The University of Birmingham
Fact Sheet

Nation/Country: United Kingdom

Website: [www.birmingham.ac.uk](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk)

Incoming Exchange website:
[http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/studyabroad/incomingstudents.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/studyabroad/incomingstudents.aspx)

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**Semester Dates 2014-15**

- Autumn Term: 29 September – 12 December 2014
- Spring Term: 12 January – 27 March 2015
- Summer Term: 27 April – 19 June 2015
**Semester Dates 2015-16**

Autumn Term: 28 September – 11 December 2015  
Spring Term: 11 January – 25 March 2016  
Summer Term: 25 April – 17 June 2016

**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

**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.

[http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/studyabroad/incomingstudents.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/studyabroad/incomingstudents.aspx)

**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 12 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 higher English scores are required if you wish to take Law modules; IELTS 7.0 with no less than 6.5 in any band. 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
English for International Students Unit

**Application form**

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

https://forms.moveon4.com/1144/locallogin/5315ece10f9d305c63000002/eng

There are application guidelines online to help you, and you should read the procedures 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 you have taken and your grades;

An academic reference letter from your home institution.

A copy of your passport/photo ID page or an EU Citizen National ID card from European students.

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 late Feb 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 will need to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa.

If you need any help or advice with a visa application, or information on what documents you will need to come to the UK, you can find advice on our web pages here; 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 student visitor visa. If you intend to come to the UK for a single semester only, you will be sent a form to complete and return to let us know how you intend to enter the UK.

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/indexold.aspx

You will not be able to start your housing application until you have had your confirmation of offer, which includes your University of Birmingham ID number. The deadline for applications is 31 July for September entry. Please be aware that on-campus University accommodation may be limited and available on a first-come first-served basis.