



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE



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ABOUT US

Birmingham Christian College (BCC) is the place where human minds and hearts are harmonised under the powerful leadership of the Holy Spirit to inspire obedient attitudes towards the movement of God in a rapidly changing world.

At BCC, we create an empowering environment where men and women are intellectually challenged and enabled spiritually to become true disciples with Christian character to serve in churches, communities, and the marketplace. We embrace the journey of following God wherever He leads in mission. We recognise the significant shift in the demography of Christian commitment in the world and initiate missional conversations aimed at addressing the emerging needs.

Whether you are interested in a short course, a weekend refresher package, a lay-leadership programme for your church, or a full academic study, we have a wide range of options to meet your individual needs. Our programmes are designed to accommodate various study preferences, including part-time, full-time, distance learning, and flexible study options. From vocational and certificate programmes to graduate and postgraduate levels, our diverse offerings ensure that you can find the perfect fit for your individual journey.

Why Study at BCC?

1. Experienced Faculty & Inspiring Teaching: At BCC, you'll be guided by a team of experienced faculty who are experts in their fields. Our faculty are passionate about helping you succeed, drawing from their extensive professional experience to mentor you through your academic journey.

2. Serene and Conducive Environment: BCC's location, facilities, and resources provide the perfect backdrop for your academic and personal growth. Here, you'll find a supportive atmosphere that nurtures both your studies and spiritual development.

3. Academic and Pastoral Support: Your success is our priority. With both academic support and pastoral care, we ensure that you thrive—not only in your studies but also in your personal and spiritual life. At BCC, you'll be part of a close-knit community that values your well-being.

4. Practical Courses and Ministry Training: Our programmes are designed to prepare you for the real world. With a strong emphasis on practical, hands-on training, we equip you with the skills and experience needed for success in your chosen career.

5. Spiritual Impact: BCC is committed to your academic and spiritual growth. Through regular prayer sessions, ministry experiences, and mentorship, you'll develop both your faith and your sense of calling.

6. Diverse Community: Join a vibrant and dynamic student body made up of individuals from over 25 countries. At BCC, you'll experience a rich, multicultural environment that will broaden your perspective and enrich your learning.

7. Transformational Learning: BCC's holistic approach to education is designed to inspire and shape you into someone who is not only knowledgeable but also grounded in integrity and strong work ethics. We empower you to make a lasting impact in an ever-changing world.

Academic Programmes

(VALIDATED BY BIRMINGHAM
NEWMAN UNIVERSITY)

BACHELORS IN APPLIED THEOLOGY

Students who successfully complete the programme will be eligible for a Birmingham Newman University award.. Students can choose from 2 distinct BA (Hons) Theology degree pathways:

- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Theology (Biblical & Pastoral Theology)
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Theology (Theology & Missional Leadership)

MASTERS IN APPLIED THEOLOGY

Students who successfully complete the programme will be eligible for a Birmingham Newman University award. Students can choose from 3 distinct MA (Hons) Theology degree pathways:

- MA Pentecostal/Charismatic Missions
- MA Pastoral Theology and Leadership
- MA Strategic Leadership in Christian Ministry

AVAILABLE EXIT AWARDS:

- Master of Arts (MA): Awarded upon the successful completion of six modules within a chosen track and a dissertation.
- Post Graduate Diploma (PG. Dip): Awarded upon successful completion of six modules within a chosen track.
- Post Graduate Certificate (PgCert): Awarded upon successful completion of three modules within a chosen track.



Academic Programmes

THE HN BUSINESS PROGRAMMES

Our business management courses in the UK **empower professionals, entrepreneurs, and aspiring leaders** with essential skills and real-world insights. Whether you're launching a business, advancing your career, or navigating the global market, our programmes cover key areas such as Marketing, Accounting & Finance, Organisational Behaviour, and Business Strategy. Through practical applications and industry-focused learning, you'll gain a comprehensive understanding of modern business operations to thrive in today's dynamic environment.

- Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Business - 1 year full time and 2 years part time
- Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Business (Accounting and Finance Pathway) - 2 years full time
- Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Business (Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management pathway) - 2 years full time
- Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Business (Human Resource and Management pathway) - 2 years full time
- Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Business (Management) - 2 years full time

ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Before you travel to the UK to begin your studies at the Birmingham Christian College, you must make sure that you have sufficient funds to cover your academic fees and living costs.



Masters

Evidence of candidates' academic ability to work in the area of theological and ecclesiological praxis at an appropriate level and their potential to complete the programme may be provided in one of the following ways:

- A second class (or above) degree in Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, Theology or a similar subject.
- A second class (or above) degree in another subject area, together with certificated learning (e.g. a Graduate Diploma) in Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, Theology or a similar subject.
- At least two years' professional experience in a senior position in a Church or Mission context or evidence of a minimum of three years of supervised missional experience. In such cases, the completion of an access module or a written assignment may be used to help assess suitability for the programme.



ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Bachelors

Three A levels at grade C or above (or equivalent) in humanities/social science related subject and 5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English at 5/C or above, or recognized equivalents are required.

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- Mature applicants (21+), with considerable length of practical ministry experience who do not have formal qualifications, may be admitted to the programme if the Admissions Committee deems them able to complete the programme successfully. As part of this assessment, applicants will normally be required to submit an essay on a Biblical subject. Those seeking admission to the BA programme will normally be accepted only subject to satisfactory references and interview.

Overseas Qualification

Those applicants with overseas qualifications in place of the standard academic entrance requirements will be assessed using UK ENIC and UCAS Guides to International Qualifications. Such qualifications would need to be of a standard equivalent to a second-class honours degree or above for Masters programme in order to ensure parity. Candidates will be expected to obtain a statement of compatibility themselves. Overseas students might also be admitted on the basis of professional experience.

APL/Interviews arrangement

Accredited Recognition of Prior Learning/Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning (RPL/RPeL) and in some cases where the RPL/RPeL is certificated will be considered for students wishing to transfer into the scheme with previously obtained part or intermediate qualifications from other UK HE institutions or their equivalent. This will follow the rules and processes for RPL/RPeL set out by Birmingham Newman University, which allows for 90 credits of RPL for Master's degrees. RPL is also available for the BA for up to 50% of the credits at Level 4 (first year) and/or Level 5 (second year) i.e. 60cr for those doing CertHE and 120cr for those doing DipHE and then up to 240cr for BA.

We strongly recommend that applicants discuss their individual situations with our admissions team before applying. A transparent policy will be followed to ensure equity and parity with regard to student admissions.



English Language Requirements

All students must provide evidence of appropriate competency in written and spoken English. For students whose first language is not English, and who have not studied in English up to at least Level 3, the normal requirement will be IELTS 6.5 for MA and 6.0 for BA, TOEFL 575 or equivalent. It is our duty as Higher Education Providers to ensure that international students whose English is not their first language demonstrate their level B2 English language competence by providing a recent secure English language test (SELT) from one of the UKVI approved test providers. They must have achieved at least CEFR level B2 in all four components (unless a test provider exempts them from sitting a component because of a disability).

SELTs can only be sat at approved test centres. A list of all the approved test centres is available on GOV.UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prove-your-english-language-abilities-with-a-secure-english-language-test-selt>



FEES AND FUNDING

Discover your funding options to help with tuition fees and living costs.

You will find the tuition fee for your course, listed on our website www.bccoll.ac.uk under the relevant undergraduate or postgraduate course pages. We will also confirm the tuition fee in any offer letter that we send you.

Tuition fees contribute towards providing the learning resources, staff contact time and support services we provide.

If you are on a multi-year course, e.g. an undergraduate degree, then you should budget for a likely increase of between three and five percent for each year of study with us on the same degree. Any changes for the following academic year will be confirmed by 1 January each year.

The tuition fee for international students for 2026-2027 academic year is £13,400. This will increase to £13,800 in the 2027-2028 academic year.

