



## Student Exchange FACT SHEET 2020 - 2021

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EASY Application Platform	<a href="https://aec.dreamapply.com/institutions/institution/1432-royal-birmingham-conservatoire">https://aec.dreamapply.com/institutions/institution/1432-royal-birmingham-conservatoire</a>
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### Application and Admission:

How to Apply	<p><b><u>EASY Online Application Platform</u></b></p> <p>Please apply for an exchange at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire through the EASY only application system.</p> <p>Here is the link to the EASY website: <a href="https://aec.dreamapply.com/">https://aec.dreamapply.com/</a></p> <p>You can find detailed application advice and guidance on our EASY profile: <a href="https://aec.dreamapply.com/institutions/institution/1432-royal-birmingham-conservatoire">https://aec.dreamapply.com/institutions/institution/1432-royal-birmingham-conservatoire</a></p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> You must prepare an audition or portfolio for your application. Please see Audition and Portfolio guidance below.</p> <p>Please prepare the following documents as part of your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erasmus+ Application Form (available on our EASY profile)</li><li>• Provisional Learning Agreement (available on our EASY profile)</li><li>• Transcript of Study to date</li><li>• Passport Scan</li></ul> <p>Our <b>Deadline</b> is the <b>31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020</b> and we will aim to make a decision on your application by the end of May.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> We do not offer Spring Semester study for exchange students</p>
Audition and Portfolio Guidance	<p>Please visit our website for specific audition and portfolio guidance for each department at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire: <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire/music/departments">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire/music/departments</a></p>
Application Deadline*	<p><b>31<sup>st</sup> March 2020</b> (Autumn 2020 and Full Year 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 and Credits:

Important Information	<p>We will provide you with a selection of modules (classes) that you can take as an exchange student at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.</p> <p><b>We do not normally offer assessment to exchange students.</b> However, if there is a specific requirement from your home college or University for us to award you marks and credits you must inform us of this requirement <b>before</b> you arrive in Birmingham.</p> <p>It is very important that you tell us if you require assessments/marks and credits 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><b>Please note:</b> 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>
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## Academic Calendar 2020 -2021:

Event	Dates
International Orientation Week	7 September 2020 – 11 September 2020
International Student Welcome Event	Friday 11 September 2020
Induction Week	14 September 2020 – 18 September 2020
Semester 1 teaching begins	21 September 2020
Exchange Study Period Ends	18 December 2020
Winter vacation	21 December 2020 – 4 January 2021
Semester 2 begins	18 January 2021
Easter vacation	29 March 2021 – 18 April 2021
End of Year Assessment Period Begins	3 May 2021
Academic Year Ends	21 June 2021

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

One Semester Study	<b>Short-term Study Visa</b> More information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/overview">https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/overview</a>
One Year Study	<b>Tier 4 Student Visa</b> More information: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa">https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa</a>



## Accommodation:

University Halls of Residence*	After you have been accepted please visit our website for accommodation information: <a href="http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/accommodation">http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/accommodation</a>
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: <a href="http://homes.bcsu.com/">http://homes.bcsu.com/</a>
Other Accommodation Options	Please visit: <a href="http://www.bcsu.com/advice/housing/wheretolook/">http://www.bcsu.com/advice/housing/wheretolook/</a>

## 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 (40-45 weeks)	£145 - 155 per week
Food, and other shopping	£3000
Insurance for personal belongings	£15 - £130
Laundry (using a launderette)	£260
Course related costs: books/stationery/photocopying/binding	£450
Bus pass – 3 terms + summer pass (travel)	£410
Mobile telephone	£240
Social activity costs – depends on activities	£600 - £960
Kitchen utensils, plates and cutlery	£35
Police registration (if applicable)	£34
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£10,844 - £11,719</b>

## General Travel Information:

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