



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

Welcome to your Open Day

City South Campus

Saturday 10 October | 9am – 3pm

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**A very warm welcome to our open day!
I'm incredibly proud to be Chancellor
of Birmingham City University.**

Every day, I learn something new about what makes BCU, and Birmingham, so special – it's one of the many reasons why my role as Chancellor is such a rewarding one. The best way to find out what's happening at this University and across the city is to come and see us, which is why our open days are such great events. You can see our facilities, get the inside track from current students, and ask our staff any questions you may have.

Have a fantastic day and I hope we'll be welcoming you as a student soon.

Ade Adepitan MBE
Chancellor of Birmingham City University



Hello



General talks

VC Welcome - in person talk

Hear from our Vice-Chancellor's Office about what makes BCU a great place to study!

9.30 - 10am

Location: SCT009, Seacole Extension

Virtual welcome talk

Missed the first welcome talk?
Watch a virtual welcome from our Vice-Chancellor and a brief intro from our Accommodation team.

10am - 3pm (on a loop)

Location: SCT219

Personal statement advice

Personal statements are a crucial part of UCAS applications. Hear our top tips on making yours stand out!

10.30-11am

1.00 - 1.30pm

Location: SCT207

Student finance talk

Get all of your finance questions answered in this informative talk.

11.15 - 11.45am

1.45 - 2.15pm

Location: SCT207

Follow the [blue stickers](#) to get to SCT009 (Seacole Extension)

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Make the most of your day

- ☐ Say hi at check in
- ☐ Attend a welcome talk
- ☐ Take an accommodation tour
- ☐ Talk to a Student Ambassador about their BCU journey
- ☐ Learn more about your course - chat to tutors and students or take a tour!
- ☐ Speak to our support services staff for advice on everything from finance to health and wellbeing



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Top things to see and do



SPACE - Skills Practice and Care Enhancement SCT004 and SCT005, Seacole Building

Explore our innovative practice area where students can build confidence and develop practical skills using specialist equipment and resources outside lecture time.



Digital anatomy tables (recommended for age 12 +) SCT057, Simulation Centre, Seacole Building

See demonstrations of our digital anatomy tables that bring the complexities of the human body to life.



Mock wards SCT051/052 Simulation Centre, Seacole Building

Visit our mock wards which have been set up for adult and child patients and talk to our staff and students.



Explore our social work course through Virtual Reality SCT153, Telehealth Suite

Experience what it's like to work in our social care with our virtual reality headsets located in the Telehealth Suite.



Meet representatives from the Royal Navy Ground floor, Seacole Building

Come and talk to us if you're interested in a career in the Royal Navy as a nurse, ODP or diagnostic radiographer.



Speech and Language Therapy SCT109/110, Seacole Extension

See one of our specialist clinic and resource rooms and learn more about what speech and language therapists do.



Biomedical Science labs SCT214/215, Seacole Extension

Visit our labs to get hands on with our equipment! Have a go at using an urinalysis kit to diagnose diseases, and our light microscopes to examine different tissues from the body.



Midwifery Skills suite SCT154, Seacole Building

Our birth centre is equipped with low and high dependency zones as well as a sophisticated manikin, Victoria, who can give birth! Visit to get hands on and leave with a real feel for the career.



'Simulance' SCTAMB (SCT054), Simulation Centre, Seacole Building

What's it like to deliver healthcare in the back of a vehicle and what kit do they use? Visit our specialist space to investigate life as a Paramedic Science student.



Operating Theatre with anaesthetic and recovery spaces SCT055/056 Simulation Centre, Seacole Building

From preparing patients in anaesthetics, getting scrubbed up, gloved and gowned, learn more about Operating Department Practitioners.



Basic Life Support suite SCT155, Seacole Building

See our resuscitation lab in action with demonstrations and maybe even have a go at a CPR race!

Library and Learning Resources

Take a tour of the Mary Seacole Library and chat to our team about the resources available.

Ground floor, Seacole Building



Accommodation tours

Tours of Beech Gardens and Haus run throughout the day between 9am and 3pm. Tours must be booked in advance at the accommodation desk.

SCT024, Seacole Building



Did you know that Birmingham is home to...

Independent hotspots

You've probably heard of the famous Bullring shopping centre, but did you know that Birmingham is home to over 100 unique independent retailers? Be sure to head to hotspots such as The Great Western Arcade, Piccadilly Arcade, Bennetts Hill and John Bright Street to discover a range of hidden gems.

