

# Catalogue 2020-21

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## 1. Vision, Missions and Institutional Goals

University of Birmingham was established in 1900 to unlock the global potential of a progressive city. That same vision and mission is at the heart of what we have set about achieving here in the UAE through our campus in Dubai. Working in partnership with the UAE and Dubai governments the University will make a contribution to the Knowledge economy, skills development and national and regional agendas for the Dubai, the UAE and the wider Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia region. We remain committed to ensuring our global influence continues to grow while remaining at the heart of the cities that we serve. Details of our strategic goals and vision can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

## 2. University History

A brief statement and summary of the institution's history contains the following sections:

- Our History and Heritage
- A Brief History
- Our new campus
- Leadership and University Structure
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Strategy 2026
- The University Legislation

## 3. Council, University Executive Board and Staff Members

This section provides approved list of members of the governing board and their affiliations and the professional services team member details:

- Council
- University Executive Board
- Dubai Academic Staff
- Dubai Professional Services Staff

### 4. Student Charter

The Student Charter, developed in conjunction with the Guild of Students, highlights the entitlements and responsibilities of students of the University, sets out the principles of the University-student partnership and demonstrates the University's commitment to students. Details of student charter are available here.

## 5. Organisational Structure

Our structure allows greater interdisciplinary work and fosters a culture of collaboration for both academic and Corporate Services staff. Details of our structure can be found through the following <a href="Link">Link</a>.

## 6. Admission application fees and related Information

Information about application process and other detailed information can be found on the following links. Section cover information about the following areas of admission

- Application Information and guidance
- Entry criteria and eligibility information Programme Pages
- Code of Practice on Admission of Students
- Guidance Note for the Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)
- Code of Practice on Placement Learning
- Guidance Note on Distance Learning

## 7. Financial Information

This area covers information about tuition fees, fees liability, scholarships and refunds. Details information is available through the following links about each section

- Tuition Fees
- Scholarships
- Tuition fees Liability
- Refunds
- Dubai Emergency Assistance Fund

## 8. Online registration

All students need to complete <u>Online Registration</u> at the start of each academic year. Essential information to help you understand and complete the online registration process is available at this <u>link</u>.

Online Registration is the process for confirming that you will be studying at the University of Birmingham and by which you agree to abide by the University's regulations. It is an essential step in becoming a student at the University, so it is important that you complete it as soon as possible when asked to.

## 9. Term Dates and Holidays

This section provides information about <u>semester dates and public holidays</u> for Dubai campus.

## 10. Policies and procedures governing student registration and withdrawals

This section covers information about student withdrawals, changes to student status and registry related information. The link here provides information on:

- Leave of Absence, Programme Change and Withdrawal
- Changing your details
- Policy & Quality Assurance
- Transcripts & Certificates

## 11. Code of Conduct

This section sets out the principles and regulations to be followed in cases of Student misconduct, including instances of misconduct which do not take place on University property. The information is contained in <u>Regulation 8</u> of the University's regulations.

## 12. The DIAC and Dubai Code of Conduct

The <u>Dubai International Academic City</u> has published a poster-style <u>student code of conduct</u> applicable to students who belong to universities within the DIAC, of which the University of Birmingham is one. A high level outline of the prohibited conduct can be found below for students who are part of the Dubai International Academic City. Details of code of conduct are available on the following link.

## 13. Codes of Practice, Policies and Guidance

The University's Codes of Practice, Policies and Guidance documents that apply to you, as a student, will depend upon the year in which you started your studies, this is referred to as Cohort Legislation and means that it is the set of regulations that govern your entry into the University will remain with you throughout the duration of your study or you will be notified should anything need to change. Links to all of the relevant documents can be found in the 'Cohort Legislation' section below, or by clicking an appropriate link from the menu on the right hand.

## 14. Code Of Practice On Academic Integrity

(Including Plagiarism And Conduct In Examinations And Class Tests)

This <u>Code of Practice</u> and the associated <u>guidance</u> applies to all Registered Students, students on Leave of Absence, Students with Thesis Awaited Status, Externally Registered Students and Graduands ('Students'). Please ensure you are referring to the appropriate Code of Practice for your year of entry to your programme of study.

## 15. Plagiarism

The specific policy in relation to plagiarism can be found <u>here</u>.

## 16. Code of Practice for Research

This link provides the relevant information about our <u>statement on the research</u> policy of the institution.

## 17. Data Protection Policy

The University of Birmingham is a UK organisation and the Dubai campus is fully owned and operated by the UK based university. The University therefore has a responsibility to adopt practice that meets both local UAE legislation and regulation in relation to data protection and the UK's General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 which came into force in 25 May 2018. The Data Protection Law provides enhanced rights for individuals and imposes greater obligations on data controllers in relation to its governance, record-keeping, privacy notices and organisational and technical measures.

Information on the content of student records, and the privacy protections which the institution has in place as well as the circumstances under which a student's record can be accessed through the following links.

