



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

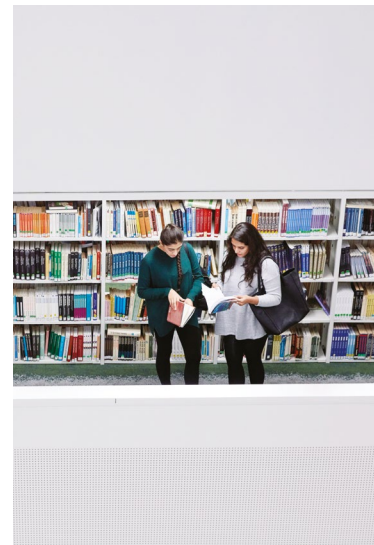
Undergraduate
Pocket Guide
2017/18



Everything *and more*

Welcome to a university that is dedicated to transforming your prospects through innovative teaching and learning, cutting-edge research and effective partnerships with global employers.

www.bcu.ac.uk



The University *at a glance*



1843

We have been educating professionals for over 170 years.



Earn

while you learn with our in-house employment agency, OpportUNITY - Student Jobs on Campus.



93%

of UK undergraduates are in work or further study within six months of completing their course.

(Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2013/14)



£260^m

spending on new facilities.



members of academic staff are National Teaching Fellows.

(Awarded for excellence in university teaching)



1,500

inspirational teaching staff to support you in your learning journey.



23,500*

students from over 80 countries in our learning community.

*Approximate figure

Why *study here?*



Quality

Almost 40 courses
accredited by professional
bodies.

Here are our top 10 reasons to choose Birmingham City University:

1 Degrees that get results

Our commitment to transforming your prospects by giving you the skills and experience employers need means that 93 per cent of our UK undergraduates are in employment or further study within six months of graduating (Destination of Leavers from Higher Education 2013/14).

2 Encouraging innovation

The new Graduate+ scheme has been designed to embed career-related skills into every one of our degree courses.

3 Investing in your future

We are investing £260 million to ensure you have the best possible environment for practice-based learning. Our new Curzon Building opened at the City Centre Campus in 2015, with more developments in the pipeline.

4 Learn from the best

From the UK's leading criminologist to a 'Hot 100' jeweller, our teaching staff come from and maintain links with industry, ensuring you benefit from their knowledge and insight.

5 Industry partnerships

We have a large number of successful industry partnerships and work with big-name companies like the BBC, Jaguar Land Rover and Cartier to develop cutting-edge curriculums and collaborate on course projects.

6 Earn while you learn

Our student employment agency, OpportUNITY – Student Jobs on Campus, allows you to apply for paid roles at the University, gaining experience in crucial aspects of job application and valuable feedback on your work.

7 Working with you

We work with our students to ensure we are meeting your needs and aspirations at all times. Our Student Academic Partners (SAP) scheme teams students up with staff to find ways to make our teaching, and your experience, even better.

8 Virtual learning

We use virtual learning environments to bring our courses to life, including the Virtual Case Creator for our health students, the School of Law's Virtual Solicitors' Office and the School of Education's virtual school, Green Moor Primary School.

9 Dedicated to our students

We want to offer the very best student experience and act on feedback to ensure we are meeting your needs. In the National Student Survey 2015, we were ranked the top university in the UK for student satisfaction in landscape design and the top conservatoire in the UK for student satisfaction in music.

10 Practice-based research

Almost 90 per cent of our research was judged to have delivered 'outstanding' or 'very considerable' external impact (Research Excellence Framework 2014).

www.bcu.ac.uk/whybcu



City *life*

Come to us and you won't just benefit from studying at a student-focused and forward-thinking university – you will also be based in the heart of one of the UK's most exciting cities with a vibrant arts and cultural scene and great employment opportunities.



Live

The highest quality of life
of any regional UK city.
(Mercer Quality of Living
Report 2015)

Here are our top 10 reasons why Birmingham is a great city to live in.

1 A place to build your career

Birmingham has been voted the number one city in Western Europe to invest in*, being home to 2,750 companies including almost 700 international firms. Our students get the opportunity to work with many local firms through work placements and real-life projects.

*Most Competitive Cities Report 2015

2 A global city

Residents from around the world including the Indian sub-continent, China, Africa and the Caribbean have made their homes here, contributing to the city's cultural diversity.

▼ Edgbaston Cricket Ground



Sport

3 Sporting life

A great city for sports fans with top football clubs, international cricket and athletics venues, plus one of the country's top golf courses. If taking part is more your thing, there is our own £8.5 million Doug Ellis Sports Centre.

4 A centre for creativity

Birmingham is the only English city outside London to have a world-class symphony orchestra, a royal ballet company, opera company and producing theatre. The city has some of the finest contemporary and multicultural arts venues in the country.

▼ Birmingham Royal Ballet's Serenade



Culture

©Roy Smiljanic

5 Investing for the future

A £728 million upgrade of Birmingham's transport infrastructure and a new £188 million library complement previous investment in the city such as the National Exhibition Centre, International Convention Centre and Bullring shopping complex.

6 A green city

We may be a big city, but we have more parkland than any other city in Europe*. Our City Centre Campus is right next door to Eastside City Park – Birmingham's first new public park for 130 years.

