the city. As a major sporting centre and venue, Birmingham hosts a number of World and European Championships and boasts three top football clubs: Aston Villa, Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion.

The NIA is Britain's top indoor sporting venue, holding a range of events including Davis Cup Tennis, world class badminton, table tennis, judo and power lifting, basketball, wrestling and international athletics.

International cricket, takes place at Edgbaston, home of Warwickshire County Cricket Club and

just outside the city, the renowned Brabazon golf course at The Belfry, has been the venue for three Ryder Cup tournaments.

Other venues include The Ackers in Birmingham City Centre for Abseiling, Archery, Skiing, Rock Climbing and other adventure sports.

There are also a number of local swimming pools and gyms whose facilities you can use.

### Libraries and Learning Resources

There is a library located on each campus, with books, journals, learning materials, and IT facilities. The materials available at each library will relate to the faculties located on that campus. You can find more information about library opening hours and digital resources at [www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk)

Each faculty has a librarian assigned to them and they can assist you or recommend material for your coursework. The library also has learning resources with guides on writing reports, referencing and other useful skills. You can find more information about opening hours and access to digital library services at [www.library.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.library.bcu.ac.uk)

### IT

There are a wealth of IT resources available at the university, with computers located both in the faculties and the libraries. A technician is always on hand to assist you with problems or queries.

### Moodle

This is our virtual learning environment. You may have lectures or coursework delivered by Moodle and you will be able to download lecture notes and course information.

### Digital Print Unit (DPU)

DPU is located on City North Campus and

students can access a wide range of print services including, dissertation binding and colour photocopying. Print services are chargeable.

### Childcare

We offer nurseries at both City North and Westbourne Campuses offering low cost childcare. The nurseries operate from 7.30am - 5.45pm Monday - Friday, 50 weeks of the year.

Attendance can be full-time or on a sessional basis of morning and/or afternoon, enabling students to make flexible use of child care services.

Children are looked after in a caring, child-centred environment by experienced and qualified staff who provide a stimulating environment and cultural diversity of pre-school education.

More information on childcare services can be found at [www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services/childcare](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services/childcare)

### Catering

On every campus there is a café catering to staff and students serving breakfast, lunch and even an early dinner. A selection of hot meals, sandwiches, drinks, cakes, pastries and beverages are available.

### Shops

City North Campus hosts a convenient shop selling everything from chocolate to writing paper. Art and Design supplies can be bought from the Gosta Green shop. There is a large shopping centre located next to City North Campus and the other campuses are located in the city centre, where you can take advantage of the award-winning Bullring, which hosts more than 160 shops.

## James Lee Liang Fong 28, Malaysia Visual Communication BA and MA

James designed his own future when he studied at Birmingham City University and now works in the UK for Birmingham based designers, Z3 Design Studio.

He first heard of Birmingham Institute of Art and Design (BIAD) whilst studying at LASALLE-SIA College of the Arts in Singapore. James chose to continue his studies in Birmingham after finishing his diploma and said: "I have a passion for the arts and always wanted to pursue a career in the creative industry. BIAD is one of the top art institutions in the UK with an excellent reputation. It was the perfect choice for me."

James found himself surrounded by experienced practitioners on his course and said: "The course at BIAD allowed me to explore different media without constraining

my creativity." He continues: "It provided me with lots of opportunities to become involved in the creative drive of the UK and in Birmingham." As a designer James thinks Birmingham is an exciting and inspiring location for study. James said: "Birmingham is a great city to be in. The city is constantly changing and developing and because of its central location it's easy to reach other cities of cultural interest."

James put everything he learnt into practice on his course and in 2007 became the driving force behind a new advertising campaign for the University. James's work was seen across Birmingham and the West Midlands on billboards, buses, trains and cinema screens. James is currently putting his design talents to use on a whole range of Birmingham City University publications, including this International Guide.



## Abeed Farooqui 22, Saudi Arabia Business and Management BTEC HND Business Joint BA (Honours) Degree Programme

Abeed studied at American schools in Saudi Arabia before choosing Birmingham City University. He believes that studying in the UK demonstrates to employers back home that a high standard of education has been achieved.

Abeed finds library staff and resources extremely helpful including the bookable study rooms and range of learning resources. Abeed said: "The University provides a safe environment to study within and the quality of teaching is excellent. I enjoy the style of

teaching on my course that helps make learning about business and management fun and exciting."

Abeed chose to work during his studies and received excellent guidance and support from the International Office on visa requirements and documentation. Abeed took a job with B&Q, an international employer and was quickly promoted to a supervisory role.

However, it's not all work and no play for Abeed. He is the team captain of the University cricket team which practices at Edgbaston Cricket Ground and toured Bath in 2008. In Spring 2009 the team plan to tour Holland and will be visiting Amsterdam. The team hold fundraising events and there are always opportunities for students to participate in future activities.

After completing his first degree, Abeed hopes to study for the Business and Finance MA. Abeed said: "The franchise college was very impressive and have been fully supportive of all my needs. This prompted me to follow up my HND studies with the top-up degree." He continues: "Wherever you go in the world, finance plays a major role in any company and I want to play that key role. My education at Birmingham City University will give me the edge I need to succeed anywhere in the world."



## Accommodation

If you decide that Birmingham City University is the place for you, one of your main concerns will undoubtedly be where you are going to live. Birmingham is a large, cosmopolitan area offering a wide variety of accommodation.

All international students are given priority in the allocation of self-catering single study bedrooms in University accommodation for the duration of their course. During your first year

we strongly recommend that you live in university accommodation because this will be the easiest option for you. Staying in university owned accommodation is the

ideal way to meet people who often become lifelong friends.

