



Student Exchange FACT SHEET 2018-19

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Application and Admission:

How to Apply	<p>Please email us for an application form after the 1st of October and return it to exchange.conservatoire@bcu.ac.uk with your audition recording or portfolio and your most up-to-date transcript.</p> <p>Our Deadline is the 31st of March and we will aim to make a decision on your application by the end of May.</p> <p>Please Note: The majority of our programmes require the submission of an audition or portfolio. Please see 'Audition and Portfolio Guidance' below</p>
Audition and Portfolio Guidance	<p>Please visit our website for specific audition and portfolio guidance for each department at Birmingham Conservatoire:</p> <p>http://www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire/study-here/international-students/submitting-an-audition-recording</p>
Application Deadline*	<p>31st March 2018 (Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019 Deadline)</p> <p>*We cannot guarantee consideration of applications submitted after the above deadlines, although we will try to consider every application where possible.</p>

Learning Agreements:

Important Information	<p>We will provide you with a selection of modules (classes) that you can take as an exchange student at Birmingham Conservatoire.</p> <p>We do not formally assess you in any part of the programme of study, unless there is a specific requirement from your home college or University for us to award you marks.</p> <p>Please tell us if you require assessments/marks BEFORE you arrive in Birmingham. Not all modules are available for assessments/marks so it is very important that you tell us if you need assessments/marks in your learning agreement before you travel to the UK.</p> <p>Please note: If English is not your first language and you are from outside the European Union, you will need minimum of IELTS 5.5 in order to take modules with assessment/marks.</p>
Erasmus+	Please send us your Learning Agreement when you submit your Application Form and Audition/Portfolio.
All other Exchanges	We will arrange your Learning Agreement only once you have been accepted to study at Birmingham Conservatoire.

Academic Calendar 2018-19:

Event	Dates
International Orientation Week	10 September – 14 September 2018
Welcome Week	17 September – 21 September 2018
Semester 1 begins	24 September 2018
Winter vacation	17 December 2018 – 4 January 2019
Semester 2 begins	28 January 2019
Easter vacation	TBC
Semester 2 ends/ End of Year Assessment Period Begins	27 May 2019
Academic Year Ends	28 June 2019

Visa and Immigration Requirements (For Non-EU Citizens):

One Semester Study	<p>Short-term Study Visa More information: https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/overview</p>
Two Semester Study	<p>Tier 4 (General) Student Visa More information: https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa</p>



Accommodation:

University Halls of Residence*	After you have been accepted please visit our website for accommodation information: http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/accommodation
Private Accommodation	The University also supports students in finding accommodation through Birmingham City Student Homes, a student-focused letting agency, owned and operated by Birmingham City University Students' Union. Website: http://homes.bcsu.com/
Other Accommodation Options	Please visit: http://www.bcsu.com/advice/housing/wheretolook/

Estimated Cost of Living:

Living costs will vary depending on lifestyle but it is generally cheaper to live in Birmingham than other UK cities, such as London or Edinburgh. Here is a breakdown of some general expenses for you to consider when preparing your finances:

General expenses	Approximate yearly cost
University accommodation (52 weeks)	From £3,510 to £6,426
Food, and other shopping	£2,600
Insurance for personal belongings	£15 - £117
Laundry (using a laundrette)	£240
Course related costs: books/stationery/photocopying/binding	£450
Bus pass – 3 terms + summer pass (travel)	£390
Mobile telephone	£240
Social activity costs – depends on activities	£600 - £960
Kitchen utensils, plates and cutlery	£35
Police registration (if applicable)	£34
Total:	£8,114 - £11,492

General Travel Information:

Airport	Birmingham International Airport (11.9miles) - BHX London Heathrow Airport (114 miles) - LHR London Gatwick Airport (150 miles) - LGW
Train	Birmingham New Street Station Birmingham Moor Street Station Website: http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/
Bus	Website: http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes/students/