*Source: Birmingham City Council

Travel

7 A connected city

Birmingham's air, road and rail connections provide access to 400 million people across Europe. It is at the centre of the UK motorway, rail and coach networks, while the airport directly connects to over 120 cities worldwide.

8 Renowned nightlife

From the mainstream bustle of Broad Street to the underground scene in Digbeth and the laid-back bars in student-friendly Selly Oak or bohemian Moseley, you're bound to find a night out in Birmingham to suit your tastes.

www.bcu.ac.uk/birmingham

9 Shop till you drop

With big-name chains in the Bullring, upmarket boutiques in the Mailbox, bargains at the city's 850-year-old Bull Ring Markets and road after road of Asian fashion, Birmingham is one of the top three most popular places to shop in the UK*.

*Source: CACI

Shop

10 Europe's youngest city

Birmingham is the UK's second-largest city with over one million people – and under-25s make up 40 per cent of the population.

Inspirational *teaching*

Franziska Schenk

Fine Art

Franziska has researched a number of projects focusing on the relationships between fine art painting and the natural world. Her art has been displayed at venues across the UK and Germany.



We are constantly looking for new ways to enhance the learning experience and give you innovative insights into your subject.

Our staff have real-life experience of the areas they teach including exhibiting artists, celebrated legal experts, medical heroes and professional musicians. They regularly receive acclaim from within their sectors, and seven members of our academic staff are National Teaching Fellows – the most prestigious award for excellence in university teaching and learning.



Elle Boag

Psychology

Elle is a senior lecturer in social psychology, specialising in issues such as prejudice and discrimination, empathy and social exclusion.



David Jackson

Acting

David has a wide range of experience as an actor, including classical drama, radio and television, and mime-based 'physical theatre'. He won a Fringe First award at the Edinburgh Festival.



Ann Cubbin

Nursing

Ann has been Programme Director for the Community Health Nursing Specialist Practitioner programme for 12 years. She was awarded the title of Queen's Nurse for excellence in Community Nursing provision.



Professor Mark Reed

Built Environment

Mark's work focuses on the value of nature, how we share ideas about the natural world, and how to engage people in decisions about environmental change.



Vanessa Jackson

Media

Vanessa worked in television production at the BBC for 20 years. She now teaches TV craft and production skills to students in the fields of documentary and drama.



Dr Imran Awan

Criminology

Imran is one of the country's leading experts on counter-terrorism and policing. He regularly appears in the media and advises the British Government.



Kate Farley

Textile Design

Kate has taught at the University for over 10 years, and also runs her own successful design practice, using this experience to inform her teaching.

Enhancing *your career*



As a student here, you start on your career path the minute you join us.

To help you become as employable as possible, you will quickly find yourself building up your experience in professional-standard surroundings appropriate to your course, from mock operating theatres, courtrooms and classrooms to state-of-the-art TV and photography studios.

- Our new Graduate+ scheme allows you to build credit towards your degree by taking part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities - from becoming a course rep to studying abroad.
- All of our courses incorporate work-related experience, with the majority offering placements. Spend your work placement with a household

name like Bosch, Harvey Nichols, British Sky Broadcasting, the NHS, Hewlett-Packard or Reuters.

- Our close links with business and the professions mean that our courses are always relevant, up to date and meet the exact needs of the current jobs market. We work with employers to ensure we deliver graduates with the skills they need.
- New BCU Advantage scheme connects businesses and entrepreneurs to the University, giving our students access to advice, mentoring and practical experience.
- As a media student, you might set up your own internal radio station as part of your final year assessment – what better way to learn than to create and present your own show?

- Our Business School's Group Management Consultancy Project brings in world-renowned consultants to mentor final year students.
- If you are a law student, you can spend a six-to eight-week internship in an American attorney's office – potentially working on Death Row cases.
- Health students spend up to 50 per cent of their time on placement.
- Gain realistic, paid and relevant work experience by working for the University through our in-house employment agency, OpportUNlty – Student Jobs on Campus.

www.bcu.ac.uk/employability



Advice

Access our career support
for up to five years after
you graduate.



Raising *the standard*

We are dedicated to providing our students with the best possible learning environment – as demonstrated by our £260 million investment programme.

The new Curzon Building

Opened at our City Centre Campus in September 2015, housing our Business,

Law, Social Science and English courses, as well as new library, IT and student support facilities.

The Parkside Building

Home to the workshops, studios and teaching spaces of our design-related courses and a state-of-the-art media centre, complete with industry-standard TV studios, at our City Centre Campus.



▼ The Parkside Building



A Conservatoire for the 21st Century

Due to open in September 2017, featuring five public performance spaces, including a 400 seat concert hall, as well as private rehearsal and practice rooms, teaching spaces for musicians from a variety of disciplines and a dedicated jazz venue.



▲ No.1 City Locks

No 1 City Locks

Work to create over 650 new accommodation places for our students, right next door to our City Centre Campus, is set to be completed in August 2016.

The No1 City Locks development at Eastside will see student accommodation and retail

facilities located alongside a rejuvenated section of Birmingham's famous canal network, providing amenities to support our expanding city centre presence.

