



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Study Abroad & Exchange

2024/25

Birmingham Campus, UK

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Nomination

Deadline:

Fall semester & full year: March 31

Spring semester: September 30

Partners will be sent the nomination form

Students will receive an email with a link to the online application form after the nomination deadline and will have to apply before the application deadline.

Students can expect their offer letters by the end of June for September entry and by the end of November for January entry

Application

Deadline:

Fall semester & full year: April 30

Spring semester: October 31

Once a student receives the link, they can start the application process.

Documents to submit:

- Passport (valid for the whole period of exchange)
- Most up-to-date official Transcript of Records (ToR)
- English Language Proficiency (ELP) document, if required

Requirements

Study requirement - Students must have completed at least 2 semesters of their home university degree before applying for the exchange programme at the UoB.

Academic requirement:

For partners outside of the EU, we have Country specific academic entry requirements that can be found [here](#).

English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements can be found [here](#).

Please look [here](#) for the English language proficiency requirement for each of our schools, which are in four different groups. If you wish to study with our Business School, please note that there is a higher requirement for speaking and writing compared to other Group B schools.

Academic Calendar

Autumn Welcome: 23 September 2024 – 27 September 2024

Autumn semester: 30 September 2024 – 13 December 2024

Spring Welcome: During week of 13 January 2025 - 17 January 2025 (Exact Dates TBC)

Spring Semester: 20 January 2025 – 27 June 2025

with Easter break: 7 April 2025 – 2 May 2025



Modules

Exchange students must study 60 UK credits per semester and 120 UK credits per full academic year.

The University is structured around five Colleges, four of which are open to Study Abroad and Exchange students (College of Medical and Dental Sciences is currently excluded). Students need to select their host school and preferred college, which is relevant to their study plan provided by the home university. At least 40 credits per semester should be selected within the preferred College but can be in multiple Schools within that College.

The four Colleges that are open to Study Abroad and Exchange students are:

- College of Arts and Law
- College of Engineering and Physical Sciences
- College of Social Sciences
- College of Life and Environmental Sciences

We also have an independent school – Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences.

The modules for Study Abroad and Exchange students can be found [here](#). All modules are subject to availability and academic pre-requisites. Please also note that modules offered in 2024/25 will be updated with new handbooks by early May.

Exams

Examination dates at the UoB are different in each College and depend on the modules students choose. The assessment periods take place in January and June for full year students.

Alternative assessments will be arranged for students who attend the first semester only. Second semester only students must complete their assessments in June.

Transcript of Records

The University has moved to a secure online system called 'VERIFY'. This online platform is for students to share their academic results with their home university. Please find the Verify website [here](#) and note that home universities will not be sent a hard copy of the student's official transcript, coordinators can view and download an electronic copy of each student's official transcript from Verify after the student gives them access to their record.

Students will receive one hard copy of their official transcript that will be sent directly to their home address upon completion of their studies in Birmingham.



Living expenses

The cost of living in Birmingham is low when compared to some other major UK cities like London and Edinburgh. It will depend on a number of factors such as the type of accommodation you have, the amount you spend on food, travel, clothing, and social activities. You can find more information [here](#).

Housing

Study Abroad and Exchange students coming to study at the UoB for a full year, are guaranteed the opportunity to book a room in university accommodation providing they register by the given deadline. We also have a dedicated number of rooms available for Study Abroad and Exchange students studying at the UoB for one semester only.

Additional information can be found [here](#).

Health & Insurance

We recommend that you purchase a health insurance before you travel and arrive in the UK. The University has a health centre close to campus and you should register with this service when you arrive.

If you will be in the UK for more than six months, you will be able to use the National Health Service in the same way as anyone permanently resident in the UK. However, pre-existing medical conditions requiring long-term medication or hospital treatment may not be covered. Repatriation would also not be covered, therefore we recommend to get a health insurance before you arrive.

If your course lasts six months or less, you will be treated as a private patient and will have to pay to see a doctor. The charges for this can be especially high if you need medication or hospital treatment. Dental and optical treatment must also be paid for, as is the case for those permanently resident.

Visas

All students coming for one semester are sent a standard visitor visa letter (issued by UoB after you accept your offer). All students coming for the full year must obtain a student visa and you are sent a CAS number for your student visa application (issued by UoB after you accept your offer).

Advice and support with visa applications can be found on the University's webpages [here](#).



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Useful Links and Other Information

Partner Enquiries

If you are a member of staff at one of our partner universities and you need to ask a question or send us an update, please use this email exchangepartners@contacts.bham.ac.uk. If you need to speak to one of us, please email us and we will contact you to arrange a meeting via Microsoft Teams or Zoom.

You can also look at our guidance for partners [here](#).

Information for incoming students

Study Abroad and Exchange webpages can be found [here](#).

Link to Virtual CampusTour

Virtual CampusTour: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/virtual-tour/#s=pano37>

Links to promotional videos

Study Abroad at UoB: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wlnw-cwyPg>

Campus Tour Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-bsH8hw_U8&t=36s

We are Birmingham (City focus): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKh6ltfMC2w>

Instagram @myglobalstory: <https://www.instagram.com/myglobalstory/>

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