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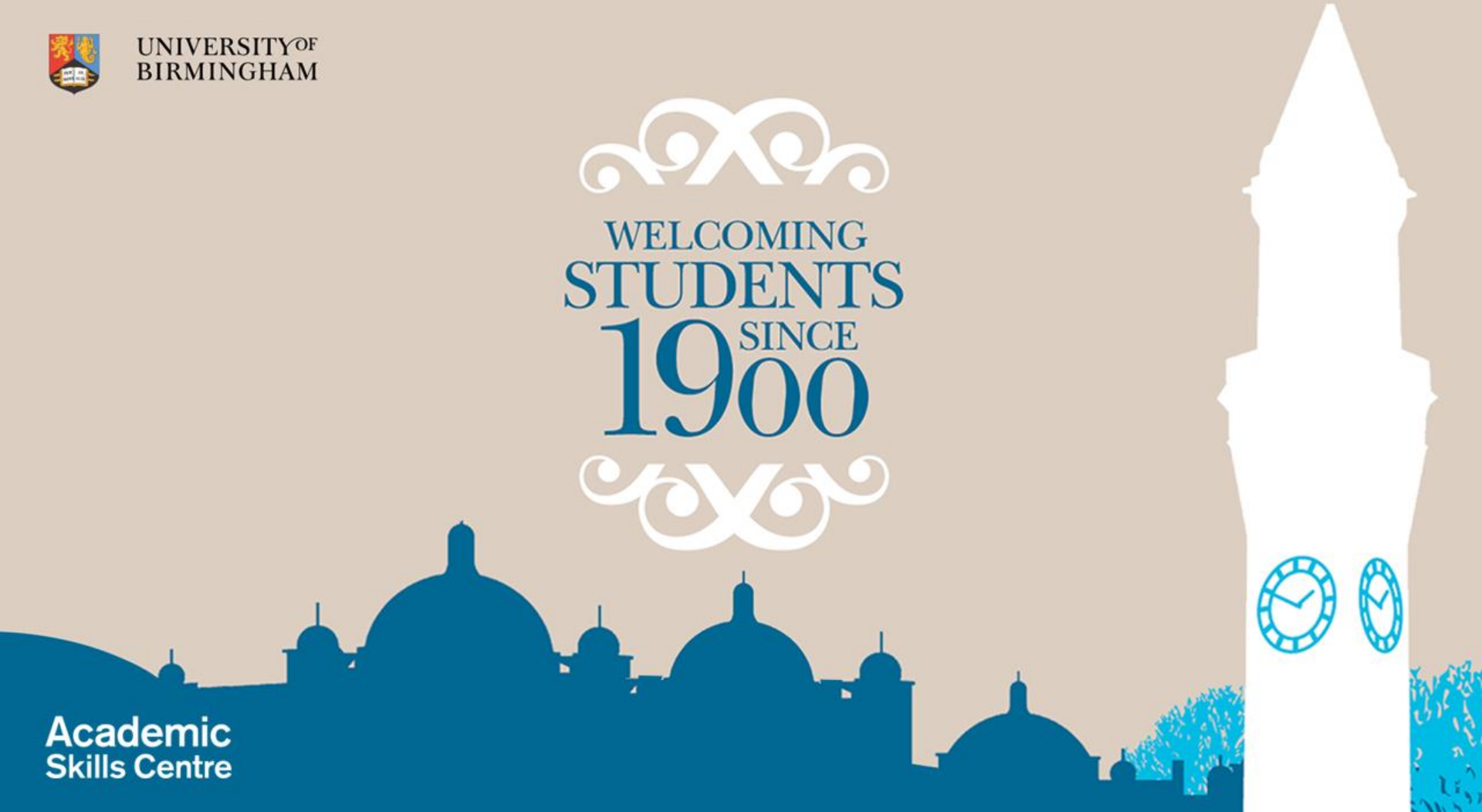

