

The University of Birmingham Fact Sheet

Nation/Country: United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.bham.ac.uk>

Incoming Exchange website:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad/incoming-students.aspx>

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Semester Dates 2016-17

Autumn Term: 26 September – 9 December 2016

Spring Term: 9 January – 24 March 2017

Summer Term: 24 April – 16 June 2017

Semester Dates 2017-18

Autumn Term: 28 September – 8 December 2017

Spring Term: 8 January – 23 March 2018

Summer Term: 23 April – 15 June 2018

NB students must arrive one week earlier than the dates given in September (for orientation week) and several days earlier in January for orientation. Exact arrival dates will be on our website.

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Language:

English (except with Modern Languages where the language is used)

Permitted Exchange Periods:

September – December

January – June

September - June

Eligibility:

One year at home university

GPA:

3.0 or equivalent

Language requirements:

All students who are non-native speakers of English must provide us with an official English Language certificate, unless **all** of the degree at home is taught in English.

The standard requirement is IELTS 6.5 with no less than 6.0 in any one component. Students with a mark of 10 or higher for English on the German Abitur do not need to produce an IELTS score, though we will need a copy of the Abitur certificate.

Please note that students wishing to take Law modules require a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band.

The University of Birmingham also accepts TOEFL certificates. Students must have a minimum score of 88 overall with no less than 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing.

If you do not hold official evidence of English Language proficiency at the time you make the application it is possible to send this proof at a later date. If the application is otherwise complete we will be able to issue a conditional acceptance letter, which means that you will be able to come to Birmingham as long as you provide proof of your English Language level before the start of your study period and in time to obtain a visa.

Restrictions:

Exchange/study abroad students cannot do courses in Medical and Dental Sciences

Student Support:

Welcome Week in September

Mini-orientation in January

Department Exchange Tutor

On campus accommodation

Birmingham International Academy supports students with their English

Application form

Applicants have to apply on-line and must be nominated by their home university.

<https://bham.moveon4.com/locallogin/5315ece10f9d305c63000002/eng>

There are [application guidelines online](#) to help you, and you should read the each page of the online application carefully.

Please note that you **must** apply online.

We **do not** require the originals by post.

Applications **will not** be considered until we have **all** supporting documents.

The supporting documents we need you to send are;

A copy of your academic transcripts, showing the courses your have taken and your grades;

A letter of reference written by an academic at your home institution.

A copy of your passport/photo ID page, or an EU Citizen National ID card, if you are an EU 28, Norwegian, Swiss or Icelandic citizen.

A list of module choices completed within the online application form.

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Nomination and Application deadlines:

For September entry:
Nomination – 31st March
Application – 30th April

For January entry:
Nomination – 1st October
Application – 1st November

Transcript:

Sent by late February for December leavers, sent mid-July for June leavers

Courses:

Please use the online module page and the modules by department section:
<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad/modules-new.aspx>

Visa Information

Students who are in the UK for longer than six months and do not hold an EU passport need to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa.

Advice and support with visa applications, and information on what documents are needed to come to the UK, can be found advice on the University of Birmingham's International Student Advisory Service web-pages;
<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/international/index.aspx> .

Students who come to the UK for less than 6 months may be able to use a [Short Term Study Visa](#).

Living Expenses:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/support/moneyadvice/index.aspx>

Accommodation:

Students must apply to Accommodation Services directly online
<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/Apply-for-accommodation/apply.aspx>

Students will not be able to start their accommodation application until after they've registered having received their University of Birmingham ID number.

The supply of campus University accommodation is limited and available on a first-come first-served basis.

The deadline for accommodation applications is 31 July for September entry.