



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION

Name

Student ID

WELCOME TO BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY

Thank you for choosing Birmingham City University (BCU) as your place of study.

As Director of the International Office I would like to offer a very warm welcome to you, on behalf of all of us at the University.

Birmingham City University is focused on making your experience here a positive and enjoyable one. We will support you through your new and exciting journey to gain a qualification that will not only increase your employability within the UK and throughout the world, but also give you the opportunity to develop your personal and social skills.

The International Office have been working hard to ensure the International Orientation programme is packed full of useful information and lots of opportunities for you to make friends and settle into life in the UK. If you need anything, please ask any of us.

The programme will run online live induction sessions covering a range of topics including health and wellbeing, library inductions, staying safe, understanding British culture, where to go in Birmingham and the UK, and money, banking and budgeting, including opening a bank account.

As well as the programme providing you with all the essential information that you require during the talks, there are many fun and exciting social activities for you to take part in such as Movie Night, Gameshow Night, Quiz Night, Coffee Hour, activity evenings and many more. For any students who are not able to join the talks or the social events, please note this is a 9-week orientation programme, so there is plenty of time to get involved when you arrive.

If you need anything throughout the programme, there is plenty of support available to you. We have an International Orientation Helpdesk running every day throughout the programme which you can see on the timetable. You can also just ask a member of the International Welcome Team at www.bcu.ac.uk/international/welcome or in the Orientation sessions.

I look forward to welcoming you and I wish you every success and happiness during your time at Birmingham City University.

Parmila Murria
Director, International Office

OUR BUDDIES ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

We have a dedicated team of buddies to help you throughout orientation.

All our buddies are current students of the University and are giving their time for free to ensure you have a supported and fun-packed orientation.

Our buddies are here to:

- Support you during your Orientation and help you to settle in
- Answer any questions you have about life at the University, Birmingham or the UK
- Help you to solve any problems you may have during International Orientation
- Have fun and make it easier for you to make new friends
- Help you complete your 'Passport to BCU'



Monday 17 January	
9.30 - 10.30am Your Orientation Introduction	Join the very first webinar introducing you to International Orientation Week. Meet your IOW team as we help you sign on to activities, register with a doctor, enrol online and take you through the programme.
10.30 - 11.30am Buddy Time	Meet your buddies (current students) and hear about their experiences at BCU. Ask questions, watch informative videos and virtual tours of the University.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
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1.30 - 3.30pm Afternoon Tunes and Games	Time to relax! Music will be playing and there will be games available.
3.30 - 5pm Free Time	
5 - 7pm BCU's Bingo	Join us for a social evening of bingo! Grab your bingo cards and have chances to win prizes through this amazing event.
Thursday 20 January	
9.30 - 10.30am Workshop: Understanding British Culture	A fun workshop presented by our student buddies, designed to help you understand the British culture, social rules, food and Birmingham slang.
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6 - 8pm The Activity Evening	Join us for an evening of friend building games and activities. You will have the opportunity to win prizes. The perfect way to make new friends, try activities and have lots of fun.
Wednesday 26 January	
9.30 - 10.30am Talk: Essential Information Session	Don't miss this one! This talk will give you the information you require to get settled into life in the UK and at BCU.
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2 - 5pm Free Time	
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2.30 - 3.30pm Talk: Where to go in Birmingham and the UK	Join the buddies as they present an overview of the many things to do and see in and around Birmingham, from tourist attractions to restaurants.
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9.30 - 10.30am Talk: Graduate+ Workshop	Learn about the fantastic Graduate+ Award scheme and how to stand out to future employers.
11am - 2pm Birmingham City Tours	Join the buddies as they will take you on a tour of the city. The city centre tour will help you find your way around Birmingham and if there is anything else out want to find just ask.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
12.30 - 6pm Free Time	
6 - 8pm Lunar New Year	Join us for this amazing cultural festival, celebrating the Lunar New Year
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10 - 10.30am Welcome Talk	Meet the Vice Chancellor as he welcomes you to the University and the city of Birmingham.
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Wednesday 2 February

10.30 - 11.30am
Talk: Careers+ Introduction

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- The many different services Careers+ offers
- Top tips on finding a part-time job in the UK and advice for UK CVs
- How you can make the most of your time while you are at BCU
- How to find and contact the team

12noon - 12.30pm
Self-Isolation Social

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2 - 4pm
Afternoon Tunes and Games

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4 - 5pm **Free Time**

5 - 7pm
BCU's Bingo

Join us for a social evening of Bingo! Grab your online bingo cards and win prizes through this amazing event.