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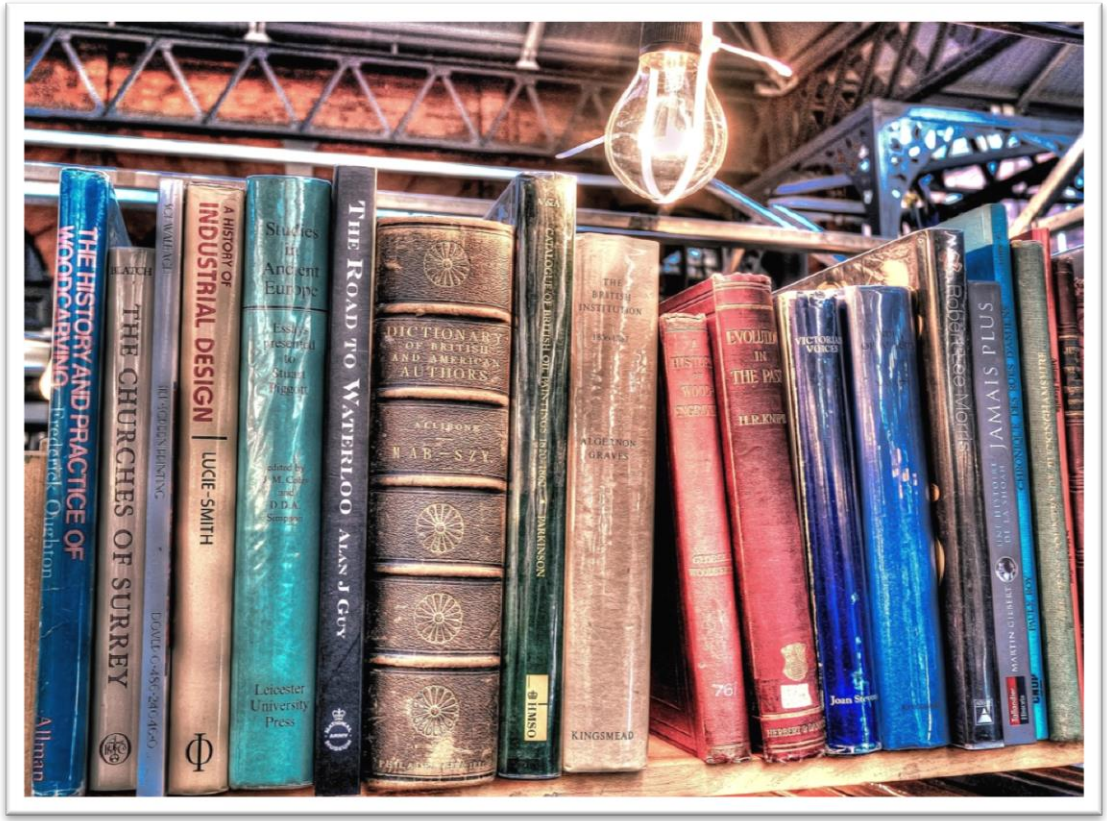

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1. Stake out a good study spot

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Libraries

Seven locations

1. Main Library
2. Barber Fine Art Library
3. Barnes Library
4. Cadbury Research Library
5. Orchard Learning Resource Centre
6. Dental Library
7. Shakespeare Institute Library

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Work or relax

- Bookable group study rooms
- Walk-in silent study rooms
- Plenty of workstations and desk space
- Assistive technology booths
- Library café
- Wolfson room

