

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

# Study overseas at the University of Birmingham

UCSI University, Malaysia, and the University of Birmingham, UK, have an exciting opportunity for students who after one year of study at UCSI, can complete their studies in the UK and graduate with a University of Birmingham degree.

The University of Birmingham is proud of its long history of collaborating with peer universities across the world. Our relationship with UCSI University, Malaysia, enables the exchange of students, who benefit by experiencing different cultures and learning environments.

#### Why Birmingham?

- We are a globally ranked top 100 University (QS World University Rankings). Birmingham is also part of the prestigious Russell Group of research-intensive, UK Universities (similar to the American Ivy League). Being taught by academic staff who are world-leading researchers will be a great benefit to your studies.
- For more than a century, University of Birmingham research has had a major impact on the city of Birmingham, the wider region and even across the world. The work of our numerous Nobel Prize winners has tackled global challenges and pioneered new discoveries, which have transformed our understanding of the world.

- The University of Birmingham has approximately 8,000 international students from over 150 different countries In total there are approximately 30,000 students on campus, creating a vibrant and energetic atmosphere.
- Located in the Heart of England, the University is just 100 miles and a 1.5-hour train ride away from the capital city of London. The region has excellent transport links meaning that travelling around the UK or to Europe and beyond is easy.
- The University of Birmingham is consistently one of the most targeted universities by top employers (www.highfliers.co.uk). There is a wealth of careers and employability support available to students at Birmingham to help with your future plans and prospects.

#### UCSI University

The partnership between the University of Birmingham and UCSI, Malaysia, allows students who begin their studies at UCSI to finish their studies at Birmingham and achieve a University of Birmingham degree.

Students who have successfully completed Year 1 of a Mechanical Engineering or Electrical And Electronics Engineering programme, will be eligible to apply for Year 2 entry onto one of our Engineering programmes at the University of Birmingham, subject to meeting the agreed entry requirements.

Students joining our programmes under this partnership are also eligible for a scholarship, reducing the tuition fee cost.

Please see page 2 for further details.

'DIRECT ENTRY STUDENTS ARE VERY SUCCESSFUL AT BIRMINGHAM, Many Achieving First class honours.' Dr Stephen Kukureka



'The lecturers give freedom to us to solve assignments. Through this, I was able to learn more than what was taught in the class and carry out my own research.

'Studying abroad has pushed me out of my comfort zone of working with just people whom I know well. I truly appreciate the strong international student presence that the University offers and I have made friends from different walks of life'

## JUSTIN TAN WEN U 2+2 graduate: Meng Mechanical Engineering

Hear more from our international students at: www.birmingham.ac.uk/eps-international-profiles

## PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

Please see below table to learn which University of Birmingham programmes you are eligible to apply for.

Study successfully completed at UCSI	University of Birmingham programme students are eligible for
Year 1 of Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering with Honours programme	Year 2 entry: BEng Mechanical Engineering (1+2)* MEng Mechanical Engineering (1+3)
Year 1 of Bachelor of Electrical And Electronics Engineering with Honours programme	<ul> <li>Year 2 entry:</li> <li>BEng Electronic and Electrical Engineering (1+2)</li> <li>MEng Electronic and Electrical Engineering (1+3)</li> </ul>

\*Pathways also available at the University of Birmingham's Dubai, UAE campus. A University of Birmingham Dubai degree is the same as the UK degree. For more information see: www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai

## SCHOLARSHIPS

UCSI students accepted onto the above programmes through our partnership, will be offered a 10% tuition fee scholarship in their first year of study at the University of Birmingham. A 20% tuition fee scholarship will follow in subsequent years, for programmes covered under the agreement.



## WHY ENGINEERING AT BIRMINGHAM

The School of Engineering at Birmingham adopts a multi-disciplinary approach aligning the activities of Civil Engineering, Electronic, Electrical and Systems Engineering and Mechanical Engineering in order to create a collaborative, vibrant environment for outstanding study and research.

Teaching at Birmingham is research-led. Our expertise is in applying engineering science to solve problems of industrial and societal significance. This informs our teaching and allows you to undertake projects related to the Department's research strengths. The School benefits from extensive investment in facilities with a new state of the art Engineering building allowing more flexible and accessible ways of working.

The University of Birmingham has excellent links with industry, giving you the opportunity to gain real-world experience during your study and prepare for entering the workplace as a graduate.