Name	No of Rooms	Type of Accommodation	Location	Priority to	Cost per week*
The Coppice	432	6 bed apartments, shared bathrooms	Perry Barr, adjacent to City North Campus	City North Campus students	£75
Oscott Gardens	419	5, 8 bed apartments, en-suite facilities	Perry Barr, adjacent to City North Campus	City North Campus students	£86.50 - £92.50
Hamstead	721	Studio, 2, 6 bed apartments, shared bathrooms	2 miles from City North Campus	City North Campus students	£74.00 - £93.50
Edgbaston	295	4, 11 bed apartments, shared bathrooms	2 miles from city centre	Edgbaston (Health) students	£61.50 - £72.50
Opal 1	200	4, 6 bed apartments, en-suite facilities	City centre	TID and Conservatoire students	£94.76
Curzon Gateway	220	3, 5, 6 bed apartments, en-suite facilities	City Centre	Conservatoire & Fine Art students	£89.00

\* Prices based on 08/09 rents

### Private Sector Accommodation

There are many types of private accommodation available in Birmingham from shared houses to shared apartments. Birmingham City University holds information on apartments and houses for let by private sector landlords.

The University does not inspect these properties. If you do choose private accommodation, agreements are between the landlord and the student.

However, there are many advantages to staying in University accommodation:

- all of your heating, water, lighting and electricity are included in your weekly rent;
- any repairs are done by the University staff within a timely manner;
- most of the university accommodation is self catering so you can cook your own food, when you want. (You will have to supply your own cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery);
- you can request to share your accommodation with friends, or a single sex flat e.g. all male or all female;
- there is a telephone in each room;
- there is an internet port available in each room, enabling you to keep up to date with your work through the virtual library, on-line coursework and e-mail;
- you can stay on in University accommodation during the holidays (although you may be requested to move to a different room)

Applications are made online and you can get further information via the Accommodation Office's website on [www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation)

# Qualifications, Courses, Placements

Birmingham City University has many different levels of courses that you can choose from – either based at the University, or one of our franchised colleges (Sutton Coldfield, Matthew Boulton, Solihull or South Birmingham College).

### Foundation Programme

Birmingham City University has a series of Foundation Programmes that are based either at Birmingham City University or one of our franchised colleges.

### Higher National Diploma

Birmingham City University has a number of HND Programmes that are based either at Birmingham City University or one of our Franchise Colleges. An HND is a 2 year programme and we offer a range of programmes in Business, Art and Design, and Media. Once you have completed an HND you can progress onto a degree programme.

### Undergraduate Honours Degrees

All undergraduate degree programmes are awarded by Birmingham City University, and taught on Birmingham City University campuses. The degrees offered are BA (Hons) – Bachelor of Arts, BSc (Hons) – Bachelor of Science, BEng (Hons) – Bachelor of Engineering, and BMus – Bachelor of Music. Our degree programmes are all full time for 3 years, or you can choose to complete a sandwich degree which extends your degree to 4 years.

### Master's Degree

We offer four types of postgraduate Master's degrees, an MA – Master of Arts, an MMus – Master of Music, an MSc – a Master of Science, or MBA – a Master's in Business Administration. Our Master's degrees lasts a

minimum of 12 months based on a calendar year, from September to August. The postgraduate programmes at the TID last for 16 months, and with the postgraduate Business School degrees you can extend them from 12 months to 18 months.

### MPhil / PhD / DBA

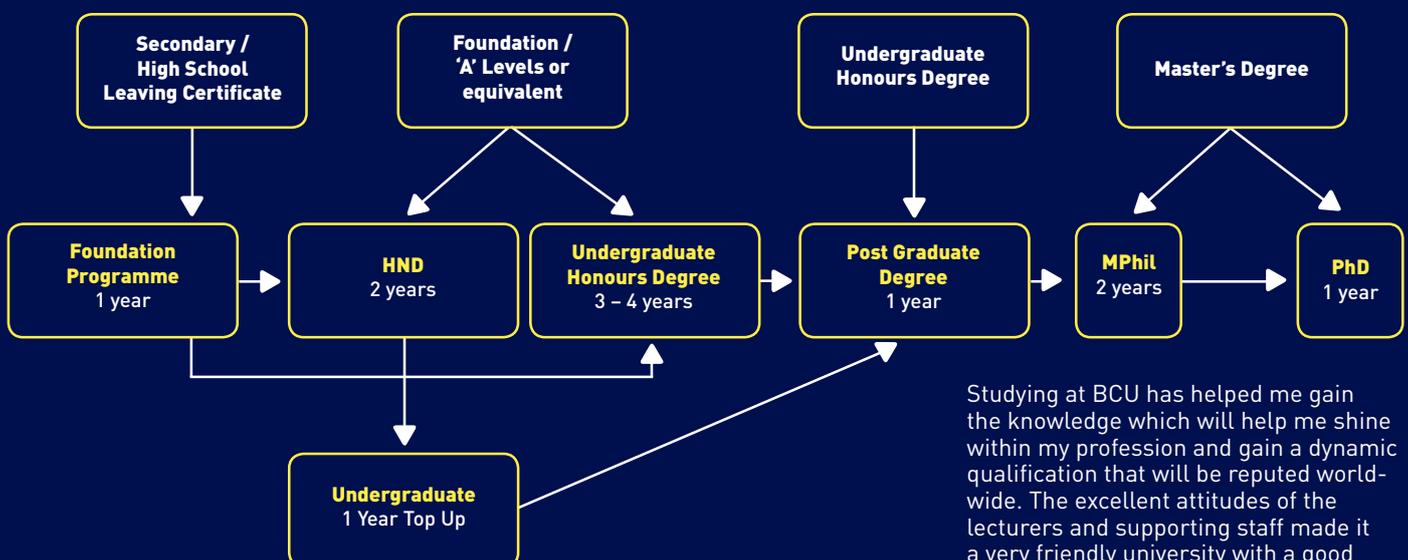
Birmingham City University offers two principal research degree awards – a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and a Master of Philosophy (MPhil). International students can apply to study full-time or part-time, or on a distance learning basis (which involves studying part-time in your home country and attending the University full-time for a minimum of six weeks per year). In addition, Birmingham City Business School offers a Professional Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA). You can find out more information concerning your area of study on the faculty's website under research.