Pretty much everything!

From Ozzy Osbourne to Cadbury Chocolate to Lord of the Rings, there have been plenty of great things to come out of Birmingham. We produce 40% of all the jewellery in the UK, we're the birthplace of the Balti and have hundreds of bars and restaurants for students to enjoy. It's safe to say that Birmingham is a city that caters to everyone.

A thriving Creative Quarter

Just a stone's throw away from our City Centre Campus is Digbeth, known as the Creative Quarter of Birmingham. Want to throw an axe at something? Check. Want to grab some drinks in a bar made out of shipping containers? Check. Want to shop one-of-a-kind vintage clothing? Check. If you're heading to Birmingham, visiting Digbeth is a must!

More canals than Venice

Birmingham has over 100 miles of canal networks for you to enjoy. So, take a step off the pavement and onto the towpath to explore more canals than Venice. Keep an eye out for all the striking street art you'll see along the way.

Subjects

Find out more about your course

Biomedical Science

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our staff and students across the Department of Life Sciences	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Seacole Building
Biomedical Science virtual reality demonstrations talk and optional tour	10.30am - 12noon 12.45 - 2.15pm	SCT302, Seacole Extension
Visit our labs to get hands on with our equipment	9am - 3pm	SCT214/215, Seacole Extension

Diagnostic Radiography

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our staff and students across the Department of Health and Social Care Professions	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Seacole Building
Diagnostic Radiography Placement Q&A	9.30 - 10am 12 - 12.30pm 1.30 - 2pm	SCT082, Seacole Building
Diagnostic Radiography simulation drop-in	9.30am - 3pm	SCT090, Seacole Building
Diagnostic Radiography course talk and optional tour	10.30 - 11.15am 12.30 - 1.15pm	SCT009, Seacole Building

Operating Department Practice (ODP)

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our staff and students across the Department of Health and Social Care Professions	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Seacole Building
Operating Department Practice (ODP) drop-in	9.30am - 3pm	SCT055/056, Seacole Building
Operating Department Practice (ODP) course talk and optional tour	10.15 - 11.30am 12.30 - 1.45pm	SCT055/056, Seacole Building
Play our Giant Operation Game!	9am - 3pm	Health and Social Care stand, ground floor Seacole Building

Paramedic Science

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our staff and students across the Department of Health and Social Care Professions	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Seacole Building
Paramedic Science simbulance drop-in	9.30am - 3pm	SCT054, Seacole Building
Paramedic Science course talk and optional tour	11.25am - 12.10pm 1.15 - 2pm	SCT009, Seacole Building



Social Work

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our staff and students across the Department of Health and Social Care Professions	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Seacole Building
Social Work drop-in and virtual reality demonstrations	9.30am - 3pm	SCT153, Telehealth Suite, Seacole Building
Social Work course talk	10.30 - 11.15am 12.30 - 1.15pm	SCT263, Seacole Building

Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our staff and students across the Department of Health and Social Care Professions	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Seacole Building
Speech and Language Therapy clinic space drop-in	9.30am - 3pm	SCT109/110, Seacole Extension
Speech and Language Therapy course talk and optional tour	10.15 - 11.30am 1 - 2.15pm	SCT139, Seacole Building

Therapeutic Radiography

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our staff and students across the Department of Health and Social Care Professions	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Seacole Building
Therapeutic Radiography drop-in	9.30am - 3pm	SCT015A, Seacole Extension
Therapeutic Radiography course talk and tour	10.30 - 11.30am 12.30 - 1.30pm	SCT015D, Seacole Extension

Nursing

Courses: BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing | BSc (Hons) Children's Nursing | BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing | BSc (Hons) Learning Disabilities Nursing | MSc Nursing (Adult or Mental Health) | FdSc Nursing Associate | Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our Nursing lecturers	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Nursing stand, Seacole Building
Nursing tour and demonstrations (please book your place in advance)	11 - 12noon 12 - 1pm 1 - 2pm 2.15 - 3.15pm	Booking desk: Helpdesk near Nursing stand, Seacole Building
Nursing course talk	10.15 - 10.45am 1.30 - 2pm	SCT050, Seacole Building

Midwifery

Courses: BSc (Hons) Midwifery, MSc Midwifery

Activity	Time	Location
Meet our Midwifery lecturers	9am - 3pm	Ground floor, Midwifery stand, Seacole Building
Midwifery skills drop-in	9.30am - 3pm	SCT154, Seacole Building
Midwifery courses talk and optional tour	10.30am - 11.30am 12.30 - 1.30pm	SCT209, Seacole Extension

Basic life support

9.30am - 3pm,
SCT155,
Seacole Building

See our resuscitation lab in action with demonstrations and maybe even have a go at a CPR race!



