

International Guide


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IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

Birmingham City University's Terms and Conditions are available on the Student Contract web page **www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/student-contract**. The Terms and Conditions set out the basis of the legal contract between you and the University if you accept an offer of a place to study with us.
You must read this document carefully.



WELCOME

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY IS SITUATED IN THE CENTRE OF BIRMINGHAM, WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE UK. WE ARE IDEALLY PLACED FOR YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE EXCITING 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 outstanding facilities to support their development and academic career.

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

Our innovative teaching methods, groundbreaking research and industry collaborations are backed by around 50 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 30,000 students from over 100 different countries, and we ensure that everyone feels right at home here in Birmingham.

We offer accommodation for international students, a meet and greet service at Birmingham Airport (BHX) and a friendly Student Services team whose priority is to help make your move between 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.

Please note that the information in this guide is aimed at applicants starting their course at Birmingham City University in 2025/26 and should be read in conjunction with the information available on the course web pages.

I AM BCU

WE HAVE A CONFIDENT, PROUD AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS AT BCU, WHO ARE STRIVING TO ACHIEVE THEIR CAREER GOALS AND TRANSFORM THEIR LIVES.



SIMRANVIR
BSc (Hons)
Criminology

"BCU has given me the chance to learn from my failures and flourish. It's a place with so many opportunities to grow."

YASMINA
BA (Hons) Graphic Design

"BCU has massively improved my future career prospects. I've not only improved my skills, my confidence in myself has grown too."

HARVEY
BA (Hons) Sound
Engineering and Production

"I have achieved a lot at university and the experience has helped me realise which direction I want to take for my career."

INDERJOSH
BSc (Hons)
Adult Nursing

"BCU has been an amazing place to seek new opportunities and experiences."

STEFFY
BSc (Hons)
Biomedical Sciences

"As a commuter student, I was worried I'd feel left out, but instead I've found a community. BCU feels like home."



JACK
BA (Hons)
Fashion Design

"I feel ready to go out into the industry now and gain experience doing what I love, and I've gained so much confidence in myself."

LILY
MSci Nursing
(Dual Award)

"Since studying at BCU, I've found the confidence to put myself forward for opportunities and develop my independence."

MEGAT
BSc (Hons) Psychology

"In Birmingham, I get to live the city life I wanted, with endless opportunities and the chance to make my own community."

CANAAN
BA (Hons) Art and Design

"BCU is somewhere that treats students as individuals, not as statistics. The tutors here support the ambition of their students."

PRAVJOTH
BA (Hons) Business
Management

"I love how diverse the University is. I feel like I truly fit into this environment full of confident and ambitious students and staff."

CHARLOTTE
BA (Hons) Marketing

"Birmingham is a great city to work and study in; there is always so much going on and so many opportunities."



WHY STUDY WITH US?

HERE ARE OUR TOP 10 REASONS TO CHOOSE TO STUDY AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY.

1 WORK WITH GLOBAL BRANDS

We have a large number of industry partners to give you the best start in your career. We currently work with the BBC, the NHS, Jaguar Land Rover, Cisco, Microsoft and the Royal Shakespeare Company. All of our courses incorporate work-related experience, with the option of a year-long placement.



2 GOLD FOR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

BCU has been awarded the highest possible rating of Gold for Student Experience in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), with an overall rating of Silver. The award recognises our commitment to providing hands-on experience to our students and developing their employability, skills and confidence.

3
A GLOBAL CITY

Study with us and you will be located at the heart of the dynamic city of Birmingham – with all its social and employment possibilities. In fact, Birmingham is on course to be one of the 50 most competitive cities in the world by 2025 (Economist Intelligence Unit/Citi).



4
ENHANCING CAREER PROSPECTS

We offer career support and advice throughout your time with us and for up to three years after you graduate. Our Graduate+ scheme embeds career-related skills into every one of our degree courses, from becoming a course representative to studying abroad.
See page 38.

5
LEARN FROM THE BEST

Many of our staff are industry experts and maintain their professional network, helping to bring our courses to life through real-world experiences. You may also have the chance to gain a real insight into the industry through visiting guest speakers.

6
PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH

93% of our research was recognised internationally for originality, significance and rigour, (Research Excellence Framework 2021).
See page 26.





7
GAINING REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

We provide the chance to gain industry and professional practice experience through work placements, mentoring schemes, exchange programmes and year-long professional placements.

8
EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Our student employment scheme 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
PROFESSIONALLY ACCREDITED COURSES

Professional accreditation gives you an advantage at the start of your career. That's why we have around 50 professional accreditations for our courses from such bodies as the Nursing and Midwifery Council, Institution of Engineering and Technology, and Royal Institute of British Architects.



10
HELP STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

We have a designated entrepreneurship team and a new STEAMhouse incubator to help support students who want to work for themselves.

THE HEART

NOT ONLY IS BIRMINGHAM ONE OF THE UK'S MOST EXCITING AND DIVERSE CITIES; IT IS ALSO ONE OF THE MOST ACCESSIBLE

We are at the centre of the UK's road, rail and coach networks, so travelling to and from Birmingham is no problem while commuting from the surrounding area to our centrally located campuses is easy to do.

Local transport is also excellent, with a network of trains, buses and trams providing easy access to all University sites. For more information on our campus locations within the city, **see page 12**.

www.bcu.ac.uk/maps



Library of Birmingham



Bullring shopping centre



Birmingham Town Hall



OF THE UK

TRAINS:

BIRMINGHAM – LONDON	1H 23M
BIRMINGHAM – MANCHESTER	1H 27M
BIRMINGHAM – EDINBURGH	4H 14M

All journey times and routes are approximate.

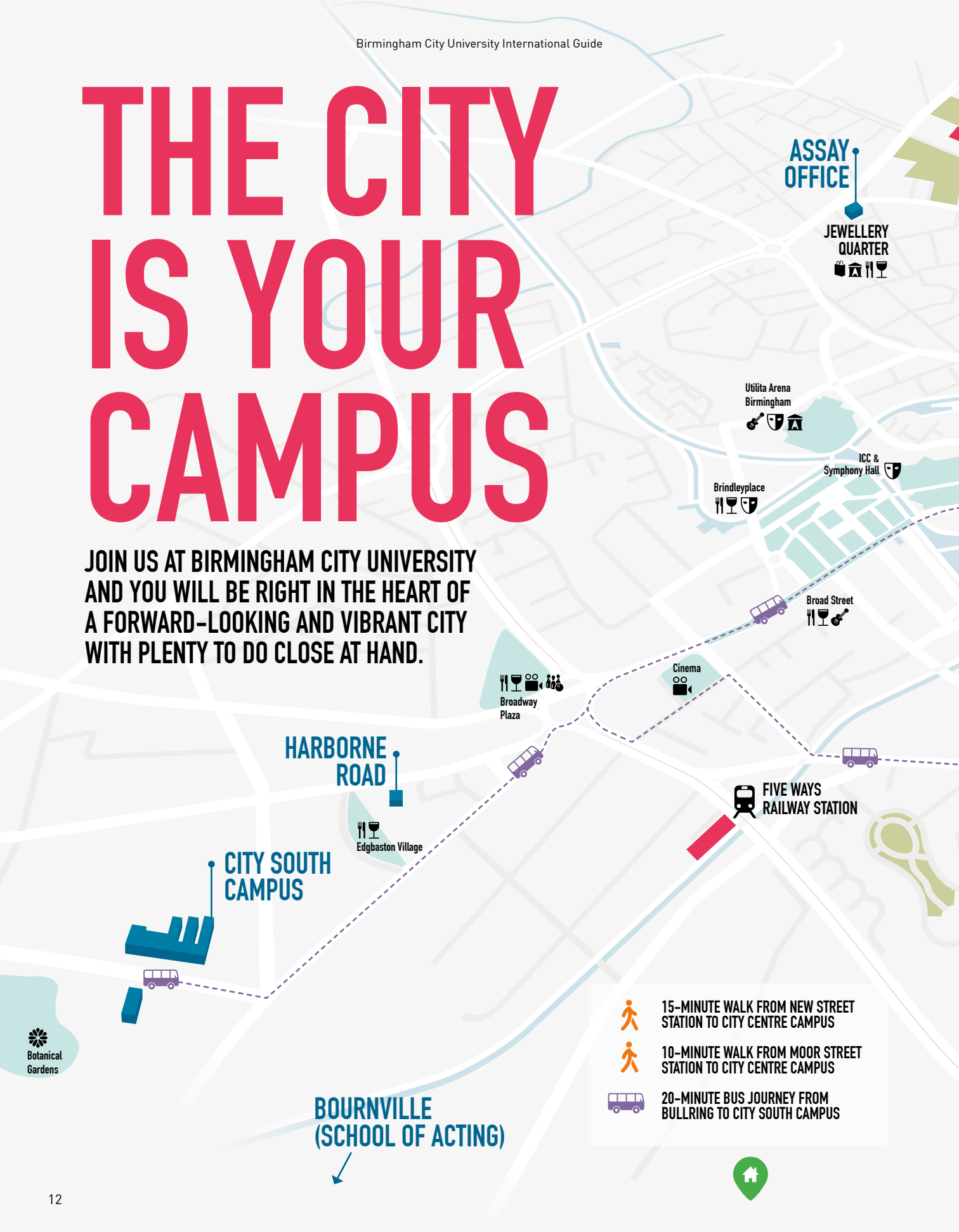
FLIGHTS:

BIRMINGHAM – AMSTERDAM	1H 15M
BIRMINGHAM – PARIS	1H 20M
BIRMINGHAM – DUBAI	7H 10M
BIRMINGHAM – ISLAMABAD	7H 40M
BIRMINGHAM – NEW DELHI	8H 30M

All journey times are approximate and may involve transfers.

