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A GUIDE TO
Life in Birmingham



Birmingham in numbers

A bustling, vibrant and multi-cultural city, Birmingham offers award-winning theatre, contemporary art, designer fashion and premier league football (it's home to Aston Villa, Prince William's favourite football club).

If food is your passion, there are endless options from curry in the Balti Triangle to Michelin-starred restaurants in the city, or chocolate indulgence at Cadbury World. Whatever your taste, Birmingham has something to suit everyone.

40%

of Birmingham's population is under 25 years old



2nd

largest city and the most diverse in the UK



Birmingham is

90 minutes

from London or Manchester, has its own airport and brilliantly placed in the centre of England



Over 600

parks and 8,000 acres of open space - that's more than Paris!



Over

300

companies' headquarters are in Birmingham including HSBC and Land Rover

Living Costs Birmingham vs London

If you are looking to study at university in the UK, on a budget, without compromising the quality of your experience, then **ONCAMPUS** Aston with guaranteed progression* to Aston University is one of the best value options available to you. As the second biggest city in the UK, you'll have the same experience in a vibrant, multi-cultural city whilst

achieving your undergraduate degree at Aston University. See below for a comparison of how the cost of studying at Aston University compares to the cost of study at university in London, and how your living costs may vary over the course of one year.

Average price:

University Gym Membership



Aston **£18.00 per month**
London **£30.00 per month**

Rent (En-suite studio)



Aston **£2300 per term**
London **£3000 per term**

Coffee



Birmingham **£1.90**
London **£4.00**

Cinema ticket



Birmingham **£7.00**
London **£10.00**

Bus ticket



Birmingham **£1.30****
London **£2.50 per journey**

Sandwich



Birmingham **£2.00**
London **£3.95**

*Entry criteria must be met for progression to Aston University.

**per day with a student pass

Work and career opportunities

Named as the UK's Most Entrepreneurial Region (Start Up Britain), Birmingham is a fantastic place to start your career. With over 300 companies' headquarters located in the city, there are plenty of opportunities during and after your studies to take on work placements, develop your career network and even start up your own business.

Aston University is also the lead partner in a regional start-up incubator called BSEEN, which provides student and graduate entrepreneurs with training, advice, grant support and mentoring. Aston can sponsor international students for start-up entrepreneur visas, enabling them to set up businesses in the UK.

Staying in the UK to work

The Graduate Immigration Route, due Summer 2021, would allow you to stay and work (or look for work) in the UK for a further two years on successful completion of your degree.

This allows you to continue to improve your English language skills, build up work experience, or add credibility to your CV.

Work placement employers include:

- Accenture
- AXA
- Bae Systems
- Barclays
- Bentley
- BMW
- Boots
- BT
- Capgemini
- Deloitte
- E.ON
- Ernst & Young
- ExxonMobil
- Fujitsu
- Harrods
- HP
- HSBC
- IBM
- Mondelez
- KPMG
- L'Oreal
- Lloyds Bank
- Microsoft
- NHS
- P&G
- Santander
- Unilever



Aston graduates earn 32% more than sector average five years after graduation

Longitudinal Education Outcomes, 2020

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Sports and activities

Home to Aston Villa F.C., (Aston University is the club's official UK University partner), Edgbaston Cricket Ground and host of the Commonwealth Games in 2022, Birmingham is world-renowned for its competitive sport and the perfect place for sports fans.

The Students' Union at Aston University also has over 130 clubs and societies, which are a great way to get involved in university life and make friends.

ONCAMPUS Aston students have access to all Student Union facilities from day one.

Places of worship

Birmingham is the most diverse city in the UK and there are a number of places of worship within easy reach of both the ONCAMPUS Aston centre and of the accommodation.

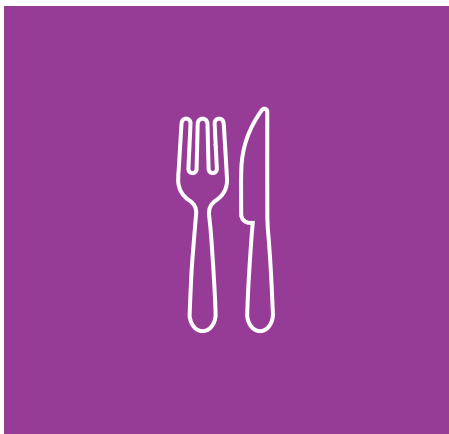
The Martin Luther King Multi-Faith Centre on campus is available for students and reflects the University's diversity and multicultural community.

Amongst others, there are currently over 200 mosques in the city and Birmingham Cathedral holds daily services. Birmingham City Council has a comprehensive list of all places of worship on their website: bit.ly/3xixJc6

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Birmingham offers plenty to do and see during your time as a student. It also has a fantastic and diverse culinary scene, with a wide variety of places to eat and drink on a student budget.

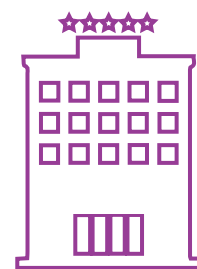
Places to eat



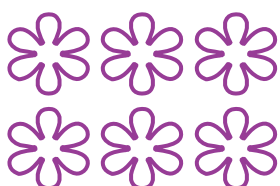
Visit Digbeth Dining Club for a variety of local street food and a great atmosphere or try out Hens & Chickens for authentic Punjabi cuisine.



