



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

INTERNATIONAL GUIDE



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WELCOMING AT HEART

Birmingham City University is situated in the heart of Birmingham that is at the heart of England, UK. We are right at the centre of the exhilarating cultural, social, economic and physical changes that are transforming our city for the future.

Located just over an hour from London, we offer our students a friendly study environment in the UK's second largest city, as well as facilities that are among the very best in the country, due to our recent £260 million investment in our campus.

We've built strong partnerships with both students and industry professionals to offer an inspirational learning environment. We've helped to enrich the lives of leading architects, designers, lawyers, engineers, healthcare professionals, musicians and many more.

Our innovative teaching methods, ground-breaking research and industry collaborations are backed by almost 40 professional accreditations. Providing you with an education that not only works in the classroom, but in the real world for when you graduate.

You'll share your university with 24,000 students from over 80 different countries, and we ensure that everyone feels right at home here in Birmingham with guaranteed accommodation for international students, a meet and greet service at Birmingham Airport and our

Student Services team make it a priority for you to move countries as easy as possible.

This guide will give you a flavour of the exciting courses you can study at Birmingham City University. If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we hope to see you in person soon.

MORE THAN A DEGREE

Ensuring you are equipped with the skills you need to develop a successful career is at the heart of everything we do throughout your time here.

Whichever subject you choose, you will benefit from flexible study options, work-related experience and an international perspective at every stage of your studies.



STUDY OR WORK ABROAD

Studying or working abroad can be a life-changing opportunity that lets you gain new skills, meet new people and experience different cultures. We offer lots of ways to go abroad while you're a student here, with exchange programmes in Brazil, the USA and the EU.

www.bcu.ac.uk/go-abroad



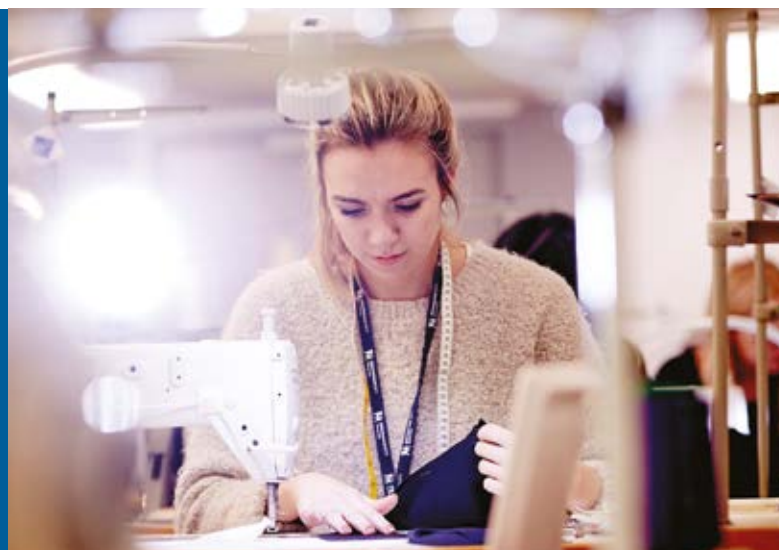
STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD

Our Graduate+ programme allows you to build up experience through a range of extra-curricular, employment-related activities. We help you develop a personalised programme of opportunities each year, and you can collate this evidence using an online e-portfolio, which you can use to showcase your employability, skills, knowledge and attributes.



EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

You can gain further experience during your time as a student by becoming a paid member of University staff through our employment agency, OpportUNIty – Student Jobs on Campus. With a realistic application process, and feedback and assistance at every stage, this experience will help you clearly show your ability to future employers.



GET THE HELP YOU NEED

To support you in achieving your full potential, the Centre for Academic Success is available to help with your study, literacy and numeracy skills. You can book a one-to-one tutorial to discuss aspects of your work, or attend a variety of study skills and English language workshops.

STUDYING IN THE UK



Whether you want to kickstart a successful career, gain world-recognised qualifications or have an adventure, you'll find that the UK has a huge amount to offer.

Open the doors to your dream career

You'll gain skills and qualifications to help you succeed in any career you choose.

Perfect your English

The UK is the top destination worldwide for English language study, with courses for all ages and abilities.

Have the adventure of a lifetime

Studying in the UK is an opportunity to discover its unique culture, cities and countryside – from music and sports to history and heritage.

Join a friendly international community

The UK is a welcoming place for students of all nationalities, cultures and faiths, home to over 435,000 students.

Study your own way

Did you know you can do a UK course at an overseas campus or online?

Discover, create, innovate!

The UK is one of the most exciting and productive places in the world for research, creativity and innovation. If you have a passion for learning and want to be at the forefront of your subject, this is the place to be.

Get great value for money

UK education can be affordable, and UK qualifications are a great boost to your salary as well as your CV.

Find out more at the Education UK website: www.educationuk.org



Top 10

Birmingham was selected as one of the top 10 destinations in the world to visit in 2015 by travel publisher Rough Guides.

STUDYING IN BIRMINGHAM

With London just an hour and 20 minutes away by rail, Birmingham is the UK's second largest city, with a population of 70,500 students. Famous for: The Bullring shopping centre, the home of Cadbury's chocolate, car manufacturing, science and industry.

AT A GLANCE



160 shops make up the iconic Bullring shopping centre



24 million visitors from around the world every year



Over 100 of our famous balti houses in the city



25 million pass through Birmingham New Street annually (businessbirmingham.com)



The most popular destination for people moving out of London (BBC, 2016)

THERE IS PLENTY TO DO IN BIRMINGHAM TO KEEP YOURSELF BUSY. IT REMAINS ONE OF ENGLAND'S MOST VISITED PLACES TO SHOP, WITH NEARLY £2 BILLION SPENT EACH YEAR*



*Visit Birmingham



RELAXING

If you want to get out and about, the city has over 8,000 acres of park and open space, making it one of the UK's greenest cities.

EATING

There are numerous cutting-edge restaurants and pubs to sample. Birmingham has over 100 balti houses together with a flourishing street food scene, centred on the popular Digbeth Dining Club.



CULTURE

With a world-class symphony orchestra, royal ballet company and theatres, Birmingham has some of the finest contemporary arts venues in the country, while one of the city's most exciting facilities is the state-of-the-art, £188 million Library of Birmingham.

Birmingham Royal Ballet
in David Bintley's *Faster*;
photo: Bill Cooper



SPORT

Whether you're interested in sport as a participant or a spectator, Birmingham has plenty to offer. The city is home to three leading football clubs – Aston Villa, Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion – and international cricket takes place at Edgbaston (pictured). The renowned Brabazon golf course at The Belfry has been the venue for several Ryder Cups, and the Barclaycard Arena hosts a range of events including Davis Cup tennis, international athletics, badminton, table tennis, judo, basketball and wrestling.



TRAVEL

Birmingham's excellent public transport system of buses, trains and a recently-extended tram network means that getting around the city couldn't be easier. We are at the centre of the UK's road, rail and coach networks, so travelling further afield is no problem, while Birmingham Airport connects directly to 140 domestic and international destinations.



BUSINESS

With over 42,000 companies, Birmingham is not just a good place to study and explore; it is also a great location to start your career, gaining real-world skills and industry contacts. Major employers are investing in the city, including world-renowned businesses such as Jaguar Land Rover, HSBC and Deutsche Bank.

The Rainbow Venues



NIGHTS OUT

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, we've got nightlife covered. Check out iconic club nights at The Institute or The Rainbow – frequently listed in the top 100 clubs in the world and top 10 in the UK.



MUSIC

There's a host of great live music destinations to be found across the city – from sticky-floored pubs and intimate jazz bars to the famous O2 Academy and Jools Holland's Jam House. Major rock bands and artists play regularly at the Genting Arena (formerly LG Arena), which is about 10 miles from the city, and the Barclaycard Arena (formerly the NIA Birmingham) in the city centre.