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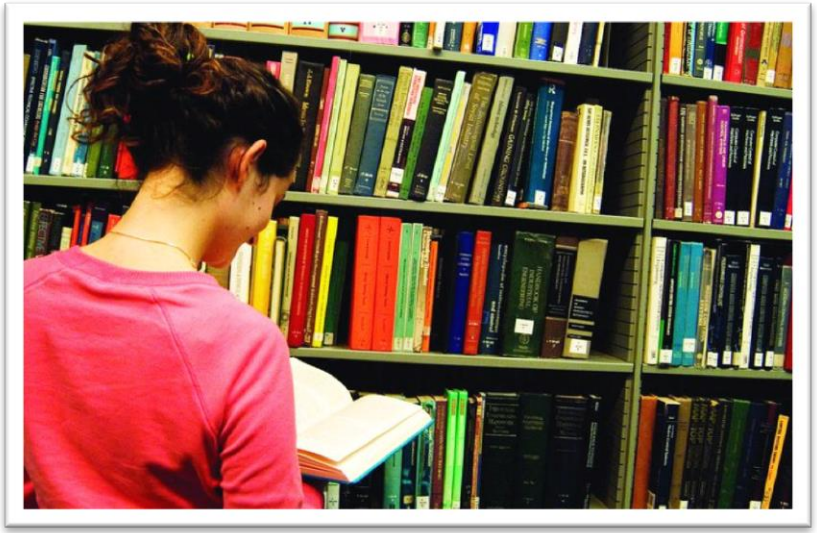
Borrowing

	No. of books	Length of Loan
Undergraduates	16 (Final year: 20)	Varies (depending on demand)



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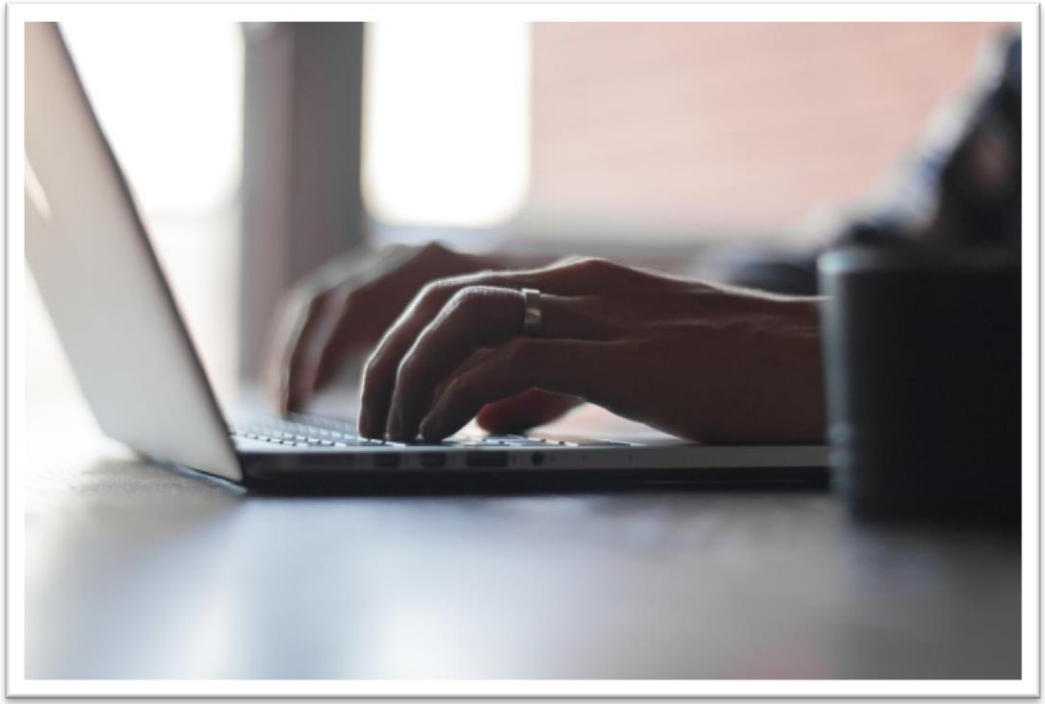
Loanable laptops