'The best thing about studying at the University of Birmingham would be the environment. It has a beautiful campus, full of greenery and places for students to relax. It is also well connected to the city centre of Birmingham, which has lots of shops and restaurants, all within walking distance of each other.'

## **BEATRICE ONG MAY CHING** 2+2 GRADUATE

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The Guild of Students

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have passed year 1 in the relevant UCSI programme listed in the table above and must have achieved an overall score of at least 70% with all science modules taken and passed.

#### **English Language**

Students will also need to meet one of the following admission requirements for English language:

- Malaysian SPM 1119 Grade C
- IELTS 6.0 overall with no less than 5.5 in anv band
- TOEFL 80 overall with no less than 19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 21 in Speaking and 19 in Writing
- PTE Academic 51 in all four skills

Students are strongly advised to ensure they have taken their English Language test in plenty of time.

There are also six and ten-week pre-sessional English courses available for students whose IELTS is not quite high enough. Students must have taken UKVI IELTS in order to apply for our pre-sessional courses. Further details can be found here: www.birmingham.ac.uk/ international/bia

#### **Application process**

The application procedure is designed to be simple and easy for you. UCSI will provide you with the link to an online application form so that you can apply directly to Birmingham.

Applications open in fall and we encourage students to make their applications by spring, so that there is enough time for admission processing, visa applications and securing accommodation.

For your application, the documents you will need are:

- Passport information pages
- IELTS (or equivalent English language qualification)
- Academic transcripts and certified translations (if required)
- A list of uncompleted credits that you're studying/will study before enrolling at Birmingham

An up to date list of documentation required to apply, along with a very helpful 'how to apply' video and frequently asked questions can be found on our webpages: www.birmingham. ac.uk/direct-entry-eps-apply

If you do not have all of the documentation at the time of application, please do not worry as you can provide this to us at a later date.

If your application is successful, you will be made an offer to study with us. If you are unable to submit all documents at the time of application we will make you a conditional offer.

Once the conditions of your offer are met, you will be issued with an unconditional offer, followed by a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), which will be required for your student visa application.

#### Student Route visa for study

Most students will require a visa to study in the UK. The earliest you can submit your visa application is three months before your course starts, but you can start planning straightaway. Please see our visa webpages:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/ students/visas



#### Accommodation

The University offers a guarantee of accommodation for students, providing you accept your offer and apply for accommodation by the end of July.

Undergraduate students can live in halls of residence (or 'dorms') which offer a safe, welcoming and sociable environment and are only a short walk from the main campus.

We have a range of accommodation options available across three student villages all between a 5 and 20-minute walk from campus.

There are also different catering options to consider such as self-catering or flexible meal plan options.

Accommodation applications can be made online once you have accepted your offer.

For more information, please see: www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation

#### Living in Birmingham

The City of Birmingham is just three miles away from the University campus via a short bus ride, or less than ten minutes on the train. With our very own 'University' train station, it couldn't be easier to get into the heart of the city centre, where you will find an abundance of attractions and entertainment.

From high-end shopping centres, to museums, art galleries, sports stadiums and music venues, plus a wealth of restaurants and bars to choose from, there is plenty to experience during your time here at Birmingham.

For those who would like to venture further afield, Birmingham is conveniently placed in the Midlands with excellent road and rail links to the rest of the UK. Birmingham International Airport is just a ten-minute train ride from the city centre, making overseas travel simple.

Find out more here: www.birmingham.ac.uk/city



The Vale - one of the University's accommodation villages



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#### Life on campus

With striking red brick architecture, leafy green spaces and a range of ongoing modern developments, our campus is an exciting and innovative environment to study in.

As well as state of the art lecture theatres, laboratories and learning facilities, your everyday needs are catered for with a variety of shops, cafes, bars, banks and sports facilities on campus. Central campus is also home to our Student Hub and a multitude of other student services. Find out more here: www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/ birmingham/campus

#### **Guild of Students**

The Guild of Students (our students union) is another place you'll find lots of support services. You'll also find The Guild offers great social events, chances to get involved in the community and has over 250 student societies for you to join; so you can share your hobbies and interests with like-minded people, learn new skills and make new friends!

To find out more see our webpages: www.guildofstudents.com/about/ who-we-are



## LEARN MORE

For more information, please see our webpages www.birmingham.ac.uk/ eps-direct-entry or contact:

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