Specialist provision for life sciences, sport and education

The creation of our new suite of courses in sport and life sciences is one of the most exciting developments at Birmingham City University in recent years.

The £41 million expansion of the University's City South Campus in Edgbaston will provide specialist laboratories and teaching spaces for the new courses. It will also provide a new home for the School of Education, supporting the development of the next generation of school teachers.

www.bcu.ac.uk/maps



▲ Artist's impression of our new building at City South Campus



£41^m

New sport, life sciences and education building.

Success *stories*

At Birmingham City University, you will be provided with the help, support and expertise you need to build a career, as proved by the number of our graduates who go on to record outstanding achievements in the local, national or international community.

Michael Carter

Product Development Graduate at Aston Martin, having built his experience with a placement year at luxury carmaker Bentley.



Developer

Wendy Mitchem-Lines

Wendy is a paramedic with the South Central Ambulance Service, having been named A&E Person of the Year at their annual awards ceremony.



Carer

Martin Callanan

Artist whose work has been exhibited and published internationally and has lectured in universities and galleries around the UK.

Claire Johnston

Speech and language therapist who set up a support network to provide encouragement and resources for other newly-qualified practitioners.

Shezad Nawab

Successful businessman with six companies based around luxury global property, business consultancy, event pitching and more.

Jon Riche

Director of music videos for Kasabian, Just Jack and The Feeling, and commercials for Nissan, Ikea and Nike.

Victoria Eggs

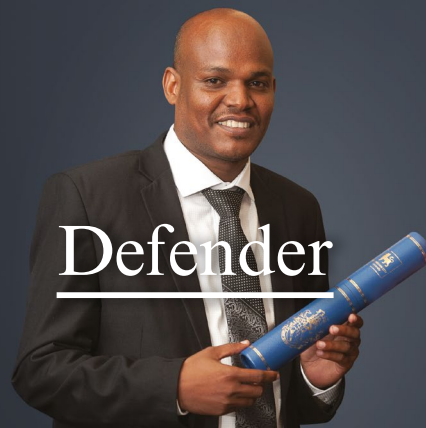
Fine art graduate whose self-designed range of homeware and gifts celebrates British culture and heritage.



Designer

Elshareef Ali Mohammed

Lawyer and human rights practitioner who has attracted acclaim for his work to protect the rights of individuals, including women, children and political prisoners, in his native Sudan.



Defender

Michael Price

Animator who has worked at Aardman Animations, Yanimation and Factory, for clients including Disney, the BBC and ITV.

Dominika Wozniak

Invited to Miami Fashion Week after being named International Student Fashion Photographer of the Year.

First class *support*



Ask

Accessing advice has never been easier. Throughout your student career, you will have access to our full range of student support services, as well as careers advice, mentoring, advice on finance and academic matters, professional development events and more.

And to make sure it is all easy to access, we've introduced a one-stop confidential Student Enquiry Service, Ask. If you have got a question about health and wellbeing, visas, your student record, the Students' Union, childcare, accommodation, IT or anything else, we are here to help.

www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services

Your studies

- Admissions
- Academic calendar
- Student ID cards and student status letters
- Complaints and appeals
- Erasmus - Study abroad programme
- Careers and job prospects
- Graduation.

Money matters

- Scholarships
- Personal finances
- Student Loans Company queries
- Payments.

Support services

- Healthcare
- Disability and dyslexia support
- Counselling, mental health and wellbeing
- Childcare
- Visas and immigration.

Students' Union

When you join Birmingham City University, you automatically become a member of BCUSU – your Students' Union. We are run by a team of elected students and work closely with the University to ensure you get the most out of your time as a student. Alongside the fun side of student life – including regular social events and a wide range of student groups – BCUSU also offers you:

- Professional, independent support through our Advice Centre
- A voice throughout your time as a student with our Student Academic leader scheme
- Employability skills and volunteering opportunities to help your CV stand out
- Part-time jobs and opportunities

- Campaigns to support student rights
- Help with finding safe and affordable accommodation.

www.bcusu.com



 **Fun**

Student societies range
from Debating to Yoga.

Home *from home*

If you're leaving home for the first time, what could be more exciting than the independence and freedom of your own place?

Living in halls is a great way to meet new friends, and rooms are available at a range of prices to suit everyone.

Over 2,000 rooms available

In three University-owned halls of residence, and a number of private halls within the city.

Guaranteed place in your first year

If you live outside the city and make Birmingham City University your first choice and apply by the end of July.

A safe and secure home

All our halls have CCTV coverage and 24-hour security patrols.

Easily accessible

All halls are close to public transport links, with cost-effective student travel cards available.

And help to move on...

Birmingham City Student Homes – operated by our Students' Union – can help you find accommodation with a reputable and accredited landlord.

www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation



Life

All of our halls of residence across the city offer shared kitchen and living areas, laundry facilities, free wi-fi and common rooms.

Let's talk *about money*



Help

For 2016 entry, we offered scholarships of up to £3,000 to students who had shown academic promise.

University is an experience not to be missed – it will enrich your life in many ways.

With one in three jobs requiring degree-level skills and graduates earning an average of £9,000 a year more than non-graduates*, coming to university will also be a significant investment in your future.