### Work Placements

Here are just some of the reasons that you may consider undertaking a work placement (sandwich year) if your degree programme gives you the option:

- Enhances your study experience by allowing you to relate theory to practice, increasing your personal confidence and commercial awareness.

- You will develop key transferable skills and self-confidence in a "live" environment. Graduate employers value this practical work experience and the many skills you develop during a placement.
- It will improve your career prospects after graduation. Students with practical experience often have an advantage in a fiercely competitive workplace.
- There are many different kinds of placements in a range of companies, from small companies to large multi-nationals. You can work in Birmingham or in other places in the UK.



Studying at BCU has helped me gain the knowledge which will help me shine within my profession and gain a dynamic qualification that will be reputed world-wide. The excellent attitudes of the lecturers and supporting staff made it a very friendly university with a good learning atmosphere.

**Harith Fernando – Sri Lanka**



## Entry Requirements

The University accepts a wide range of overseas qualifications. Some qualifications may enable you to enter a later stage of the course, for example directly into Year 2. The University also maintains links with several overseas colleges and institutions of higher education. Students from partner institutions can often be admitted to a later stage of their chosen degree course.

If you are studying A Levels, it is helpful for you to understand the UCAS tariff points system outlined below. For each undergraduate programme there is a minimum tariff score. Your tariff score is based on your AS/A2 or A Levels results.

	A	B	C	D	E
<b>A Level</b>	120	100	80	60	40
<b>AS Level</b>	60	50	40	30	20

Note: General Paper / General Studies may not be accepted for some degree programmes

Birmingham City University will also accept the International Baccalaureate for direct entry onto Undergraduate degree programmes and other High School qualifications are also accepted for direct entry.

For Postgraduate degrees, you should normally hold a qualification which is comparable to a British Bachelor's (Honours) degree. Note: For an MBA, in addition to your degree you will need to have a minimum of two years relevant work experience.

If you wish to apply for an MPhil degree, you should normally hold a first or second class Honours degree, or equivalent. If you initially register for an MPhil, you may apply to transfer study to a PhD after an appropriate period of study. If you want to apply for a PhD direct, you should normally hold a Master's degree in an appropriate discipline which included training in research and the execution of a research project.

Any queries with regards to your equivalencies you can contact NARIC.

### Professional Qualifications

The University also accepts professional qualifications for progression onto our degree programmes.

- ABE (Association of Business Executives)
- ACCA (Association of Chartered and Certified Accountants)
- Association of International Accountants (AIA)
- Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)
- Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH)
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)
- Chartered Institute of Personnel Development (CIPD)
- Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR)
- Chartered Insurance Institute (CII)
- ifs School of Finance – sole UK academic centre
- Institute of Internal Audit (IIA) UK and International
- Institute of Risk Management (IRM)
- Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
- British Horological Institute (BHI)
- Gemmological Association of Great Britain (GAGB)

Ask your university representative for further details. Other qualifications are accepted. Please check NARIC for equivalencies.

### Research

Research at Birmingham City University is varied in its academic subject range, but has especially strong scholarly concentrations in the arts and humanities and the social sciences.

The emphasis in the Arts and Humanities is on speculative, theoretical, historical, critical, and cultural aspects, particularly music, the visual media, the linguistic, the creative, and the literary. Strengths in fields of a social-scientific nature include criminal justice policy, town and country planning, education, and management and enterprise.

The University has a number of Centres of Research Excellence, which are the main focal points for research activities. However, multi-disciplinary approaches are encouraged across the University for the Development of successful partnerships at regional, national, European and global levels.

Consultancies and commissioned project work in a wide range of vocational and

professional disciplines serve the needs of the university's clientele in business and the community.

We actively encourage the creation of sustainable networks with other organisations that will enhance our reputation as a partner of choice in research and innovation.

Research at Birmingham City University is not only important for the support of teaching at the university, and to support its academic programmes, but as important contributions to knowledge and scholarship in their own right. More detailed information about our research priorities and activities can be found via Faculty and Research Centre web pages.

