



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

Study Abroad & Exchange

2025/26 Spring Semester – January 2026 Entry
Birmingham Campus, UK

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Nomination

Deadline: Spring semester:
September 30

[Online nomination portal](#)

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 November for January entry.

Application

Deadline: 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

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.

Academic Calendar

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.

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 modules will be limited in the Schools within the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences and especially within the School of Mathematics.

The modules for Study Abroad and Exchange students can be found [here](#). All modules are subject to availability and academic pre-requisites.

Exams

Examination dates at the UoB are different in each College and depend on the modules students choose. The assessment period takes place in May/June for Spring semester students.

Spring semester students must complete their assessments in May/June.

Transcript of Records

The University is using 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 system is called Gradintelligence and we send out the instructions to students and partners at the end of each semester.

Students are no longer sent a hard copy of their transcript but they can order one if they wish to be sent directly to their home address after 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 one semester are guaranteed the opportunity to apply for a room in university accommodation providing they register by the given deadline. Although one semester students are not guaranteed to be offered a room in university owned accommodation, we have a dedicated number of rooms available for Study Abroad and Exchange students studying at the UoB for one semester only. Please note there is a much higher chance of being offered a room during the Spring semester only than during the Autumn semester only.

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

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.

The Spring semester runs for less than six months, so 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

All students coming for one semester are sent a standard visitor visa letter that also has details regarding the Electronic Travel Authorisation (this letter is 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 address: 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=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 @myglobalstory: <https://www.instagram.com/uobstudyabroad/>

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