Thursday 3 February

9.30 - 10am
How To: Hacks, Tips, Tricks

Watch your student buddies teach you some hacks, tips and tricks that you can learn.

11am - 12noon
Coffee Hour

Come along sit down with fellow students, buddies and enjoy a nice social with coffee.

12noon - 12.30pm
International Orientation Helpdesk

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1.30 - 2.30pm
Virtual Sports Afternoon

Get active and join in with this virtual sports introduction. Take part in physical activities in the comfort of your accommodation and learn about all the great sports available at BCU!

2.30 - 7pm **Free Time**

7 - 11pm
Students' Union Quiz Night

Join the Students' Union at the Eagle and Ball for an entertaining evening of Quizzes

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Friday 4 February

11am - 2pm
Birmingham City Tours

Join the buddies as they will take you on a tour of the city. The city centre tour will help you find your way around Birmingham and if there is anything else out want to find just ask.

12 - 12.30pm
International Orientation Helpdesk

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12.30 - 5pm **Free Time**

5 - 7pm
Games Night

Come along for a relaxed evening of board games. Make friends and show your competitive side in this great event.

Monday 7 February

10 - 10.30am
Welcome Talk

Meet the Vice Chancellor as he welcomes you to the University and the city of Birmingham.

11 - 11.30am
Your Orientation Introduction

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Wednesday 9 February	
9.30 - 10.30am Health and Wellbeing	Workshop: Health and Wellbeing Find out how to look after yourself during your time in the UK.
10.30 - 11am Talk: International Advisers	Find out about visas and other legal requirements.
12noon - 12.30pm Self-Isolation Social	Are you self-isolating? Feeling alone? If you are then please do attend this self-isolation social where you can get support, have any questions answered and take part in a social activity by playing some virtual games with our Student Buddies.
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14:30 - 15:30 Talk: Where to go in Birmingham and the UK	Join the buddies as they present an overview of the many things to do and see in and around Birmingham, from tourist attractions to restaurants.
3.30 - 5pm Free Time	
5 - 7pm Games Night	Come along for a relaxed evening of board games. Make friends and show your competitive side in this great event.
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9.30 - 10.45am Talk: Money Banking Budgeting	This talk will help you to understand the British currency, costs of living, how to open a bank account and tips on saving money and student discounts
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1.30 - 2.30pm Talk: Get Involved	Come and meet BCU Students' Union to find out how to make the most of your time at BCU and in the UK.
2.30 - 4.30pm Valentines Event	Get a ready for a fun packed afternoon with exciting activities like Valentine's crafts, networking and much more. Afternoon tea will be served with a mixture of Valentine themed cakes along with tea and coffee.

Tuesday 15 February

9.30 - 10.30am Talk: International Advisers	Find out about visas and other legal requirements.
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Wednesday 16 February

9.30 - 10.30am Workshop: Understanding British Culture	A fun workshop presented by our student buddies, designed to help you understand the British culture, social rules, food and Birmingham slang.
10.45 - 11.45am Talk: Where to go in Birmingham and the UK	Join the buddies as they present an overview of the many things to do and see in and around Birmingham, from tourist attractions to restaurants.
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2 - 3pm Global Language Café	Chat with fellow students, improve your English and learn another language in this amazing social event.

3 - 5pm **Free Time**

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12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
12.30 - 4.15pm Free Time	
4.15 - 7.30pm Social Distance Movie Hour	Be sure to join this relaxed Monday session where you can watch movies online, also join in on our movie discussions.
Tuesday 8 March	
10 - 11am Talk: Essential Information Session	Don't miss this one! This session will give you the information you require to really get settled into life in the UK and at Birmingham City University.
11am - 12noon Talk: Staying Safe in Birmingham	Top tips from a police officer for keeping you and your friends' safe.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
1.30 - 2.30pm Health and Wellbeing	Workshop: Health and Wellbeing Find out how to look after yourself during your time in the UK.
2.30 - 6pm Free Time	
6 - 8pm The Activity Evening	Join us for an existing evening of friend building games and activities. You will have the opportunity to win prizes. The perfect way to make new friends, try activities and have lots of fun
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Wednesday 9 March	
09:30-10:30 How To: Hacks, Tips, Tricks	Watch your student Buddies teach you some Hacks, tips and tricks that you can learn.
10.30 - 11.30am Talk: Centre for Academic Success	This talk will cover information about how the Centre can support you academically through study guides, workshops, resources and tutorials.
12noon - 12.30pm Self-Isolation Social	Are you self-isolating? Feeling alone? If you are then please do attend this self-isolation social where you can get support, have any questions answered and take part in a social activity by playing some virtual games with our Student Buddies.
1.30 - 4.30pm Afternoon Tunes and Games	Time to relax! Music will be playing and there will be games available.
4.30 - 6pm Free Time	
6 - 11pm Games 'n Grub	Join the Students' Union in the Eagle and Ball, the board games are coming out of the cupboard. Bring your friends, meet new people and enjoy the atmosphere.
Thursday 10 March	
9.30 - 10.30am Workshop: Understanding British Culture	A fun workshop presented by our student buddies, designed to help you understand the British culture, social rules, food and Birmingham slang.
10.45 - 11.45am Talk: Where to go in Birmingham and the UK	Join the buddies as they present an overview of the many things to do and see in and around Birmingham, from tourist attractions to restaurants.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
1.30 - 2.30pm Talk: Money, Banking and Budgeting	This talk will help you to understand the British currency, costs of living, how to open a bank account and tips on saving money and student discounts.
2.30 - 7pm Free Time	
7 - 11pm Students' Union Quiz Night	Join the Students' Union at the Eagle and Ball for an entertaining evening of quizzes.
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Friday 11 March

