



# INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

## Birmingham College



### Pathway For Undergraduate Studies In:

- ▶ Engineering

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- ▶ BEng Chemical Engineering (including minimum 60% in Mathematics and Chemistry)
- ▶ BSc Chemistry (including minimum 60% in Chemistry)
- ▶ BSc Biological Chemistry (including minimum 60% in Chemistry and Biology)
- ▶ BSc Computing Science
- ▶ BSc Computing for Business
- ▶ BSc Multimedia Computing
- ▶ BSc Computing Science and Business (Joint Honours)
- ▶ BEng Communications Engineering (including minimum 60% in Mathematics and Physics)
- ▶ BEng Electrical & Electronic Engineering (including minimum 60% in Mathematics and Physics)
- ▶ BEng Electronic Engineering & Computer Science (including minimum 60% in Mathematics and Physics)
- ▶ BSc Construction Project Management
- ▶ BSc Mathematics (including minimum 60% in Mathematics)
- ▶ BSc Mathematics with Computing (including minimum 60% in Mathematics)
- ▶ BSc Business & Mathematics (Joint honours) (including minimum 60% in Mathematics)

- ▶ BSc Mathematics with Economics (Joint honours) (including minimum 60% in Mathematics)
- ▶ BEng Mechanical Engineering (including minimum 60% in Mathematics and Physics)
- ▶ BEng Electromechanical Engineering (including minimum 60% in Mathematics and Physics)
- ▶ BEng Design Engineering (including minimum 60% in Mathematics and Physics)
- ▶ BSc Transport Product Design
- ▶ BSc Industrial Product Design
- ▶ BSc Product Design & Management

### Pathway For Undergraduate Studies In: Business Economics Finance Accountancy

- ▶ BSc(Hons) Accounting for Management
- ▶ BSc(Hons) Business and Management
- ▶ BSc(Hons) Business Computing and IT
- ▶ BSc(Hons) Economics and Management
- ▶ BSc(Hons) Finance
- ▶ BSc(Hons) International Business and Economics
- ▶ BSc(Hons) International Business and Management
- ▶ BSc(Hons) International Business and Modern Languages\*
- ▶ BSc(Hons) Marketing

### How to apply?

'Online', 'MS Word & PDF format' application forms are available on the [www.bcol.co.uk](http://www.bcol.co.uk)  
 Contact the College directly via telephone: **00 44 121 212 0888** or email: [hl@bcol.co.uk](mailto:hl@bcol.co.uk)  
 Contact our local representative (see below)

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### General Information

The International Foundation Programme (IFP), provided through the Birmingham College is a one-year access course. The course has been especially designed for international students without British A level qualifications or the equivalent who are looking to study a degree at a UK university.

### Programme Aims & Objectives

The overall aim in the design of the International Foundation Programme is to provide a programme of study at level 3 (UK National Qualification Framework) for international students who wish to progress into level 4 study but have not yet developed the appropriate (or correct level) of academic skills, English language skills and subject knowledge and to meet the needs of the international market we are operating in.

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BMI Building



Library Facility at BMI



Classroom



Lecture Theater



Café Bar



Student Services

# FACILITIES AT THE COLLEGE

## Aims:

- ▶ To provide a one year Foundation Programme (33 weeks) for international students who are non-native English language speakers which brings the participants to the level required for the first year of UK undergraduate study. OR to provide a fast track route Foundation Programme (24 weeks) for learners whose English language skills are recognised as being at B2 level on entry to the IFP programme
- ▶ To provide for all students a defined academic programme with clear learning outcomes that will develop a broad range of intellectual and academic skills and competencies necessary for study at undergraduate level.
- ▶ To raise students' level of competence in English to the standard which is generally acceptable within the UK for undergraduate study
- ▶ To provide educational and cultural opportunities for students whose national examinations may not meet the entry requirements of UK universities and for students to develop study skills which may not be practised in internationally recognised IELTS, ELT or ESOL qualifications.
- ▶ To advise and support participants in their choice of UK university through our UCAS Centre Services.

## International student focus

Birmingham College has experience of delivering the IFP provision including pre-sessional to international students in the UK. All teachers have experience and



training in teaching students of various nationalities and backgrounds and adapting teaching methods and styles for these students. The programme is tailor-made towards meeting the needs of international students and guiding them to achieve their maximum potential.

## UK Syllabus & Assessment

The programme syllabus is designed and developed by experts who have experience of delivery IFP programmes of this nature in the UK at various universities and colleges. The syllabus and assessments are similar to that of the UK.

## Individual Support and Guidance

We believe students need individual support and guidance to achieve desired results, especially when learning a language. All students have weekly tutorials as part of the programme where they have the opportunity to discuss their ILP (Individual Learning Plans), progress, difficulties and any personal issues they might be facing. This builds a very strong relationship between the students and academic team. Birmingham College's holistic approach towards teaching and providing continuing support makes the students much more focused towards their goals.

## One to One Support

Birmingham College has an excellent dedicated team towards providing students the opportunity to have extra lessons or teaching outside of classroom hours should they require the additional support. These one-to-one lessons are very flexible and tailor-made to the students' requirements.

## International Foundation Programme Certificate Grading:

70% - 100%	Distinction
60% - 69%	First Class
50% - 59%	Second Class
40% - 49%	Pass Class
0% - 39%	Not passed



## IFP Engineering Pathway

This Foundation Programme is for those who are looking to study Engineering at degree level at a UK University.

### Compulsory Modules

- ▶ General English + IELTS Preparation
- ▶ British Culture, Theory and Society
- ▶ Academic Study Skills

### Pathway Modules

- ▶ Foundations of Chemistry
- ▶ Foundations of Mathematics
- ▶ Fundamentals of Biology
- ▶ Fundamentals of Physics

### Entry Requirements

#### Criteria for Admission

High School Certificate

(equivalent to a UK year 12 leaving certificate)

Standard international entry requirements are set for the programme with applicants holding successful evidence of educational achievement in the country of origin – equivalent to a UK year 12 leaving certificate.

#### English Language Requirement

- ▶ International English Language Test (IELTS) Score 5.5 including Band 5 in Writing
- ▶ Princeton Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - Internet-based TOEFL (IBT) Score 61
- ▶ Pearson English Test (PET) - 48 points

## IFP Business/Economics/Finance/Accountancy Pathway

### Compulsory Modules

- ▶ General English + IELTS Preparation
- ▶ British Culture, Theory and Society
- ▶ Academic Study Skills

### Pathway Modules

- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Introduction to Marketing
- ▶ Introduction to Finance
- ▶ Introduction to Economics
- ▶ Introduction to Accountancy
- ▶ Introduction to Statistics & Data Exploration

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**Or**

If you have not achieved the above English language requirements you can enrol on the English Language Learning Programme to improve your English. After successfully completing the course and meeting the language requirement you may apply for the IFP query.

#### Fees & Term Dates

For more information about the course start dates, delivery options and fees please contact the college or you can email [hl@bcol.co.uk](mailto:hl@bcol.co.uk) with your query.