SHOPPING

Birmingham is a shoppers' paradise, with modern shopping centres, restored Victorian arcades and a range of markets offering everything from designer labels to second-hand bargains. The Bullring is the city's most famous shopping destination with some 160 shops, boutiques and restaurants, now joined by the new Grand Central shopping centre above New Street station. Each year, the city plays host to the biggest German-style Christmas market outside Germany, with a range of festive food, drink and gifts.

WHY STUDY WITH US?

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



Industry links

We work on course-related projects with companies and organisations like **Microsoft, Cisco, Jaguar Land Rover, Sky UK** and the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra**.

1

WORK WITH GLOBAL BRANDS

We have a large number of industry partners and work with big name employers like the BBC, Jaguar Land Rover, Cisco, Microsoft and the Royal Shakespeare Company. All of our courses incorporate work-related experience, with the majority giving the option of a year-long placement.

2

INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED COURSES

Many of our courses have internationally recognised accreditations, such as the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) and RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects).

3

A GLOBAL CITY

Study with us and you will be located at the heart of the dynamic city of Birmingham – with all the social and employment possibilities that brings.

4

ENHANCING CAREER PROSPECTS

We offer career support and advice throughout your time with us and for up to five years after you graduate. Our Graduate+ scheme embeds career-related skills into every one of our degree courses, from becoming a course rep to studying abroad.

5

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, and are some of the leading figures in their fields.

6

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).

7

TRANSFORMED TEACHING

We have transformed our curriculum with a new range of contemporary, flexible courses with practice-based learning and international opportunities built into every stage.

8

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 applications and valuable feedback on your work.

9

INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

We're investing £260 million in industry-standard, state-of-the-art facilities to ensure you have the best possible environment for practice-based learning.

10

94% EMPLOYED / IN FURTHER STUDY

Our commitment to developing graduates with the skills and experience employers need means that 94 per cent of our graduates are in employment or further study within six months (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2014/15).



"My experience at Birmingham City University has been rich and very exciting. I had the opportunity to develop my employability through working at the University and have been part of my faculty student advisory board. The University is good at engaging students and helping them develop professional skills through various methods. I have absolutely loved my studies here."

Anu Yusuf, LLB (Hons) Law

THE CITY IS YOUR CAMPUS

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Print, textiles, wood, ceramics and glass workshops
- Photography studios and darkrooms
- Four industry-standard TV studios
- Green screen MILO studio
- Radio studios and editing suites.
- Library with access to 62 million printed and online resources
- Students' Union
- Dedicated IT and student services support
- Curzon Print Centre, including Kodak self-service booth
- Ten specialist drama studios complete with acoustic panelling and sprung floors
- Noise and vibration cells
- Robotic laboratory
- Recording facilities and vintage mixing desk
- Law courts
- City Trading Room.



WE ARE INVESTING £260 MILLION ACROSS OUR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, TO GIVE YOU THE VERY BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO SHAPE YOUR EXPERIENCE

This flagship campus at the heart of Birmingham's fast-developing Eastside district, and just a short walk from the city centre, is where most students on Design, Media, Acting, Engineering, Computing, Built Environment, Law, Social Science, Business and English courses are based.

The campus also features library, IT and student support facilities, together with a base for our Students' Union, incorporating the Grade II listed Eagle and Ball pub.

Our facilities are located alongside Eastside City Park – the first new urban park in Birmingham for over 130 years, which provides a superb space for relaxing in summer as well as a venue for events and activities.

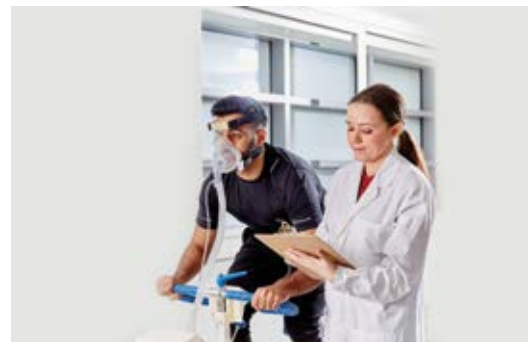
Birmingham Conservatoire

A new £57 million building at our City Centre Campus, opening in 2017, will provide a conservatoire for the 21st century. Our music students will benefit from a new concert hall, private rehearsal and practice rooms, and teaching spaces for musicians from a variety of disciplines.

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Five performance venues, including a 500-seat concert hall
- A 150-seat recital hall and smaller experimental music space
- Organ room and dedicated jazz venue
- Over 70 dedicated practice rooms.

THE CAMPUS ACROSS THE CITY



Sport and Life Sciences

The creation of our new suite of courses in Sport and Life Sciences is yet another exciting development at Birmingham City University.

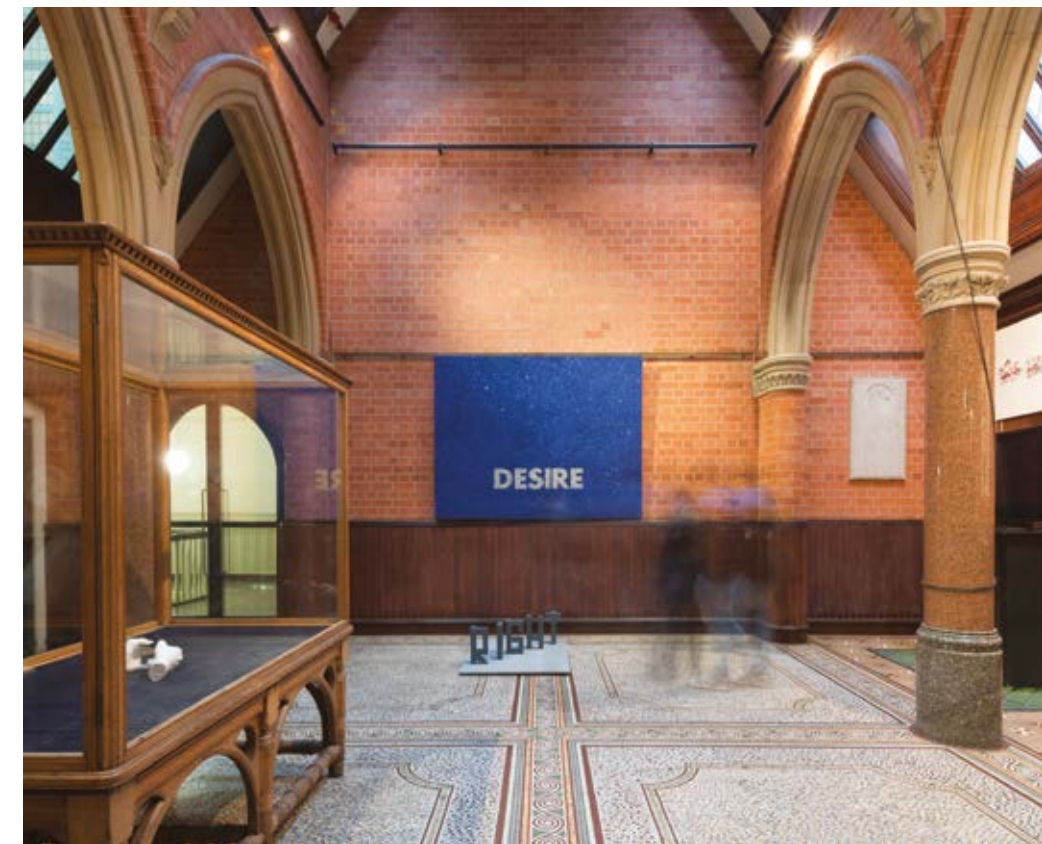
Not only are we investing £41 million in a new building to house the laboratories and teaching spaces needed, but we also plan to open up these facilities to benefit all students and the wider community.

All courses have been co-designed with employers and are endorsed or accredited by professional bodies where appropriate.

By expanding our provision to these areas, we will be helping to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing society today, such as obesity and unhealthy lifestyles, as well as supporting the UK's ambitions for success at events such as the Olympics and other world sporting tournaments.

In addition to our main campus, health and social care students are based on a state-of-the-art site just to the south of the city centre, which is currently undergoing a multi-million pound expansion to house our education and life science programmes.