### Research Centres of Excellence:

**Research Centre for Design Innovation**  
[www.biad.bcu.ac.uk/research](http://www.biad.bcu.ac.uk/research)

**Centre for Fine Art Research**  
[www.biad.bcu.ac.uk/research/site/pages/home.php](http://www.biad.bcu.ac.uk/research/site/pages/home.php)

**Research and Development Unit for English Studies**  
[www.rdues.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.rdues.bcu.ac.uk)

**Research Centre for Composition and Performance Using Technology**  
[www.conservatoire.bcu.ac.uk/research/centre-for-composition-and-performance-using-technology](http://www.conservatoire.bcu.ac.uk/research/centre-for-composition-and-performance-using-technology)

**Centre for Criminal Justice Policy and Research**  
[www.lhds.bcu.ac.uk/criminaljustice](http://www.lhds.bcu.ac.uk/criminaljustice)

**Centre for Research into Quality**  
[www.bcu.ac.uk/crq](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/crq)

**Management and Enterprise Development Centre**  
[www.business.bcu.ac.uk/Research/Research\\_Groups.aspx](http://www.business.bcu.ac.uk/Research/Research_Groups.aspx)

**Strategic Development Research Unit**  
[www.lhds.bcu.ac.uk/strategicdevelopment](http://www.lhds.bcu.ac.uk/strategicdevelopment)

# English Language Requirements

During your course all teaching, examinations and subject materials will be in English. In order to benefit from a course of study, you will need a good understanding of the English language.

**You must have one of the following English qualifications before joining Birmingham City University:**

<b>International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)</b>	6.0 or above for most courses 6.5 for postgraduate Business programmes 6.5 for MA in Landscape Architecture 7.0 for LLM Corporate and Business Law 7.0 for LLM International Human Rights 7.0 for MA in English Linguistics 7.0 for Acting programmes
<b>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)</b>	Minimum 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT) or 79-80 (IBT) or above for most courses 575 (PBT), 232 (CBT) or 90-91 (IBT) for Postgraduate Business programmes and the MA in Landscape Architecture 600 (PBT), 250 (CBT) or 100 (IBT) for LLM Corporate and Business Law, LLM International Human Rights, MA in English Linguistics and Acting programmes
<b>India - Council for the Indian School Certification Examination (CISCE)</b>	Standard XII (year 12)
<b>Tamil Nadu and general terminology: Standard X (year 10)</b>	Minimum 75%
<b>Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE): Standard X (year 10)</b>	Minimum grade 1-6
<b>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE): Standard XII (year 12)</b>	Minimum 60%
<b>Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education: Standard XII (year 12)</b>	Minimum 60%
<b>Tamil Nadu Board of Secondary Education and Tamil Nadu Board of Higher Secondary Education: Standard XII (year 12)</b>	Minimum 60%
<b>Kerala Board of Public Examinations: Standard XII (year 12)</b>	Minimum 60%
<b>West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education, Calcutta: Standard XII (year 12)</b>	Minimum 60%
<b>Andhra Pradesh Board of Secondary Education, Hyderabad: Standard XII (year 12)</b>	Minimum 60%
<b>Karnataka Board of Pre-University Education: Standard XII (year 12)</b>	Minimum 60%
<b>All other boards</b>	Minimum 75%
<b>Sri Lanka GCE O Level</b>	Minimum Credit
<b>AS Level English Language</b>	Minimum grade E
<b>A Level English Language</b>	Minimum grade E
<b>A Level General Studies</b>	Minimum grade C
<b>Warwick English Language Test (WELT)</b>	Minimum CCC (IELTS 6.0)
<b>International Baccalaureate (Higher/Second)</b>	Minimum 5+
<b>Anglia Certificate of Attainment in English (Edexcel)</b>	Minimum level 4 for UG, minimum level 5 for PG
<b>GCSE or IGSCE English Language: minimum C</b>	Minimum C

Please note that these are the minimum English Language requirements set by the University and that some courses require a higher standard than those listed. See website for further details.

## English language support

We offer a wide range of courses throughout the academic year to support you in developing and improving your English, as well as providing further courses to enhance study skills.

Our courses are designed both to improve your skills, and raise your confidence in using English in a variety of settings for various purposes.

**'Many international students struggle at first as they try to get used to both studying in a foreign language, and to learning in a way which is often different to that which they have experienced at home'.**

Our courses will help you with:

- Reading skills
- Academic writing skills
- Academic listening skills
- Intermediate grammar
- Advanced grammar
- General intermediate English
- General advanced English
- Presentation skills

Support on a confidential tutorial basis is available for all international students. Advice can be given on any aspect of a student's language skills or approaches to studying.

## Pre-Sessional English Language Course

If you apply to Birmingham City University but narrowly miss the minimum English language entry requirements we may offer you a place on our 5 or 10 week Pre-Sessional English Course before you start your main academic studies.

Classes cover a mixture of General English and an introduction to Academic English, providing practice in Writing, Reading, Grammar, Listening, and formal and informal Speaking. You will also complete a mini-project and have the chance to find out about British culture and society. You will not need to retake IELTS or TOEFL after the Pre-Sessional course.

During the Pre-Sessional courses there are organised social activities. These include weekly excursions to famous places of interest like London, Stratford and Oxford and others. There will be a welcome dinner and an end of course party. These activities are included at no extra charge. There will also be opportunities to go to the cinema, take part in sports activities, visit Birmingham and go to local markets.



These will be great opportunities to meet other international students and to practise your English.

### Foundation Certificate in English for Academic Purposes (FCEAP)

If you apply to Birmingham City University and meet the academic entry requirements of the course you have applied for but do not fulfil the English language requirements, FCEAP may be the right course for you. You would need to have an offer of a place on a Birmingham City University degree programme for the following academic year upon successful completion of this course.

FCEAP is specifically designed to help you improve your standard of English so that you can reach your full potential in your chosen academic subject. Because the FCEAP is designed to prepare you for academic life in a British university, we put a lot of emphasis on guiding you towards independent learning and research.

#### Entry Requirements, Costs and Start Dates

The following table allows you to identify which English language programme is most suitable for you. Simply match your current IELTS score against the IELTS entry requirement. For simplicity we have only shown IELTS scores in the table. However we do accept students who have TOEFL. Other equivalent qualifications are also accepted. Please visit [www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk) and click on International Students.