THE CITY IS YOUR CAMPUS

JOIN US AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY AND YOU WILL BE RIGHT IN THE HEART OF A FORWARD-LOOKING AND VIBRANT CITY WITH PLENTY TO DO CLOSE AT HAND.





To find out how long it takes to get to our campuses from your home, visit **www.bcu.ac.uk/getting-here**

CITY CENTRE CAMPUS



WE HAVE INVESTED OVER £400 MILLION ACROSS OUR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO GIVE YOU THE VERY BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO SHAPE YOUR EXPERIENCE.

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Curzon Print Centre
- Dedicated IT and student services support
- Four industry-standard TV studios
- Geotechnical soils lab
- Green screen Milo studio
- Cisco networking lab
- Hydraulics lab
- Mock law courts
- Replica City Trading Room
- Library with access to printed and online resources
- Noise and vibration cells
- Photography studios and darkrooms
- Print, textiles, wood, ceramics and glass workshops
- Radio studios and editing suites
- Recording facilities and vintage mixing desk
- Robotic laboratory
- Students' Union.



This 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 courses including Music, Design, Media, Engineering, Computing, Built Environment, Law, Social Sciences, Business and English are based.

The campus also features the library, an innovative group-working lecture theatre, IT and student support facilities, giving a modern, dynamic space for you to learn in with state-of-the-art resources. It also provides a base for our Students' Union, incorporating the Grade II listed Eagle & 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. It is also adjacent to the new Curzon Street Station which is currently being built for high-speed trains to the city on the HS2 network.





ROYAL BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE

This £57 million building at our City Centre Campus provides a conservatoire for the 21st Century. Our music students benefit from a concert hall, private rehearsal and practice rooms, and teaching spaces for musicians from a variety of disciplines.

School of Acting students are based in the idyllic location of Bournville, south Birmingham, near to Cadbury World, Stirchley and the student community in Selly Oak. Facilities include rehearsal and teaching spaces, a resource room with a range of plays, and a student common room.

Acting students also have access to a rehearsal and performance space in Birmingham's creative quarter in Digbeth, RBC Digbeth. These studios are just a short walk from the City Centre Campus and New Street Station.

Students also have access to theatre spaces in the city centre such as The Crescent, Old REP, Blue Orange Theatre and The Old Joint Stock (all subject to availability).

CITY SOUTH CAMPUS





FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Mock hospital wards and operating theatre
- Virtual radiotherapy and radiography imaging suites
- Simulated home environment
- Microbiology and biomedical science laboratories
- Sports therapy clinic
- Speech and language clinic.



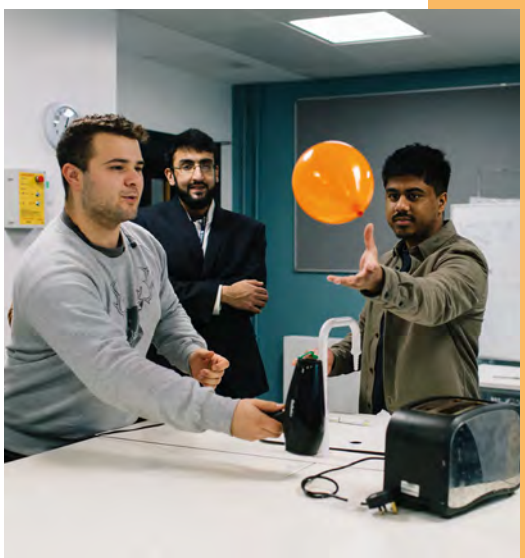




STUDENTS IN HEALTH, SPORT AND LIFE SCIENCES COURSES ARE BASED ON OUR STATE-OF-THE-ART CAMPUS IN THE LEAFY SUBURB OF EDGBASTON, WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE CITY CENTRE.

Our facilities replicate the real world of health, sport and life sciences, including an operating theatre, hospital wards and a fully equipped midwifery skills/birthing room. We have invested £41 million in new facilities on this site, including specialist laboratories for sport and life sciences. Some sports teaching may take place at the Alexander Stadium.

After securing £2 million from the Office for Students, we have spent £3.75 million on upgrading our skills facilities for health courses. This 5G-enabled skills suite enables us to offer additional state-of-the-art simulation spaces to our nursing, midwifery and healthcare students, preparing them for the future of digital healthcare.





SCHOOL OF JEWELLERY

IN ADDITION TO OUR TWO MAIN CAMPUSES, OUR ART AND JEWELLERY STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM STUDYING AT SPECIALIST LOCATIONS IN THE CITY.

Our jewellery school stands in a modern and spacious building on Vittoria Street, right in the heart of Birmingham's famous Jewellery Quarter where much of the jewellery made in Britain today is manufactured.

Gemmology courses are based in a purpose-built area within Birmingham's Assay Office, and there is also additional teaching space in the historic St Paul's Square.



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.





BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF ART



FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Machine workshops for wood, metal, and digital making
- Plaster and resin casting facilities
- Traditional print and textiles workshops
- Specialist AV stores and equipment
- Edit suite and Mac computer lab
- Exhibition spaces
- Specialist library

THIS GRADE I LISTED VENETIAN GOTHIC BUILDING IN MARGARET STREET HOUSES A WONDERFUL COMPLEX OF TRADITIONAL-STYLE WORKSHOPS AND TEACHING AND EXHIBITION SPACE.

Floating mezzanine levels, glass lifts and cutting-edge workspaces sit comfortably beside the original stained-glass windows and mosaic floors of this glorious purpose-built art school.

We're right in the city centre, perfectly placed next to the city's main museum and art gallery. There are purpose-built spaces throughout the building to present students' work in a thriving, exhibition-oriented home.



ALEXANDER STADIUM

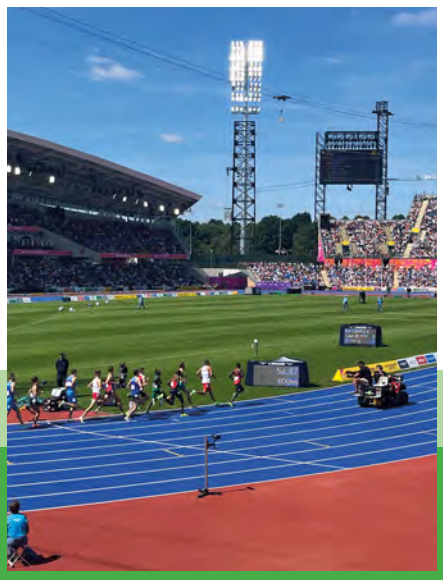
THE ICONIC VENUE THAT HOSTED IN THE 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN BIRMINGHAM IS NOW THE HOME OF OUR SPORTS AND EXERCISE SCIENCES COURSES.

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Biomechanics lab
- Environmental chamber
- Physiology labs
- Professional gym equipment.

The University has invested £5 million in developing this space to house specialist laboratories and facilities for our Sports and Exercise Sciences students, designed with the help of our academic staff.

Students will be learning alongside professional sports organisations, meaning students will have even more opportunities to engage and work with elite athletes and staff from specialist sports backgrounds.







STEAMHOUSE



OUR £70 MILLION STEAMHOUSE FACILITY WAS CREATED BY TRANSFORMING A 120-YEAR-OLD FACTORY INTO AN INNOVATION CENTRE FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, THE ARTS AND MATHS (STEAM) SECTORS.

This space offers outstanding teaching and learning facilities and equipment for Computing students. This unique facility also includes an incubator which provides workspaces and support to new and growing businesses in the city.

Learning alongside businesses offers students opportunities to work on real industry-based projects, or even develop their own entrepreneurship skills in our 'pre-incubator' facility.

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- Gallery and exhibition space
- Prototyping and assembly workshops
- Project working spaces
- Collaborative working facilities.



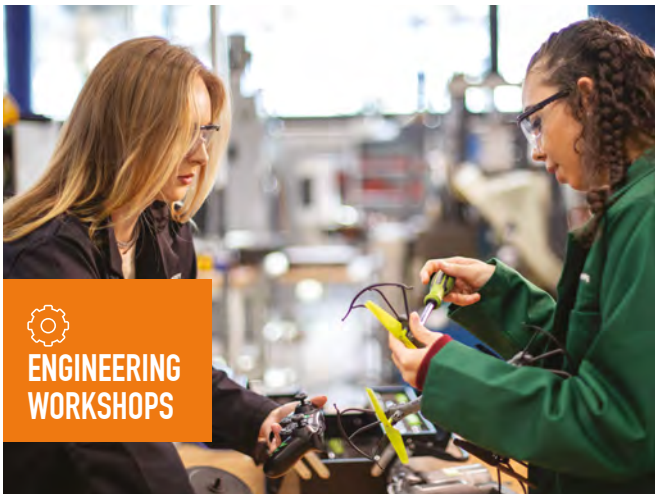


THE FACILITIES YOU NEED

WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO STUDY AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY, YOU CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR LEARNING NEEDS ARE OUR TOP PRIORITY.

In addition to high-quality facilities specific to your course, you will find a range of general learning resources which provide you with all the help you need to succeed.


PRINT
STUDIOS


ENGINEERING
WORKSHOPS


MICROBIOLOGY
LABS


RADIOGRAPHY
SUITE


GREEN
SCREEN


BIOMECHANICS
LAB


CONCERT
VENUE


RECORDING
STUDIOS


TEXTILE
STUDIOS



MOCK LAW COURTS





HOSPITAL WARDS



CISCO NETWORKING LAB



JACK
BA (Hons)
Fashion Design

I AM BCU

"I've realised university is so much more than essay writing and lectures. It's about the incredible facilities I get to use on a daily basis, the tutors that advise and inspire me, and the heavily practice-based elements of the work."

