



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM

# Study Abroad & Exchange

2025/26

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## Nomination

Deadlines: Fall semester and Full Year: March 31  
Spring semester: September 30

[Online exchange nomination form](#)  
[Online study abroad 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 by the end of June for September entry and by the end of November for January entry

## Application

Deadlines: Fall semester and Full year: April 30  
Spring semester: October 31

Once a student receives the link, they can start the application process.

Documents to submit:

- Passport (valid for the whole period of exchange)
- Most up-to-date official Transcript of Records (ToR)
- English Language Proficiency (ELP) document, if required

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## Requirements

Study requirement - Students must have completed at least 2 semesters of their home university degree before starting their study abroad or 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](#).

Please look [here](#) for the English language proficiency requirement for each of our schools, which are in different groups. If you wish to study with our Business School, please note that there is a higher requirement for speaking and writing compared to other Group B schools.

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## Academic Calendar

Autumn welcome: 22 September 2025 – 26 September 2025

Autumn semester: 29 September 2025 – 12 December 2025

Spring welcome: 12 January 2026 – 16 January 2026

Spring semester: 19 January 2026 – 26 June 2026

Spring semester Easter Break: 30 March 2026 – 24 April 2026



## Modules

Study abroad and exchange students must study 60 UK credits per semester and 120 UK credits per full academic year.

The University is structured around five Colleges, four of which are open to Study Abroad and Exchange students (College of Medical and Dental Sciences is currently excluded). Students need to select their preferred College and host School, which is relevant to their study plan provided by the home university. 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

Please note that the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences will now longer be setting alternative assessments for Autumn semester only study abroad and exchange students, so we strongly encourage you to nominate your students to this College for either a full academic year or the Spring semester only to ensure a smoother academic experience.

The modules for Study Abroad and Exchange students 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 by early May.

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## 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 with three of our Colleges (College of Engineering and Physical Sciences does not set alternative assessments for first semester only students). Second semester only students must complete their assessments in June.

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## Transcript of Records

The University has moved to a secure online system and this online platform is for study abroad and exchange students and home universities to access their students' academic results. The team are currently awaiting updates regarding a new system, we will update students accordingly.

Currently students can request 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 UK cities like London and Edinburgh. It will depend on several factors such as the type of accommodation you have, the amount you spend 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](#).

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## Health & Insurance

We recommend that you purchase health insurance before you travel and arrive in the UK. The University has a health centre close to campus and you should register with the University Medical Practice 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 a 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.

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## Visas

All students coming for one semester are sent a standard visitor visa letter that also has details regarding the new Electronic Travel Authorisation (this letter is issued by UoB after you accept your offer). All 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](mailto: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 webpages can be found [here](#).

### Link to Virtual CampusTour

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

### Links to promotional videos

UoB 125th Anniversary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XGqo3zRzko>

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-bsH8hw_U8&t=36s)

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

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

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