You have IELTS	You need IELTS	Recommended course
<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5 week pre-sessional</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>5 week pre-sessional</b>
<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5 week pre-sessional</b>

#### 5 week Pre-Sessional English Course

##### Winter 2008

**Start date: 25 November 2008**  
(for Jan 09 intake)

**Finish date: 19 December 2008**

Cost: £570

Deposit: Included in your main course deposit \*

##### Summer 2009

**Start date: 10 August 2009**

**Finish date: 11 September 2009**

Cost: £915 (includes tuition, accommodation, course materials and social activities)  
£590 (tuition, course materials and social activities)

Deposit: Included in your main course deposit \*

You have IELTS	You need IELTS	Recommended course
<b>5.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>10 week pre-sessional</b>
<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>10 week pre-sessional</b>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>10 week pre-sessional</b>

#### 10 week Pre-Sessional English Course

**Start date: 6 July 2009**

**Finish date: 11 September 2009**

Cost: £1810 (includes tuition, accommodation, course materials and social activities)

£1160 (tuition, course materials and social activities)

Deposit: Included in your main course deposit \*

You have IELTS	You need IELTS	Recommended course
<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>FCEAP Full Year</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>FCEAP Second semester only</b>

### Foundation Certificate in English for Academic Purposes (FCEAP)

**Start date: 29 January 2009**

**(Second semester only)**

**10 September 2009 (Full year)**

**Finish date: 8 June 2009**

Cost: £5250 \*\* (full year)

£2625 \*\* (second semester only)

Deposit: Pay the main course deposit

\* Paying the main course deposit secures your place on the course and must be paid before arrival. Upon successful completion of the Pre-Sessional English course the deposit will be deducted from your main course tuition fee.

\*\* Includes tuition and course materials but not accommodation

TOEFL PBT	TOEFL CBT	TOEFL IBT	IELTS Equivalent
<b>600</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>575</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>90-91</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>550</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>79-80</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>525</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>500</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>475</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>4.5</b>

This comparison is made by Birmingham City University International Office and does not imply recognition by IELTS or ETS.

#### TOEFL Key:

IBT – Internet Based Test

CBT – Computer Based Test

PBT – Paper Based Testable for all international students. Advice can be given on any aspect of a student's language skills or approaches to studying.

## Course Listings by Faculty

### Experience Birmingham City University

My friends and seniors had graduated from this university and appreciated it a lot. It has a good reputation in the stream of art and design and the opportunity to learn and study with people from different background around the world. I specialised in Interior Design and I was inspired to join this course as it has a technical touch to it as well as being experimental and creative which makes it more interesting.

**Kinjal Gala - India**

### Birmingham City Business School

#### Undergraduate

BA (Hons) Accountancy  
BA (Hons) Accountancy and Business  
BA (Hons) Accountancy and Business Law  
BA (Hons) Accountancy and Economics  
BA (Hons) Accountancy and Finance  
BA (Hons) Accountancy and Management  
BA (Hons) Advertising and Human Resource Management  
BA (Hons) Advertising and Business Law  
BA (Hons) Advertising and Economics  
BA (Hons) Advertising and Management  
BA (Hons) Business and Advertising  
BA (Hons) Business and Business Law  
BA (Hons) Business and Economics  
BA (Hons) Business and Finance  
BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management  
BA (Hons) Business and Management  
BA (Hons) Business and Marketing  
BA (Hons) Business and Public Relations  
BA (Hons) Business Law and Finance  
BA (Hons) Business Law and Human Resource Management  
BA (Hons) Business Psychology and Advertising  
BA (Hons) Business Psychology and Business  
BA (Hons) Business Psychology and Human Resource Management  
BA (Hons) Business Psychology and Management  
BA (Hons) Business Psychology and Marketing

BA (Hons) Business Psychology and Public Relations  
BA (Hons) Business Studies  
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology  
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology with Multimedia  
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology with Network Technology  
BA (Hons) Combined Studies in Business (Top-Up)  
BA (Hons) Economics and Finance  
BA (Hons) International Business - Year 2  
BA (Hons) International Business (Top-Up)  
BA (Hons) International Finance (Top-Up)  
BA (Hons) International Marketing (Top-Up)  
BA (Hons) Management and Business Law  
BA (Hons) Management and Human Resource Management  
BSc (Hons) Management Studies (Top-Up)  
BA (Hons) Marketing  
BA (Hons) Marketing and Business Law  
BA (Hons) Marketing and Economics  
BA (Hons) Marketing and Human Resource Management  
BA (Hons) Marketing and Management  
BA (Hons) Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations  
BA (Hons) Public Relations and Business Law  
BA (Hons) Public Relations and Human Resource Management  
BA (Hons) Public Relations and Management  
Advanced Diploma in Professional Studies in Business  
Certificate in Professional Studies in Business  
Diploma in Professional Studies in Business  
HND Business & Management

## Course Listings by Faculty

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### Postgraduate

MSc Accountancy & Finance  
MSc Accountancy & Finance (Top-Up)  
MSc Audit Management and Consultancy  
MBA Banking  
MBA Business Administration  
MBA Finance  
MBA Health Care Management  
MBA International Business  
MBA Marketing  
MSc Business Creation & Development  
MSc International Human Resource Management  
MSc Management  
MSc Management & International Business  
MSc Management and Finance  
MSc Management and Human Resource Management  
MSc Management and Marketing  
MSc Management and Banking\*  
MSc Management and Health Care Management  
MA Marketing  
Mphil/PhD