- 96 available
- See main reception



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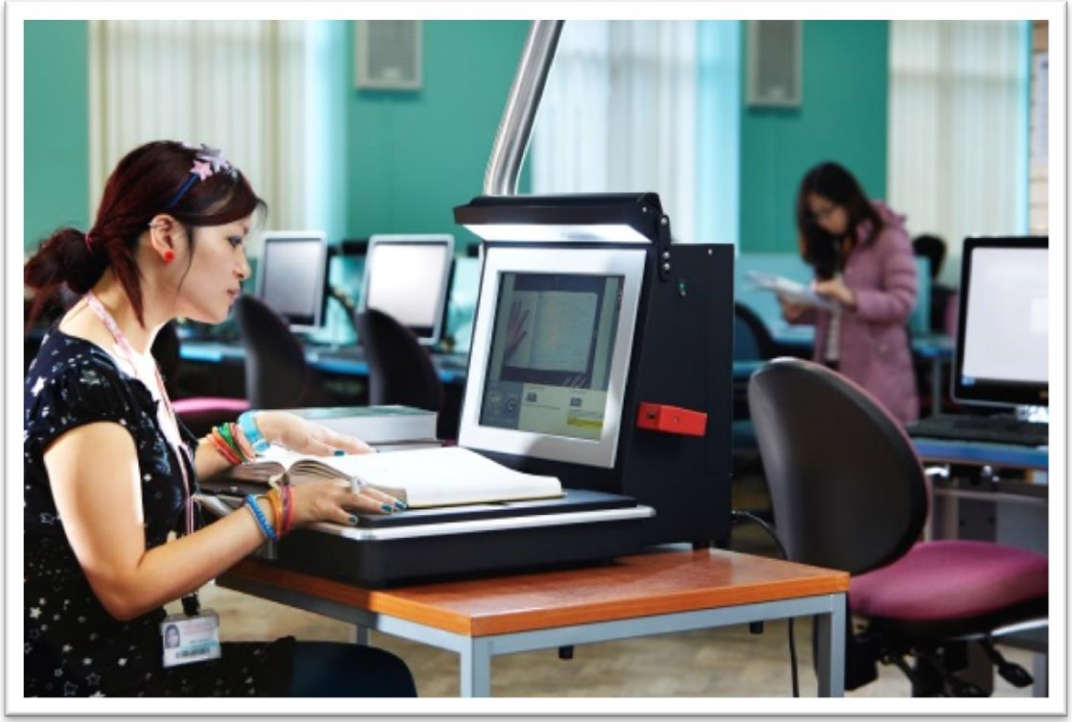

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2. Plan your time carefully

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Weekly planner

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Name:				Week commencing:			
Priorities:							
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7.00–8.00am							
8.00–9.00am							
9.00–10.00am							
10.00–11.00am							
11.00–12.00pm							
12.00–1.00pm							
1.00–2.00pm							
2.00–3.00pm							
3.00–4.00pm							
4.00–5.00pm							
5.00–6.00pm							
Evening							

Individual appointments

We offer bookable individual appointments to help you develop personal strategies for improving your writing and academic skills.

Appointments are for one hour and our undergraduates are entitled to 4 sessions per academic year. To book an appointment email asc@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Workshops

We offer workshops on a range of topics from time management through to academic writing.

See our website:
www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/asc
click on *'Events and Workshops'* on the left-hand menu for our courses

Mathematics Support Centre

Opens Monday – Friday during term

See our website: intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/maths-centre

Drop-in support is aimed at foundation and first-year undergraduates from all disciplines and programmes, as well as undergraduates from other year groups identified as having particular difficulties with basic mathematical and statistical techniques.