- Most UK-based students do not have to pay tuition fees up front, and can instead get a loan to cover the full cost.
- You can also apply for a loan to help with living costs such as food, accommodation and travel.

- You only start to pay the loans back once you are in work and earning above a set threshold (currently £21,000). If your income falls below that level, payments will stop automatically and anything you've not repaid after 30 years is written off.
- There are additional grants available if you have a disability, if you are a parent or have an adult who is financially dependent on you, or if you are receiving certain benefits.
- For 2016 entry, we offered scholarships of up to £3,000 to students who had shown particular academic promise. Plans for 2017 will be announced in due course on our website.

*Source: CBI and Office for National Statistics

www.bcu.ac.uk/tuitionfees

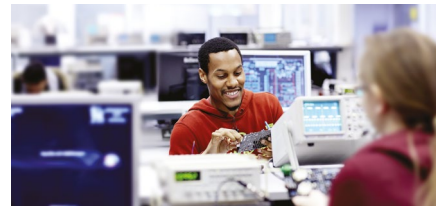
Our *courses*

We offer courses in the following subject areas:

- Accountancy and finance
- Acting and theatre
- Advertising, marketing and PR
- Architecture and design
- Art, design and visual communication
- Built environment
- Business and management
- Computing and technology
- Criminology
- Education and teacher training

- Engineering
- English
- Fashion and textiles
- Health and social care
- Jewellery and silversmithing
- Law
- Life sciences
- Media and multimedia technology
- Music
- Social sciences
- Sport and exercise science

www.bcu.ac.uk/courses



Accountancy and finance

*Birmingham City
Business School*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Accountancy BA (Hons)	N400	BBC 112
Accounting* MBus	TBC	TBC
Accountancy and Business BA (Hons)	NN41	BBC 112
Accounting and Finance BA (Hons)	NN43	BBC 112
Accounting and Finance* MBus	TBC	TBC
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	n/a	See web

*Subject to approval

KEY FACTS

- The University is a Platinum Approved learning provider of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.
- Courses accredited by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- Our Accountancy degree has a 97 per cent student satisfaction rate (National Student Survey 2015).



Acting and theatre

*Birmingham
School of Acting*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Acting BA (Hons)	n/a	CC 64
Applied Performance (Community and Education) BA (Hons)	W490	CCC 96
Foundation for Actor Training	n/a	See web
Stage Management BA (Hons)	W450	CCC 96

KEY FACTS

- Acting students demonstrate their talents to agents, casting directors and other professionals at our 'Showcase' events in Birmingham and London.
- Birmingham School of Acting is an accredited member of Drama UK, confirming the quality of our training.
- Our graduates have gained roles in West End musicals and with the Royal Shakespeare Company, as well as working backstage, behind the camera or going into teaching.



Advertising, marketing and PR

*Birmingham City
Business School*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Business and Marketing BA (Hons)	NN15	BBC 112
Business and Marketing (Professional Practice) BA (Hons)	N1N5	BBB 120
International Marketing (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	N550	See web
Marketing BA (Hons)	N500	BBC 112
Marketing (Professional Practice) BA (Hons)	N005	BBB 120
Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations BA (Hons)	NLM2	BBC 112
Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations (Professional Practice) BA (Hons)	N5P2	BBB 120

KEY FACTS

- Our graduates work for companies like Npower and Zurich in positions such as International Marketing Executive and Project Analyst.
- Work with real clients through our very own marketing agency, The Link, run by undergraduate students.
- Birmingham City Business School is approved and accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing.



Architecture and design

*Birmingham
School of
Architecture
and Design*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Architecture (RIBA Part 1 Exemption) BA (Hons)	K100	AAB 136
Interior Design BA (Hons)	W250	BBC 112
Landscape Architecture BA (Hons)	K310	BBC 112
Product Design BA (Hons)	W243	BBC 112

KEY FACTS

- 100 years of training future architects, offering Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) accredited courses for the full range of professional qualifications.
- 100 per cent satisfaction for BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture (National Student Survey 2015).
- Close relationships with RIBA West Midlands, MADE and Birmingham City Council, helping us to influence the contemporary cultural environment of the region.



Art, design and visual communication

*Birmingham
School of Art*

*School of Visual
Communication*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Art and Design BA (Hons)	W190	BBC 112
Fine Art HND	001W	See web
Fine Art BA (Hons)	W101	BBC 112
Design for Theatre, Performance and Events BA (Hons)	W460	BBC 112
Visual Communication (Film and Animation) BA (Hons)	W610	BBC 112
Visual Communication (Graphic Communication) BA (Hons)	W211	BBC 112
Visual Communication (Illustration) BA (Hons)	W220	BBC 112
Visual Communication (Photography) BA (Hons)	W640	BBC 112

KEY FACTS

- Design courses are located in our £62 million Parkside Building, while fine art courses are at the Grade I listed Margaret Street.
- Our Hollywood-standard MILO unit is the same as that used by Aardman Animations, makers of *Wallace and Gromit*.
- Visual Communication students have won a range of prestigious competitions, including the Royal Television Awards, Macmillan Children's Book Awards, and Direct Marketing Awards.