### Birmingham Institute of Art and Design

#### Undergraduate

BA (Hons) Animation & Moving Image  
BA (Hons) Architecture  
BA (Hons) Art & Design by Negotiated Study  
BA (Hons) Fashion Design  
BA (Hons) Fashion Design (Garment Technology)  
BA (Hons) Fashion Design (Product Development)  
BA (Hons) Fashion Design with Retail Management  
BA (Hons) Fine Art  
BA (Hons) Graphic Design  
BA (Hons) Illustration  
BA (Hons) Interior Design  
BA (Hons) Interior Product Design  
BA (Hons) Jewellery & Silversmithing  
BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture  
BA (Hons) Photography  
BA (Hons) Product Design  
BA (Hons) Product Design (Design in Business)  
BA (Hons) Product Design (Furniture Design)  
BA (Hons) Product Design (Industrial Design)  
BA (Hons) Textile Design  
BA (Hons) Textile Design (Constructed Textiles)  
BA (Hons) Textile Design (Embroidery)  
BA (Hons) Textile Design (Printed Textiles)  
BA (Hons) Textile Design (Retail Management)  
BA (Hons) Theatre Performance and Event Design  
BA (Hons) Visual Communication  
BTEC Diploma in Art & Design Foundation Studies  
BTEC National Diploma Design Crafts  
BTEC National Diploma Fashion & Clothing Studies  
HND Gemmology  
HND Horology  
HND Jewellery & Silversmithing

### Postgraduate

MA Architecture - not available to international students unless they are RIBA accredited  
MA Architectural Studies  
MA Art & Education  
MA Art, Health and Well-Being  
MA Contemporary Curatorial Practice  
MA Design and Visualisation  
MA Design Management  
MA Digital Arts in Performance  
MA Event and Exhibition Management  
MA Fashion  
MA Fashion Media  
MA Fine Art  
MA Histories of Art & Design  
MA Interior Design  
MA Jewellery, Silversmithing & Related Products  
MA Landscape Architecture  
MA Landscape Studies  
MA Product Design  
MA Surface Design  
MA Textiles, Fashion & Surface Design  
MA Urban Design  
MA Visual Art  
MA Visual Communication  
Mphil/PhD  
Grad Dip Landscape Architecture  
PgDip Architecture (RIBA Part II exemption)

### Faculty of Education, Law and Social Sciences

#### Undergraduate

BA (Hons) Criminology  
BA (Hons) Criminology and Policing  
BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology  
BA (Hons) Criminology and Security Studies  
BSc (Hons) Criminal Investigation  
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education Studies (3 yrs full-time)  
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education Studies (Top-Up)  
BA (Hons) Primary Education with QT  
BSc (Hons) Psychology  
BA (Hons) Sociology  
BA (Hons) Sociology and Policy Studies (with placement)  
BA (Hons) Sociology with Criminology  
BA (Hons) Sociology with Cultural Studies  
BA (Hons) Sociology and Psychology  
BA (Hons) Sociology with Psychology  
Foundation Certificate in English for Academic Purposes  
HND Legal Studies

#### Postgraduate

Professional Graduate Certificate in Education in Post-Compulsory Education & Training  
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education in Secondary Design & Technology  
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education in Secondary Maths  
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education in Secondary Music  
PgDip Legal Practice (LPC)  
MA Criminal Justice Policy & Practice  
MA Criminological Research  
MA Criminology  
Mphil/PhD

## Course Listings by Faculty

### Faculty of Health

#### Undergraduate

BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Accident & Emergency Care  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Adult Critical Care  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Burns, Plastic Surgery & Maxillofacial  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Cardiac & Cardiothoracic  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Gastroenterology  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Hepatology  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Musculoskeletal  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Neonatal High Dep & Intensive Care  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Neurological Studies/Clinical  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Paediatric High Dependency & Stabilisation  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Paediatric Nephro-Urology  
BSc (Hons) Dimensions in Health Care - Renal Management  
BSc (Hons) Health and Well-being  
BSc (Hons) Mental Health  
BSc (Hons) Women's Health  
Advanced Diploma in Professional Studies - Women's Health  
Advanced Diploma in Professional Studies - Sexual Health

#### Postgraduate

MSc Advanced Health Care  
MSc Health and Social Care  
MSc Pain Management

### Faculty of Performance Arts and Media

#### Undergraduate

BA (Hons) Acting  
BA (Hons) English and Drama  
BA (Hons) English Language Studies and English Literature  
BA (Hons) English Language Studies with Cultural Studies  
BA (Hons) English Literature  
BA (Hons) English Literature with Cultural Studies  
BA (Hons) English Literature with English Language Studies  
BA (Hons) English and Psychology  
BA (Hons) English with Creative Writing  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication (Culture & Society)  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication (Journalism)  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication (Media Photography)  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication (Multimedia)  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication (Public Relations)  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication (Radio Production)  
BA (Hons) Media & Communication (Television & Video)  
BA Media and Communication (Music Industries)  
BA Media and Communication (Web and new media)  
BMus (Hons) Jazz  
BMus (Hons) Music  
HND Media and Communication

#### Postgraduate

MA International Broadcast Journalism  
MA Musical Theatre  
MA Media & Communication

MA Media Enterprise  
MA Television and Interactive Content  
MMus Music  
Advanced Postgraduate Diploma in Music  
Graduate Diploma in Acting  
Graduate Diploma in Jazz  
PgDip Music  
Mphil/PhD

