



UCB
University College Birmingham

One Week Orientation Programme

Designed Especially for International Students

20th – 24th September 2010



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This programme is available for all international students, for whom English is not their first language, enrolling on both further and higher education programmes at the University College Birmingham.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION PROGRAMME?

Obviously, if you are going to join a British educational programme and English is not your first language, you will need to make sure that your English is appropriate for the course you are going to study. The English vocabulary which is needed to follow a Foundation Degree, an undergraduate degree or Masters programme is often wider and more technical than some students are accustomed to - even for those whose English is good. You may also find that studying in the UK is different to what you have experienced in your own country.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

The programme aims to give you an introduction to and academic and cultural aspects of the UK. This is very important for the types of courses offered by the College. You will have the opportunity to settle in and attend to the necessary issues of registration, enrolment, sorting out bank accounts, etc. The programme also includes a brief introduction to studying in College and the ways you will study. An example timetable of the week is included on page 4.

TUITION FEES

Students enrolled onto a full time course at the University College Birmingham, will not be charged for tuition for this orientation programme.

ACCOMMODATION

If you have booked College accommodation for the duration of your studies, you will be staying in either The Maltings or in Cambrian Hall during the orientation programme. These are situated in the heart of the city centre within easy reach of not only the College but also the shops, entertainment, rail and coach stations.

SUPPORT SERVICES YOU WILL MEET DURING ORIENTATION

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTRE

The International Student Centre is located near Student Services on the 7th floor of the main building in Summer Row. The Centre is able to assist students with the following:

- Erasmus Exchange Programme
- International student admissions
- Visa issues (if applicable)
- Police registration (if applicable)
- Meet and Greet service
- Opening a bank account
- Help and advice for personal and academic matters

STUDENT SERVICES UNIT

The Student Services Unit will be available to provide information on the services provided to all students. Your first few days in Birmingham are likely to be busy and occasionally confusing so the information provided by the Student Services Unit is designed to help you with:

- Accommodation
- Health Care registering with a dentist , doctor or optician,
- Applying for free prescriptions
- Local Travel

THE LANGUAGE SUPPORT CENTRE

The Language Support Centre will be introduced to you to explain the range of support available for when you start your course. This includes the assignment proof reading service and the additional classes that run in the semester such as academic writing, academic reading, conversation and pronunciation.

You will also be given details of written and spoken examinations you can take to give you additional English qualifications.

To reserve a place on the programme, please complete the application form on page 4 and return it to:

International Students Admissions Office
University College Birmingham
Summer Row
Birmingham
B3 1JB
UK

Email: international@ucb.ac.uk

Fax: +44 (0) 121 200 1376

Example Time Schedule – Subject to change

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

20th – 24th September 2010

Date	Time	Events
<i>Monday</i>		
		One and a half hour session will be allocated for a tour of the College facilities
		Time will be spent sorting out banks, police registration, personal items

<i>Tuesday</i>		
		Welcome to the College
		Introduction to Staff
		International Student Society
		Study Experiences from the Student Ambassadors
		Part time job opportunities
		Time will be spent sorting out banks, police registration, personal items

<i>Wednesday</i>		
		Information about English Language Support, Additional English classes and Modern Languages
		Medical Registration and National Health Service
		Visa Issues / European Funding

<i>Thursday</i>		
		Pre-enrolment and Induction
		BBQ for international students at the Maltings

<i>Friday</i>		
		One hour open-top bus tour of Birmingham City
		The one hour tour is part of a schedule running between 09:00 – 17:00

<i>Monday</i>		
		Courses commence

ONE WEEK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME APPLICATION FORM

Please email the following details to international@ucb.ac.uk or, if handwriting this form, please write clearly.

Personal Details: (Please PRINT CLEARLY in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Mr/Miss/Mrs / Ms (please circle)

Family name.....

First Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone Number.....

Email Address.....

Date of Birth..... Nationality.....

Please state the full-time course for which you have been accepted (i.e. BA HBM, MA HBM, Erasmus etc)

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Please also confirm the following:

Have you obtained your student visa yet? (If applicable).....

Have you applied for College accommodation yet? (If applicable)

If so, have you been allocated a room?

Arrival Details:

Date/Time of Arrival (If known).....

Airport.....Flight Number

Signature.....Date.....

The full induction timetable will be sent to you in early September 2010