Art and jewellery students benefit from studying at specialist locations in the heart of the city. Both of these architectural gems have a long history and heritage of learning, and are ideally located for the sectors students on these courses may wish to work in.



City South Campus

All health and social care students are based in the leafy suburb of Edgbaston, within easy reach of the city centre. Our realistic learning environment includes an operating theatre, hospital wards and a fully equipped midwifery skills/birthing room.

We are investing £41 million in new facilities on this site including specialist laboratories for a newly created School of Health Science, as well as a new home for the School of Education and Social Work, due to open during the 2017/18 academic year.

Facilities include:

- Virtual radiotherapy suite
- Radiography imaging suite
- Simulated home environment
- Replica school classrooms
- Physiology and biomedical science laboratories.



Birmingham School of Art Margaret Street

This Grade I listed Venetian Gothic building houses a wonderful complex of traditional-style workshops, teaching and exhibition space.

Facilities include:

- Light and airy studios
- Gallery and installation space
- Fine art library
- Woodwork, metal, plaster, fibreglass and ceramics workshops
- Digital media, print and photography workshops.



School of Jewellery Vittoria Street / Assay Office

One of the world's most significant jewellery schools stands right at the heart of Birmingham's famous Jewellery Quarter, where much of the jewellery made in Britain today is manufactured.

Facilities include:

- Specialist studio workshops
- Casting facility and electroplating laboratory
- Machine workshop including laser welders and laser cutters
- Exhibition space and specialist library
- Stores for materials and tools.



A PLACE TO CALL HOME



Life

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



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

Birmingham City University own three halls of residence and a number of private halls within the city which means we can guarantee all international students get a room in our secure University accommodation, which is a great way to make new friends as you settle into the city.

- Over 2,000 rooms available
- A safe and secure home
- All our halls have CCTV coverage and 24-hour security patrols
- Easily accessible - close to public transport links
- Shared kitchen and living areas, laundry facilities, free wi-fi and common rooms

Please visit www.bcu.ac.uk/international/accommodation for more information.



University student accommodation – costs per week:*

	Location	40 Weeks	51 Weeks
The Coppice	City North, Perry Barr	£93	
Oakmount	City South, Edgbaston	£105.50	
Westmount	City South, Edgbaston	£104.50	
Oscott Gardens	City North, Perry Barr	£120 Standard £127.50 - Large £132.50 - Extra Large	
University Locks	City Centre Campus	£138	£132
University Locks - 2 bed flats	City Centre Campus	£136	£130
Private Sector Providers	City Centre	£120	£115

*Figures for 2017/18 entry.

FIRST-CLASS SUPPORT

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

www.bcu.ac.uk/student-services

Student Success Advisors (SSAs) are recent graduates who are employed by the university to help to make sure courses run smoothly, issues are dealt with quickly and help you manage any issues you have affecting your studies.

LEVEL UP

A comprehensive and engaging pre-arrival mentoring programme, designed to help you get used to studying in higher education.

STUDENT BUDDY

Current students helping new students by sharing their experience of university life.

YOU SAID, WE DID

Communicating with you throughout the year, listening to issues and concerns, and providing robust and informative feedback.

INTER-YEAR TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT

Providing support to students throughout the student journey, including advice on placements, academic success and postgraduate study.



CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Our team of experienced careers consultants are available to help you refine your skills and identify potential career opportunities. Our dedicated Employment Advisers offer a unique, personalised service to make your transition from education into employment as easy as possible.

We work with local, regional, national and international employers to ensure our students and graduates have access to the best opportunities. These are accessed via our dedicated Online Jobs Board.

We also offer a suite of face-to-face and e-mentoring initiatives, connecting students and graduates to employers in the region and beyond.

Support includes:

- Work, study and social advice
- Commercial awareness, employability skills and real-world preparation
- CV, application form and interview techniques.

www.bcu.ac.uk/careers

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

Your studies

- Admissions
- Academic calendar
- Student ID cards and student status letters
- Complaints and appeals
- Erasmus – study abroad programme
- Careers and job prospects (see left)
- 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

- Support
- Representation
- Employability skills and part-time work
- Help with finding accommodation.



You

A personalised service from our career consultants to help you find the job you want.

OUR RESEARCH



90%

of our research was judged to have delivered 'outstanding' or 'very considerable' external impact (REF 2014)

Research is a core component of what we do at Birmingham City University. Our researchers are committed to discovering new knowledge and delivering real benefit to culture, industry, society and the environment.

Our dynamic research community works across disciplines and with external companies to address local, national and global challenges. Our Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 results demonstrate the public benefit of our research to society and the economy, with almost 90% deemed to have either 'outstanding' or 'very considerable' impact.

Our research areas

- Architecture, Built Environment and Planning
- Art and Design
- Business and Management
- Computing
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Health
- Law
- Media and Cultural Studies
- Music and Performance
- Social Sciences.

If you'd like to find out more please visit www.bcu.ac.uk/research

- Our Law students debate in simulated courts and our Teaching students enjoy replica classrooms.
- Many of our courses are practice-based – most Health students, for example, spend 50 per cent of their time in hospitals.
- Our Media and Art students enjoy state-of-the-art green screen video production suites and photographic studios.
- We've pioneered virtual learning environments for our Teaching students.
- Our Business students benefit from our Student Enterprise Society, which helps them to start businesses together.

In conjunction with our teaching approach we also have inspirational academics to teach our students. Many of our 1,700-strong team of academic staff, professors and researchers are practising professionals and leading experts in their sector. This means you'll receive first-hand and up-to-date knowledge from those in the know.



OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING

Like at all universities, our students learn in lecture theatres and in tutorials. But our students get the added bonus of learning through doing, which prepares you for the workplace.



PROFESSOR JULIAN LLOYD WEBBER

Music

Widely regarded as one of the finest cellists of his generation, Julian is now sharing his expertise with our music students. He has premiered more than 60 works for cello, recorded several highly successful CDs and was the only classical musician to perform at the Closing Ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

DR IMRAN AWAN

Criminology

Dr Imran Awan is a Senior Lecturer in Criminology and Deputy Director of the Centre for Applied Criminology. He is one of the country's leading experts on Islamophobia, counter-terrorism and policing. He regularly appears in the media and acts as an independent advisor to the British Government.

INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

Many of our 1,700-strong team of academic staff are practising professionals and leading experts in their sector.

You will receive first-hand and up-to-date knowledge directly from those in the know, be it health practitioners, real estate specialists or professional musicians.



KAREN FEARON
Allied and Public Health Professions

With over 20 years' experience in the clinical setting, both as a practitioner and senior clinical manager, Karen is now our Head of Department for Operating Department Practice and Paramedic Science. Her particular areas of interest are acute and surgical care, innovation in practice-focused healthcare education and online learning methods. Her current research centres on student-led assessment and feedback processes.



DR SALIM KHAN
Health Sciences

Salim is an Associate Professor of Applied Neurophysiology and Acting Head of Department for Therapies and Public Health. He comes equipped with experience of working in national and international higher education institutes. In addition to teaching and management, Salim has an extensive research portfolio including publications, conference presentations, research projects, and supervision of a large number of PhD students.



PROFESSOR DAVID HIGGINS
Real Estate

Bringing a global perspective to the real estate programmes, David can share extensive academic and industry experience with our students. His recent research includes real estate market performance, investment and finance strategies, new property risk concepts, and affordable social housing. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.



SOPHIE JOHNSON
Fashion

A graduate of our Fashion Retail Management course, Sophie set up her own PR brand, working for big-name firms like Claire's Accessories and Ziba. She branched out into events and celebrity PR management, where highlights included dressing Katy Perry in a client's product and working with the style team at The X Factor. She lectures on public relations, marketing and social media.

EMPLOYABILITY FOCUSED



94%

of our UK students were in employment or further study within six months of graduating (96 per cent of postgraduates) (DLHE survey 2014/15)

At Birmingham City University, we're dedicated to ensuring you develop the skills employers need. So it's essential that we keep our range of courses at the cutting edge of the discipline in an ever-changing job market.

All of our courses have recently been refreshed to give you the most relevant practical experience, and the best chance of finding employment once you graduate. Current students and industry professionals have been part of the review panel to ensure our courses meet your needs and those of potential employers.

