**Birmingham City University**  
**England**

**The University**  
Birmingham City University (former University of Central England) has evolved through a coming together of various Institutes, Colleges, and Schools, over a period of some 150 years. Over 10,300 full-time and 7,800 part-time students attend the university, taught by a faculty of more than 800 professors.  
http://www.bcu.ac.uk/

**The City**  
Britain's second largest city, situated at the heart of road and rail networks, Birmingham attracts students from all parts of the country. With a cosmopolitan range of night-life, top-level sports, and a rich background in arts and cultural activities, the City of Birmingham offers enjoyment and discovery for everyone. Located approximately 1½ hours from London by train, Birmingham is an industrial, commercial, and cultural city, with a population of about 900,000 inhabitants. Birmingham offers a wide variety of sports and leisure activities with golf courses and swimming pools close to campus. Also, the university's intramural sports program gives students the enjoyment of keeping in-shape while meeting and competing with their British classmates. The city has four theaters, a world-famous symphony orchestra, and top-classed cricket and football teams. The 6,000 acres of park land invite hiking or just a relaxing Saturday afternoon picnic. One can also explore the network of restored canals which offer peaceful access to important parts of Britain's industrial heritage. For those wishing to see more of the country, the Welsh Hills, the Cotswolds, and Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon are all easily accessible. Additionally, the university organizes International Student Trips throughout the year to allow students to take advantage of these wonderful places of interest.  
http://www.bcu.ac.uk/birmingham/index.html

**About the Program**  
Students can attend for one semester or full academic year.

**Academic Calendar**  
The academic year is divided into 2 semesters.  
Fall 2008: September 22 - December 17, 2008  
Spring 2009: January 5 – March 27, 2009

**Am I eligible for this program?**  
You must have a 2.5 Combined Retained GPA.

**What could I study?**  
This is a destination for Business majors only. For course information, visit  
http://www.bs.bcu.ac.uk/Undergraduate/Courses/
What about academic credit?
Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant’s Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

Where would I live?
The university has several Halls of Residence which offer self-catering accommodations in single study bedrooms. Most students will live in the new halls located at the Perry Barr, which is located three miles from the Birmingham city center. Housing costs include electricity and heating, and cooking facilities are available at each residence hall. It is also possible to share a flat with other students in the city. The Private Property Services Office at UCE will help with this option. Restaurants and snack bars offer a wide range of foods at reasonable prices. The Student Union, which is run by-the-students-for-the-students, provides many services, and the wide range of clubs and societies cater to every individual. Union amenities include shops bars, sports clubs, and restaurants.

How much does it cost?
Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student’s major is in a different college. All participants pay a $10/credit hour study abroad fee. There is a $35 non-refundable application fee for study abroad.

Costs at Birmingham:
- Accommodation: £4,160.00-£2,006.00
- Food: £2,000.00
- Clothes: £500.00
- Laundry: £100.00
- Household items: £500.00
- Books: £400.00
- Travel: £500.00

How do I apply?
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the “how to apply” section of our website.

For more information, please contact:
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