



Student Mobility FACT SHEET 2021-22

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Application and Admission:

How to Apply	<p><u>EASY Online Application Platform</u> 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: https://aec.dreamapply.com/</p> <p>You can find detailed application advice and guidance on our EASY profile: https://aec.dreamapply.com/institutions/institution/1432-royal-birmingham-conservatoire</p> <p>Please Note: 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">• Erasmus+ Application Form (available on our EASY profile)• Provisional Learning Agreement (available on our EASY profile)• Transcript of Study to date• Passport Scan <p>Our Deadline is the 30th of April 2021 and we will aim to make a decision on your application by the end of June. Please note that we are waiting for confirmation from our parent university (Birmingham City University) on whether or not we will run an incoming mobility programme in 2021-22.</p>
Audition and Portfolio Guidance	<p>Please visit our website for specific audition and portfolio guidance for each department at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire: https://www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire/music/departments</p>
Application Deadline*	<p>30th April 2021</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, Study Plan 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>We do not normally offer assessment to exchange students. 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 <u>before</u> 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/ courses 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>
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Academic Calendar 2021-22:

Event	Dates
International Orientation Week	6 - 10 September
International Student Welcome Event	TBC
Induction Week	13 - 17 September
Semester 1 teaching begins	20 September
Exchange Student Study Period Ends	17 December
Winter vacation	20 December – 7 January
Semester 2 begins	10 January
Easter vacation	4 -24 April
End of Year Assessment Period Begins	25 April
Academic Year Ends	17 June

Visa and Immigration Requirements

One Semester Study	<p>Standard Visitor Visa</p> <p>We strongly advise incoming exchange students to obtain a visitor visa to study at our institution.</p> <p>More information: https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa</p>
One Year Study	<p>Student Visa</p> <p>More information: https://www.gov.uk/student-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: https://www.bcusu.com/homes/
Other Accommodation Options	Please visit: http://www.bcusu.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 (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
Total:	£10,844 - £11,719

General Travel Information:

Airport	Birmingham International Airport (12 miles) - 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/