Built environment

*School of
Engineering
and the Built
Environment*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Architectural Technology BSc (Hons)	K236	BBC 112
Building Services Engineering HNC	n/a	See web 80
Building Surveying BSc (Hons)	K230	BBC 112
Civil Engineering BEng (Hons)	H201	BBC 112
Civil Engineering with Foundation Year BEng (Hons)	H20F	BB 80
Civil Engineering MEng	H200	BBC 112
Construction HNC	n/a	See web 80
Construction Management BSc (Hons)	LK12	BBC 112
Quantity Surveying BSc (Hons)	K240	BBC 112
Real Estate BSc (Hons)	N230	BBC 112

KEY FACTS

- Birmingham is undergoing huge regeneration, and our Built Environment students get invaluable experience of the city's continuing development.
- Most courses are accredited by at least one of the four professional bodies for the sector.
- Employers who have hired our graduates include Taylor Wimpey, Laing O'Rourke, Balfour Beatty, Birmingham Airport and the National House-Building Council.



Business and management

*Birmingham City
Business School*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Business BA (Hons)	N100	BBC 112
Business (Professional Practice) BA (Hons)	N001	BBB 120
Business Administration (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	N101	See web
Business and Economics BA (Hons)	NL11	BBC 112
Business and Finance BA (Hons)	NN13	BBC 112
Business and Human Resource Management BA (Hons)	NN16	BBC 112
Business and Human Resource Management (Professional Practice) BA (Hons)	N1N6	BBB 120
Business and Management HNC	n/a	See web
Business and Management HND	122N	See web

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KEY FACTS

- Courses accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.
- We work with household names including Severn Trent, Rank Group, Mitchells & Butlers and Jewson.
- Business students take part in 'Dragons' Den'-style pitches to experts from industry.



Business and management

*Birmingham City
Business School*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Business and Management HND	022N	See web
Business and Management BA (Hons)	N201	BBC 112
Business and Management (Professional Practice) BA (Hons)	N1N2	BBB 120
Business and Marketing BA (Hons)	NN15	BBC 112
Business and Marketing (Professional Practice) BA (Hons)	N1N5	BBB 120
Economics and Finance BA (Hons)	LN13	BBC 112
International Business (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	N121	See web
International Finance (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	N390	See web
International Marketing (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	N550	See web
Leadership and Management Practice (work-based) BA (Hons)	n/a	ABB 128

“Birmingham City University was right for me because I loved the flexibility within the course; the placement year was optional, there is the chance to study abroad and it seemed to be a place that was bursting with opportunities – which turned out to be true.”

Jonathan Colen
BA (Hons) Business
and Management



Computing and technology

*School of
Computing and
Digital Technology*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Business Information Technology BSc (Hons)	G520	BBC 112
Computer Games Technology BSc (Hons)	G450	BBC 112
Computer Networks BSc (Hons)	G422	BBC 112
Computer Networks and Security BSc (Hons)	GG49	BBC 112
Computer Science BSc (Hons)	G401	BBC 112
Electronic Engineering (all pathways) BEng (Hons)	H601	BBC 112
Electronic Engineering with Foundation Year (all pathways) BEng (Hons)	H677	BB 80
Electronic Engineering (all pathways) MEng	H679	BBC 112
Forensic Computing BSc (Hons)	FG44	BBC 112
Information and Communications Technology BSc (Hons)	G420	BBC 112

KEY FACTS

- Strong links with companies like SAS, SAP, Xbox, Samsung, Intel and NEC keep your course relevant, real-life and respected by employers.
- From our academies for Cisco, Microsoft and Oracle to our strong links with SAS and Linux, collaboration with industry is at the heart of our teaching.
- Employers who have hired our Computing graduates include Vodafone, Cisco, Hewlett Packard and Capgemini.



Criminology

*School of
Social Sciences*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Criminology BA (Hons)	M900	BBC 112
Criminology and Security Studies BA (Hons)	ML94	BBC 112
Criminology, Policing and Investigation BA (Hons)	ML9K	BBC 112

KEY FACTS

- Over 30 years' expertise of delivering innovative and respected Criminology degrees.
- The only university in the UK to hold an annual debate with high security prisoners at HMP Grendon.
- Home to one of the UK's most high-profile criminologists, Professor David Wilson, and child protection expert Mark Williams-Thomas.



Education and teacher training

*School of
Education*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Children and Integrated Professional Care BA (Hons)	L590	CCC 96
Computer Science with ICT with Secondary Education* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC
Conductive Education BA (Hons)	X161	CCC 96
Design and Technology with Secondary Education* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC
Early Childhood Studies BA (Hons)	X320	CCC 96
Early Years FdA	X311	DD 48
Education Studies BA (Hons)	TBC	TBC
Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status BA (Hons)	X120	BBC 112

*Subject to approval

KEY FACTS

- We train more teachers than any other university in the West Midlands.
- We have partnerships with more than 1,000 children's centres, primary and secondary schools, including City Road Primary Academy which is sponsored by the University.
- We are the West Midlands training provider for the charity Teach First, which provides future leaders for schools in low income communities.