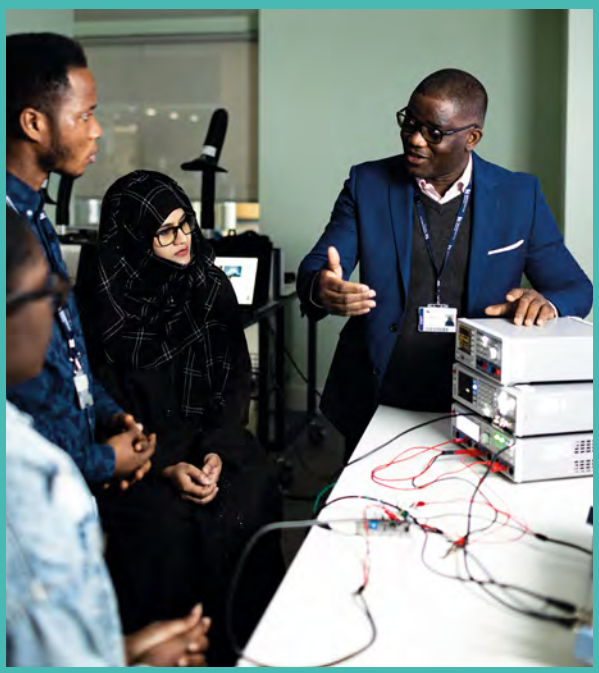
OUR RESEARCH



RESEARCH AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY UNDERPINS OUR LEARNING AND TEACHING, IS DEMAND LED AND INCREASINGLY INTERDISCIPLINARY.







WE ARE COMMITTED TO DISCOVERING NEW KNOWLEDGE AND DELIVERING REAL BENEFIT TO CULTURE, INDUSTRY, SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

Our researchers work across disciplines and with collaborators locally, nationally and internationally to produce research of high impact to society, the environment, culture and the economy. We have launched the UK's first Centre for Brexit Studies, researching all aspects of the UK's vote to leave the EU, including the impact on the British and European economies.

Our Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 results demonstrate the public benefit of our research to society and the economy; 93% of our research was recognised internationally for originality, significance and rigour, of which 19% was judged world-leading.

www.bcu.ac.uk/research-centres

CASE STUDIES:



BARRIERS FACED BY BRITISH SOUTH ASIAN CRICKETERS

Research conducted by BCU researchers, in partnership with Warwickshire Cricket Club, identified that many British South Asian cricketers do not get the chance to take the step from semi-professional into the full-time game.

The ground-breaking study has led to a new development scheme being launched by the University aimed at helping to bridge the gap and ensure full representation of British South Asian cricketers at professional level.



COMBATTING PERIOD POVERTY

BCU academics found that accessing period products became more of a problem for people during Covid-19 lockdowns, when usual providers of free products such as schools were forced to close and stockpiling resulted in empty supermarket shelves.

Despite these challenges, the researchers also found examples of good practice and innovation, where services developed new ways of providing products such as doorstep deliveries and using social media effectively to reach more people in need.



ENRICHING PORTRAYALS OF CRIME IN THE MEDIA

Criminology experts at BCU have conducted extensive research into the social, cultural and political factors behind homicide, resulting in a more accurate and expansive representation of crime in mainstream media.

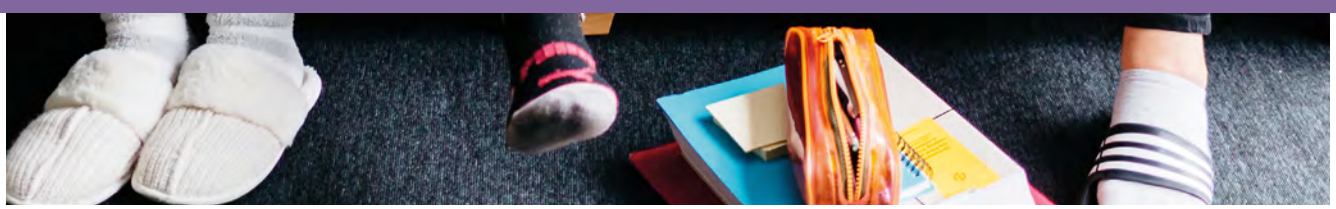
After speaking to offenders, victim groups, prison officials and other stakeholders, the team were able to establish more comprehensive reasons behind such crimes, rather than the stereotypical portrayal of inherent evil or psychological defects. This has helped influence commercially and critically acclaimed television shows.

A PLACE TO CALL HOME



AT A GLANCE

- Over 2,000 rooms available
- Shared kitchen, living areas, laundry facilities and social/study rooms
- Easily accessible – close to public transport links
- CCTV coverage and security staff at each site
- Access to free wi-fi









WE OFFER ACCOMMODATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE CITY. OUR HALLS OF RESIDENCE ARE NEAR TO OUR CAMPUSES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT, SO YOU'RE IDEALLY LOCATED FOR STUDYING AND SOCIALISING.

Leaving home for university is one of the biggest moves you will ever make. With the excitement, freedom and independence of living in halls, it is the perfect way to meet new friends.

All first-year, full-time home, EU and international students are guaranteed University accommodation if they have firmly accepted an offer in the main (September) application cycle and apply by the deadline date. For those students out of the main (September) cycle, accommodation is subject to availability.

www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation

WANT TO SEE MORE?

Visit **www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation** to view our halls.



YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION (BCUSU) IS YOUR STUDENTS' UNION. WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME HERE. WE'LL BE WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!



INTERESTED IN SOCIETIES?

We have a long list of societies, giving you the best opportunity to meet other BCU students and make lifelong friends. See all of our societies at **www.bcusu.com/get-involved.**

Professional advice and support

Led by an elected Officer team

Running events and activities, from Welcome Week to discounted day trips

Fresh food and drink at the SU pub and Social Kitchen

Campus shops for all your daily student essentials

A voice throughout your time here

Over 50 societies to get involved in



When you enrol at BCU, you're automatically a member of the Students' Union. This means you have access to all our services and facilities, including:

Advice and support from our team of advisers on academic, money, housing and health issues.

Representation during your time here. We will listen to your feedback and campaign to make your student experience even better.

Societies to get involved in. By joining a society you can learn new skills, gain a hobby, stay active, practise your faith or campaign for a cause. Societies are the best way to meet new people and leading a student group will look great on your CV.

Events and entertainment, from nights out to discounted day trips. With society events, there's something for everyone. Our **City Centre Campus pub,** The Eagle & Ball, has quiz nights and karaoke nights as well as student-friendly prices for food and drink.

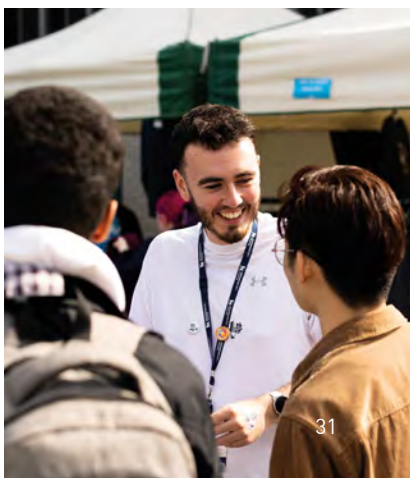
Campus shops, providing you with essential goods, meal deals and BCU hoodies.

We're run by students, for students. Our Officer Team is elected by students every year. They lead BCUSU and ensure the student voice is at the heart of every decision we make.

There are so many ways you can get involved in BCUSU. Join or create a society, become a Rep, work in one of our outlets, or even put yourself up to run the organisation in our elections!

www.bcusu.com





GET INTO SPORT

WHATEVER COURSE YOU STUDY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ACCESS A RANGE OF SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES HERE AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY.



- Over 25 sports clubs that you can join
- Complete beginners welcome
- Meet new people from different courses
- Sports scholarships available



Whether you want to compete at a high level or just try something new, we have an activity suitable for you! From badminton to volleyball, we have clubs in over 20 different sports, with many of those sports offering the chance to compete in the inter-university BUCS (British University and Colleges Sports) leagues.

If competitive sport isn't for you, our Active Wellbeing sessions allow you to take part just for fun, enhancing your health and fitness, making new friends and providing an occasional break from your studies. We also offer the chance to take part in courses to become a coach or referee, allowing you to contribute to the development of sport here or in the wider community. The placement opportunities that arise from our contacts in the sporting world benefit all students, not just those on sport-related courses – from working for Aston Villa as part of the match day media team to developing the software for an athlete monitoring app, there are a wide range of opportunities.

Our sports scholarship programme provides a range of support using our staff and facilities, such as sports therapy, conditioning and mentoring, potentially worth several thousand pounds. Any student who competes in sport at a high level may apply.



OUR PARTNERS

We have developed partnerships with a range of sporting bodies to enhance the student experience through placement, coaching and volunteering opportunities:

- **Warwickshire County Cricket Club**
- **England Lacrosse**
- **Aston Villa FC**
- **City of Birmingham Swimming Club**
- **Moseley Rugby Club**
- **England Squash**
- **The Rugby Football Union**
- **Basketball England**
- **Edgbaston Priory Club.**

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FIRST-CLASS SUPPORT

ACCESSING ADVICE HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER. THROUGHOUT YOUR STUDENT JOURNEY, 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.





Lily's mental health meant she had to take an unexpected break from her studies. After taking the time she needed, she's able to take advantage of all BCU has to offer. She's achieving top grades, excelling in her placements and positively impacting the mental health of other students.

"During my first year, I experienced mental health issues and I decided the best thing to do was to take a break from university. I felt like a failure stepping away from university, but the wellbeing team at BCU helped me realise I wasn't. They offered me continuous support; there was never any judgement from them, and I could get an appointment to speak to someone at any time."

HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT

If you have any questions, concerns or problems while at university, your Faculty Student Centre is the place to go. Our teams provide a personal, supportive and responsive service with staff on hand to answer course-related questions and point you towards where you can access any other specialist support you may need. You can also log an enquiry and book wellbeing sessions or advice appointments online.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Your health and happiness are important to us and there are a wide range of support services available in areas including disability, counselling, mental health and wellbeing, and healthcare. We offer ongoing support, workshops and events such as our Mental Health Day which has previously included tea and talk sessions, music therapy, and therapy dogs!

Counselling
The Mental Health and Wellbeing team consists of counsellors, mental health advisers and wellbeing advisers. The team offers free, confidential appointments 51 weeks of the year, Monday to Friday, across both main campuses, in person or online.

CENTRE FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Centre for Academic Success aims to help you develop the skills you need to progress and successfully complete your course. They can help with:

- academic essay and report writing
- English
- referencing
- dissertations
- presentation skills
- mathematics and statistics
- computing and programming
- project management
- study skills.

This support is offered through a range of tutorial sessions, workshops, online resources and feedback on your assignment drafts.

Success+ assessment centre
Our innovative digital assessment centre uses specialist software to ensure that digital assessments can be undertaken using the most appropriate technology. The centre team supports students taking exams from home and also has a bookable on-campus space available for those who need to take their assessments on site.

HEALTHCARE

Register with a doctor
We strongly encourage students new to Birmingham to register with a GP practice in the area. You may choose to register with the University's own partner practice, but this is not compulsory. The most important thing is that you do register with a local practice so that you have timely access to healthcare whenever you need it.

STUDENT PARENTS

Childcare
We recognise the commitment required by student parents and want to help you focus on your studies to get the most out of university life. We can offer childcare advice on areas such as how to choose the right nursery for you and your child, and government support and benefits.

www.bcu.ac.uk/student-support



DISABILITY SUPPORT

Whether you have already told us about your disability or Specific Learning Difficulty (such as dyslexia), or you have a long-term health condition for which you think you may need some support at university, our Disability Support Team will be able to work with you to find the support you need.

We recommend talking to us as soon as you can so that you can get the greatest benefit out of any support we can make available to you. If you're offered a place at the University, our Pre-Entry Disability Adviser will contact you by email to provide you with information about support, and invite you to give details about your specific learning difficulty or disability.

We make individual recommendations to your course team about the support you'll need from them, such as:
- particular exam arrangements
- extra time for assignments
- handouts in advance of lectures
- written material in a particular format.

We can also advise you on applying for Disabled Students' Allowances.

Applying to university with a disability
We are happy to arrange for you to meet with a Disability Adviser at the University before you make a formal application. If you're planning to attend one of our Open Days, the Disability Support Team will be available on the day, and you're welcome to contact us beforehand to make an appointment with a Disability Adviser if you wish. Students are invited to tell us about any disability as soon as possible, using the form at **www.bcu.ac.uk/disability-form**.

The decision about whether to offer you a place at Birmingham City University will be made on academic grounds and in accordance with our Admissions Policies. Your disability will not affect this decision.

IT RESOURCES

Once fully enrolled, you will have access to a BCU email address, free secure file storage and free, high-speed University wi-fi, as well as the use of open-access computers and loanable laptops across our buildings.

Our IT Help Desk is on hand to resolve any technical issues and offer help and advice in your use of our systems and services, while specialist software is provided across all appropriate courses. Our printing system lets you print from any device on campus.

www.bcu.ac.uk/it





LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

You will have access to a wide range of digital and print resources with 24/7 online support. These have been selected in partnership with your lecturers, so are quality assured and relevant to your course.

If you need help in person or online, our expert staff are there to help you get the best from the time you invest in developing your information-seeking skills.

You will have access to four different campus libraries, each providing a range of welcoming study spaces. We have been accredited to the Customer Excellence Standard, our stamp of quality. We value collaborative working, and include the views of students as we work to improve services.

www.bcu.ac.uk/library

OTHER SUPPORT

LGBTQ+ support
Talking about issues surrounding sexuality and gender can sometimes be difficult with friends and family. The Wellbeing Team offers support to students who are questioning their sexuality, are worried about 'coming out', are reconciling their sexuality and/or gender with their identity, and any other concerns they may be experiencing.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Team can offer one-to-one confidential support and advice and can signpost to other organisations and support when appropriate. We also currently have a 'Pink Therapist' who can offer specialist LGBTQ+ wellbeing support as well as LGBTQ+ awareness training.

Care leavers
The University is committed to supporting all of its students, and offers a package of support for those who come from a background in care. We recognise that some of these students may face particular challenges in relation to accommodation and finances, and may have experienced disruption in their schooling.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE

Complaints
Your time at university is important to us and we want to help you get the most out of your studies. If you think that we've fallen short in some way, you can let us know and we'll work with you to try to resolve it.



WORKING IN THE UK AFTER YOUR COURSE

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO APPLY THROUGH THE GRADUATE VISA WILL BE ABLE TO STAY IN THE UK AND WORK.

The Graduate Visa is a work route for international students who are Bachelor's, Master's or PhD graduates (or other recognised professional qualified graduates) of a UK university who wish to gain valuable work experience after their studies.

International students on this visa can remain in the UK to work (or seek work) for two years, and PhD graduates can remain for three years. Graduate Visa applicants do not need a sponsor or any endorsement by an employer or university.

The visa does not count towards settlement - however graduates will be able to apply to other other routes at the end of your stay for example the Skilled Worker visa, the Health and Social Health visa, India Young Professional scheme, etc.

For further information, please go to: **www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas**

Note that new dependents are not permitted on the Graduate Visa. Graduate Visa applicants can only apply with dependents if their existing dependents were being sponsored while under the Student Visa.

For further information, please go to: **www.gov.uk/graduate-visa**

www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Working/Working-after-studies



QUESTION: HOW CAN BCU PREPARE YOU FOR THE GRADUATE VISA?

ANSWER: THROUGH GRADUATE+

Graduate+ is an award framework which complements your degree. It is designed to capture and provide evidence to help you grow as a future graduate while preparing you for your career aspirations.

As a BCU student, you are an automatic member of the Graduate+ community, and we want to encourage you to get involved in the range of activities, events and opportunities available to you both inside and outside the university.

This empowerment is a fantastic opportunity for you to develop and test your skills and graduate capabilities while getting you to step outside your comfort zone.

You will have a chance to experience and develop new ideas while making long-lasting network and social contacts throughout your time at the university and beyond. Graduate+ is the first scheme to receive employability endorsed status from Advance HE.

Further information can be read at: **www.bcu.ac.uk/grad-plus**

Graduate+

Your award, your skills, your future

BCU Graduate+ Award activities include:

- Volunteering
- Part-time work
- Studying abroad
- Placements
- Societies and sports teams
- Learning a language
- Career tools

GO ABROAD!



GOING ABROAD WILL GIVE YOU THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR FUTURE.

Students can apply to study, volunteer or gain work experience in a variety of opportunities on offer. It is an amazing way to learn about other cultures, enhance your studies, boost your CV, and make friends for life.

Depending on your degree, you may apply to study as part of an exchange programme, studying your subject abroad. One of our fantastic summer programmes is a great alternative which can be taken outside your degree. Students who apply may be eligible for possible funding, receiving money to contribute towards costs during your stay overseas. Why would you like to go?

www.bcu.ac.uk/go-abroad



JOSHUA

Study
South Korea

"The unforgettable excursion I took in South Korea gave me the opportunity to immerse myself in Seoul's interesting culture and dynamic way of life while attending the prestigious Hanyang University. My month of exploration, education, and adventure will always have a special place in my heart. I learned the true meaning of opening my arms to the world, living in Seoul, and being fully immersed in South Korea's rich cultural heritage."



SOTERIS

Volunteering
Sri Lanka

"Volunteering in Sri Lanka was a life-changing adventure. The marine and wildlife programme gave me the chance to make an impact and create a better place not only for the turtles but also the local community. We even had the chance to release some of the baby turtles to the ocean! I'm so glad that I had the chance to meet local people and visit magnificent Buddhist temples, exotic beaches and picturesque cities."



STANTARA

Summer programme
South Korea

"As someone who lives at home, I wanted to study abroad in South Korea as I felt it would give me the true 'uni experience'. Not only was I challenged with living by myself for the first time, but also living in a city where English wasn't the first language. My summer programme included many social activities outside of studies. I have truly made friends and memories I will remember for a lifetime."



GEORGIA

Volunteering
Fiji

"I volunteered with Think Pacific to facilitate the delivery of a mental health project. I was able to go on a few adventures which included swimming with black tip reef sharks, turtles, jellyfish, clownfish and blue starfish. I have learned so many things about mental health in different cultures. I can wholeheartedly say that my time in Fiji changed my outlook on life and has changed me for the better."



MELISSA

Elective placement
Sri Lanka

"Witnessing what maternity services are like in another part of the world has truly opened my eyes. I have felt every emotion possible and will take this experience forward in my career to provide the care that women and their families very much deserve. Sri Lanka is a beautiful country that we had lots of time to explore. I would absolutely recommend this experience to anyone thinking of doing it."



ARINA

Semester exchange
USA

"I could never imagine my 'American dream' being as amazing as it was... I loved the connection and mutual respect between lecturers and students. The lecture environment was friendly, fun, entertaining and interesting! Plenty of National Parks, cities and activities were crossed off our bucket lists. This exchange was a journey of self-discovery, personal growth, and an adventurous blast indeed."

ON COURSE TO A CAREER

AT BCU, WE STRIVE TO DELIVER A UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE WHICH GIVES STUDENTS THE BEST POSSIBLE CHANCE OF ACHIEVING THEIR EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL.





