



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM
INTERNATIONAL
SUMMER
SCHOOL 2020



*Study in the
Heart of England*



THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM HAS BEEN CHALLENGING AND DEVELOPING GREAT MINDS FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY. CHARACTERISED BY A TRADITION OF INNOVATION, RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY HAS BROKEN NEW GROUND, PUSHED FORWARD THE BOUNDARIES OF KNOWLEDGE AND MADE AN IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S LIVES.

We continue this tradition today and have ambitions for a future that will embed our work and recognition of the Birmingham name on the international stage.

We benefit from mutual partnerships with a wide range of international institutions and host a large international community of researchers and students.

The Birmingham International Summer School offers you the chance to study an exciting three-week programme in the Heart of England at one of the most beautiful campuses in the UK, while having the opportunity to meet new friends from different countries giving you a cultural and diverse study experience.

WITH OVER
5,000
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS
FROM MORE THAN
150
COUNTRIES

AND **31%**
OF OUR ACADEMIC
STAFF FROM
OVERSEAS

ONE OF THE WORLD'S
TOP 100
UNIVERSITIES,
BIRMINGHAM IS A
TRULY GLOBAL
UNIVERSITY PRODUCING
WORLD-LEADING
RESEARCH



BISS 2020: ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

BRITISH CULTURAL HERITAGE

Delivered by the College of Arts and Law, this programme is designed for students interested in exploring the best of British culture. The programme gives students an insight into how great heritage sites were created and a behind the scenes look at how they are managed, through on-campus study and a wide range of trips to famous heritage landmarks across the UK.



ADHAM SYABIL BIN ZAKIR MUHAMAD
NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY,
SINGAPORE

'All in all a really fun experience that lets you see into the heart of the UK.'

MATHEMATICAL FINANCE AND FINANCIAL TIME SERIES ANALYSIS

This programme is ideal for students who are interested in the fascinating study of financial engineering, which is a highly specialised and rapidly growing area. The programme allows students to explore the computational skills as well as the underlying mathematical and statistical theory to prepare for a career on the computational end of quantitative finance.

FILM AND MEDIA

This programme provides an introduction to the academic study of film and media within the university environment, as well as the cultural, historical and social contexts of film and media in the UK. Seminars, lectures and workshops will combine with field trips and external activities to offer a comprehensive picture of the disciplines and their place in modern society.



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Students will look at current global environmental issues particularly focussing on air, water and soil pollution, and strategies for emissions reduction and/or remediation of polluted sites. A unique interdisciplinary approach will be taken, covering the sources, flows and effects of key environmental pollutants, including laboratory and field-scale techniques and tools, and considering the broader impacts of pollution on key ecosystems services and relevant environmental policy aspects.



THE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Biomedical Science is at the forefront of finding solutions to our global healthcare challenges. This programme provides a unique opportunity to work alongside world-leading experts as part of a multi-disciplinary undergraduate student team, to develop potential solutions to some of the most indelible medical problems plaguing the globe in the 21st century. Can you be part of the healthcare revolution?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE: COMMUNICATING WITH CONFIDENCE

This programme focuses on enhancing students' speaking and presentation skills in different English-language public communication settings. Concentrating on preparation, personal delivery skills, pronunciation, intonation as well as body language techniques, the programme gives students the opportunity to put their new-found public speaking skills to the test as museum, factory and city guides, radio presenters, weather forecasters and newsreaders. Students will visit and present at a range of settings both on and off campus, going on to produce specialist items and media packages.

CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN WORLD POLITICS

This programme introduces students to different approaches to studying politics and international relations, which we will then apply to a range of contemporary political issues and case studies. Topics covered include development, environmental politics, inequality, and the rise of populism. Students will also have the chance to develop their own research, and apply what they have learned on the course to a topic of their choosing under the supervision of the teaching staff.



SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The inclusive social programme is a great opportunity to get to know each other, with lots of fun activities designed to complement your experience of living and studying in Birmingham. Highlights include opportunities to explore the historical city of Cambridge or the beautiful city of Oxford as well as a range of cultural attractions in the diverse city of Birmingham.

SHANISHA PILLAY
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

'I had the opportunity to meet so many people from different parts of the world and got to explore England through the many different day trips that I would have not thought of.'

NATASSJA LUCCHESI DE NASCIMENTO
UNESP, BRAZIL

'I was so happy that I had this opportunity because everything was inspiring! The trips, our colleagues, the city, the university... everything was a great experience!'



APPLY ONLINE:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/biss

20 July–7 August 2020

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted onto the Birmingham International Summer School you must:

- Be studying an undergraduate programme at a university outside the UK or be registered as an International student at a UK university.
- Be of good academic standing based on a translated transcript verified by your university provided during the application process.
- Subject specific requirements may also apply. Please check the website programme page for further information.

Equivalent qualifications may be considered.

Please check the BISS website for further information.

Each programme offers 20 UK credits, equivalent to five US credits or ten ECTS credits.

You must achieve one of the following English Language requirements:

- Have achieved English Language proficiency of IELTS 6.0 overall with no lower than 5.5 in any band.
- Have achieved English Language proficiency of TOEFL IBT 80 overall with no less than 19 in listening, 19 in reading, 21 in speaking and 19 in writing.
- Have achieved English Language proficiency of PEARSON with a minimum of 53 in listening, reading, writing and speaking.

COSTS

Programme Fees: £2,750

Fees include:

- Tuition and en-suite accommodation
- Day trips and some evening and weekend activities

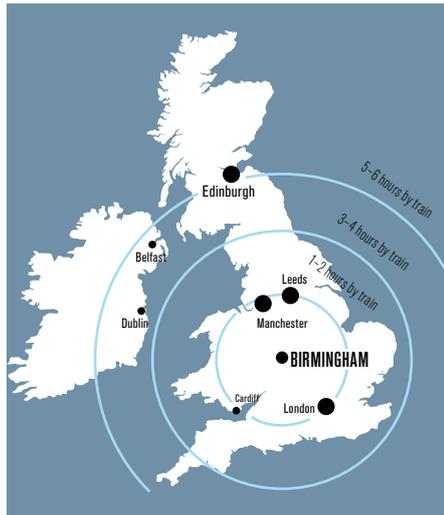
Discounts:

Students registered full-time at a Universitas 21 partner university will receive a £250 discount. Students registered at a University of Birmingham partner university will receive a £150 discount. All students who apply before 1 March 2020 will receive a £150 early application discount.



THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham is a modern and exciting city, famous for its historic, industrial past. It is now a centre of arts and culture, commerce and entertainment with a vibrant and diverse community. With our very own railway station, it takes just eight minutes to travel by train to the city centre from the University campus.



APPLICATION

Early application deadline: **1 March 2020**

Application deadline: **19 April 2020**

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