



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Study Abroad & Exchange

2025/26

Birmingham Campus, UK

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Nomination

Deadline:

Fall semester & full year: March 31

Spring semester: September 30

Please fill in our [online nomination form](#)

Students will receive an email with a link to the online application form after the nomination deadline and will have to apply before the application deadline. Students can expect their offer letters in July/August for September entry, November/December for January entry.

Application

Deadline:

Fall semester & full year: April 30

Spring semester: October 31

Once a student receives a link, they can start the application process. Documents to submit include the following:

- Passport (valid for the whole period of exchange).
- Most up-to-date official Transcript of Records (ToR) signed & stamped.
- English Language Proficiency (ELP) certificate.

Requirements

Students must have completed at least 2 semesters at the undergraduate level or equivalent before applying for their exchange programme at the UoB.

Academic requirement:

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

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

One-semester students coming from our European partners are only required to submit a confirmation by their home coordinator that they have B2 level of English. We strongly encourage you to use our template available on the [website](#).

Academic Calendar

Autumn welcome: 22 September 2025 – 26 September 2025

Autumn semester: 29 September 2025 – 12 December 2025

Spring welcome: to be confirmed

Spring semester: 12 January 2026 – 27 March 2026

Summer semester: 27 April 2026 – 26 June 2026



Modules

Exchange students must study 60 UoB credits (equivalent to 30 ECTS) per semester and 120 UoB credits (equivalent to 60 ECTS) per full academic year.

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

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

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

More information regarding modules can be found [here](#). All modules are subject to availability and academic pre-requisites. Please also note that modules offered in 2025/26 will be updated with new handbooks before the summer break.

Exams

Examination dates at the UoB are different in each College and depend on the modules students choose. The assessment periods take place in January and June for full year students. Alternative assessments will be arranged for students who attend the first semester only. Second semester only students must complete their assessments in June.

Transcript of Records

The University has moved to a secure online system and this online platform is for students to share their academic results with their home university. The team are currently awaiting updates regarding the new system, we will update students accordingly.

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



Living expenses

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

Housing

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

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

Health & Insurance

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

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

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

Visas

Students coming for one semester either need to apply for an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) or a Standard Visitor Visa (SVV). For details, please check on UKVI website [here](#). Students coming for the full year must obtain a student visa and you are sent a CAS number for your student visa application (issued by UoB after you accept your offer).

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



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Useful Links and Other Information

Partner Enquiries

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

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

Information for incoming students

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

Link to Virtual Campus Tour

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

Links to promotional videos

UoB 125th Anniversary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XGgo3zRzko>

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

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

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

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

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