

Birkbeck Fact Sheet 2019-20

INSTITUTIONAL DETAILS

Name	Birkbeck, University of London
Website	www.bbk.ac.uk
Erasmus Code	UK LONDON 005
Map	www.bbk.ac.uk/maps
City, Country	London, England – United Kingdom

About the University

Birkbeck has been helping people access higher education and transform their lives for nearly 200 years. We have a proud and illustrious, unconventional and radical history. We are one of the world's top research universities and part of the prestigious University of London.

That's important, but what makes us really special is our unique evening teaching and the opportunities this provides for combining study with work and other commitments. This focused way of learning attracts a special type of student: those who are dedicated to their studies and determined to improve themselves. That's why studying at Birkbeck is both intense and enjoyable - and why it transforms people's lives.

Birkbeck's five Schools are subdivided into nineteen departments. Birkbeck offers over 200 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes that can either be studied part-time or full-time. Whichever mode of study you choose, your classes will be in the evening, between 6pm and 9pm.

In REF 2014 73% of research at Birkbeck was rated as 'internationally excellent' and 'world leading'. Birkbeck was shortlisted by the Times Higher Education Awards as University of the Year in 2014. Birkbeck was awarded Silver in the 2017 Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

www.bbk.ac.uk/about-us/history

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Erasmus Coordinator	Garmon ap Garth and Jemma Jones erasmus@bbk.ac.uk
Erasmus+ Website	www.bbk.ac.uk/about-us/partnerships/erasmus

Please note: Birkbeck does not participate in the 'Erasmus+ traineeship' scheme for outgoing or incoming students.

Departments & Contacts

Department of English and Humanities:
<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/english>
englishandhumanities@bbk.ac.uk

Department of Cultures and Languages:
www.bbk.ac.uk/languages/study-here/study-abroad/erasmus-exchange-scheme
arts-studyabroad@bbk.ac.uk

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Department of Film, Media and Cultural Studies

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/culture>
culture@bbk.ac.uk

Department of Management:

www.bbk.ac.uk/management
management-ug@bbk.ac.uk / management-pg@bbk.ac.uk

Department of Organizational Psychology

www.bbk.ac.uk/orgpsych
op@bbk.ac.uk

Department of Psychological Sciences

www.bbk.ac.uk/psychology
psychologyug@bbk.ac.uk / psychologypg@bbk.ac.uk

Department of History, Classics and Archaeology

www.bbk.ac.uk/history
admin@history.bbk.ac.uk

Department of Applied Linguistics and Communication

www.bbk.ac.uk/linguistics
linguistics@bbk.ac.uk

ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Academic calendar

Autumn term: Monday 30 September 2019 to Friday 13 December 2019

Spring term: Monday 13 January 2020 to Friday 27 March 2020

Summer term: Monday 27 April 2020 to Friday 10 July 2020

www.bbk.ac.uk/about-us/term-dates

Credit System

The table outlines the ECTS credits and learning hours equivalencies for each group of Birkbeck qualifications: 1 FHEQ credit = 0.5 ECTS credits = 10 notional learning hours.

Qualification	FHEQ Credits	ECTS Credits	Learning Hours
Certificate of Higher Education	120	60	1200
Diploma of Higher Education	240	120	2400
Foundation Degree	240	120	2400
Honours Degree	360	180	3600
Graduate Certificate	60	30	600
Graduate Diploma	120	60	1200
Postgraduate Certificate	60	30	600
Postgraduate Diploma	120	60	1200
Integrated Masters	480	240	4800
Taught Masters	180	90	1800
Research Masters	180	90	1800

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- Grading System** The College sets the class of Degree that may be awarded at undergraduate level as follows:
- First: 70% or above for the average weighted module results
 - Upper Second: above 60% but less than 70% for the average weighted module results
 - Lower Second: above 50% but less than 60% for the average weighted module results
 - Third: above 40% but less than 50% for the average weighted module results

The College classifies its awards at Postgraduate taught level (PG Cert, PG Dip, MA, MSc, MRes, MFA and LLM) as follows:

- Distinction: The student has achieved a result of 70% or above.
- Merit: The student has achieved a result of above 60% but less than 70%.
- Pass: The student has achieved a result of above 50% but less than 60%.

