



BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION

NAME

STUDENT ID

WELCOME TO BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY, BIRMINGHAM AND THE UK

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

The University is dedicated to making your experience here a positive and enjoyable one. We will support you through your new and exciting journey.

International Orientation has been organised by the International Office to ensure you have all the essential information you need and lots of opportunities to make friends and settle into life in the UK.

If you need anything throughout the programme, just ask a member of the International Welcome Team at www.bcu.ac.uk/international/welcome or one of our dedicated student buddies.

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'

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 IO2021 Facebook page.	
6. Take a picture of yourself enjoying your favourite meal during IO2021.	

Monday 18 January	
9 – 10.30am Introduction Webinar	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 – 12noon 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.
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7 – 9pm Your Orientation	Join this webinar and share your experience of International Orientation Week and your goals as you start your studies at BCU. Chat with and make new friends in this social activity.

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6 – 8pm Valentine's Day	Celebrate the holiday of love online. Make new friends and take part in activities in this Valentine's themed event.

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6 – 8pm BCU's Gameshow Night	Take part in a fantastic selection of gameshows with a BCU twist! Join the live stream and win prizes at this fun night of questions and challenges.

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