Details of the University's Data Protection Policy and associated guidance can be found on the following links:

- Data Protection Policy
- Student Privacy guidance

## 18. Policies and procedures governing safeguarding, including the prevention of radicalisation, extremism and terrorism

Our University plays a part in maintaining a safe and welcoming community for everyone who studies and works with us. The <u>information and links</u> to the relevant policies and procedures can be found <u>here</u>.

## 19. Policies and procedures governing the raising of students' concerns

The University of Birmingham is committed to providing a high quality educational experience, fully supported by a range of academic and administrative services and facilities. From time to time, however, things do go wrong, and the University recognises the need for students to be able to express their dissatisfaction where this happens. This happens through our <u>Student Concern</u> procedures.

# 20. Policies and procedures governing keeping students safe from the threats, and the support available to help them

The University maintains and adopts a range of policies and procedures to support the wellbeing and positive nature of our community to support study, learning and development. They include:

- Bullying & Harassment
- Sexual misconduct
- Safeguarding
- Health and Safety
- Dubai Health and Safety
- Social Media

## 21. Ministry of Education Licensure

The University of Birmingham Dubai, is officially Licensed from 30th September 2019 to 9th September 2026 by the Ministry of Education of the United Arab Emirates to award degrees/qualifications in higher education.

Details of accreditation are available through the following <u>link</u>.

## 22. Other Accreditations and Rankings

The University of Birmingham accredits and validates a number of degree courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level:

https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/about/rankings-accreditations.aspx https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/dubai/study/index.aspx

## 23. University Facilities and Services for Students

The University has a range of online services designed to help you make the most of your studies and access the facilities available to you as a student. These links also provide

information on the appropriate and proper use of the institution's facilities and electronic resources, including Internet connections;

Information about these facilities and terms of use can be found through the following links This section provides information about the following:

- Campus Facilities
- Student Well Being
- Student Fees and Funding
- Tuition Fees Liability
- Visa Support and guidance
- Orientation and Welcome
- Academic Services & College Systems
- Accommodation
- Term Dates and Holidays
- Prayer rooms
- Opening Hours
- Career counselling and placement services
- Online and IT Services
- Conditions for using Computing & Network Facilities

## 24. Learning Resources Centre

Library Services supports the information resources and services needs of staff and students undertaking high quality research, learning and teaching at the University. Information about the LRC/Library and its resources, including electronic resource services are available through the following links:

- Catalogue Search <u>FindIt@Bham</u>.
- Resource Lists
- Library Services
- Membership and Borrowing

## 25. Cooperative relationships with other educational, cultural or community organisations

We have partnered with Amity University and to provide our students state-of-the-art laboratory facilities. Details can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

## 26. Information about qualification titles and programmes offered

University of Birmingham Dubai offers a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and foundation courses in different fields. Details are available on our website through our Programme Pages in the <u>'Study in Dubai'</u> section of our website.

## 27. Campus Information and location

All of the relevant information for the campus, our location and contact details are available through our website at the following links:

- Our Campus
- Our <u>new Campus</u>
- Our <u>Academic Programmes</u>

Our <u>location and contact details</u>

## 28. Student Services

The University of Birmingham Dubai provides a range of student support services throughout a student's studies to help them thrive as a student. Our <u>Student Services</u> team in Dubai provides many aspects of service which cover the following:

- International Student Support
- Visa Assistance
- Registration
- Scholarships and Payments
- Student Administration
- Library Services
- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Transport and Accommodation
- Student Bank Account Opening
- Graduations

Details of Student Services Team and their profiles can be found on the following link.

## 29. Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals

Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals is responsible for handling student complaints and academic appeals, and for performing a broad range of functions in relation to allegations of student misconduct. The relevant policies can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> along with further details for Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals.

## 30. Programmes of Study Section

This section provides information about:

- Institution's definition of a credit hour or equivalent unit;
- Institution's use of the terms 'minor, or area of concentration
- Institution's minimum number and level of credits/ units required for each core courses and electives.
- Approved number of credits for each course

The relevant information can be found in the following parts of the University's legislation and Codes of Practice

- Code of Practice on Taught Programme and Module Assessment and Feedback
- <u>Guidance on Minimum Standards for the Organisation and Supervision of</u>
  Dissertations for Postgraduate Taught Programmes

## 31. Student Wellbeing

Dubai campus has a dedicated Student Wellbeing Officer to provide support and guidance for all students enrolled in Dubai. Details of the support available including our <u>online counselling provision</u> can be found <u>here</u>.

## 32. Career counselling and placement services

Our <u>careers services</u> are multi-award-winning and considered to be sector-leading both in the UK and internationally. University provides careers support and a wide range of services for students, details of which can be accessed through the following link

## 33. Examinations, Timetabling, Results

Timetabling and Examinations are a sub-division within Registry. This section covers detailed information about timetabling, examinations, results, grading/credit system, dissertation

- Examinations and Timetabling
- Grading
- <u>Examination Results</u>
- Accessing Results online
- End of session guidance