www.bbk.ac.uk/registry/policies/documents/college-policy-on-marking-and-moderation.pdf

- Deadlines for nomination** Information for students who want to study at Birkbeck with Erasmus+ Application Deadlines 2019-20
- 31 May 2019 for term 1 (Autumn) and full-year students
 - 31 October 2019 for term 2 (Spring students)

- Application** Erasmus exchange students must first check our list of partner institutions to find out if we have an agreement (download a copy of our partnership list, with details of relevant subject areas: www.bbk.ac.uk/downloads/international/erasmus-partner-institutions.pdf).

If we have a valid agreement with your university, you should contact your university's Erasmus coordinator in the first instance (contact details are on the partnership list), who will advise you if you are eligible to apply. Once we receive your nomination, we will send you an application form to complete.

Your application should be submitted together with your proposed learning agreement, to indicate the courses you intend to study. You must also provide the following documents (in English) to support your application:

- CV
- Recent academic transcript
- Copy of your IELTS results
- An academic reference in support of your application
- Copy of the photo page of your passport.

- Enrolment** We will send you an email inviting you to enrol online if you have been formally accepted on a programme of study.

The email will contain your username and password; you will need to enrol by logging into My Birkbeck. This is your student account, which you can access with your username and password.

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During enrolment you may be asked to upload ID documents; you will only need to do this at the start of your course. You will not be able to complete enrolment until your ID documents have been verified.

www.bbk.ac.uk/enrol

Language of teaching & learning

Please note classes and lectures are taught in English. We offer a range of pre-sessional English and academic skills courses. If you need to improve your English skills before you start your degree in order to meet our English language requirements, consider the options below.

www.bbk.ac.uk/international/english-language-support

ARRANGEMENTS YOU NEED TO MAKE BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Visa

Before coming to study at Birkbeck, please ensure that you hold a valid passport and/or relevant visa. EU and European Economic Area (EEA) students do not need a visa to study in the UK. Non-EU nationals will need to obtain a visa prior to coming to the UK.

www.bbk.ac.uk/international/visa

Insurance

European Economic Area (EEA) students are eligible to apply for the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which will enable you to receive reduced or free medical healthcare in the UK during your study abroad.

www.ehic.org.uk

Fees and funding

As an Erasmus+ exchange student you will not be expected to pay tuition fees to Birkbeck as your host institution will pay your fees. You may also be eligible to receive funding to cover your expenses and accommodation during your study abroad. Please liaise with your Erasmus+ Co-Ordinator in your home institution regarding fees and funding.

www.erasmusprogramme.com/erasmus_scholarships.php

Accommodation

There is a range of accommodation options available to our exchange students.

www.bbk.ac.uk/accommodation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Workshops

We offer a range of workshops to help all students, develop your study skills and get the most out of your time with us.

www.bbk.ac.uk/study-skills

Well-being services

We welcome students with disabilities and we are committed to helping you seize the opportunities that studying here presents. Regardless of your condition, we are here to support you during your studies.

www.bbk.ac.uk/disability

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- Cost of living** The costs of living and studying in London will depend on the type of accommodation you choose, where in London you live, your travel and day-to-day expenses, and the associated costs of your course, including books, fieldtrips, equipment and travel. We strongly advise you to make full provision to cover the costs of living and studying in London before you begin your course at Birkbeck. www.bbk.ac.uk/student-services/accommodation/accommodation-and-living-costs
- London Life** There is nowhere better to study than London, and Birkbeck is right at its heart. London has a greater number of international students than any other city in the world: over 100,000 international students from more than 200 countries around the globe. Find out how Birkbeck students can benefit from all that London can offer: www.bbk.ac.uk/prospective/student-life
- Travel and Location** Whether you're making a one-off trip to London or you are a regular visitor, using an Oyster travel smartcard is the easiest way to travel around the city's public transport network. The Student Oyster photocard entitles you to a 30% discount on public travel. Central London is compact and most journeys are possible by foot, but the area is well-served by an extensive bus and Underground (the Tube) network. <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/adults-free-and-discounted-travel>