Engineering

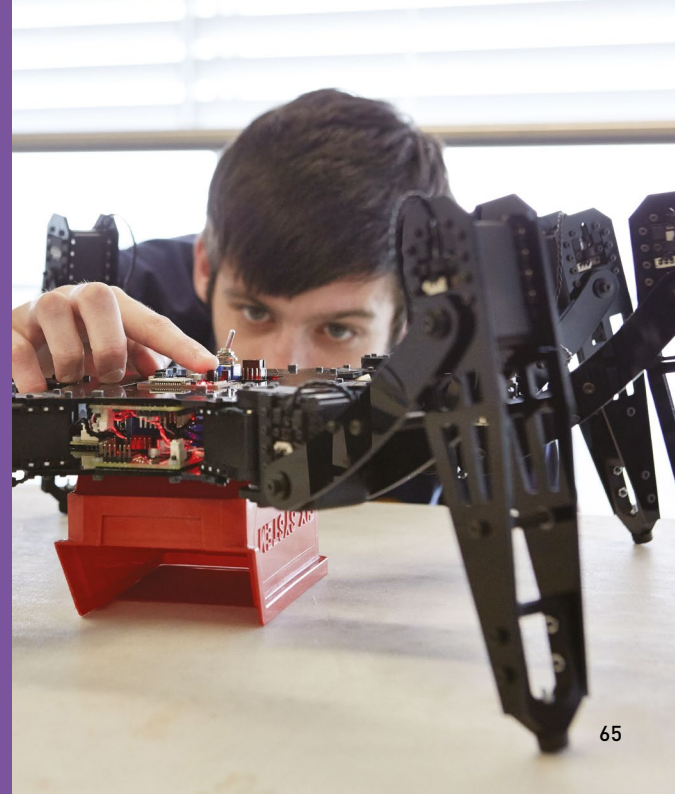
*School of
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and the Built
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Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Automotive Engineering BEng (Hons)	H330	BBC 112
Automotive Engineering with Foundation Year BEng (Hons)	H338	BB 80
Automotive Engineering MEng	H3H0	BBC 112
Civil Engineering BEng (Hons)	H201	BBC 112
Civil Engineering with Foundation Year BEng (Hons)	H20F	BB 80
Civil Engineering MEng	H200	BBC 112
Electronic Engineering (all pathways) BEng (Hons)	H601	BBC 112
Electronic Engineering with Foundation Year (all pathways) BEng (Hons)	H677	BB 80
Electronic Engineering (all pathways) MEng	H679	BBC 112

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KEY FACTS

- Our courses are accredited by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Engineering and Technology.
- Employers who have hired our Engineering graduates include Rolls-Royce, Jaguar Land Rover, Honda, BMW and Bentley.
- Our School uses state-of-the-art software from global suppliers such as Dassault Systèmes and Delcam for CAD/CAM technology.



Engineering

*School of
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and the Built
Environment*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Enterprise Information Systems BSc (Hons)	N2I2	BBC 112
Manufacturing Engineering BEng (Hons)	n/a	BBC 112
Manufacturing Engineering with Foundation Year BEng (Hons)	H702	BB 80
Manufacturing Engineering MEng	TBC	BBC 112
Mechanical Engineering BEng (Hons)	H300	BBC 112
Mechanical Engineering with Foundation Year BEng (Hons)	H308	BB 80
Mechanical Engineering MEng	H301	BBC 112
Motorsports Technology BSc (Hons)	H334	BBC 112

“As a group, we were very tight-knit, lecturers knew who we were and accessing them for additional support was very easy.”

Michael Carter
BEng (Hons) Automotive
Engineering



English

School of English

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
English BA (Hons)	Q301	BBC 112
English and Creative Writing BA (Hons)	QW38	BBC 112
English and Drama BA (Hons)	QW34	BBC 112
English and Journalism* BA (Hons)	TBC	BBC 112
English and Media BA (Hons)	QP33	BBC 112
English for Academic Purposes Foundation Certificate	n/a	See web
English Literature BA (Hons)	Q320	BBC 112
English Literature and English Language Studies BA (Hons)	Q391	BBC 112

*Subject to approval

KEY FACTS

- Enjoy inspiring tuition from internationally renowned literary experts and writers.
- The School of English is an important research centre for linguistics.
- Located in the new Curzon Building, giving you access to a drama studio and library with a wide range of books, journals and e-resources.



Fashion and textiles

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Fashion Business and Promotion BA (Hons)	W5N9	BBC 112
Fashion Design BA (Hons)	W230	BBC 112
Fashion Design with Design for Performance BA (Hons)	W2W4	BBC 112
Fashion Design with Fashion Accessories BA (Hons)	W233	BBC 112
Fashion Design with Fashion Communication BA (Hons)	W290	BBC 112
Fashion Design with Garment Technology BA (Hons)	W2JK	BBC 112

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KEY FACTS

- Our courses address the design, managerial and communication aspects of the industry.
- Our graduates secure employment with known brands such as Amanda Wakeley, Austin Reed, Selfridges, Timberland, and Victoria Beckham.
- A selection of our graduating Fashion Design students showcase their designs at Graduate Fashion Week, London in June each year.