Charlotte knew she needed marketing experience and industry connections to make her dream marketing career a possibility. Thanks to the opportunities BCU offers, Charlotte feels confident and ready to graduate into the world of work.

"I've received practical marketing experience from the start of my BCU journey. I've been able to work on real marketing briefs for different companies, from a small start-up to the Bullring and Grand Central! It gave me confidence in both my marketing and corporate abilities that I know I will use in a graduate role."

GAIN A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Our Graduate+ programme allows you to build up experience through a range of extracurricular, employment-related activities. You will work with our Graduate+ team to undertake a skills audit, devise a personal programme of activities and collate evidence for what you've done, using an online e-portfolio.

WORKING WITH INDUSTRY

Many of our courses offer you the chance to work on live projects with businesses or get involved with community projects related to your course. Our collaboration innovation building, STEAMhouse, features a range of co-working, artist production, incubation and networking facilities for small and medium-sized businesses in the West Midlands.

ACHIEVE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

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 attend one of our workshops or book a one-to-one tutorial to discuss aspects of your work.

COURSES BUILT FOR YOUR FUTURE

Our courses were designed with input from current students and industry professionals, ensuring they meet your needs and those of potential employers. Employability skills, enterprise and practice-based projects are built into the curriculum where relevant, giving you experience of the career you may wish to pursue. A range of learning, assessment and feedback methods are used and you'll have the chance to study a range of optional modules, so you can tailor your learning to your own interests.

GET THE CAREER SUPPORT YOU NEED

We offer a wide range of online and face-to-face services to help you develop your employability skills, plan your career and access the latest job opportunities. This includes one-to-one support with job applications and interview preparation, and mentors from a range of sectors. Our students can access careers support throughout their time as a student and for up to three years after graduating.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

Our students are given the opportunity to fill many part-time temporary positions within the University. This allows you to work while you study with us, fitting the job around your course. By taking part in the scheme, you will gain valuable experiences and employability skills, enhancing your prospects in the job market. We currently employ some 50 students in roles at the University, with ambitions to double this over the next year.

MEET THE STAFF WHO INSPIRE

AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY, YOU WILL LEARN FROM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE AND DONE IT.

Many of our 2,300-strong team of academic staff are practising professionals and 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.

To find out more, visit www.bcu.ac.uk/our-staff.





"I'm really proud to be teaching at the first university in all of Europe to approve a Black Studies undergraduate programme. The diverse environment at BCU helped demystify subject areas I thought I would never be able to understand. My ethos is to pay that forward and carry on that tradition for my students."

KADIAN POW

Lecturer in Sociology and Black Studies

From a young age, Kadian has been questioning inequalities in the world, and now she encourages her students and the wider community to do the same. She is a key researcher in Black Feminism and the Don't Settle Project, a mission to empower 18- to 25-year-old people of colour in the wider Birmingham and Black Country area to change the voice of heritage through the arts, research and governance.

"I always tell my students to be themselves. The best seminars tend to be the ones that end up in unexpected places."

DR ISLAM ISSA

Reader in Literature and History

Islam was selected as a 'New Generation Thinker' by BBC Radio 3 and the Arts and Humanities Research Council and researched a high-profile exhibition on Muslim contributions to World War One, which won the Times Higher Education Award for Research Project of the Year.



"I believe that improving access to education as well as creating innovative and inclusive educational experiences is key to achieving our shared goal, developing the current and future healthcare workforce."

DEZITA TAYLOR-ROBINSON

Associate Professor, Nursing and Midwifery Apprenticeships Lead

Dezita started her healthcare career as a Nurse Cadet on an apprenticeship scheme and qualified as an Operating Department Practitioner in 2006. She is a proactive and dedicated ODP and Head of Department who has gained professional credibility for being a driving force for change within clinical practice and healthcare education.



"I am a passionate advocate of engineering – the world needs creative problem solvers to find sustainable solutions to global challenges. I teach my students to develop products and services that are not only fit for purpose today but also have the least negative impact on the world."

LAURA LEYLAND

Deputy Head of Engineering

Laura delivers the Design for People Challenge at BCU in collaboration with Engineers Without Borders UK. The challenge encourages students to understand their impact on both people and the environment, as they solve real-world problems through engineering.

"Students on the animation course have been repeatedly recognised and announced as winners of various prestigious animation awards – that's because we teach our students to think outside of the box while maintaining the core values of animation."

KELVIN WONG

Senior Lecturer in Digital Animation

Kelvin has over 14 years of experience in animation and visualisation, and has co-developed an animation course which prepares its students to succeed in the animation industry.





"My teaching ethos is based around the students and treating them as individuals. I like to find out what is unique to each student – their tastes, background and inspiration – and then see how we can develop that into something special."

JOE MILES

Subject Lead for Film and Photography, Course Director for BA (Hons) Photography

Joe is the pioneer of a collaborative partnership with the Pratt Institute in New York, allowing BCU Photography and Graphic Design students the opportunity to produce professional lookbooks and promotional material for catwalk shows.

OUR GRADUATES

WHETHER IT IS ENGINEERING FOR THE FUTURE OR PROTECTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, OUR GRADUATES ARE SHAPING THE WORLD WITH THE SKILLS THEY HAVE HONED RIGHT HERE.

TO SEE MORE OF OUR FORMER STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS, VISIT WWW.BCU.AC.UK/STORIES.

NURSING LECTURER

CLAIRE BLAKE
BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing
- UK -

Claire graduated straight into the Covid-19 pandemic. Working on the front line wasn't easy for a recent graduate, but she had a passion and drive to help others. Claire has shared her experience in her book, 'How to Make it as a Student Nurse', to support those currently studying nursing.





LEAD PLANNING ENGINEER

TAHER SHEKHELARAB
MSc Construction Project Management
- United Arab Emirates -

Taher left his comfortable environment and job in Dubai to develop his knowledge of the construction industry. His time at BCU has provided him with a global outlook and the knowledge to make a new start and succeed in the UK.



NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER

JAMES WILLETS
BA (Hons) Criminology, Policing and Investigation
- UK -

After graduation, James started his career at West Midlands Police, where he makes a difference every day as a Neighbourhood Officer for West Bromwich Town. James is a proud Pride of Britain Award winner for defending his community against knife crime.



LEAD ENGINEER

IZABELLA VARNAI
BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering
- UK -

Izabella comes from a family of engineers and was inspired to work in the industry. During her time completing an Automotive Engineering degree at BCU and her placement at Toyota Motor Europe, she developed the key skills needed to succeed. Nowadays, she's a Lead Engineer at Jaguar Land Rover and is working on the production of cars for the future.



TELEVISION RESEARCHER

ELVINAH XHIGNESSE
MA Media Production
- Belgium -

Growing up in Belgium, Elvinah had big dreams of working on some of the UK's biggest television shows. She started to make her dreams a reality when she threw herself into studying Media and Communication, followed by an MA in Media Production at BCU. With enough skills and experience under her belt to break the industry, Elvinah is now working on the likes of The Great British Bake Off, The Love Trap and 24 Hours in A&E.



CITY LIFE

WE ASKED OUR STUDENTS TO SHARE SOME OF THEIR FAVOURITE PLACES IN BIRMINGHAM

HERE'S WHERE THEY TOOK US



FLIGHT CLUB

Fancy yourself a darts champion? Challenge your friends to multi-player games here, complete with hilarious video playback!





SPORT

Birmingham has plenty to offer for those who are interested in sport. The city boasts three big-name football clubs and is home to Edgbaston Cricket Ground.



STREET ART IN DIGBETH

Digbeth is well known as Birmingham's cultural hub, with art studios, creative businesses and street art aplenty.





LANE 7, THE MAILBOX

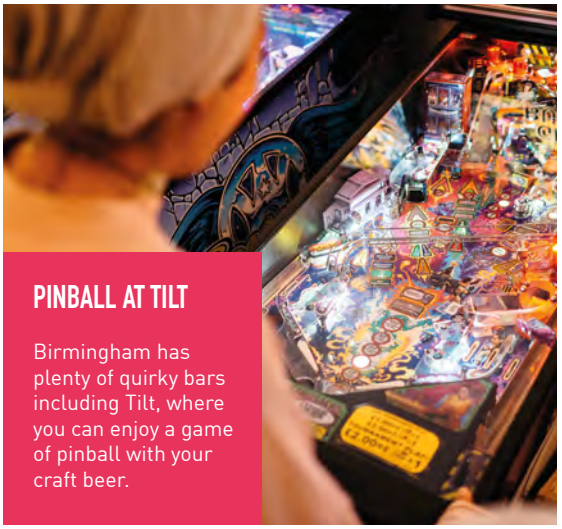
This is bowling like you've never seen it before, complete with walnut lanes, retro arcade games and a UV-lit karaoke bar.





GOLF FANG

This indoor crazy golf venue incorporates graffiti, street food and cocktails for a truly unique night out!



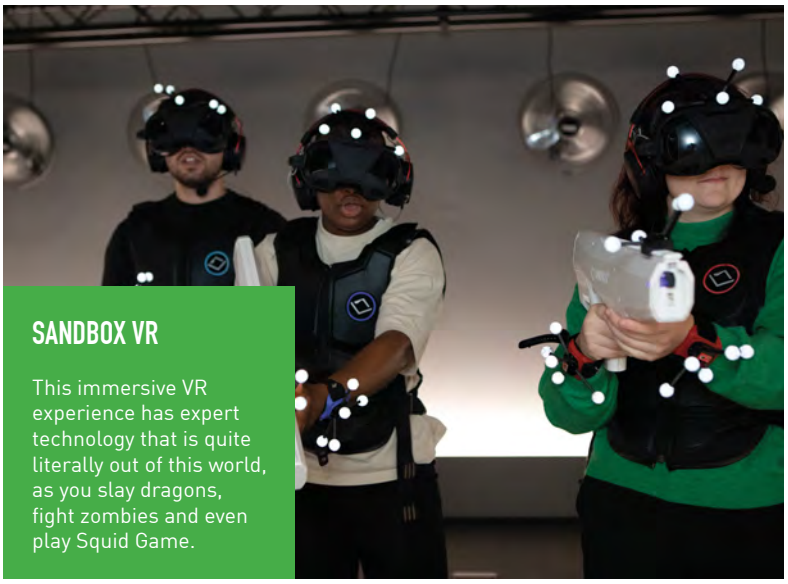
PINBALL AT TILT

Birmingham has plenty of quirky bars including Tilt, where you can enjoy a game of pinball with your craft beer.