Graduate+

In today's competitive job market, many employers are looking for skills and experience beyond your degree qualification.

Graduate+ is a framework which will enable you to provide evidence of your ability to develop valuable skills outside of formal classroom learning while studying with us.

Graduate+ won't replace the employability based activities that many of our courses already offer, such as placements, but will enhance them, and aims to ensure that you'll have the skills to take up a variety of roles when you complete your studies.

All of our courses also benefit from the following:

- Practical work experience, with placements offered on the majority of courses
- A range of assessment and feedback methods to improve your learning
- Employability skills, enterprise and practice-based project work built into the curriculum, giving you hands-on experience of the sort of careers you may wish to enter
- An international perspective on your subject, including the opportunity to study abroad
- Professional accreditation from relevant industry and professional bodies
- Optional modules so you can tailor your study to your own interests and career aspirations.





Moving countries to study in Birmingham doesn't have to end there. All of our programmes offer you the opportunity to gain more international experience by studying abroad for a semester or two.



Erasmus+

ERASMUS+

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport. One of its aims is to boost the skills and employability of university students by taking your studies overseas for between three and twelve months. It's your chance to continue your course in a new environment and experience a different culture while you're at it.

You can take your pick from any one of 32 countries in Europe, with whom your university has an agreement and most students receive a grant to help contribute to the cost of living. So whether you fancy brushing up your languages, meeting up with new people or just immersing yourself in a completely new culture, Erasmus+ will have something to suit you.

Birmingham City University offers opportunities for full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students to spend part of their degree overseas.

Decisions about how long you can study abroad for, where you can go, and how your international experience contributes to your degree are determined by your academic department and University regulations specific to your degree.

There are many benefits to studying overseas including higher average earnings, graduating with a higher degree and feeling more employable, but you'll also earn credits towards your degree.

Want to go further than the EU?

Birmingham City University offers students another opportunity to gain international experience by studying in countries much further afield such as Australia, the USA, China, Taiwan and South Korea. You won't have to pay tuition fees to study at an overseas university where we have a partnership agreement in place.

Find out more: www.bcu.ac.uk/international/go-abroad



PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Birmingham City University's International Summer School offers you the perfect opportunity to spend three weeks sampling UK university life, as well as giving you the chance to enhance your academic skills and visit some of the UK's historic towns and cities.

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/summer-school



ARTS, DESIGN AND MEDIA

Our internationally renowned arts training provision includes a specialist music conservatoire and drama school, a leading provider of media training, and England's largest regional centre for art, architecture and design education, incorporating Europe's biggest jewellery school.

The faculty incorporates Birmingham Institute of Art and Design, an internationally renowned centre for creative education with a history dating back to 1843 and one of the UK's leading providers of talented professionals to the cultural and creative industries.

Our links with industry include Rolex, Swatch, Saatchi and Saatchi, Goldsmith, the BBC, The Brits, Axis Design Architects Ltd, Sony Computer Entertainment Europe, SEGA and Rockstar North.

Our subject areas include:

- Acting and Theatre
- Architecture and Design

- Art and Design
- English
- Fashion and Textiles
- Jewellery and Silversmithing
- Media and Multimedia Technology
- Music
- Visual Communication

Facilities include:

- Print, textiles, wood, ceramics and glass workshops
- Photography studios and darkrooms
- Digital print and pattern-making facilities
- Four industry-standard TV studios
- Green screen MILO studio
- Radio studio and editing suites

- Light and airy studios
- Gallery and installation space
- Fine art library
- Exhibition space and specialist library
- Digi.lab - a digital lab for prototyping and 3D printing
- 10 specialist studios complete with acoustic panelling and sprung floors
- Large performance studios - a benchmark for drama training facilities in the UK
- Six state-of-the-art recording and editing studios
- 150-seat recital hall with multi-channel sound system.





Arts, Design and Media Schools

Birmingham School of Architecture and Design

Over 100 years of training Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) accredited architects.

School of Visual Communication

Our students have won prestigious national and international competitions, including the Royal Television Awards, Macmillan Children's Book Awards and Direct Marketing Awards.

School of Fashion and Textiles

Selected graduating BA (Hons) Fashion Design students showcase their designs at Graduate Fashion Week, London in June each year.

Birmingham School of Media

Strong links with a range of potential employers who offer placements and expertise - from major radio and TV broadcasters to PR agencies and games developers.

New Technology Institute

Providing training in video game design and development in courses backed by the UK video game industry. Undergraduate degrees here can be completed via a Two-Year FastTrack route.

Birmingham Conservatoire

New £57 million state-of-the-art building is set to open in 2017 - the first new conservatoire to be built in over a generation.

School of English

Our Institute of Creative and Critical Writing gives students access to industry expertise and masterclasses from writers, publishers and agents.

Birmingham School of Acting

Ranked in the top 10 UK universities for 'dance and drama' in the Guardian University League table 2017.

School of Jewellery

The largest school of jewellery in Europe. Students work with high-profile companies such as Rolex, Georg Jensen (Denmark) and Weston Beamor (Birmingham).

Birmingham School of Art

Birmingham School of Art's heritage stretches back over 130 years.

ART, DESIGN AND MEDIA COURSES

Undergraduate

BA (Hons) Acting	BSc (Hons) Gemmology and Jewellery Studies
BA (Hons) Applied Performance (Community and Education)	BA (Hons) Graphic Communication
BA (Hons) Architecture	BA (Hons) Horology
BA (Hons) Art and Design	BA (Hons) Illustration
BA (Hons) Commercial Photography	BA (Hons) Interior Architecture and Design
BA (Hons) Costume Design and Practice	BA (Hons) International Jewellery Business
BA (Hons) Design for Performance	BMus (Hons) Jazz
BA (Hons) Digital Marketing	BA (Hons) Jewellery and Objects
BA (Hons) English	HND Jewellery and Silversmithing
BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing	BA (Hons) Jewellery and Silversmithing - Design for Industry
BA (Hons) English and Drama	BA (Hons) Landscape Architecture
BA (Hons) English and Journalism	BA (Hons) Media and Communication
BA (Hons) English and Media	BA (Hons) Media and Communication (Event and Exhibition Industries)
BA (Hons) English Language and Literature	BA (Hons) Media and Communication (Journalism)
BA (Hons) English Literature	BA (Hons) Media and Communication (Music Industries)
BA (Hons) Fashion Branding and Communication	BA (Hons) Media and Communication (Public Relations)
BA (Hons) Fashion Business and Promotion	BA (Hons) Media and Communication (Radio)
BA (Hons) Fashion Design	BA (Hons) Media and Communication (Television)
BA (Hons) Film and Animation	BA (Hons) Media and Communication (New Media)
BSc (Hons) Film Production Technology	BMus (Hons) Music
BSc (Hons) Film Technology with Visual Effects	BSc (Hons) Music Technology
BA (Hons) Fine Art	BA (Hons) Photography
HND Fine Art	
BA (Hons) Product and Furniture Design	
BA (Hons) Garment Technology	

BA (Hons) Stage Management
BA (Hons) Textile Design: Cross-Disciplinary Practice
BA (Hons) Video Game Design and Production
BSc (Hons) Video Game Development
BA (Hons) Video Game Digital Art

Postgraduate

MA Acting
MFA Acting (The British Tradition)
MArch Architecture
PgDip Architectural Practice
MA Art and Design: Interdisciplinary Practices
MA Arts and Education Practices
MA Arts and Project Management
MMus Composition
MMus Conducting (Choral or Orchestral)
MA Contemporary Arts China
MA Conservation of the Historic Environment
MA Cosmetics Branding and Promotion
MA Creative Writing
MA Design and Visualisation
MA Design Management
MA Design Management: Professional Practice
MA Design Management: Service Design

MA Design Management: Sustainable Design Policy
MA English Linguistics PT DL
MA Events, Festivals and Exhibition Management
MA Fashion Design
MA Fashion Management
MA Fashion Promotion
MA Fashion Styling
MA Film Distribution and Marketing
MA Fine Art
MA Future Media
MSc Future Media
MA Garment Technology
MA Global Media Management
MA Innovation and Leadership in Museum Practice
MMus Instrumental Performance
MA Interior Architecture and Design
MMus Jazz
MA Jewellery and Related Products
GradCert Jewellery, Silversmithing and Related Products
MA Landscape Architecture
MA Luxury Brand Management
MA Luxury Jewellery Management
MA Media and Cultural Studies
MA Media Production

MA Multi-platform and Mobile Journalism
MA Musicology
MMus Music Technology
MMus Orchestral Performance (Strings)
MA Product and Furniture Design
AdvPgDip Professional Performance
MA Professional Voice Practice
MA Public Relations
MA Textile and Surface Design
MSc Video Game Development
MSc Video Game Enterprise, Production and Design
MA Visual Communication
MMus Vocal Performance





in the UK for drama and dance and 11th for music
(Guardian League Table 2017)

BUSINESS, LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Business, Law and Social Sciences is a globally oriented faculty, drawing on theories and practice from around the globe to inform our learning environment.

