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International Foundation Diploma Programme Information

INTRODUCING THE COLLEGE

University College Birmingham is the United Kingdom's only specialist institution for Higher Education business programmes in the fields of Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure Management.

We offer an unparalleled portfolio of full-time programmes from National Vocational Qualifications to Undergraduate and Postgraduate Management programmes.

As a specialist, our facilities, equipment, staffing and reputation are second to none. One measure of the quality of our programmes is our status as an accredited college of the University of Birmingham - who award all our Postgraduate and Undergraduate degree programmes.

THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM - the ideal place to live and study.

Birmingham is now one of the most progressive, lively and dynamic cities in the United Kingdom; its central location is a tremendous advantage for travelling north or south by road or rail.

Birmingham lies at the heart of the motorway system, with well developed bus and coach services, a metropolitan rail network which is attracting massive investment and the fastest expanding international airport in the country. Within 90 minutes, it is possible to reach London by Intercity train and Manchester by road.

With so much to do and so much to see, our city is the ideal place to live and study.

PROGRAMME AIMS

This foundation programme is designed for students who have completed secondary school in their own country and now wish to enter higher education and improve their English.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

International students, for whom English is not their first language, should have obtained at least IELTS 5.0, TOEFL 510 (64 internet –based) or Cambridge FCE (Grade C).

If you do not have these levels, intensive English programmes are available with entry points in both September and February. The English course is aimed at developing students' English skills to cope with the International Foundation Diploma and is based on 24 hours tuition a week over one or two semesters. For full details, please contact Sarah Chiu at the College.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

Core business and management skills are integral to the programme, with students undertaking industry related assignments and developing expertise in such areas as managing tasks and solving problems, understanding technology and communicating effectively.

SUBJECTS STUDIED

Supervisory Management and Business Subjects

Foundation Management
Foundation Marketing
Information Technology and Numeracy
Introduction to Finance

Hospitality and Tourism Related Subjects

Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism

Complementary Studies

English Language
Preparing for academic success
Tutorials
Subject Workshops

HOW LONG DOES THE FOUNDATION PROGRAMME LAST?

The course is of one year duration, and starts in October or February.

TUITION FEES

International Students	£5,500 – <i><u>(Excluding Accommodation)</u></i>
European Community Students	£1,700

What is expected of you on the programme?

- There is an emphasis on both group and individual project work throughout the programme.
- Continuous assessment of course work for all subjects studied.
- Examinations for most subjects studied.

Opportunities for progression on completion of the programme

Students who successfully complete the foundation programme can apply for entry to the Foundation Degree or Degree programmes available at the College.

For example:

Distinction / Merit grades	-	Enter 1st year BA (Honours) degree
Pass grades	-	Enter 1st year Foundation Degree

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

We have several different halls of residence to suit all tastes, which accommodate over 1000 students at University College Birmingham. The Maltings comprises 827 purpose-built bedrooms, 809 of which are en-suite and include five twin rooms. Cambrian Hall offers 240 study bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities. Halls of Residence are situated no more than a 15 minute walk from the College. Weekly rents range from £67.00 - £85.00 (self catering).

LIVING COSTS IN BIRMINGHAM

It is very difficult to advise overseas students as to living costs in the United Kingdom since much depends on the student's expectations and needs. However, as a guide to students we can offer the following estimate of costs over the academic year.

Accommodation	£3,000
Food	£1,300
Travel	£350
Clothing	£200
Laundry	£100
Books	£150
Social and Miscellaneous	£400
Total	<u>£5,500</u>

Paying Your Fees

You should pay your tuition fees before or on the day of enrolment. All cheques should be made payable to **UCB**. If you wish to pay via an international bank transfer direct to the College bank account, the College details are:

National Westminster Bank Plc
Birmingham Centre Office
1 St. Philips Place
Birmingham
B3 2PP
UK

Sort code: 60 02 35
Account Number: 10216731
Account Name: University College Birmingham

Please ask your bank to quote your name and what the payment is for (eg. accommodation/Tuition fees).