UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Located in the UK's 2nd-largest city, the University of Birmingham is an exciting and enriching place to study. Join this highly ranked Russell Group university and begin your path to a successful future.

AN INSPIRING INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS

Set in a beautiful 250-acre campus close to the city centre, the University of Birmingham has established a strong reputation for innovation and research thanks to its status as a member of the prestigious Russell Group. Its research projects have contributed to issues such as the global response to COVID-19, and various social and environmental causes from climate action to tackling gender inequality.

It's home to one of the largest communities of international students in the UK, with over 10,000 students from more than 150 countries. This diverse university will not only allow you to meet people from all over the world, but also prepare you for a bright future. Birmingham has even been ranked as the UK's most-targeted university by graduate employers (High Fliers Research 2021), putting you in a very strong position for achieving your career goals after graduation.

Study on the University's impressive and historic campus

Enjoy convenient transport links to the city centre

Benefit from great facilities, including an award-winning library

Explore the 250-acre campus

FANTASTIC FACILITIES AND CLUBS

As a international student you'll have access to the University's incredible facilities, all based on its stunning campus. Among the classic architecture, including the iconic clock tower, you'll find cutting-edge facilities, from its state-of-the-art School of Engineering to one of the UK's largest academic libraries.

As for extra-curricular facilities on offer, the University has an impressive £55 million sport and fitness centre, which features a 50-metre swimming pool, squash courts and two-floor gym. There are also over 500 clubs and societies to choose from, giving you countless ways to start a new hobby, perfect a skill, or make some new friends.

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WHY CHOOSE BIRMINGHAM?

MEMBER OF THE RUSSELL GROUP OF ELITE UNIVERSITIES

UK'S MOST TARGETED UNIVERSITY BY GRADUATE EMPLOYERS
High Fliers Research 2021

TOP 15 IN THE UNITED KINGDOM
Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2022

TOP 100 IN THE WORLD
QS World University Rankings 2022

THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

The lively city of Birmingham has something for everyone, whether you're here to have fun, try new things or learn something about British culture. Birmingham even ranks in the top 15 most affordable destinations in the UK (Numbeo Cost of Living Index 2021), making it a great place for students on a budget.

WHAT TO EXPLORE IN BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham is an ideal place to live while attending university, especially for international students. There's so much to discover, from global cuisines to beautiful open spaces, as well as fun nightlife and historical sites. The city is also known for its sporting facilities, and will be hosting the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

FOOD

The city's food scene is extremely diverse, with a wide range of restaurants serving up cuisines from across the world. There are also a number of food festivals and events that take place throughout the year. You'll even find street food markets with renowned UK vendors, offering authentic international dishes at an affordable price.

Stroll along Birmingham's beautiful canals

Explore the city's classic-meets-modern architecture

Visit historic sites and museums

NATURE

There are plenty of green outdoor spaces to explore when you need an escape from the hustle and bustle of Birmingham's city centre. From botanical gardens to scenic parks containing a variety of wildlife and tranquil water features, there's lots of natural beauty to take in whether you're on a stroll or cycling around the city.

HISTORY AND CULTURE

There is a variety of historic architecture in Birmingham, scattered in between the impressive modern buildings that are more common today. This diversity in architecture represents the city's rich historical heritage and the radical development it experienced during the Industrial Revolution. From Birmingham Cathedral and the Museum and Art Gallery to the original Cadbury factory, the city holds many culturally significant sites for you to discover.

If you want to learn even more about how Birmingham has evolved and contributed to British history, there are lots of museums and art galleries dedicated to anything from the motor industry, to world-changing inventions and the era of the famous Peaky Blinders, who you might know from TV!

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT BIRMINGHAM:
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FOUNDATION PATHWAYS

If you want to study a University of Birmingham undergraduate degree, but don't qualify for entry, a foundation pathway can help you reach the level needed, and you can easily apply through Kaplan.

WHAT ARE FOUNDATION PATHWAYS?

The University of Birmingham's foundation pathways are University-delivered courses, designed to fully prepare you for your undergraduate degree at the University of Birmingham. Your pathway course will help you to develop your subject knowledge, English language level and academic skills to meet the entry requirements for your chosen degree. If you pass at the required level, you're guaranteed entry to your University of Birmingham degree.

Study alongside fellow international students

Learn and socialise at the Priorsfield building

Enjoy a state-of-the-art learning environment

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

The Birmingham International Academy (BIA) is integrated within the University of Birmingham campus, and offers fantastic study and social spaces for international students taking foundation pathways. By bringing all of Birmingham's pathways students together in one place, the BIA offers a sense of community, one full of diversity and support. International students will also attend classes in various other buildings across campus, meaning that as a foundation pathways student, you are able to feel like part of the University before you even start your degree!

This creates a learning environment where you can really thrive, while also expanding your knowledge of other cultures to aid your personal development. The staff at BIA are there to make your time as a pathway student as fulfilling as possible. You will benefit from world-class teaching from University of Birmingham academics, as well as the BIA's dedicated Wellbeing team who are there to ensure your wider university experience is the best it can be, and just as rewarding as your studies.