Birmingham City Business School is a leading, professionally oriented, international business school focused on connecting you with every aspect of the world of business and innovation. While we have a unique relationship with the extraordinary city we're rooted in, renowned for its industry and commerce, our courses are designed to meet the needs of businesses across the globe.

Birmingham City School of Law has been at the forefront of innovative law teaching for more than 40 years, specialising in social justice and access to justice, with leading academics who are experts in human rights and the death penalty, as well as civil and social issues. Our globally oriented, innovative law degrees are tailor-made for law professionals who want to make an impact on the world.

At Birmingham City School of Social Sciences our mission is to make sense of the world. Our

students and academics work together across the disciplines of Criminology, Psychology and Sociology to develop insights into society. We also apply our research in real world settings on an international scale, working with communities, prisons, hospitals, schools and the police to understand, and influence, social change.

Accreditations include:

- Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)
- Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)
- Chartered Management Institute (CMI)
- Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM)
- Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
- The British Psychological Society (BPS)
- Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board

Our subject areas include:

- Accountancy and Finance
- Advertising, Marketing and PR
- Business and Management
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Law
- Social Sciences

Our facilities include:

- Library with access to 62 million print and online resources
- Dedicated IT and student services support
- Simulated courtrooms
- Students' Union



BUSINESS COURSES

Undergraduate

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
MAcc Accounting and Finance
BA (Hons) Business
BA (Hons) Business (Analytics)
BA (Hons) Business (Marketing)
BA (Hons) Business (Professional Practice)
BSc (Hons) Business Accounting
BA (Hons) Business Administration (Top Up)
BA (Hons) Business Economics
BSc (Hons) Business Finance
MFin Business Finance
BA (Hons) Business Management
BA (Hons) Business Management (Consultancy)
BA (Hons) Business Management (Enterprise)
BA (Hons) Business Management (Professional Practice)
BA (Hons) Business Management (Supply Chain Management)
BA (Hons) Economics
BSc (Hons) Finance and Investment
MFin Finance and Investment
BA (Hons) Financial Economics
BA (Hons) Human Resource Management
BA (Hons) International Business (Top Up)
BA (Hons) International Marketing (Top Up)
BA (Hons) Management and Leadership (Top Up)
BA (Hons) Marketing

BA (Hons) Marketing (Advertising and PR)
BA (Hons) Marketing (Consumer Psychology)
BA (Hons) Marketing (Digital)
BA (Hons) Marketing (Professional Practice)
BA (Hons) Marketing (Retail)

Postgraduate

MSc Accounting and Finance
Doctorate in Business Administration
Executive MBA
MSc Finance and Investment
MA Innovation Management
MSc Insurance and Risk Management
MSc Internal Audit Management and Consultancy
International MBA
MSc International HRM
MSc Management and Entrepreneurship
MSc Management and Finance
MSc Management and International Business
MSc Management and Marketing
MSc Management Consultancy
Online MBA
MSc Risk Management

LAW COURSES

Undergraduate

LLB (Hons) Law

LLB (Hons) Law with American Legal Studies
LLB (Hons) Law with Business
LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology

Postgraduate

LLM International Law
Graduate Diploma in Law / LLM Top-Up
LLM Law (International Business Law)
LLM Law (International Human Rights)
LLM Legal Practice
LPC Legal Practice Course

SOCIAL SCIENCES COURSES

Undergraduate

BA (Hons) Black Studies
BA (Hons) Criminology
BA (Hons) Criminology and Security Studies
BA (Hons) Criminology, Policing and Investigation
BSc (Hons) Psychology
BSc (Hons) Psychology with Business
BSc (Hons) Psychology with Criminology
BSc (Hons) Psychology with Marketing
BSc (Hons) Psychology with Sociology
BA (Hons) Sociology
BA (Hons) Sociology and Criminology

Postgraduate

MA Criminology

MSc Forensic Psychology
MSc Health Psychology
MSc Psychology
MA Security Studies



COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment comprises two schools with a shared vision to create a powerful centre of technological excellence and innovation, and to equip you with the skills you need to succeed in the workplace and contribute to the wider society.

We have excellent resources including state-of-the-art laboratories and engineering workshops, world-class film and television studios, and the latest computing and digital technologies, all located in a spectacular environment provided by the Millennium Point building.

Our courses are designed to develop highly employable graduates and we have worked closely with our strong employer network to ensure our courses meet their demands and expectations. We work with some of the

world's foremost employers, including the BBC, Microsoft, Cisco, Jaguar Land Rover and Wilmott Dixon.

Other accreditations include:

- The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
- The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- The Institute of Mechanical Engineering (IMechE)

Our subject areas include:

- Built Environment
- Computing
- Digital Technology
- Engineering



COMPUTING, ENGINEERING
AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT
COURSES

Undergraduate

BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
BEng/MEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering
BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering and BEng Foundation Year
BEng (Hons) Broadcast and Communications Engineering
BSc (Hons) Building Surveying
BSc (Hons) Business Information Systems
BEng/MEng (Hons) Civil Engineering
BEng Civil Engineering and BEng Foundation Year
BSc (Hons) / MSci Computer Forensics
BSc (Hons) / MSci Computer Games Technology
BSc (Hons) / MSci Computer Networks
BSc (Hons) / MSci Computer Networks and Security
BSc (Hons) / MSci Computer Science
BSc (Hons) / MSci Computing and Information Technology
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
BSc (Hons) Digital Media Computing
BEng/MEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering
BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering and BEng Foundation Year
BSc (Hons) Film Production Technology
BSc (Hons) Film Technology and Visual Effects
BEng/MEng (Hons) Manufacturing Engineering

BEng/MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering and BEng Foundation Year
BSc (Hons) Music Technology
BSc (Hons) / MPlan Property, Development and Planning
BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying
BSc (Hons) Real Estate
BSc (Hons) Sound Engineering and Production

Postgraduate

MSc Advanced Computer Science
MSc Automotive Engineering
MSc Big Data Analytics - oracle accredited
MSc Broadcast Engineering
MSc Building Surveying and Facilities Management
MSc Construction Project Management
MSc Cyber Security
MSc Data Networks and Security
MSc Enterprise Systems Management
MSc Environmental Surveying
MSc International Logistics and Supply Chain Management (Distance Learning)
MSc International Project Management (Distance Learning)
MSc Logistics and Supply Chain Management
MSc Mechanical Engineering

MA Planning Built Environments
MSc Project Management
MSc Quantity Surveying
MSc Real Estate Management



HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LIFE SCIENCES

The Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences has a national and growing international reputation for pioneering approaches to learning and teaching, through the creation of cutting edge simulated experiences and has consistently achieved “excellent” ratings in national quality audits.

The School of Health Sciences was established in 2014 to accommodate our growing Biomedical Science and Sports courses portfolio. The school aspires to be one of the largest and most diverse providers of public health education in the country.

We have a good history of engagement with overseas ministries, academic institutions and professional bodies to transform local healthcare and education practices. Activities include collaborative research and delivery,

student progression and mobility of staff and students.