### Faculty of Technology, Innovation and Development

#### Undergraduate

BA (Hons) Professional Housing Studies  
BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Communications and Networks Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Management of Manufacturing Systems  
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Telecommunications and Networks  
BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology  
BSc (Hons) Building Surveying (RICS)  
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology  
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology with Multimedia  
BSc (Hons) Business Information Technology with Network Technology  
BSc (Hons) Computing  
BSc (Hons) Computer Aided Automotive Design  
BSc (Hons) Computing & Electronics  
BSc (Hons) Computer Networks  
BSc (Hons) Computer Networks & Security  
BSc (Hons) Computer Networks for Business  
BSc (Hons) Computing, Business e-Systems and Technology  
BSc (Hons) Computing with Multimedia  
BSc (Hons) Computing with Network Technology  
BSc (Hons) Construction Management & Economics  
BSc (Hons) Construction Quantity Surveying  
BSc (Hons) Estate Management Practice  
BSc (Hons) Film Production & Technology  
BSc (Hons) Forensic Computing  
BSc (Hons) Information & Communications Technology  
BSc (Hons) Information Technology Management for Business  
BSc (Hons) Motorsports Technology  
BSc (Hons) Multimedia Technology  
BSc (Hons) Music Technology  
BSc (Hons) Planning and Development  
BSc (Hons) Property & Construction  
BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying (RICS)  
BSc (Hons) Real Estate (RICS)  
BSc (Hons) Software Design & Networks  
BSc (Hons) Software Engineering  
BSc (Hons) Software Engineering with Multimedia  
BSc (Hons) Software Engineering with Network Technology  
BSc (Hons) Sound & Multimedia Technology  
BSc (Hons) Sound Engineering & Production  
BSc (Hons) Television Technology & Production  
FdA Professional Housing Studies Foundation Degree  
FdSc Information & Communications Technology  
Foundation - BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering  
Foundation - BSc (Hons) Computer Networks for Business  
Foundation - BSc (Hons) Computer Technology  
Foundation - BSc (Hons) Computing & Electronics  
Foundation - BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering  
Foundation - BEng (Hons) Engineering  
Foundation - BEng (Hons) Management of Manufacturing Systems

## Course Listings by Faculty

Foundation - BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering  
Foundation - BSc (Hons) Software Design & Networks  
Foundation - BEng (Hons) Telecommunications and Networks  
Foundation Certificate Multimedia Technology  
Foundation Certificate Sound Engineering and Production  
HNC Construction  
HND Business Information Technology  
HND Computer Studies  
HND Computing  
HND Software Engineering

### Postgraduate

MA Housing  
MA Spatial Planning  
MSc Automotive Engineering  
MSc Automotive Engineering Research  
MSc Construction Project Management  
MSc Data Communications  
MSc Data Networks & Security  
MSc Data Networks & Security Research  
MSc Construction  
MSc Electronic Commerce  
MSc Electronic Commerce Research  
MSc IT Project Management with International Business  
MSc Logistics  
MSc Logistics Research

MSc Mechanical Engineering  
MSc Mechanical Engineering Research  
MSc Pervasive Computing  
MSc Project Management  
MSc Software Development and Security  
MSc Supply Chain Management  
MSc Supply Chain Management Research  
MSc Property Development  
MSc Real Estate Management  
Mphil/PhD  
Graduate Certificate in Construction  
(linked to PG Cert.Dip/MA Construction)  
Professional Studies Dip/Adv in Planning and the Environment

I chose Birmingham City University because of its diversified student culture and affordable fees as compared to other universities within Birmingham.

**Shahzad Babar, Pakistan**

### Godfrey Johnson Dube 51, Zimbabwe Marketing MA

Godfrey tasted success after studying at Birmingham City University by securing employment with leading worldwide food manufacture, Nestle Zimbabwe.

He is a Supply Chain Manager with the company and works as part of a dynamic senior management team in charge of sales, customer service and distribution.

Godfrey says: "My part time course improved my marketing and management skills. The quality of teaching was excellent and I met students from all over the world."

Whilst with Birmingham City University Godfrey improved his research skills and has now secured teaching work as a lecturer on the Chartered Institute of Marketing Professional Postgraduate Diploma at the Open Learning Centre in Harare, Zimbabwe. In addition, Godfrey is a part-time marketing lecturer on Master of Business Administration courses in the UK.

Godfrey is now President of the Marketers Association of Zimbabwe and says: "Studying at the University helped me fulfil my potential and proved to be excellent value for money."





## Fees and Finance

### Costs per year – 2009/10

Master of Business Administration (MBA)	£10,900.00
Technology, Innovation & Development Postgraduate Degrees (this is based on a 16 month programme)	£10,900.00
Conservatoire Undergraduate & Postgraduate Degrees	£12,500.00
Birmingham School of Acting Degrees	£12-13,500
All other Undergraduate Degrees	£8,950.00
All other Postgraduate Degrees	£9,550.00
Foundation Programmes	£6,400.00

#### Deposits

A deposit of up to a third of your fee is required to secure your place on your course and you will be issued in good time with an Acceptance Letter enabling you to apply for your visa.

#### Maintenance and Living Costs

In addition to your tuition fees, we estimate that you will require approximately £6,000 to £7,000 per person per academic year to cover living costs. This is calculated on approximately £600 per month to cover rent, food, clothing, books etc.

#### Prompt Payment Discounts

International students who pay their tuition fees in full on or before enrolment will automatically receive a 5% discount. You do not need to apply for this discount.