Electronic resources

We have some excellent on-line resources at:

Academic Skills Gateway:
http://libguides.bham.ac.uk/asg

Maths Support Centre:
intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/maths-centre

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3. Make use of Academic Support

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Academic Skills Centre

Location
1st floor, main library

Telephone
(0121) 414 3666

Email
asc@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Web
intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/skills/asc

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Workshops

Managing your time Tuesday 26 September 2017 – 1.00pm Wednesday 22 November 2017 – 1.00pm	**Writing introductions and conclusions** Thursday 19 October 2017 – 11.00am Wednesday 25 October 2017 – 1.00pm
Reading and note-taking Thursday 28 September 2017 – 11.00am Tuesday 3 October 2017 – 11.00am	**Grammar and punctuation** Friday 27 October 2017 – 11.00am Tuesday 31 October 2017 – 1.00pm
Academic Skills for mature students Friday 22 September 2017 – 2.00pm Wednesday 4 October 2017 – 2.00pm	**Writing clearly and concisely** Friday 10 November 2017 – 1.00pm Wednesday 15 November 2017 – 1.00pm
Essay planning and structuring Friday 06 October 2017 – 11.00am Friday 13 October 2017 – 10.00am Wednesday 8 November 2017 – 10.00am	**Referencing, quoting and paraphrasing** Wednesday 1 November 2017 – 1.00pm Friday 17 November 2017 – 1.00pm
Critical thinking – argumentation Wednesday 11 October 2017 – 5.00pm Tuesday 17 October 2017 – 1.00pm	**Revision and exams** Friday 24 November 2017 – 1.00pm

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1-1 Appointments

Location

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Email

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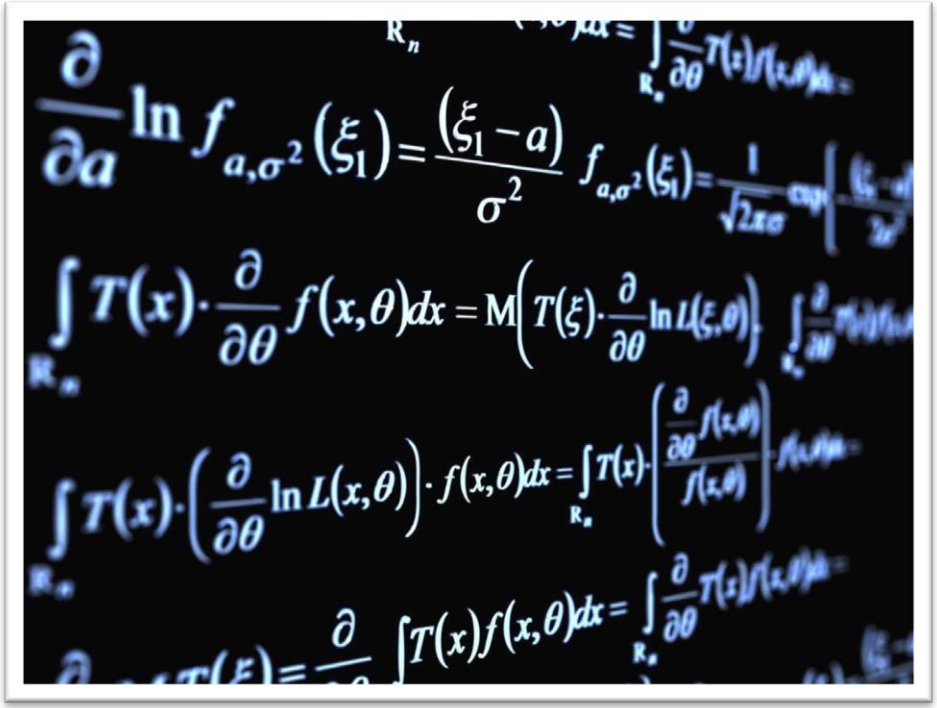

