



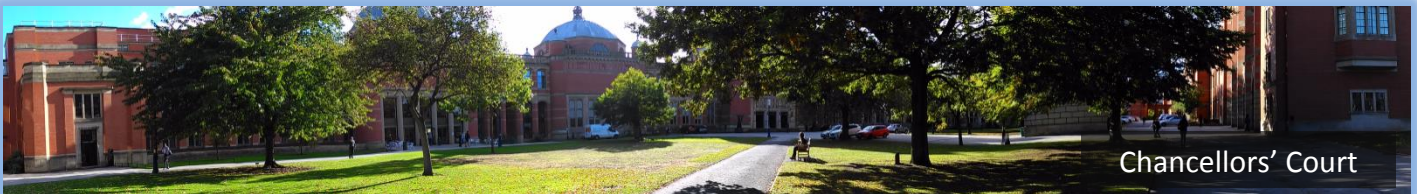
# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Factsheet for exchange students and partner Universities: Erasmus



Studying abroad in Birmingham offers you an incredible opportunity to enrich your life and learning experience through encountering different cultures, people and environments.

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| <b>Name of Institution</b> | University of Birmingham  |  |
| <b>Erasmus ID code</b>     | UK BIRMING02  |  |
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| <b>Semester Dates</b>      | Autumn: 25 September – 8 December 2017<br>Spring: 8 January – 23 March 2018<br>Summer: 23 April – 15 June 2018  |  |



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**Language of Instruction**

For detailed information on our English language requirements, please see the page below:

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/study-abroad/study-abroad-incoming/applying.aspx>



University Accommodation



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| <b>Visa requirements</b>   | <p>Students who are in the UK for longer than six months and do not hold an EU passport need to apply for a Tier 4 Student Visa.</p> <p>Advice and support with visa applications, and information on what documents are needed to come to the UK, can be found advice on the University of Birmingham’s International Student Advisory Service web-pages; <a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/international/index.aspx">http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/welcome/international/index.aspx</a>.</p> <p>Students who come to the UK for less than 6 months may be able to use a <u>Short Term Study Visa</u>.</p> |
| <b>Application process</b> | <p>Students must be nominated by their home university, and they will then be invited to make an online application. All supporting documents can be attached electronically. Nomination deadline are normally end of October for Spring term start and end of April for Autumn start.</p>   |
| <b>Housing</b>             | <p>Housing may be available in University accommodation, and there is plenty of private housing available.</p> <p>More information is available on the <u>University Housing Website</u>.</p>  |
| <b>Course restrictions</b> | <p>Exchange students cannot study modules / courses in the College of Medical and Dental Sciences.</p>   |
| <b>Student Support</b>     | <p>Welcome Week in September and mini-orientation in January</p> <p>Department Exchange Tutor and welfare tutor</p> <p>Birmingham International Academy provides English Language support</p> <p>Careers Network, wellbeing and disability services, studentline, Student Guild</p>  |



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## 2.2 English language requirements

In order to undertake an exchange programme at the University, exchange students and Study Abroad students will need to demonstrate a suitable level of English proficiency.

To assess the student's English language level we will look at the following:

- If the Nationality of the student is from a recognised English Speaking Country, no proof of English language proficiency is required (UKVI exempt list). Full list of UKVI English Speaking countries is available on our website. Canadian Nationals are an exception and do not need a proof of English.
- If the institution is from a country outside this list, and outside the EU, the student must provide an Approved English test if they are applying for a T4 visa
- If a non-EU national applies for a Short Term Study Visa (STSV) and his/her Nationality is from a country outside the English Speaking Country (UKVI list), the student will need to provide an Approved English test even if they are studying at a current partner in English.
- When the student has an EU Nationality and is from one of our European partners, (no VISA required) we will look at the English level achieved by the student at the end of his/her secondary education, and request a specific grade as indicated in the table below per country (eg. A French student must have achieved 14/20 in English at the French Baccaureat as this is deemed to be equivalent to a B2 level of English). A full list of qualifications for each country partner is available in the table below.
- Should the student not have an English grade as part of his/her end of secondary education qualification, or have failed the requested grade, we can also accept an official Certificate produced by the home institution and signed by the student's academic tutor, certifying that the student's standard of English language is high and **at least equivalent to B2 level** based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. This Certificate must be produced on the home institution letterhead paper—and uploaded with the application. This acceptance flexibility is only acceptable for EU Nationals.
- As part of the nomination process, the institution will confirm the English level of the student on the nomination form.