Our subject areas include:

- Education and Teacher Training
- Health and Social Care
- Sport and Life Sciences

Our facilities include:

- Mock operating theatre and hospital wards
- Fully equipped midwifery skills/birthing room
- Virtual radiotherapy suite
- A radiography imaging suite
- A simulated home environment room
- Specialist resource room and laboratories



HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
LIFE SCIENCES COURSES

Undergraduate

BEng/MEng Integrated Masters Biomedical Engineering
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies
BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies (1 Yr Top Up)
BA (Hons) Education Studies
BSc (Hons) Health Studies (Public Health)
BSc (Hons) Nutrition Science*
BSc (Hons) Physical Education and School Sport
BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS
BA (Hons) Primary Education without QTS (1 Yr Top Up)
BSc (Hons) Professional Practice (Healthcare for International Students)
FdSc Rehabilitation Work (Visual Impairment)
BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Nutrition
BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science
BSc (Hons) Sports Therapy
BA (Hons) Working with Children, Young People and Families

Postgraduate

MA Childhood Studies
MSc Diabetes Care
MSc Dietetics*
MA Early Years Leadership
MSc Global Education Management
MA International Education
MSc Physiotherapy*
MSc Public Health
PgDip Public Health
PgCert Public Health
MSc Sports Therapy*

*Courses starting 2018



YOUR ARRIVAL

Moving countries is a huge decision and we want to make that decision as easy and smooth as possible. Our International team will help you each step of the way and it doesn't stop when you arrive, as we have an extensive support system in place to help you with any issues you have.

Meet and greet

We'll meet you at Birmingham Airport and make sure you're dropped off at your student accommodation. If you arrive at a different time to the scheduled pickups, get a taxi and we'll refund your journey.

Visas and immigration

Our highly qualified International Student Advisers provide advice and guidance on a range of issues, including immigration and employment, and academic, personal and other welfare issues.

Orientation Week

During this time you will enrol on your course, get information about the University, meet members of staff, open a bank account, register with the police and register with a doctor. It's also an opportunity to attend social events, familiarise yourself with Birmingham, make friends and have fun!

Jobs and careers

We can help you get a National Insurance number, look for a part-time job and improve your CV. Our student employment agency, OpportUNITY, allows you to apply for part-time jobs at the University. Our Enterprise, Innovation and Business Engagement department will assist you if you aim to apply for a Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneurship Scheme visa towards the end of your studies.

Students' Union, sports and societies

When you become a Birmingham City University student you automatically become a member of our Students' Union, and have access to the wide range of fantastic services and facilities. The International Student Group will help you get acquainted with student and city life. From something as simple as having a meal at one of the city's many restaurants, to a day trip to a different location, we're here to create a welcoming social environment for our students.



YOU'VE GRADUATED

Completing your course with us doesn't mean your association with the University has to end.

Want to stay in the UK?

If you're looking to start up a business in the UK, the Birmingham City University Tier 1 Graduate Entrepreneur Scheme can potentially give you an opportunity to remain in the UK on a Tier 1 visa for up to two years to develop your business.

The scheme allows international graduates with a credible and sustainable business idea to apply to set-up a business in the UK, we have a number of endorsements to offer every year.

www.gov.uk/tier-1-graduate-entrepreneur-visa

Alumni Association

The Alumni Association has over 74,000 members in over 100 countries. Membership is free and open to all former students.

We're always delighted to hear about the achievements of our graduates around the world and hope that you will keep in touch with us as you progress in your life and career.

Three years careers advice

The Careers and Job Prospects service is still available to you after you graduate. So whether you are already working in your preferred industry, looking to make a career change, or looking for work opportunities, our service can help you with career planning, networking and accessing the latest jobs.

We offer both face-to-face and online support for up to three years after graduation alongside a series of special alumni events and workshops throughout the year which are open to all graduates.

www.bcu.ac.uk/alumni



International

The University has over 100,000 international alumni across 120 countries.

TECHNOLOGIST

CAL HENDERSON

BSc (Hons) Software Engineering

Cal is Chief Technology Officer and co-founder for business communications app Slack, which has over one million active users and has been valued at nearly \$3 billion. He previously developed the online creative community B3ta and was the chief software architect for photo sharing site Flickr.



SUCCESS STORIES

Whether it is setting up successful companies or predicting the latest fashion trends, our graduates are shaping the world with the skills they have honed right here. www.bcu.ac.uk/stories



MARKETER

KELLY O'HANION

BA (Hons) Media and Communication

After graduating from Birmingham City University in 2005, Kelly pursued a successful career in PR, working on a number of campaigns for well-known brands.

Her career has now come full circle as she has returned to the University as a Senior Lecturer in the subject she once studied.



ENGINEER

SALMAN ABDULLAH

BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering

Salman Abdullah from Pakistan, was awarded an Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Undergraduate Grant in recognition of his outstanding performance on the course.

The IET awards recognise some of the world's most outstanding engineers and technologists and acknowledges the talents of exceptional apprentices, students and young professionals.



ENTREPRENEUR

MATT DREDGER

BA (Hons) Business

Entrepreneurship is a key element of our business programmes, and we are proud to have helped Matt on the road to successfully building his own business.

The Business graduate's innovative Borroclub website enables people to share and lend household items and has featured in The Sunday Times.



DESIGNER

TAMADHER AL FAHAL

MA Interior Design

Since returning home to Bahrain, Tamadher has set up a range of art and design youth projects, as well as the creative environment Project Ulafa'a.

Setting up a small publication to share ideas and information, Tamadher found its popularity soared. Its success resulted in her being invited to give an inspiring TedX talk in Bangalore, sharing the stage with an array of renowned speakers.



TUITION FEES

Your annual tuition fees cover everyday tuition, examination costs and membership of the Students’ Union. Half of your fees are paid at enrolment, and the rest can be paid in instalments, provided you have a UK bank account.

Programme Level	Non-EU students
BCUIC	£8,900
Undergraduate	£12,000
Postgraduate	£12,000

Some programmes have a different tuition fee structure. Please check our website for the most up-to-date fees.

*If you pay your £1,500 deposit before 1 July, you will be entitled to a £300 prompt payment discount.

Find out more information at www.bcu.ac.uk/international/tuition-fees



EU students pay the same as home students

LIVING COSTS

If you're from outside the EU, you'll need to have sufficient funds to study in the UK. Your living expenses need to be in excess of £1,015 per month or in excess of £9,135 for the first nine months of your studies.

You can expect to pay the following each week:

	Description	Cost
Accommodation	Private furnished room, shared kitchen, gas, water, electricity, wi-fi	£90 - £132.50
Study items	Books, stationary, printing	£15
Food and drink	Weekly shopping, dining out, social nights	£75
Additional costs	Insurance, clothing, hairdressers, cinema etc.	£75
Weekly total		£255 - £297.50*

*These costs will vary dependent on your personal circumstances.

Find out more information at www.bcu.ac.uk/international/living-costs



SCHOLARSHIPS

We understand that your academic career is a costly one. Therefore, we would like to help you to find funding for your studies at Birmingham City University.

Vice-Chancellor's International Scholarships
The £5,000 scholarships are aimed at attracting applicants on their academic merit, based on previous qualifications and their ambition and potential to make a significant contribution towards their chosen career field.

BCU Academic Excellence Scholarship
Dependent on your prior education background you may be entitled to a scholarship ranging from £1,000 up to £2,000.

Faculty scholarships
Each faculty has a number of scholarships available to students who meet a certain criteria.

Loyalty scholarship
If you have attained your Bachelor's degree at Birmingham City University then you'll be entitled up to £3,000 for continuing your studies with us.

External scholarship providers
There are a number of providers who offer financial support in your journey to studying in the UK.

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/scholarships.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

OpportUNITY: Student Jobs on Campus ensures that our students are given the opportunity to fill many part-time temporary positions within the University.

We also work with employment agencies within Birmingham to list the opportunities available in the city. This allows you to work while you study with us, fitting the job around your course commitments.