Meet our support services staff

Accommodation

Ask us about: accommodation options, how to apply, payments and life in student halls.

Location: SCT024, Seacole Extension

Admissions

Ask us about: entry requirements, qualifications, offers, scholarships and the application process.

Location: Mezzanine, Level 1, Seacole Extension

Apprenticeships

Higher and degree apprenticeships are a high-quality alternative to a traditional university degree. They allow apprentices to achieve a higher education qualification while working full-time and gaining experience in the workplace. Come and speak to us to find out more.

Location: Ground Floor, Seacole Extension

Careers and Student Opportunities

Students are supported by a specialist team. Ask us about: the benefits of a degree, work placements and graduate jobs.

Location: Ground floor, Seacole Extension

Fees and funding

Find out more about all the funding opportunities that are available to you, as well as guidance on fees and student loans.

Location: Ground floor, Seacole Extension

Student support

We offer advice on childcare, money matters, enablement, mental health and wellbeing, or any other queries including University procedures.

Location: Ground floor, Seacole Extension

Students' Union

Ask us about student life, societies and how we support our students throughout their time here.

Location: Ground floor, Seacole Building

Need assistance?

We're on hand all day to help with any questions you may have. Whether it's directions to a particular talk, or where to eat on campus, we're here to help.

Location: Ground floor, Seacole Extension

Infant feeding room available

SCT0X02, ground floor,
Seacole Building

Need a minute?

Take a break from our busy Open Day in **SCT251** and **SCT306**.



Reaching beyond expectations

Birmingham was built as an answer. A city forged by necessity, grit and innovation to become the workshop of the world.

Just as Birmingham rose to meet the challenges of the Industrial Revolution, we're rising to meet challenges of the future.

At BCU, we're inspiring the talent for tomorrow, striving to make meaningful change for our communities and the world.

Although the tools have changed, our spirit of innovation and ingenuity remains the same.

We're proud of who we've been, but today we embrace the future.

Will you face it with us?

How to write your personal statement

The personal statement is made up of three questions. When answering each question, you should demonstrate the things that make you a great candidate for your chosen course.

The three core questions:

- Why do you want to study this course or subject?
- How have your qualifications and studies helped you prepare for this course or subject?
- What have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?

How to get started

Make a list or mind-map of your experiences in school and college, work, volunteering and extra-curricular activities. Think about which of these has taught you key skills you'll use at university. For example, did working on a presentation teach you to work independently? Or maybe being a part of your hockey team has taught you to work with others. Once you've got all your ideas on paper you can pick your favourites and see how they align to each of the questions.

How much can I write?

The personal statement has a maximum character count of 4,000 across the three questions, which includes spaces. You don't have to use the same number of characters for each question, so you can write more for one than you do for the others.

Top tips:

- The universities you apply to will review all three sections at the same time, so you don't need to repeat any information in different answers.
- Link back to your course. It's great to include examples of extra-curricular activities or achievements in your personal statement, but make sure you explain how these relate back to the course you are applying for.
- Give evidence for all your claims — don't just say you have good organisational skills, provide an example of how you can demonstrate it.

The city is your campus

Join us at Birmingham City University and you will be right in the heart of a forward-looking and vibrant city with plenty to do close at hand.



-  15-minute walk from New Street Station to City Centre Campus
-  10-minute walk from Moor Street Station to City Centre Campus
-  20-minute bus journey from Bullring to City South Campus

-  Birmingham City University campus
-  Accommodation
-  Railway stations
-  City centre areas of interest

To find out how long it takes to get to our campuses from your home, visit www.bcu.ac.uk/getting-here

Beyond

[be-yon-der] (noun)

A person who doesn't settle, follow or fit the mould. Someone who chooses to go further.

A beyonder is a builder. A problem solver.
A door opener. A 'first-in-family'. A career
-shifter. A changemaker.

The kind of thinking needed by Birmingham
and the world. **BCU thinking.**

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