



Student Exchange FACT SHEET 2020 - 2021

Contact Information:

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Main Contacts | Ruth Wootton - International Coordinator Matt Remnant – Exchange Administrator |
| Email | ConservatoireMobility@bcu.ac.uk |
| Website: | http://www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire |
| EASY Application Platform | https://aec.dreamapply.com/institutions/institution/1432-royal-birmingham-conservatoire |
| Address | Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Office Level 2 Millennium Point Curzon St, Birmingham B4 7XG United Kingdom |

Application and Admission:

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| How to Apply | <p><u>EASY Online Application Platform</u></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: 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 31st of March 2020 and we will aim to make a decision on your application by the end of May.</p> <p>NOTE: 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: http://www.bcu.ac.uk/conservatoire/study-here/international-students/submitting-an-audition-recording</p> |
| Application Deadline* | <p>1st March 2020 (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>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 before 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>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> |
|-----------------------|---|

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 | Short-term Study Visa More information: https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/overview |
| One Year Study | Tier 4 Student Visa More information: https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa |



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 (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 (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: http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/ |
| Bus | Website: http://www.networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes/students/ |