Fashion and textiles

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Textile Design BA (Hons)	W231	BBC 112
Textile Design (Constructed Textiles) BA (Hons)	W222	BBC 112
Textile Design (Embroidery) BA (Hons)	W223	BBC 112
Textile Design (Printed Textiles and Surface Design) BA (Hons)	W232	BBC 112
Textile Design (Retail Management) BA (Hons)	W2N5	BBC 112

"I think the course is brilliant, particularly because of the tutors – they're so supportive, and I'm still friends with many of them now. They do really care for us and want us to do well, and that's what really makes the course."

Cleo McColgan
BA (Hons) Fashion Design



Health and social care

*School of Allied
and Public Health
Professions*

*School of Nursing,
Midwifery and
Social Work*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Diagnostic Radiography BSc (Hons)	B821	BBB 120
Health and Social Care CertHE	n/a	See web
Health and Social Care FdSc	n/a	See web
Medical Ultrasound BSc (Hons)	B800	BBB 120
Midwifery BSc (Hons)	B720	ABB 128
Midwifery Shortened Programme BSc (Hons)	n/a	See web
Nursing – Adult BSc (Hons)	B740 (Jan) B741 (Sept)	BBB 120
Nursing – Child BSc (Hons)	B730 (Jan) B731 (Sept)	BBB 120

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KEY FACTS

- We are the region's largest provider of qualified health and social care professionals to the NHS.
- Learn in simulated environments including hospital wards, an operating theatre, home environment room and radiography suite.
- 97 per cent of nursing or midwifery graduates were in work or further study within six months (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2013/14).



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Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Nursing – Learning Disability BSc (Hons)	B761 (Sept)	BBB 120
Nursing – Mental Health BSc (Hons)	B760 (Jan) B762 (Sept)	BBB 120
Operating Department Practice DipHE	B990	CCD 88
Operating Department Practice BSc (Hons)	B772	BBC 112
Paramedic Science BSc (Hons)	7B23	BBB 120
Public Health BSc (Hons)	B910	BCC 104
Radiotherapy BSc (Hons)	B822	BBB 120
Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment) FdSc	B931	See web
Social Work BSc (Hons)	L501	BBC 112
Speech and Language Therapy BSc (Hons)	B620	BBB 120

“The course attracts students from so many different backgrounds and we work well together, learning from each other. There’s always so much to learn and so many differing perspectives to understand.”

Deborah Cooper
BSc (Hons) Nursing



Jewellery and silversmithing

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Gemmological Association Foundation Certificate/ Gemmology Diploma/Gemmology Diamond Diploma	n/a	See web
Gemmology and Jewellery Studies BSc (Hons)	73J9	BBC 112
Horology BA (Hons)	W723	BBC 112
Jewellery and Silversmithing Creative Self Development	n/a	See web
Jewellery and Silversmithing HND	72WW	See web
Jewellery and Silversmithing – Design for Industry (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	W790	See web
Jewellery Design and Related Products BA (Hons)	W239	BBC 112
Jewellery School Summer and Bespoke Short Courses	n/a	See web

KEY FACTS

- Based in Birmingham's famous Jewellery Quarter. Gemmology courses are taught in a purpose-built area within Birmingham's new Assay Office.
- The School has formal links with industry, including the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths and the British Horological Institute.
- Get to work with high profile companies, such as Cartier (London), Georg Jensen (Denmark), and Weston Beamor (Birmingham).



Law

School of Law

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Law LLB (Hons)	M100	BBC 112
Law (Graduate Entry) LLB (Hons)	M100	BBC 112
Law with American Legal Studies LLB (Hons)	M130	BBC 112
Law with Business LLB (Hons)	M10B	BBC 112
Law with Business Law LLB (Hons)	M1MG	BBC 112
Law with Criminology LLB (Hons)	M1MF	BBC 112
Law with Marketing LLB (Hons)	M10M	BBC 112
Law with Psychology LLB (Hons)	M10P	BBC 112
Law with Sociology LLB (Hons)	M10S	BBC 112
Legal Studies HND	039M	See web

KEY FACTS

- Our LLB (Hons) Law programme is accredited by the Joint Academic Stage Board.
- We run the UK's largest law student internship programme to the USA.
- New starters on the LLB (Hons) courses get one year's student membership of Birmingham Law Society.



Life sciences

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Biomedical Engineering* MEng	TBC	TBC
Biomedical Sciences* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC
Nutrition Science* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC

*Subject to approval

KEY FACTS

- Courses co-designed with employers and accredited by relevant professional bodies.
- Our staff are active researchers, who work in partnership with industry to ensure courses remain relevant.
- State-of-the-art facilities including a teaching kitchen, mock consultation suite and laboratory.



Media and multimedia technology

*Birmingham
School of Media*

*School of
Computing and
Digital Media
Technology*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Digital Media Technology BSc (Hons)	P310	BBC 112
Film Production Technology BSc (Hons)	WP63	BBB 120
Film Technology and Visual Effects BSc (Hons)	W614	BBB 120
Music Technology BSc (Hons)	W350	BBB 120
Sound Engineering and Production BSc (Hons)	J930	BBB 120

KEY FACTS

- Access to state-of-the-art facilities including four TV studios, six radio studios, a green screen, photography studios, a newsroom and a variety of audio and visual editing suites.
- A number of our courses in Media and Digital Media have been accredited by Creative Skillset or the Institution of Engineering and Technology.
- Our graduates have gone on to work for the BBC, Sky TV, Ernst and Young, Dolby, IBM and Sega.