Location

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Email

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Opening times

10am – 4pm term-time weekdays

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4. Make use of technology

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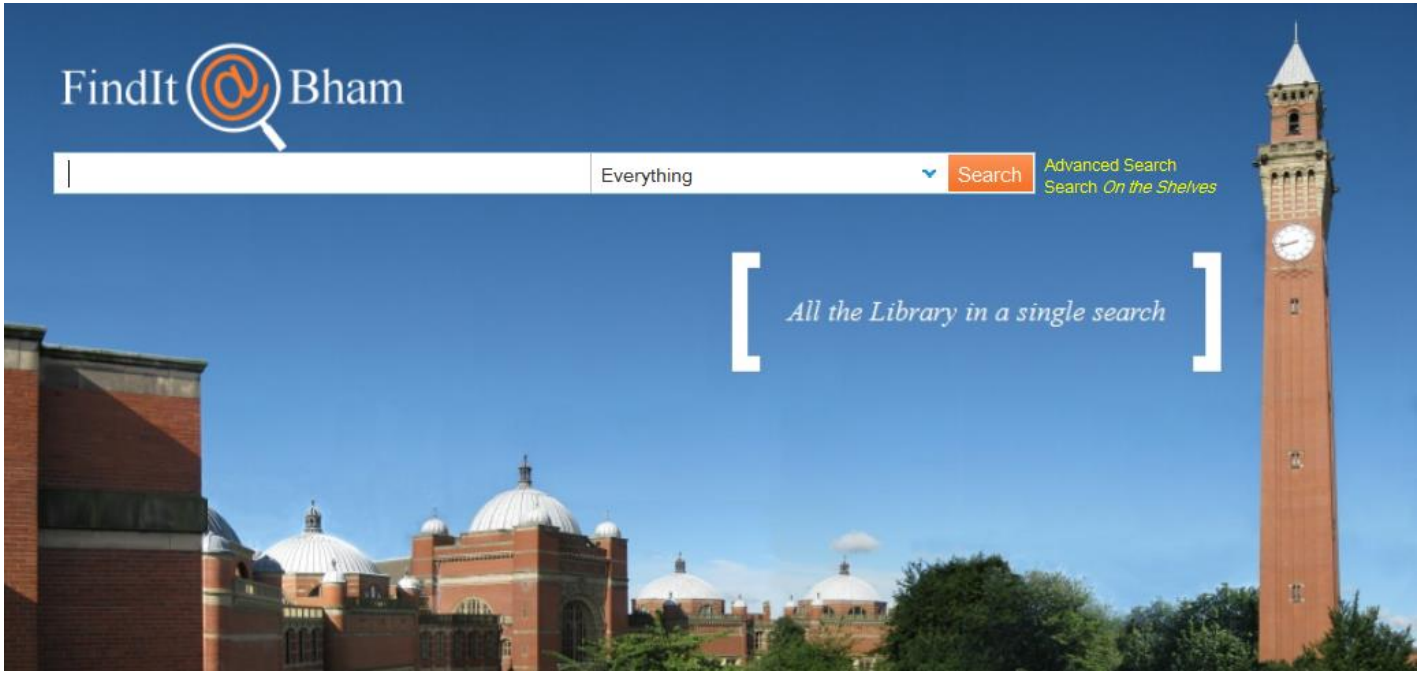

