

# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

[Birmingham](#) is an exciting and welcoming environment, and intellectually curious, ambitious, thoughtful, and creative students thrive on this programme. Our students experience the cultural benefits of living in the UK's second city (from Shakespeare, to symphonies; from archaeology to architecture, and so much more) with the bonus of a leafy campus location and a dedicated Liberal Arts and Sciences hub with student common room.

[Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) students major in fields as diverse as Maths, Politics, Computer Science, Economics, English, Classics, Philosophy, Biology, Psychology, and History. Our academic team is drawn from across the University of Birmingham's wide-ranging disciplinary expertise, and all our students benefit from the strong relationships they develop with core faculty, both through the tutoring system, and by participating in our extracurricular programme of activities.

For example, our students work with international scholars to understand how and why Shakespeare can still speak to 21<sup>st</sup> century audiences, and then see a play in performance at the [Royal Shakespeare Company theatre](#), Stratford-upon-Avon; or students work with horticultural and garden history experts to recreate a Renaissance Italian garden ([Winterbourne House and Gardens](#)).

Travel plays a significant role in broadening knowledge, and in the summer term, students take a trip to Brussels (no additional costs) to learn more about the global repercussions of civic and local politics, and to understand a city at the heart of Europe for over a century. July sees Liberal Arts and Sciences students undertake an educational tour (costs for this trip are substantially subsidised) benefitting from expert teaching and learning delivered in one major European city.

Such trips, alongside internship and career development opportunities, and support to develop event-management skills (for example, our unique [Café Culturel](#), a student-lead community discussion forum), add breadth to the experience we offer.

What brings us all together every week is our two-hour group lecture and workshop where the methodologies and approaches which characterise our range of subjects are explored and put to the test. This is our core module, and we welcome incoming students to join us in tackling important cultural and politically challenging topics from interdisciplinary perspectives, involving expert lectures, challenging group activities, and individual input; for example, 'Can, or should, humanity be saved?'

This programme is especially attractive to students who want to develop real expertise led by subject-specialists while retaining the ability to stretch their horizons across disciplines and to interrogate the genuine connections and academic excitement made possible by interdisciplinary study.

*Criteria for participation: membership of home institution Honors College, Dean's List, or equivalent.*

The Liberal Arts and Sciences module catalogue for the coming year will be available from May. A representative sample of modules requiring no prerequisites and available to incoming students can be found at

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/registry/policy/documents/public/progsmodules/limomd.pdf>

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