Music

*Birmingham
Conservatoire*

*Faculty of Arts,
Design and
Media*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Jazz BMus (Hons)	310F	See web
Music BMus (Hons)	300F	See web
Music Business BA (Hons)	W375	CDD 80
Popular Music (Top-Up) BA (Hons)	n/a	See web
Popular Music Performance BMus (Hons)	W315	See web
Popular Music Practice HND	143W	See web

KEY FACTS

- Enjoy more individual specialist tuition than at other music colleges as well as professional development opportunities.
- Our already excellent performance facilities for all disciplines will be state-of-the-art when we move into our new £46 million home in 2017.
- Our students are the most satisfied in the conservatoire sector according to the 2015 National Student Survey. In fact, satisfaction for BMus (Hons) Jazz was 100 per cent!



Social sciences

*School of
Social Sciences*

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Psychology BSc (Hons)	C800	BBC 112
Psychology with Business BSc (Hons)	C80B	BBC 112
Psychology with Criminology BSc (Hons)	MC98	BBC 112
Psychology with Marketing BSc (Hons)	C801	BBC 112
Psychology with Sociology BSc (Hons)	LC38	BBC 112
Sociology BA (Hons)	L300	BBC 112
Sociology and Criminology BA (Hons)	LM39	BBC 112

KEY FACTS

- All our BSc (Hons) Psychology courses are accredited by the British Psychological Society.
- All Social Science degrees offer strong links with local agencies such as criminal rehabilitation charities, community safety partnerships, police forces and probation services.
- Sociology students have worked with the Refugee Council, Refugee Action, NACRO and Women's Aid.



Sport and exercise science

Course	UCAS code	Typical offer
Physical Education and School Sport* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC
Sport and Exercise Nutrition* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC
Sport and Exercise Science* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC
Sports Therapy* BSc (Hons)	TBC	TBC

*Subject to approval

KEY FACTS

- Courses co-designed with employers and accredited by relevant professional bodies.
- Our staff are active researchers, who work in partnership with industry to ensure courses remain relevant.
- State-of-the-art sport and exercise laboratories.



Applying to university



We are committed to providing opportunities for all and welcome a wide range of entry qualifications.

We try to ensure our application process is as straightforward as possible. For most courses, the stages will be as follows:

1 Choose a course

Think carefully about what course you would like to study. It could be a course that leads directly to a particular career, a subject you enjoyed studying at A Level (or equivalent) or something completely new!

2 Apply

Register on the UCAS website, creating your own username or password, then fill in the other sections as instructed. You can apply for up to five universities and courses.

3 Personal Statement

The Personal Statement is your chance to 'sell' yourself, by explaining why you are applying for higher education and why a university would want you to join them! We offer advice at www.bcu.ac.uk/resources.

4 Offers

Your chosen universities will either make a decision based on your application form and grades, or invite you to an interview or audition before deciding.

They will then reply with either:

- a conditional offer
- an unconditional offer, or
- tell you you've been unsuccessful.

You reply using Track on the UCAS website. You can only accept one firm and one insurance choice or you can decline all your offers and seek an alternative place.

If you still need a place, you can make further applications through UCAS Extra between February and July; after that, you go into Clearing.

5 Results

If you have met the conditions of your offer, congratulations! Even if you have narrowly missed them, your chosen university may still accept you. If not, you can move on to your insurance choice or enter Clearing.

During Clearing, you can look at the UCAS website for details of courses which have vacancies, then contact the institution concerned directly. You can view our vacancies at www.bcu.ac.uk/clearing.

For more information please visit www.bcu.ac.uk/apply or the course web page.

Entry *requirements*

We are committed to providing opportunities for people from all educational backgrounds and experiences to participate in higher education.

That's why we welcome applicants with a mix of academic and vocational qualifications, and consider each application on its merits. Entry

A Level

Grade	Points – from Sept 2017	Current points
A*	56	140
A	48	120
B	40	100
C	32	80
D	24	60
E	16	40

requirements vary between courses, with many using the UCAS tariff points system, which is being updated for 2017. For most full-time degree-level courses, apply through UCAS at www.ucas.com.

Some courses have different application routes; for example you apply direct for part-time courses.

BTEC Diploma

Grade	Points – from Sept 2017	Current points
D*D*	112	280
D*D	104	260
DD	96	240
DM	80	200
MM	64	160
MP	48	120
PP	32	80

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To really get a feel for our University, why not visit us in person? Our 2016 Open Days are due to take place on 11 June, 8 October and 19 November.

Register – www.bcu.ac.uk/opensdays

Applicant Visit Day

Applied to study with us? Then you will be invited to an Applicant Visit Day; this will give a more in-depth picture of the course and how to make the most of it.

www.bcu.ac.uk/visitdays

Go magazine

Made an enquiry or applied to join us? You will receive 'Go', our news and information packed magazine, twice a year.

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Birmingham at night.

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