WHICH SUBJECTS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are five tailored pathway options, with modules to suit your degree subject and English language level. You can apply now for courses which lead to degree entry in September 2023. See detailed course information: **kaplanpathways.com/birmingham-course-info**

FOUNDATION SUBJECT AREA	ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Arts, Social Sciences, Business and Law	Completion of high school with good grades*
Engineering and Physical Sciences	
Medical, Life and Geo Sciences	
Medicine and Physiotherapy	
Social Sciences, Business and Law	

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* Exact academic entry requirements may vary depending on your chosen progression degree; contact us for more information

TEACHING AND SUPPORT

During your studies at the Birmingham International Academy and the University of Birmingham, you will benefit from the highest standard of teaching and academic support.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

As a foundation pathways student, you'll be able to utilise Birmingham's full range of resources for academic support. This includes having access to a personal tutor, and receiving in-depth personal feedback on your assignments.

In addition, you are also free to use the Academic Skills Centre, which is there to enhance your writing and general study techniques through workshops, self-help tutorials and one-on-one meetings with specialist advisers.

The University of Birmingham is also home to the Higher Education Futures institute (HEFi), which was created to aid the University's mission in maintaining teaching excellence. The HEFi is there to ensure staff are given the tools to provide inclusive, research-intensive teaching for all students. This means you can be sure that you are receiving the most effective teaching possible through these powerful learning strategies.

THE WELLBEING TEAM

The Birmingham International Academy's Wellbeing team are also on hand to offer advice and support outside of your academic studies, offering personal points of contact for students in need of guidance or a positive boost during their time at university.

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Enjoy welcoming social spaces

Stay in catered or self-catered accommodation

Live conveniently close to campus

Enjoy a stylish living space with eco-friendly features

LIVING IN BIRMINGHAM

You are guaranteed university accommodation during your foundation pathway if you apply in time. All university accommodation is located close to campus, making it easy to get to your classes.

TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

Birmingham offers a range of accommodation options, available to both international and UK students, so you'll have the chance to meet people from lots of different backgrounds. The housing on offer is designed to suit a variety of budgets and preferences, so you're sure to find a place to live that's perfect for you.

There are 3 main student villages: The Vale, Pritchatts Park and Selly Oak. All of these villages have the following options available:

Studio — this is a private bedroom, bathroom and kitchen-diner all in one
En suite — this is a private bedroom and bathroom, with shared kitchen
Shared — this is a private bedroom, with shared bathroom and shared kitchen

You can also choose between living in catered or self-catered accommodation, with catered including a weekly allowance to spend at over 30 different restaurants and cafes across campus. Some key features of Birmingham's accommodation that students love include its free high-speed WiFi, modern interiors, 24-hour security and maintenance staff, and sustainable lighting and heating.

FIND OUT MORE:
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PREPARE FOR YOUR FUTURE

The University of Birmingham doesn't just guide students through their higher education journey, but prepares them for life after graduation with the help of its fantastic careers service.

IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO GET EXPERT HELP FROM OUR AWARD-WINNING CAREERS NETWORK THROUGHOUT YOUR STUDIES TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE WORLD OF WORK. YOU CAN ACCESS A WHOLE WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS, RESEARCH YOUR CAREER OPTIONS AND CONNECT WITH EMPLOYERS, BOTH IN THE UK AND OVERSEAS.

Hayley Maxwell, Director of English for Academic Purposes, Birmingham International Academy

CAREERS NETWORK

At the University of Birmingham, you will have the opportunity to take on work experience, internships and volunteering roles to learn more about your chosen sector and improve your employability in the process.

Through these interactive programmes, you have the chance to apply your knowledge to real-world scenarios and participate in extra-curricular activities. This will make your CV stand out, giving you an overall advantage when entering the competitive graduate job market. Programmes like these are just one of the reasons why Birmingham ranks 11th in the UK for career prospects (Guardian University Guide 2022), and why it's the UK's most targeted university by graduate employers (High Fliers Research 2021).

The dedicated Careers team are there to advise you through every step of securing your dream job. This includes interview preparation, guidance on perfecting your LinkedIn profile and how to start your own business, as well as tips on writing your CV and cover letters.

You will also benefit from access to hundreds of employers through the University's Careers Fairs. This will give you the chance to find out what they are looking for in a successful candidate. You can also explore your career options if you're unsure which path to take as you near the end of your university journey.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying with Kaplan is simple. Choose a course that's right for you, and then simply follow the steps below.

1. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FORM

We'll guide you through the entire application process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or apply online: kaplanpathways.com/birmingham-apply

2. RECEIVE AN OFFER LETTER

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you. We'll send a decision within one working day.

3. ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study and admin fee, or sending your financial guarantee. You can then book your accommodation through the University, so you'll have a safe place to live during your studies.

4. OBTAIN YOUR STUDENT VISA

To study a foundation pathway in the UK, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. You can speak to your education agent or contact the University of Birmingham for guidance with this.

5. BOOK YOUR FLIGHT AND BEGIN YOUR STUDIES

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student!

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