Taste the world famous Balti Triangle, or try out a traditional afternoon tea at the Grand Hotel.



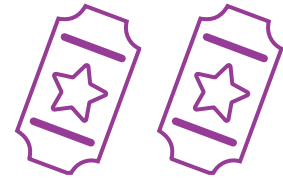
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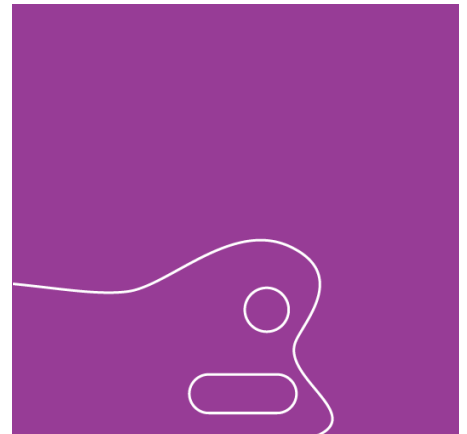
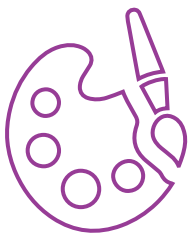
Things to do



If you love the arts, Birmingham's award-winning performing arts scene offers live performances and festivals throughout the year.

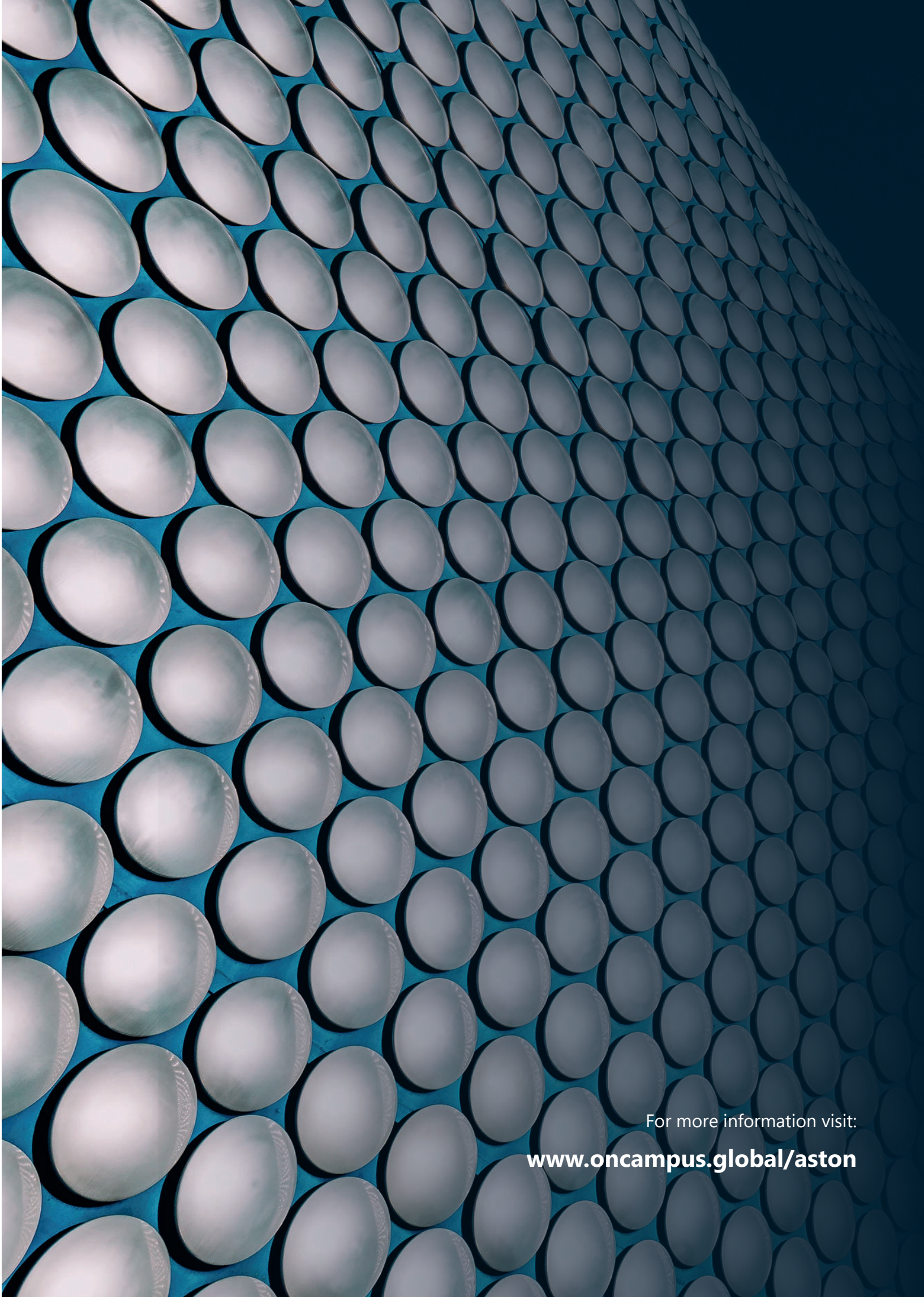


Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery hosts the largest collection of pre-Raphaelite art in the world.



The Bullring shopping centre is one of the largest malls in Europe, dip into the iconic Selfridges, or spend a few peaceful hours exploring the Botanic Gardens.





For more information visit:

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