### Individual country qualifications and grades accepted as proof of English level:

| Partner Country       | Qualification  | Minimum score/grade required in 'English' subject  |
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| <b>Austria</b>        | Matura/Reifeprüfung  | 2 (written and oral)   |
| <b>Belgium</b>        | Getuigschrift Van Hoger Secundair Onderwijs/<br>Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur/<br>Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des<br>Sekundarunterrichts   | 7.5 or 75%   |
| <b>Czech Republic</b> | Partner Institutions must produce a Certificate certifying the English language level for each student as explained above.<br><br>Failing this, students must meet the standard <u>English language requirements</u> | <i>High school certificate may be considered comparable to BTEC Level 3 Diploma / Extended Diploma standard if awarded from vocational or technological schools.</i><br><br>This statement is provided as guidance by UK |

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| <b>Denmark</b>     | Studentereksamen  | 10   |
| <b>Finland</b>     | Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamen   | 5  |
| <b>France</b>      | Baccalauréat  | 14/20  |
| <b>Germany</b>     | Abitur  | 10   |
| <b>Greece</b>      | Partner Institutions must produce a Certificate certifying the English language level for each students as explained above. | TBC  |
| <b>Italy</b>       | Diploma di Esame di Stato   | 13/15 or 8/10  |
| <b>Netherlands</b> | Voorbereidend wetenschappelijk onderwijs (vwo)  | 8  |
| <b>Norway</b>      | Vitnemål fra den Videregående Skole   | 5  |
| <b>Portugal</b>    | Diploma Nível Secundário de Educação / Certificado Nível Secundário de Educação   | 10   |
| <b>Spain</b>       | “6/10 in English Language I in the European Baccalureat or 8/10 in English Language II in the European Baccalaureate”       | 8  |
| <b>Sweden</b>      | Fullständigt Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan/<br>Slutbetyg från Komvux/<br>Avgangsbetyg                                       | VG   |
| <b>Switzerland</b> | Certificat de Maturité Federale /<br>Maturitätszeugnis/<br>Attestato Di Maturità  | 5  |
| <b>Turkey</b>      | Lise Diploması  | 60/100   |

- Any students applying from outside Europe who need a VISA, and any other student not entering the two categories above must meet the Standard English Language requirements by producing a Certificate of English proficiency such as IELTS or TOEFL as below.

| English Proficiency Tests Accepted by the University of Birmingham |                              |  |
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| Name of Test   | Minimum Grade/Score required | Notes  |
| IELTS  | 6.0 overall for group A      | No less than 5.5 in any one component (Group A): |

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|  | 6.5 overall for group B<br><br>Group C                              | No less than 6.0 in any one component (Group B):<br><br>Group C only applies to the School of LAW however we will accept 6.5 overall like group B.<br><br><a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx">http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx</a>  |
| TOEFL iBT  | 80 overall for Group A<br><br>88 overall for Group B<br><br>Group C | With no less than 19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 21 in Speaking and 19 in Writing<br><br>No less than 21 in Reading, 20 in listening, 22 in speaking, and 21 in Writing<br><br>Group C only applies to the School of LAW however we will accept 88 overall like Group B.<br><br><a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx">http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/requirements/international/index.aspx</a> |
| International Baccalaureate English                            | 5   | Standard or Higher Level, First of Second language   |
| University of Birmingham pre-sessional English language course | PASS  | If students do not have the required level of English or would like to improve their English before the start of the academic year, they can take one of our pre-sessional English language courses. These are courses students must pay for, and they have to be taken here at the University of Birmingham before commencing the year or term of study abroad.   |