By taking part in the scheme, you will gain valuable experiences and employability skills, enhancing your prospects in the job market. It will also allow you to become more involved in University life by delivering, leading and supporting many aspects of the learning experience, from administration to research and mentoring roles.

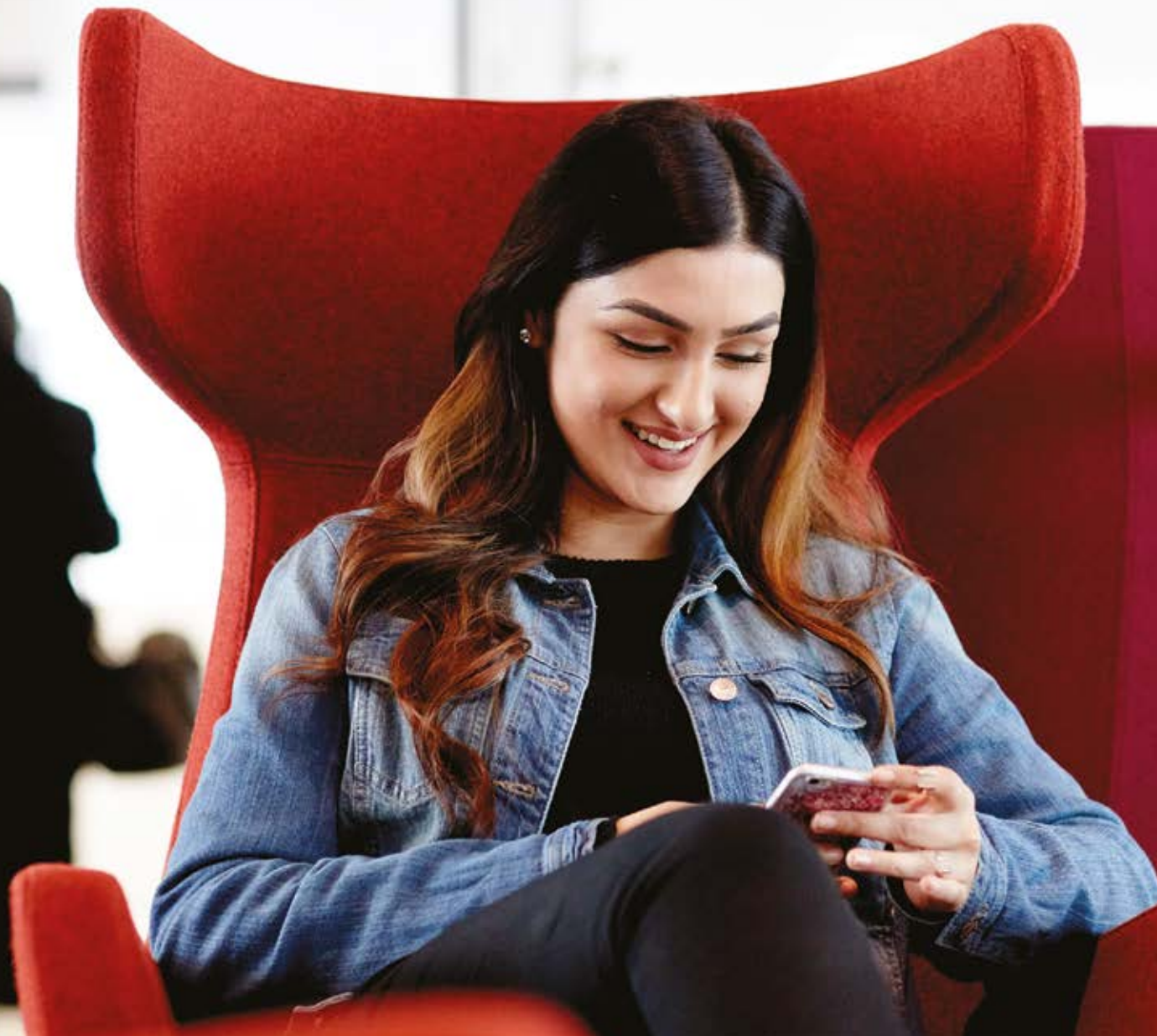
Example roles include:

- Administration assistants
- Laboratory assistants
- Marketing assistants
- Student ambassadors

- Student academic mentors
- Copywriting
- Magazine editor
- Technical assistant
- Web developer
- Video and post-production assistant
- Database assistant
- Disability assistant
- Receptionist
- Assistant PA

www.bcu.ac.uk/earn-while-you-learn

THE APPLICATION PROCESS



1 SELECT YOUR COURSE

2 CHECK ELIGIBILITY

Are you directly admissible or do you need to go through BCUIIC?

3 APPLY

Online, on paper, via a representative or through UCAS

4 RECEIVE YOUR OFFER LETTER

Your offer letter will provide details about: course offered, tuition fee, scholarship awarded, course start dates and other relevant information.

5 ACCEPT AND PAY YOUR DEPOSIT*

Accept and pay your deposit to confirm your place at Birmingham City University.

6 RECEIVE YOUR CAS LETTER*

We will email you a Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) number in a CAS statement.

7 APPLY FOR YOUR VISA*

Once you have received your CAS letter you can then apply for your visa. You can find guidance on applying for your visa: www.bcu.ac.uk/international/visa



*Only applicable to non-EU students

For more information on the application process visit: www.bcu.ac.uk/international/application-process

HOW TO APPLY



10 DAY PROMISE

Once you've submitted a complete application - we'll make you an offer within 10 working days.

There are four easy ways that you can send an application to us:



ONLINE

Select your course of choice on the website and click "apply now"



PAPER APPLICATION

Request an application form from international.enquiries@bcu.ac.uk and return by email with your scanned documents.



IN COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Use the guidance and assistance of Birmingham City University reps in your country. You can find them all here: www.bcu.ac.uk/international/why-study-here/your-country



UCAS

Undergraduate students can apply through UCAS. The University's UCAS code is **B25 BCITY**.

For support on how to apply, you can contact us on +44 121 331 5389 or email international.enquiries@bcu.ac.uk



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Once you have found the course you would like to apply for, it's important that you have achieved, or are aiming to achieve, the entry requirements for that course. Our website is the best source for this information but as a general rule you can expect:

For your country entry requirements, please visit: www.bcu.ac.uk/international/countries

Level	Requirement
Undergraduate	You should be educated to a standard comparable to British A-Level standard
Postgraduate	You should normally hold a qualification which is comparable to a British Bachelor's (Honours) degree
PhD	You should have a Master's degree in an appropriate discipline
MPhil	You should normally hold a First or Second Class Honours undergraduate degree or equivalent

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be successful while studying at Birmingham City University, you'll need to have a good level of English. The majority of our courses require a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 overall (with no band less than 5.5).

If IELTS isn't your main English language qualification provider, we also accept a range of other qualifications as evidence of your English language abilities. Please visit our website to find out if we accept your local qualification.

Pre-sessional English courses

Pre-sessional English courses are for international and EU students whose first language is not English, and who have a conditional offer to study for a degree course.

The courses are designed to equip international students with the academic skills they need to succeed during foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate courses and to raise their English language level to meet the entry requirements of their main programmes.

We have three programmes to offer students:

- 16 weeks
- 10 weeks
- 6 weeks

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/english



6.0

You'll need a IELTS score of 6.0 to be eligible for entry.



95%

progression rate onto
Birmingham City University

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

If you don't meet the academic or English language requirements to go straight onto one of our courses, or if you have been away from education for some time and want to improve your skills, you may be able to begin your studies at Birmingham City University International College (BCUIC).

BCUIC gives you access to Birmingham City University's facilities and services, while helping you work towards achieving a Bachelor's or Master's degree with us.

Depending on your current academic level and your chosen degree programme, you can enrol onto a one, two or three-semester pathway programme with BCUIC at either Foundation level, First Year level or Pre-Master's level. The table below shows which faculties are available to join at which entry points:

What does BCUIC offer?