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Digital Skills

Online courses

Can't make it to the class? Try our online self-paced courses

Face-to-face

Book onto a course or workshop

Bespoke courses

Contact us for a bespoke course to embed in your curriculum

One-to-one

Help with issues that fall outside our training courses

Course notes

Download course documentation

Contact us

Get in touch

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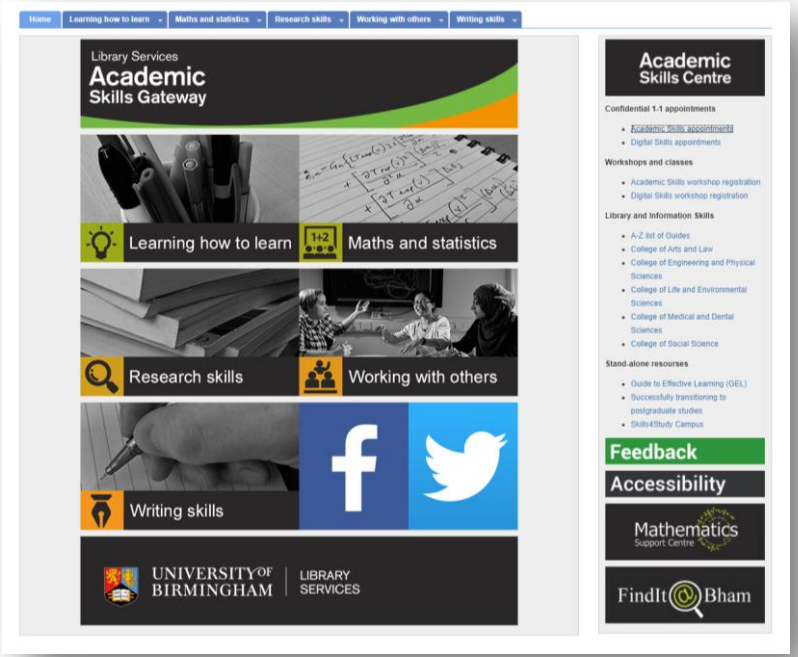

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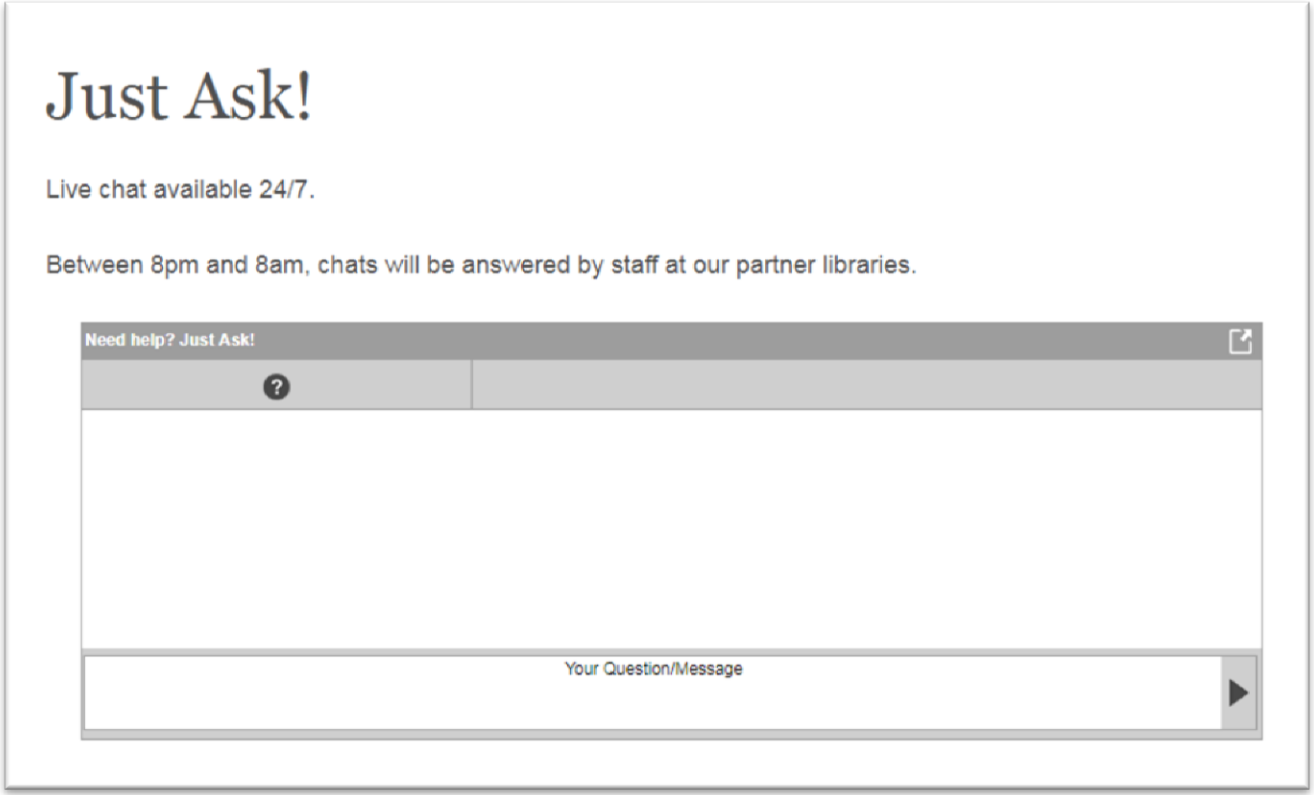
Just Ask!