LA POP

Close to our City South Campus you'll find this unique gelato café, where you can customise your own lollies.



SANDBOX VR

This immersive VR experience has expert technology that is quite literally out of this world, as you slay dragons, fight zombies and even play Squid Game.



BURGERS AT ORIGINAL PATTY MEN

Having started out at Digbeth Dining Club, the OPM guys now have their own permanent outlet with some of the best burgers in town.



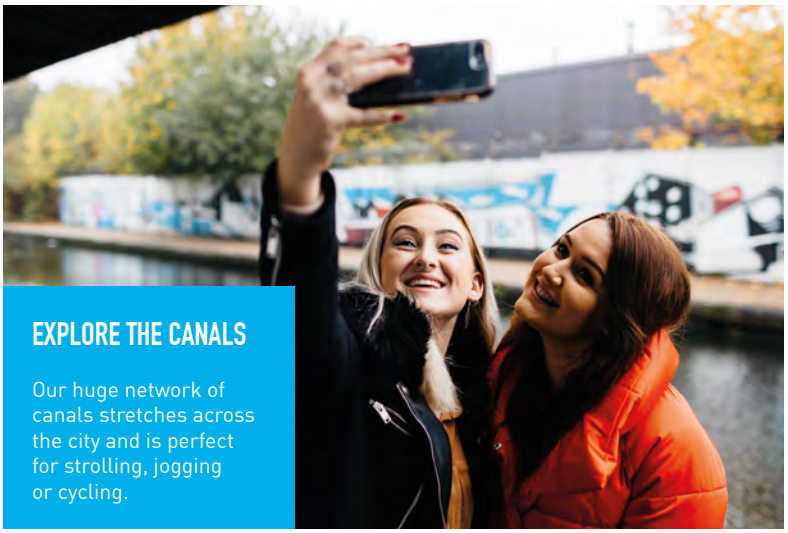
THE FLOODGATE

This popular Digbeth bar includes a host of exciting games, from baseball batting cages to curling!



GREAT WESTERN ARCADE

Described as 'the home of hidden gems', this Victorian shopping arcade is full of unique independent businesses and restaurants.



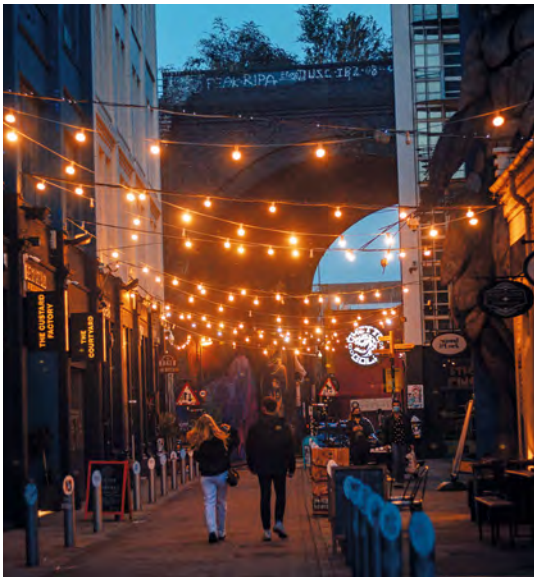
EXPLORE THE CANALS

Our huge network of canals stretches across the city and is perfect for strolling, jogging or cycling.



SUNFLOWER LOUNGE

This indie music venue is the place to be to see up-and-coming artists. Dua Lipa even did one of her earliest gigs here!





CANNON HILL PARK

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.

GO GREEN AT BCU

PUTTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO

We recognise the important role we play in being part of the solution to climate change and sustainable development through top-class learning, teaching, research and day-to-day operation. We have an Environmental Plan 2020–25, with a commitment to being a zero carbon institution and continually improving our environmental performance. Environmental sustainability is also a priority in our University Strategy 2025.

You can be part of our Go Green journey throughout your time with us by getting involved with green events and initiatives such as planting in our allotment areas and making bee homes. We also have a Sustainable Students and Bicycle User Group, and the Students' Union has a Sustainability Society.

- **HEDGEHOG FRIENDLY CAMPUS**
- **ZERO CARBON COMMITMENT**
- **WE USE 100% RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY**
- **SUSTAINABLE CATERING POLICY**
- **ALLOTMENTS FOR FOOD GROWING**
- **SOLAR PANELS INSTALLED ON OUR BUILDINGS**
- **ACCREDITED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** (ISO 14001)
- **REDUCING FOSSIL FUELS**
  We have invested £4 million into net zero heating on campus.

For further information about our environmental approach and commitments, visit our environment web page:
www.bcu.ac.uk/environment





BEE HIVES INSTALLED

1ST CLASS RANKING

(in the 2023/24 People and Planet University League)

ARTS, DESIGN AND MEDIA

OUR FACULTY OF ARTS, DESIGN AND MEDIA INCLUDES ROYAL BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE FOR MUSIC AND ACTING COURSES, A LEADING PROVIDER OF MEDIA TRAINING, AND EUROPE'S BIGGEST JEWELLERY SCHOOL.

The Faculty incorporates the former Birmingham Institute of Art and Design, an internationally-renowned centre for creative education with a history dating back to 1843. Our links with industry have included Rolex, Swatch, Saatchi and Saatchi, Goldsmiths, the BBC, the Royal Shakespeare Company, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, The Brits, Glenn Howells Architects, Sony Computer Entertainment Europe, SEGA and Rockstar North.

Our subject areas include:
- Acting and Theatre
- Architecture
- Art and Design
- Digital Arts
- English
- Fashion and Textiles
- Jewellery
- Media
- Music.

Facilities include:
- Print, textiles, wood, ceramics and glass workshops
- Photography studios and darkrooms
- Digital print and pattern-making facilities
- Four TV studios
- Green screen studio
- Radio studio and editing suites
- Light and airy art studios
- Gallery and installation space
- Fine art library
- Exhibition space and specialist library
- Digi.lab - a digital lab for prototyping and 3D printing
- Jewellery, silversmithing and computer-aided design equipment
- 10 specialist acting studios complete with temperature regulation and sprung floors
- Five public performance venues – including the 500-seat Bradshaw Hall and the Eastside Jazz Club, situated in our £57 million Royal Birmingham Conservatoire building
- An experimental black box performance space called the Lab
- Seven industry-standard recording studios and post-production facilities.











ARTS, DESIGN AND MEDIA

Art and Design

Art and Design at Birmingham City University has a rich history dating back to 1843. Our Art courses are located at the School of Art in Margaret Street and our design courses are based at our Parkside building, providing students with a variety of spaces to collaborate and design across the city.

Jewellery, Fashion and Textiles

We bring together two internationally renowned schools, with almost 130 years of heritage. Over four sites, our cutting-edge workshops and facilities create a dynamic culture for innovation and research. Whether worn, carried on the body, or part of the environment, we design and make award winning objects and artefacts through old and new technologies.

Together we produce graduates with the knowledge and technical skills to carve rewarding careers in industry.

English and Media

We produce talent that's ready to go – critical makers who can contribute from day one. Our diverse range of courses cover everything from English Literature to Music Business and our staff don't just know the industry, they hail from it.

We are part of Birmingham's economic and cultural renaissance, with a national reputation, and international links that open up a world of opportunities for students to learn the skills they need to be industry ready.

Digital Arts

Based at our £62 million Parkside and Curzon buildings, our Digital Arts portfolio offers courses across Games, Film, Animation, Visual Effects and Photography.

Architecture and Design

Founded in 1908, we are a wide-ranging design house which constitutes design through the scales. We embody the concept of an Enterprise Education to equip students for life beyond graduation, through our extensive relationships with the professions and industries. We blur the boundaries between academia and practice to ensure our graduates are confident, independent, and well-rounded citizens and professionals.

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

Our conservatoire is a world-class creative institution providing exceptional training for the musicians, actors, stage managers and theatre professionals of the future.