An optional Accommodation fees for a single room double bed en-suite is £600 per month or £7,200 academic year.



DISCOUNT/BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

We are pleased to offer the International Students Scholarship to new international students starting their undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the Birmingham Christian College in September or January in each academic year.

KEY INFORMATION

- The bursary is worth £4,000 per year for all undergraduate and postgraduate courses.
- The bursary is offered in each following academic year subject to sustained academic success, please see below for more details.
- No additional bursary application is required. If you meet the eligibility and award criteria below the bursary will be applied as a tuition fee discount.
- You must have chosen the Birmingham Christian College as your firm or insurance choice and have accepted an offer before 5.00pm (UK time) by 30th June for September start or 30th November for January start to receive this award.

Eligibility and award criteria:

- The bursary is applicable to each subsequent academic year of study, subject to achieving 60% (in each module) or above and achieving a minimum of 120 credits for undergraduate in the previous academic year. The bursary is not applicable to any compulsory or optional years in industry, work placements or year abroad.
- You must enter a degree programme at the Birmingham Christian College in year 1. If you are entering in year 2, you would be eligible for this bursary, providing you are not receiving a bursary/award as part of a collaborative programme with your home institution.
- The bursary can be awarded in-conjunction with any available bursaries from the Faculty you will be studying in, subject to not becoming a sponsored student*.
- The bursary cannot be awarded in-conjunction with any funding (full or partial) from an external sponsor**, excluding a loan, which has to be paid back in full.
- The bursary will take the form of a tuition fee reduction only.
- You must be self-funded and classified as overseas or non-UK domiciled student for tuition fee purposes.

Eligibility and award criteria:

- You must not be a sponsored student*.
- The bursary is for full-time students only. Students studying online or via distance learning are not eligible for a bursary.
- This bursary cannot be deferred to a future year of entry. If you decide to defer entry to another year, you forfeit this award.

* A sponsored student is defined as being an individual in receipt of a total sum of funds from either the College or an external organisation that matches or exceeds the original tuition fee required by the College.

** Government or governmental organisation – international, national or regional; research council; charity; private enterprise; or any similar organisation.

Deposit prior to issue of CAS

To ensure that we are complying with our immigration laws, we must only assign a CAS to a student whom we reasonably believe will:

- Meet the requirements of the Student route for which the CAS was assigned; and
- Ensure the student has been assessed to have all the necessary requirement for the visa application.
- Comply with the conditions of their permission to stay in the UK

Deposit prior to issue of CAS

To be able to safeguard the student's financial ability for the programme, in addition to point b) above, 50% of the tuition fee must be paid and where a student requires accommodation, a deposit amount equivalent to a month's rent plus the first month of the accommodation fee must be paid before a CAS may be issued.

Post CAS fees payment plan

We offer a payment plan for the remaining 50% of the tuition fees. Half of the remaining fees (25%) will be expected prior to enrolment and the remaining paid in 3 instalments within 4 months of the start of the programme. We offer payment plans for 2nd and 3rd year BA students where 50% of the academic year's fee must be paid at the beginning of the semester and the remaining amount paid by 3 instalments within 4 months.

The remaining accommodation fees can be paid on a monthly basis at the first day of every month.

Visa and Immigration

As an international student you may need a visa to study in the UK. The visa you need will depend on whether you're applying from inside or outside the UK. How long you can stay depends on the length of your course and what study you've already completed in the UK.

You can find out what type of visa you need using the government's <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>



Conditions on Students Visa

There are limits on students' working hours that depend on when they applied for permission to come to or stay in the UK, the type of course they study and what type of sponsor we are. Any time spent working can be in addition to any time spent on a permitted work placement.

Birmingham Christian College is a Higher Education Institution (HEI). Students on a full-time course at degree level (RQF level 6 (and equivalents)) or above who are sponsored have the opportunity to work up to 20 hours per week during term-time and full-time during vacations, however the final decision to grant 20 hours of work lies with the UKVI.