#### Loyalty Bursary

A 15% discount from the course fee will be offered to international graduates of Birmingham City University continuing onto one of our postgraduate courses. The discount will also be available to

Birmingham City University students who have successfully completed a National Diploma, Higher National Diploma, Foundation Degree or Foundation Year and progress onto one of our degree courses.

#### How to apply?

##### Undergraduate & Postgraduate courses

You can apply direct to the University or via one of our Overseas Representatives. Applications will be considered at any time up to the date of the start of the course.

#### Application Checklist

When you submit your application you need to ensure that you have included the following:

- Completed and signed application form
- Copies of all transcripts and certificates including your English qualification
- Two references
- Personal statement (reason for application)
- For MPhil / PhD students you will also need to submit a research proposal

Studying at Birmingham City University has given me a lot of confidence, strength, motivation and positive thinking approach in my life. In a very short period I have achieved a lot and the most positive thing is, before getting the results of my MSc itself I have managed to get a job in the Software Industry. Now the greatest challenge is to put all my efforts to the test, improving the skills and knowledge that I have acquired at Birmingham City University.

**Charan Kurella – India**



## FAQs

### Can I study part time?

Unfortunately you cannot study part time, only full time. We will not offer you a place on a part time programme as you will not get a visa for part time study in the UK.

### How long does it take to apply?

From the date of application you can expect to receive an offer from the university within approximately 4 weeks.

### How do I apply for a visa?

You can apply for your visa through the British Embassy or High Commission in your country. If your visa is denied you will receive a full refund of your deposit (terms and conditions apply).

### Can I defer my application?

If you have an unconditional offer and have paid your deposit you can defer your place.

### Can I work in the UK?

Normally, depending on your visa, you can work for 20 hours during term time, and full time during vacation. However, you must always check your visa for restrictions.

### Post Study Work

The Post Study Work (PSW) scheme has replaced the International Graduates Scheme (IGS). Successful applicants will be allowed to remain in the UK to work for 2 years without needing a work permit or a job offer under Tier 1 of Points-Based System.

More information can be found on:

[www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/tier1/poststudy/](http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/tier1/poststudy/)

### How do I pay my fees?

You can pay your fees by bank transfer or bankers draft. If you come to the International Office in person you will be able to pay by Debit or Credit card or in cash.

### How do I extend my visa?

If you need to extend your visa, please speak with the International Advice Service and they will be able to assist you. Be sure to extend

your visa in plenty of time before it is due to expire.

### Can I bring my family?

You can bring your family with you, but you will need to show that you have enough money to support them and yourself during your stay.

### Where can I get more information?

You can contact us via e-mail on [bcuinternational@enquiries.uk.com](mailto:bcuinternational@enquiries.uk.com) or visit the website on [www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk).

### Term Dates 2009 - 2010

**15 - 19 September Orientation Week**

**22 - 26 September Freshers Week**

**29 September - 17 December**

**Autumn Term**

**5 January - 27 March Spring Term**

**20 April - 19 June Summer Term**

### Further Information

There are lots of ways to get more information about Birmingham City University, its faculties and its courses. You can get course information from the faculty website if you just follow the links from the main Birmingham City University website [www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk)

We also suggest that you check out [www.bcu.ac.uk/international](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/international) which has lots of information and links especially for International Students.

You may also find these contact details of assistance.

### [www.ukvisas.gov](http://www.ukvisas.gov)

Advice on applying for a UK visa

### [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)

UKCISA - Provides advice and information to International Students

### [www.chevening.com](http://www.chevening.com)

Chevening Scholarships

### [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

### [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

### [www.naric.co.uk](http://www.naric.co.uk)

UK NARIC - the National Agency responsible for providing information and expert opinion on vocational, academic and professional skills and qualifications from over 180 countries worldwide.

### [www.beinbirmingham.com](http://www.beinbirmingham.com)

More about Birmingham city.



### **Disability Statement**

Birmingham City University welcomes applications from students with disabilities and strives to make the University facilities accessible to students with special needs. Our Disability Service aims to enable students with disabilities or learning support needs to make the most of their time at university, whether they have a physical, sensory or hidden disability, mental health difficulties or specific learning difficulties. In order to help you plan and prepare for university life, we have a range of services and equipment which can be made available to you.

At Birmingham City University we think it is important that you feel you can tell us about any disability you may have. We regard disclosure of a disability as a positive step, because once we are aware of your disability we can then try to support your individual needs.

If you have not made us aware of your disability or you feel you may have a disability please contact the Disability Service on 0121 331 5128 or email [disability@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:disability@bcu.ac.uk).

### **Equal Opportunities**

Birmingham City University promotes equality of opportunity in respect of every aspect of its provision. University policy and practice will seek to provide an environment that is free from discrimination against students, staff and others. The University and its staff will ensure that all prospective students are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential.

The University will seek to prevent discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, ethnic origin, nationality, religious belief, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family circumstances, citizenship, social and economic status, or any other irrelevant individual differences. For full details of the University's Equal Opportunities Policy please log on to [www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk).

### **Legal disclaimer**

This information is intended as a general guide to the University's courses, fees and facilities, and forms no part of any contract between you and the University. Although reasonable steps are taken to provide the courses and fees as described, the University cannot guarantee the provision of any course or facility or fees. Any course may be altered or withdrawn owing to circumstances beyond the University's control.

It is strongly recommended that prospective students contact the [relevant] faculty to obtain the most up-to-date course information. For full terms and conditions please log onto [www.bcu.ac.uk/mis/legal.html](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/mis/legal.html)

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