ARTS, DESIGN AND MEDIA COURSES

UNDERGRADUTE COURSES

Acting | BA (Hons)
Applied Theatre (Community and Education) | BA (Hons)
Architecture | BA (Hons)
Art and Design | BA (Hons)
Art and Design with Creative Technologies | BA (Hons)
Art Business (Top-Up) | BA (Hons)
Digital Animation | BA (Hons)
Digital Film Production | BSc (Hons)
Digital Marketing | BA (Hons)
English and Creative Writing | BA (Hons)
English and Journalism | BA (Hons)
English | BA (Hons)
English Language and Literature | BA (Hons)
English Literature | BA (Hons)
Fashion Branding and Communication | BA (Hons)
Fashion Business and Promotion | BA (Hons)
Fashion Design | BA (Hons)
Film and Screenwriting | BA (Hons)
Filmmaking | BA (Hons)
Fine Art | BA (Hons)
Foundation Acting
Gemmology and Jewellery Studies | BSc (Hons)
Graphic Design | BA (Hons)
Horology | BA (Hons)
Illustration | BA (Hons)
Interior Architecture and Design | BA (Hons)
Jazz | BMus
Jewellery and Objects | BA (Hons)
Jewellery and Related Products | GradDip
Jewellery and Silversmithing - Design for Industry | BA (Hons)
Jewellery and Silversmithing | HND
Journalism | BA (Hons)
Landscape Architecture | BA (Hons)
Landscape Architecture with Urban Design | BA (Hons)
Media and Communication | BA (Hons)
Media Production | BA (Hons)
Music | BMus
Music Business | BA (Hons)
Photography | BA (Hons)
Popular Music | BA (Hons)
Product and Furniture Design | BA (Hons)
Sports Journalism | BA (Hons)
Stage Management | BA (Hons)
Textile Design | BA (Hons)
Video Game Design | BA (Hons)
Video Game Development | BA (Hons)
Video Game Digital Art | BA (Hons)
Visual Communication - Graphic Communication | BA (Hons) (China delivery)
Visual Effects | BSc (Hons)



Correct as of November 2023

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Acting | MFA
Acting | MA / PGDip MA
Architectural Practice (RIBA Part III) | PgDip
Architecture (RIBA Part II) | MArch
Art and Design: Interdisciplinary Practices | MA
Arts and Education Practices | MA
Arts and Project Management | MA
Cosmetics, Branding and Promotion | MA
Creative Writing | MA
Data Journalism | MA
Design and Visualisation | MA
Design Management | MA
English Linguistics | MA
English Literature | MA
Fashion Design | MA
Fashion Management | MA
Fashion Promotion | MA
Fashion Styling | MA
Feature Film Development | MA
Film Distribution and Marketing | MA
Fine Art | MA
Future Media | MA
Gemmology | MSc
Interior Architecture and Design | MA
Jewellery and Related Products | GradDip
Jewellery and Related Products | MA
Landscape Architecture Conversion | MLA
Landscape Architecture | MA
Luxury Brand Management | MA
Media Production | MA
Music | MMus
Musician as Educator | PgCert
Musicology | MA
Professional Performance | AdvPgDip
Public Relations | MA
Textile and Surface Design | MA
Urban Design | MA
Visual Communication | MA



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 WORLD TO INFORM OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

Our professionally oriented, international business school is 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 University 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.

Our Social Sciences and Psychology courses have a 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:
- Accounting, Economics and Finance
- Business, Management and Marketing
- Criminology and Policing
- Law
- Psychology
- Sociology and Black Studies.

Our facilities include:
- Library with access to 62 million print and online resources
- Dedicated IT and student services support
- Simulated courtrooms
- Psychology laboratories
- Internal marketing agency
- City Trading Room.


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BUSINESS, LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES COURSES

UNDERGRADUTE COURSES

Accounting and Finance | BSc (Hons)
Black Studies (Criminal Justice) | BA (Hons)
Black Studies | BA (Hons)
Business Administration (top-up) | BA (Hons)
Business Finance | BSc (Hons)
Business Management | BA (Hons)
Business with Marketing | BA (Hons)
Criminology | BA (Hons)
Criminology, Policing and Investigation | BA (Hons)
Economics | BSc (Hons)
Events Management | BA (Hons)
Finance and Investment | BSc (Hons)
Human Resource Management | BA (Hons)
International Business (Top-Up) | BA (Hons)
International Finance (Top-Up) | BA (Hons)
International Marketing (Top-Up) | BA (Hons)
Law | LLB (Hons)
Law with American Legal Studies | LLB (Hons)
Law with Business Law | LLB (Hons)
Law with Criminal Justice | LLB (Hons)
Marketing | BA (Hons)
Marketing with Advertising and PR | BA (Hons)
Marketing with Digital Communication | BA (Hons)
Professional Policing | BSc (Hons)
Psychology | BSc (Hons)
Psychology with Criminology | BSc (Hons)
Sociology and Criminology | BA (Hons)
Sociology | BA (Hons)
Sports Business Management | BA (Hons)
Youth Work and Communities | BA (Hons)

POSTGRADUTE COURSES

Accounting and Finance | MSc
Accounting and Finance (Master's Stage) | MSc
Applied Child Psychology | MSc
Applied Metaverse and Digital Leadership | MSc
Black Studies | MA
Counselling (Children and Young People) | MSc
Criminology | MA
Finance and Investment | MSc
Forensic Psychology | MSc
Global Business Operations | MSc
Health Psychology | MSc
Internal Audit Management and Consultancy | MSc
International Business Law | LLM
International Finance | MSc (Online)
International Human Resource Management | MA
International Human Rights | LLM
International Law | LLM
International MBA
International Professional Accounting | MSc
Islamic Finance | MSc
Legal Practice | LLM
Management and Entrepreneurship | MSc
Management and Finance | MSc
Management and International Business | MSc (Online)
Management and International Business | MSc
Management and Marketing | MSc
MBA (Online)
Policing and Intelligence Analysis | MSc
Psychology | MSc
Security Studies | MA

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COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

THE FACULTY OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT SHARES A 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 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. These are all located in a spectacular environment provided by Millennium Point and the university's STEAMhouse.

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.

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
- Engineering.

Our facilities include:
- Cisco networking labs
- Industry-standard computer forensics lab
- Specialist games lab
- Hydraulics lab
- Computer Aided Design lab
- Flexible project space with makers' area.



COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT COURSES

UNDERGRADUTE COURSES

Architectural Technology | BSc (Hons)
Automotive Engineering | BEng (Hons)
Building Surveying | BSc (Hons)
Business Information Technology | BSc (Hons)
Civil Engineering | BEng (Hons)
Computer Games Technology | BSc (Hons)
Computer Networks and Security | BSc (Hons)
Computer Science | BSc (Hons)
Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence | BSc (Hons)
Computing | BSc (Hons) (top-up)
Computing and Information Technology | BSc (Hons)
Construction | HNC
Construction Management | BSc (Hons)
Cyber Security | BSc (Hons)
Digital Forensics | BSc (Hons)
Digital Media Computing | BSc (Hons)
Digital Media Technology | BSc (Hons) (China delivery)
Electronic Engineering | BEng (Hons)
Mechanical Engineering | BEng (Hons)
Music Technology | BSc (Hons)
Quantity Surveying | BSc (Hons)
Real Estate | BSc (Hons)
Sound Engineering and Production | BSc (Hons)

POSTGRADUTE COURSES

Advanced Computer Networks | MSc
Advanced Computer Science | MSc
Artificial Intelligence | MSc
Automotive Engineering | MSc
Big Data Analytics | PgCert/PgDip/MSc
BIM and Digital Construction | MSc
Computer Science | MSc
Construction Project Management | MSc
Cyber Security | MSc
Digital Transformation | MSc
International Logistics and Supply Chain Management | MSc (Distance Learning)
International Project Management | MSc (Distance Learning)
Logistics and Supply Chain Management | MSc
Planning Built Environments | MA
Project Management | MSc
Quantity Surveying | PgCert/PgDip/MSc
Real Estate Management | MSc
User Experience Design | MSc

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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.

As one of the largest providers of qualified public sector workers in the UK, we are committed to quality teaching to ensure our students develop the skills, knowledge and understanding to make a real difference in society.

In 2014 we began to grow our Biomedical Science and Sports courses portfolio. Our strong focus on practical experience and application of theory to ensure that you are ready for employment on graduation.

We provide a dynamic and forward-thinking learning environment for aspiring nurses and midwives, supported by more than 100 academic staff who are qualified nurses and experts in their fields.

In the areas of education and social work we have a long and established history when it comes to delivering initial teacher education (ITE), education, childhood and social work courses in Birmingham.

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.
In 2024, we are moving much of our sport and exercise teaching to new facilities at the Alexander Stadium, which was home to the Commonwealth Games in 2022. Read more about this move on page 20.

Our facilities include:
- Mock operating theatre and hospital wards
- Specialist drama, art and music rooms
- Physiology and biomechanics laboratory
- A radiography imaging suite
- Sports therapy clinic room
- Specialist speech and language therapy clinic room
- Digitally enabled bioscience laboratory.



HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LIFE SCIENCES COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Biomedical Engineering | BEng (Hons)

Biomedical Sciences | BSc (Hons)

Early Childhood Studies with Graduate Practitioner Competencies | BA (Hons)

Early Years | FdA

Education Studies | BA (Hons)

Nursing - Adult | BSc (Hons)

Nursing - Child | BSc (Hons)

Nursing - Learning Disability | BSc (Hons)

Nursing - Mental Health | BSc (Hons)

Primary Education with QTS | BA (Hons)

Professional Studies Deafblind Studies | CPS/DPS

Secondary PE with QTS | BA (Hons)

Secondary Science Biology with QTS | BSc (Hons)

Social Work | BSc (Hons)

Sport and Exercise Science | BSc (Hons)

Sports Coaching and Physical Education | BSc (Hons)

Working with Children, Young People and Families | BA (Hons)



POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advancing Diabetes Care | MSc