11 - 11.30am Talk: Library Workshop	Find out the differences of studying in the UK from our expert library tutors.
11am - 2pm Birmingham City Tours	Join the buddies as they will take you on a tour of the city. The city centre tour will help you find your way around Birmingham and if there is anything else out want to find just ask.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
12.30 - 5pm Free Time	
5 - 7pm Games Night	Come along for a relaxed evening of board games. Make friends and show your competitive side in this great event

Monday 14 March

10 - 10.30am Welcome Talk	Hear from our Vice Chancellor as he welcomes you to the university and the city of Birmingham.
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Tuesday 15 March

10 - 11am Workshop: Understanding British Culture	A fun workshop presented by our student buddies, designed to help you understand the British culture, social rules, food and Birmingham slang.
11am - 12noon Talk: Where to go in Birmingham and the UK	Join the buddies as they present an overview of the many things to do and see in and around Birmingham, from tourist attractions to restaurants.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
2 - 4pm Afternoon Tunes and Games	Time to relax! Music will be playing and there will be games available.

4 - 6pm **Free Time**

6 - 11pm 2-4-1 Cocktails	Head over to the Eagle and Ball for the Classic; order one, get another for free. Simple
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Wednesday 16 March

11 - 11.30am Talk: Get Involved	Come and meet BCU Students' Union to find out how to make the most of your time at BCU and in the UK.
12noon - 12.30pm Self-Isolation Social	Are you self-isolating? Feeling alone? If you are then please do attend this self-isolation social where you can get support, have any questions answered and take part in a social activity by playing some virtual games with our Student Buddies.
1 - 2pm Talk: Careers+ Introduction	Careers+ is the careers service for all BCU students and graduates. This talk will provide information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The many different services Careers+ offers • Top tips on finding a part-time job in the UK and advice for UK CVs • How you can make the most of your time while you are at BCU • How to find and contact the team

2 - 5pm **Free Time**

5 - 7pm BCU's Bingo	Join us for a social evening of bingo! Grab your bingo cards and have chances to win prizes through this amazing event.
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Thursday 17 March	
9.30 - 10am Talk: International Advisers	Find out about visas and other legal requirements.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
1.30 - 2.30pm Virtual Sports Afternoon	Get active and join in with this virtual sports introduction. Take part in physical activities in the comfort of your accommodation and learn about all the great sports available at BCU!
2.30 - 7pm Free Time	
7 - 11pm Students' Union Quiz Night	Join the Students' Union at the Eagle and Ball for an entertaining evening of Quizzes
Friday 18 March	
9.30 - 10.30am Talk: Graduate+ Workshop	Learn about the fantastic Graduate+ Award scheme and how to stand out to future employers.
12noon - 12.30pm International Orientation Helpdesk	Have any questions, need further support? Come along in this daily drop in session and have your queries answered.
12 - 3pm Holi 2022	Games and fun for everyone. Experience the world of colour
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PASSPORT TO BCU

Throughout International Orientation complete the tasks on the list below. Each time you complete a task make sure you tick it off. The final two are just for fun!

1. Complete your initial online enrolment.

2. Register for International Orientation.

3. Register with the Police (if you need to).

4. Register with a doctor.

5. Take a selfie with your new friends and share it on the IOWJan2022 Facebook page.

6. Take a picture of yourself enjoying your favourite meal during IO2022.



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