

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER/WINTER PROGRAMMES (i-SP)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Before applying for any summer/winter programme, read the [GRO website](#) for important information on:

- General Eligibility Requirements and Application Process
- Module Mapping and Financial Aid
- Visa Application, Travel Advisories and Student Insurance

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM: BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2021 (SUSPENDED FOR 2021)

(Updated as of 14 April 2021; due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, University of Birmingham has suspended the Birmingham International Summer School 2021)

Host University Website: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/biss>

Programme Location: N/A

Programme Dates: N/A

Application Deadline: N/A

COVID-19 related updates:

Students may be considering physical (on-site) summer programmes in 2021. Due to the fluid situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is still much uncertainty regarding international travel in the months ahead.

Students' ability to travel to UK for Summer 2021 will be determined by the host country's travel policies as well as the latest travel advice from Singapore authorities. In the event that Singapore authorities advise against non-essential travel to UK for Summer 2021, students will not be able to travel to UK for their summer programmes.

Students who proceed with the physical (on-site) option acknowledge the risks associated. NUS will not be responsible for any lost deposits or expenses (including but not limited to programme/tuition fees, air tickets, housing deposits, meal plans and/or non-academic student fees) associated with travel disruptions. You are advised NOT to make any financial commitments particularly those which are non-refundable until you are certain that travel is possible. You will be fully responsible for any travel expenses, quarantine accommodation costs, COVID-19 tests or other costs related to the measures imposed at that point of time, both in UK and Singapore.

ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

1	Programme Fee	<p>The BISS 2021 Programme Fee is GB£2,750. Fee includes tuition and accompanied field trips, en-suite accommodation and a social and cultural programme.</p> <p>NUS registered full-time students will receive a £250 discount. All students who apply before 7 March 2021 will receive £150 early application discount.</p>									
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		<i>Food</i>	<i>GB£150</i>
		<i>Transport</i>	<i>GB£70</i>
		<i>Others (Entertainment)</i>	<i>GB£100</i>
3	Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO	Financial Aid options will not be available for programmes/classes that are conducted fully online. If programmes are hybrid, only on-site participation would qualify a student for financial aid. If a physical/on-site programme switches to fully online before the commencement of the programme, NUS reserves the right to adjust or retract the financial aid package.	

PROGRAMME DETAILS			
4	Academic Content	The course list plus syllabi are available online https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/birmingham-international-summer-school/programmes/index.aspx	
5	Eligibility Requirements	<p>NUS's generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.</p> <p>To be accepted onto the Birmingham International Summer School you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be of good academic standing (based on your NUS transcript) • Subject specific requirements may also apply. Please check the BISS programmes page for further information. <p>For more information on entry requirements: https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/birmingham-international-summer-school/entry-requirements.aspx</p>	
6	Accommodation	Students will live in self-catering accommodation in University halls of residence.	
7	Application Procedure at Host Institution	All applications should be made online: https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/birmingham-international-summer-school/how-to-apply.aspx	
8	Application Procedure at NUS	<p>You are REQUIRED TO apply via NUS' EduRec-GE AND the host university's website <u>concurrently</u>.</p> <p>Please apply through NUS EduRec System if you want to do module mapping and apply for financial aid. Applying through EduRec will allow GRO to contact and assist you in times of crisis/emergency while you are overseas. With an official application through EduRec, GRO can also provide you with supporting letters for visa application and NS deferment (for NSmen). Read the step-by-step guide which we have prepared for you on GRO's web.</p> <p>Please note that you must accept <u>both</u> the EduRec offer as well as the host university offer in order to confirm your participation in this programme.</p>	
9	Module Mapping	You can start the module mapping process after you apply in EduRec and accept the offer for the programme. Click here for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping. Please read here for FAQs on module mapping for Summer	

		<p>Programmes in 2021.</p> <p>For clarification, students may contact the SEP administrators/coordinators at their respective home Faculty/School Dean's Office or the academic department.</p> <p>Module mapping request is subjected to approval from the Faculties.</p>
10	Transcript	<p>Students who have successfully completed the BISS programme will receive an official academic transcript by the November following the Summer School period. The transcript will be posted to the correspondence address provided in the student's BISS application form.</p>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
11	Visa Application	<p>Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, please refer to this website https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control for the latest immigration and border guidelines.</p> <p>Students have to check with the respective embassy for visa matters pertaining to the passport they are holding.</p> <p>https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/birmingham-international-summer-school/visa-information-biss.aspx</p> <p>Singapore citizens do not need an entry visa to the UK. It is recommended that you have at least six months' passport validity. At customs, please show the necessary supporting documents and apply for a Short-term Study Visa on arrival in the UK.</p> <p>Other nationals, please check your visa requirement here: https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa</p>
12	Travel Advisories	<p>Visit the MFA website for travel advisories on various countries from the Singapore government.</p>
13	Student Insurance	<p>NUS will continue to offer NUS Travel Insurance for approved study abroad programmes including International Summer Programmes (i-SP). For more information on COVID-related coverage under the NUS Student Insurance Scheme, please refer to the following link: http://nus.edu.sg/uhc/docs/default-source/insurance/frequently-asked-questions-on-covid-19.pdf</p> <p>Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage. Exclusions to the NUS blanket travel insurance may apply. Students may consider purchasing additional travel insurance if required.</p>

14	Contact Information	<p>Questions about the programme? Contact the host university at: BISS@contacts.bham.ac.uk</p> <p>Questions about module mapping? Visit this webpage.</p> <p>Questions specific to NUS GRO? Contact us at: askGRO</p>
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