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Non-academic concerns

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5. Join the PGMSA

PGMSA
Postgraduate & Mature Student Association

pgmsa@guild.bham.ac.uk

www.facebook.com/groups/pgmsabrum/

Please log in to join this organisation.

The Postgraduate and Mature Students Association is a voluntary, student-led group at the University of Birmingham; we are a Guild of Students recognised society.

Membership

PGMSA membership is free for all postgraduate and mature students of the University of Birmingham, simply register with us through the Guild of Students. All events and committee meetings are open to all PGMSA members events so there is plenty to get involved wi

We are relevant to you

We represent and cater to all postgraduat

- Gathering student feedback on acc
- Campaigning on issues important to
- Offering an active social program fo

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Committee

Chair: Taylor Jenkins
Secretary: Vicky Kaisidou
Treasurer: Laurence Hanes
Events Officer 1: Brooke Myers
Events Officer 2: Sherlita Nurosidah
Publicity Officer 1: Cleo White
Publicity Officer 2: Gabriella Wood
Undergrad Mature Representative1: Allison
Undergrad Mature Representative2: Laura
Postgraduate Taught Representative: Njoku
Postgraduate Research Representative: M

Friday 22 September
10.00-11.00: Campus Tours
Meet @ Old Joe (The Clock Tower)
10.30-16.00: Societies Fair
Marquee at the Guild of Students (G1)
12.00-14.30: Westmere BBQ and Street Food
Westmere (G17)
19.00-22.00: Pub Night (Tickets £10 incl. buffet)
Cherry Reds (City Centre)

Saturday 23 September
10.00-11.00: Postgraduate Student's Breakfast
Amos Room, Guild of Students (G1)

Sunday 24 September
13.00-17.00: City Tour
Meet @:
12.30 - University Station
12.45 - New Street Station

Monday 25 September
10.30-11.30: Campus Tours
Meet @ Old Joe (The Clock Tower)
19.00-23.00: Welcome and Networking Event - Wine and Cheese Night
Westmere (G17)
19.00-21.00: Postgraduate Tips for Living in Accommodation
Leo's Bar, Pritchatts House (Blue Zone)

Tuesday 26 September
19.00-22.00: PGMSA Welcome Evening (Part 2)
Westmere (G17)

Wednesday 27 September
12.30-13.30: Campus Tours
Meet @ Old Joe (The Clock Tower)
19.00-22.00: Pub Quiz (£2 Entry Fee)
Beorma Bar, Guild of Students (G1)

Thursday 28 September
15.00-17.00: Barber Institute Visit (Uni I.D required)
Meet @ Barber Institute (R14)
16.00-18.00: Postgrad Welcome Fayre and Social
College of Arts and Law Welcome Marquee
18.00-22.00: Balti Night (£2 deposit required)
Dilshad's in Selly Oak

Saturday 30 September
18.00-21.00: PGMSA Event - TBA
Location and price TBA

Sunday 1 October
10.00-17.30: Stratford-Upon-Avon Trip
Meet @ 9.45 outside Barber Institute (R14)
Tickets: Earlybird - £6
On the day - £8

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6. Meet your personal tutor

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7. Use your experience

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8. Get involved

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