Advancing Practice in Peripheral Vascular Disease | MSc

Dietetics (Pre-registration) | MSc

Education (International) | MA

Education | MA

Master of Public Health | MPH

Medical Engineering Applications for Healthcare | MSc

Medical Imaging Technology | MSc

Primary and Early Years (Physical Education) with QTS | PGCE

Primary and Early Years Education with QTS | PGCE

Primary Education with SEN with QTS | PGCE

Primary Education with Specialism in Mathematics with QTS | PGCE

Secondary Art and Design | PGCE

Secondary Computer Science | PGCE

Secondary Design and Technology: Food Textiles and Product Design | PGCE

Secondary Drama | PGCE

Secondary English | PGCE

Secondary Geography | PGCE

Secondary History | PGCE

Secondary Mathematics | PGCE

Secondary Modern Foreign Languages | PGCE

Secondary Music | PGCE

Secondary Physical Education | PGCE

Secondary Physical Education with Biology | PGCE

Secondary Religious Education | PGCE

Secondary Science: Biology | PGCE

Secondary Science: Chemistry | PGCE

Secondary Science: Physics | PGCE

Secondary Social Sciences | PGCE

Social Work | MSc

Sport and Exercise Nutrition | MSc

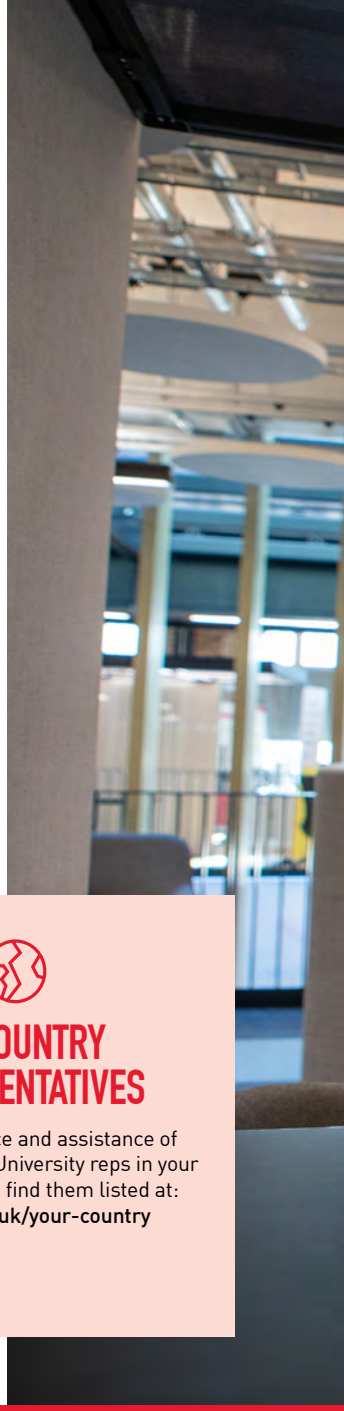
Transforming and Leading in Health Care | MSc

Wound Healing and Tissue Repair | MSc

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THE APPLICATION PROCESS



THERE ARE THREE EASY WAYS THAT YOU CAN SEND AN APPLICATION TO US:

ONLINE

Apply early and avoid the rush. Select your course of choice on the website and click 'apply now'.

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.**

IN-COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Use the guidance and assistance of Birmingham City University reps in your country. You can find them listed at: **www.bcu.ac.uk/your-country**

1 SELECT YOUR COURSE

Choose from our wide range of contemporary courses, built with practice-based learning and international opportunities at every stage.

2 CHECK ELIGIBILITY

If you don't meet entry requirements you may be able to study a foundation year with us or at Birmingham City University International College (BCUIC).

3 APPLY

Online, 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.

CHECK OUT OUR VISA GUIDANCE VIDEO



www.bcu.ac.uk/visa-vid

5 ACCEPT AND PAY YOUR DEPOSIT*

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

Some students may have Pre-CAS interviews to help them prepare for possible UKVI credibility interviews.

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 apply for your visa. You can find guidance on applying for your visa: **www.bcu.ac.uk/visa**

For more information on the application process visit:

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/application-process



TAKE A LOOK AT OUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS VIDEO

www.bcu.ac.uk/english-req-vid

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, please see the table on the right:

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

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Remember it is very important to write a good personal statement. Read our expert personal statement advice: **www.bcu.ac.uk/personal-statement**

Level	Requirement
Foundation	You should be educated to a standard comparable to British A Level standard but may have achieved lower marks
BCUIC Foundation	An average of five GCSE passes (grades A* to E/2 to 9), with at least three grade C/4 results
BCUIC Pre-Master's	Minimum of a UK Higher National Diploma (HND) or UK Diploma in Higher Education (DipHE), and a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.3 on the 4.0 scale
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



6.0

Most courses require a minimum 6.0 IELTS score to study here. To achieve 6.0, you can take our pre-sessional English courses.

ENGLISH 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) or equivalent but some courses ask for a higher level.

We accept a range of English tests and qualifications as evidence of your English language abilities. Please visit our website to find out if we accept your local qualifications.

We also offer the BCU English Proficiency Test (BCU EPT). Please check on our website for availability.

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSES

Pre-sessional English courses are for 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 courses and to raise their English language level to meet the entry requirements needed.

If your English language level is just below the course requirements, you can study a pre-sessional English programme prior to the main course.

We offer four programmes:

- 16-week Presessional (to raise your English by the equivalent of 1.5 IELTS band)
- 10-week Presessional (to raise your English by the equivalent of 1.0 IELTS band)
- 6-week Presessional (to raise your English by the equivalent of 0.5 IELTS band)
- 2-week pre-sessional courses for students who have already met language entry requirements of their course, but wish to improve their skills.

For more information visit: **www.bcu.ac.uk/international/english**



FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

YOUR DIRECT PATH TO UNIVERSITY



BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE (BCUIC) FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

If you have been educated to a standard comparable to the British A Level standard, but your qualifications are slightly below those required for direct entry onto a Bachelor's degree, a foundation programme may offer an alternative route to achieve your goals.

Foundation programmes are for school-leavers who have studied a non-British curriculum but wish to pursue a degree at a UK university. The foundation course acts as a bridge between your current qualifications and our entry requirements and is designed to plug academic gaps, improve your English and familiarise you with UK life and culture in preparation for university.

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

WE OFFER A RANGE OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES HERE AT BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY.

If you cannot meet the University's foundation entry requirements or wish to benefit from additional support and more one-to-one interaction with tutors, Birmingham City University International College (BCUIC) also offers a range of specifically tailored foundation programmes aiming to prepare students for university-level study.

Teaching at BCUIC is delivered in a dedicated area of the University's campus, helping students to enjoy a supported transition into mainstream university life. BCUIC also offers additional entry points with its first year and Pre-Master's programmes, plus the added benefit of flexibility with three intake options per year (September, January or May).

More information can be found at **www.bcu.ac.uk/bcuic.**

We offer foundation programmes in the following subject areas:

- Accounting, Economics and Finance
- Architecture
- Art and Design
- Built Environment
- Business
- Computing
- Education
- Engineering
- Events and Sports Management
- Fashion
- Film and Technology
- Health and Life Sciences
- Jewellery
- Law
- Marketing
- Media
- Nursing - Adult
- Psychology
- Sports Science

For the latest information please visit:
www.bcu.ac.uk/international/foundation



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.

The University's fees varies by course and level. We would encourage you to check your particular tuition fees on the course page at **www.bcu.ac.uk/courses.**

For Birmingham City University International College (BCUIC) courses, please visit **www.bcuic.navitas.com/fees.**



LIVING COSTS

IF YOU ARE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO STUDY IN THE UK. YOU WILL NEED TO ALLOW AT LEAST £1,023 PER MONTH, OR £9,207 FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF YOUR STUDIES.**

**As per UKVI guidance, please note that this figure might change.

You can expect to pay the following each week:

Description		Cost
Accommodation	Private furnished room, shared kitchen, gas, water, electricity, wi-fi	From £145 to £208
Food and drink	Weekly shopping, dining out, social nights	£30 - £100
Additional costs	Stationery, printing, clothing, cinema etc.	£10 - £50
Weekly total		**£185 - £358*** **

***These costs will vary depending on your personal circumstances.

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



SCHOLARSHIPS

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY UNDERSTANDS THAT YOUR ACADEMIC STUDIES CAN BE COSTLY. BOTH THE UNIVERSITY AND OTHER EXTERNAL PROVIDERS OFFER A RANGE OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP YOU FIND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR YOUR STUDIES.

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

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

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/scholarships



We 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.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

OUR STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SCHEME ENSURES THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO FILL MANY PART-TIME TEMPORARY POSITIONS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY.

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 to mentor roles.

If you are on the student visa route, you are permitted to work up to 20 hours a week during term time; if you study for a Bachelor's, Masters' or at PhD level.

For more information please visit:
www.bcu.ac.uk/work

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/student-jobs

YOUR ARRIVAL





MOVING TO A DIFFERENT COUNTRY IS A HUGE DECISION, AND WE WANT TO MAKE YOUR MOVE AS EASY AND SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE. THE UNIVERSITY'S INTERNATIONAL TEAM WILL HELP YOU EACH STEP OF THE WAY, AS WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM IN PLACE TO HELP YOU WITH ANY ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE.

MEET AND GREET

We'll meet you at Birmingham Airport (BHX) and make sure you're dropped off at your student accommodation. Visit **www.bcu.ac.uk/meet-and-greet** for more information.

VISAS AND IMMIGRATION

When you become an enrolled student, the International Student Visa Advisers provide advice on UK immigration law, including the impact of academic decisions on your visa, replacing lost visas and extending student visas.

WELCOMING YOU

During September and January, we hold a full programme of welcome activities throughout enrolment just for new international students. You will enrol on your course, get information about the University, meet staff, open a bank account, and register with the police and a doctor. It's also an opportunity to attend social events, familiarise yourself with Birmingham, and make the city your home away from home.

JOBS AND CAREERS

If you want to set up an innovative business in the UK, it must be different from anything else on the market; our Research, Innovation and Enterprise department will assist you in applying for a Start-up visa. **www.gov.uk/start-up-visa**

STUDENTS' UNION, SPORTS AND SOCIETIES

When you become a Birmingham City University student, you automatically become a member of our Students' Union and can access a wide range of fantastic services and facilities. The International Student Association 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.

WATCH JASPREET'S VIDEO, AS HE SHARES HIS TIPS FOR SETTLING INTO UK LIFE.



www.bcu.ac.uk/uk-life-vid



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www.bcu.ac.uk/your-country