- Dedicated pathway programmes onto over 150 degree courses.
- A flexible entry system, with three intakes every year (January, May or September), so that you can start studying at a time that best suits you.
- Just one visa for the full duration of your academic studies.
- Smaller class sizes, allowing for plenty of contact time with tutors and a greater focus on academic study skills to help you succeed at university.
- The best of both worlds: a quiet suburban campus where you can settle into life in Birmingham, just minutes away from the vibrant city centre.

For more information and to apply to BCUIC, visit www.bcuic.navitas.com

Level	Foundation	First Year	Pre-Master's
Faculty of Arts, Design and Media	✓		✓
Faculty of Business, Law and Social Sciences	✓	✓	✓
Faculty of Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment	✓	✓	✓
Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences	✓	✓	

STUDY IN CHINA



3,500

students expected to study
our degrees in China by 2022

GET A UK DEGREE

You can now gain our prestigious British degrees in China, thanks to a new collaboration with a leading Chinese university.

The Birmingham Institute of Fashion and Creative Art (BIFCA) is a partnership between Birmingham City University and Wuhan Textile University (WTU) based in Wuhan, China, combining the expertise of a leading Chinese university with a British institution established in 1843.

BIFCA offers a selection of creative arts degrees taught with the opportunity to spend two years of your studies at WTU's fantastic Wuhan campus and two years in the exciting city of Birmingham, or the full four years at WTU.

Located in Hubei's capital city, BIFCA draws on the creative strengths of Wuhan Textile University and Birmingham City University. BIFCA offers degrees in Arts, Design and Media as well as Graphic Communication, Computing, Engineering and the Built Environment.

- WTU has been crowned China's top fashion university for the last 15 years, ranked 31st globally.

- BIFCA has state-of-the-art facilities including the latest 3D design and media production equipment in a completely refurbished 10,000 sq m building.
- One-third of the teaching is delivered by Birmingham City University staff and two-thirds of the teaching is delivered by WTU staff.

Courses are taught primarily in English (80 per cent) and Mandarin (20 per cent) – improving your English language skills. Courses available include:

- BA (Hons) - Landscape Architecture.
- BSc (Hons) - Digital Media Technology .
- BA (Hons) Visual Communication (Graphic Communication).

For entry requirements and more information please visit the website at:

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/bifca

OUR FOOTPRINT

We are always pleased to meet prospective students in person. We visit many schools, colleges and higher education fairs to provide support and information for those thinking about applying. If you're in the UK, we'd love to meet you, but if you are unable to visit us here, there are plenty of other opportunities.

Meet Us

All of our representatives have in-depth knowledge of the application process for students in each country they visit. You can find us in the countries highlighted here, or alternatively you can check out our website for exact dates and times:

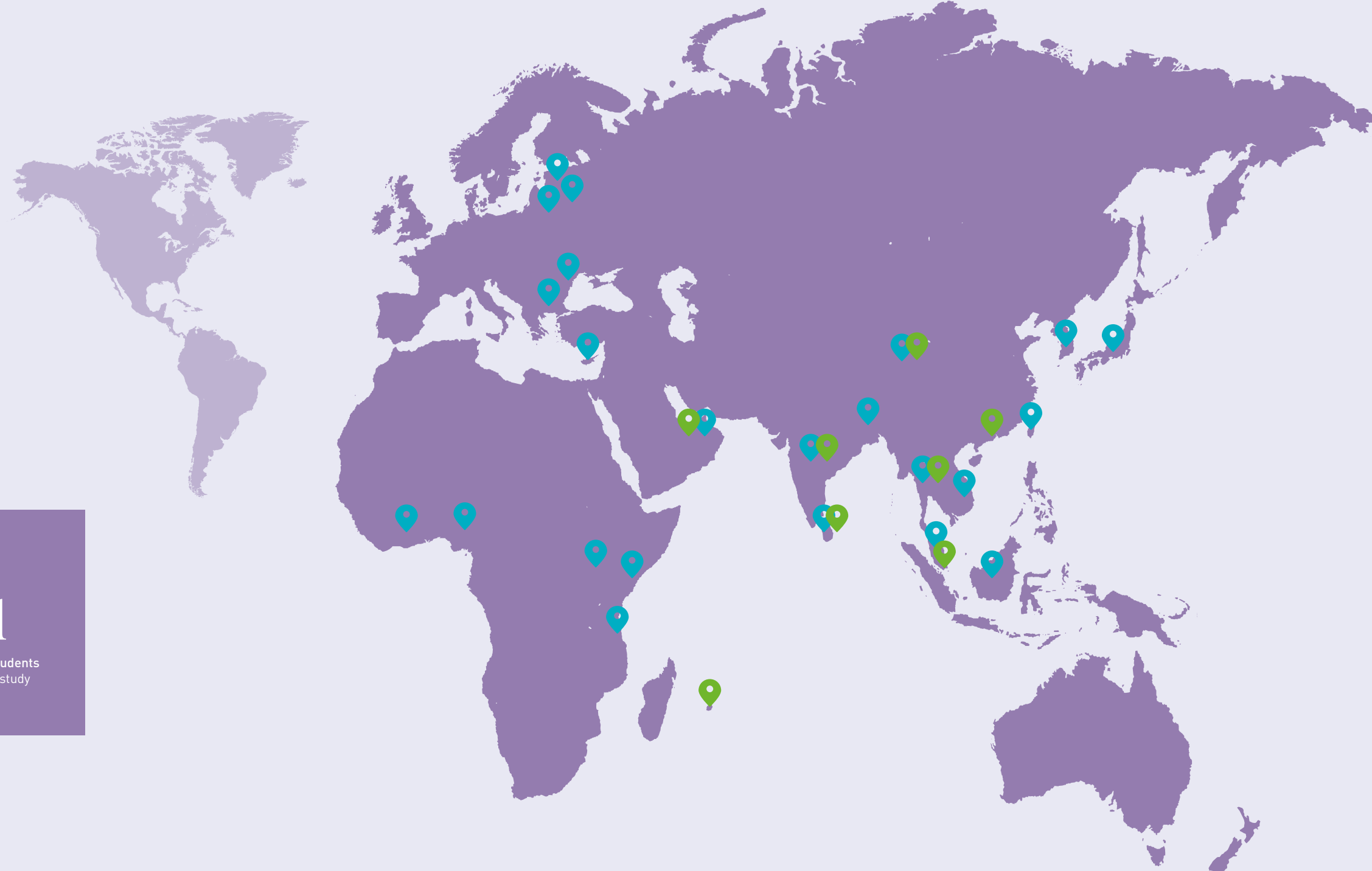
www.bcu.ac.uk/international/meet-us

International partnerships

Birmingham City University collaborates successfully with partners from around the world. Our international partnerships team has regional expertise across different world regions and ensures that our collaborations are developed in the most professional manner, complying with UK quality assurance standards to the benefit of our students and partners.

Our agreements give students from our partner universities the opportunity of having advanced entry to a variety of our courses. In addition, we are also able to validate local qualifications and deliver our courses in foreign countries.

You can find further information about our current partnership agreements at www.bcu.ac.uk/international/partners



Meet Us

Africa

Ghana
Kenya
Nigeria
Tanzania
Uganda

Asia

Bangladesh
 China
 Dubai
 India
 Indonesia
 Japan
 Malaysia
 South Korea
 Sri Lanka
 Taiwan
 Thailand
 Vietnam

Europe

- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Romania

Partners

Africa

Mauritius

Asia

- Hong Kong (China)
- India
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- United Arab Emirates
- China



Global

We welcome over **24,000 students** from some **80 countries** to study with us.

NEXT STEPS

We hope you like what you've read so far about us. We've created a checklist for your next steps - we wish you the best of luck on your journey to study in the UK.

- Visit our website www.bcu.ac.uk for more information
- Find your dream course www.bcu.ac.uk/courses
- Check you meet our entry and English language requirements
- Try and meet us in your country or online via a webinar
- Apply for the programme
- Receive your offer within ten working days
- Get excited!

Disclaimers

The contents of this publication are correct at the time of printing. However, to ensure access to up-to-date information, please check our website www.bcu.ac.uk/international in case there are any changes to the content you are interested in. Where there is a difference between the website and the content of this publication, the content on the website takes precedence.

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