



Information about teaching on the University of Birmingham foundation pathways

Below, you'll find more information about what teaching and learning on the University of Birmingham foundation pathways is like for the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) modules.

Class size and teaching hours

With a maximum class size of just 18 students, you'll enjoy an intimate teaching experience on the foundation pathways, with plenty of one-on-one time with your tutors. Teaching hours are 9am– 7pm, Monday to Friday, leaving you free on weekends to socialise with your friends or engage in independent study.

You will have a total of 20 taught hours on each Pathway. This includes your lectures, seminars, and tutorials. The number of taught hours for your Academic English classes is adjusted by level and broken down as follows:

- Academic English and Study Skills: 10 hours per week including 2 hours for tutorial appointments.
- Advanced Academic English and Study Skills: 6 hours per week including 2 hours for tutorial appointments.
- Advanced Academic Skills: 6 hours week including 2 hours for tutorial appointments.

Sample timetables

For an idea of how a week studying your foundation pathway might look, you can see some sample timetables below*:

Foundation ASSBL 2021-22

| ASSBL PATHWAY TIMETABLE Semester 1 | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 09.00-10.00 | | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | QMBE ONLINE WORKSHOP | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) |
| | | | EMD SEMINAR TLB M218 | | |
| 10.00-11.00 | | | QMBE SEMINAR 4 ONLINE | | |
| | | | EMD SEMINAR 4 TLB-202 | | |
| 11.00-12.00 | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | LAW LECTURE LAW-LT1 (303) | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | QMBE SEMINAR 5 ONLINE | QMBE SEMINAR 3 MUIR-122 |
| | | | | LAW SEMINAR 4 Arts Lecture Room 2 (126) | |
| | | | | POLITICS SEMINAR 1 ONLINE | |

| EPS TIMETABLE Semester 1 | | | | | |
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| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 09.00-10.00 | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | MATERIALS LECTURE AWEB-WG5 | | MATERIALS LECTURE ONLINE | EPS PATHWAY INDUCTION SESSION ARTS-LR7 (223) |
| 10.00-11.00 | | MATHEMATICS I LECTURE AWEB-WG5 | | MATHEMATICS I LECTURE AWPG-G03 | |
| 11.00-12.00 | MATERIALS LECTURE WATN-LT A (G23) | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | | | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) |
| 12.00-13.00 | MATHEMATICS I LECTURE TLB-102 LT 2 | | | MATHEMATICS I TUTORIAL | |
| 13.00-14.00 | | | | EAP TUTORIALS (See canvas for class allocation) | MATHEMATICS I TUTORIAL |

1.1 EPS Semester 1 Timetable

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------|---|--|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 09:00 – 10:00 | MATERIALS Lecture Engineering 229 | MATHS I Lecture Gisbert Kapp NG16 | | MATHS I Tutorial Gisbert Kapp N225 | MATHS I Lecture Engineering 229 |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | | | | LABS wks 3 – 8 only | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | | | EAP | | |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | | | | | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | MATERIALS Seminar Engineering 127 | MECHANICS Lecture Gisbert Kapp 127 | | MECHANICS Lecture Gisbert Kapp NG16 | |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | EAP | EAP | | | EAP |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | | | | | |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | EAP | | | | |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | | | | | |
| 18:00 – 19:00 | | | | | |

| MLGS TIMETABLE Semester 1 | | | | | |
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| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 09.00-10.00 | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | MATERIALS LECTURE AWEB-WG5 | | MATERIALS SEMINAR ONLINE | |
| 10.00-11.00 | | MATHEMATICS I LECTURE AWEB-WG5 | | MATHEMATICS I LECTURE AWPG-G03 | |
| 11.00-12.00 | MATERIALS LECTURE WATN-LT A (G23) | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | Advanced Study Skills in Biological Sciences LECTURE Old Gym LG10 | | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) |
| 12.00-13.00 | MATHEMATICS I LECTURE TLB-102 LT 2 | | | MATHEMATICS I TUTORIAL | |

| NURSING TIMETABLE Semester 1 | | | | | |
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| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 09.00-10.00 | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | | | | |
| 10.00-11.00 | | | | | |
| 11.00-12.00 | | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) | Advanced Study Skills in Biological Sciences LECTURE Old Gym LG10 | | EAP SEMINAR (See canvas for class allocation) |
| 12.00-13.00 | | | | | |
| 13.00-14.00 | LIVING ORGANISMS LECTURE LC-UG06 | INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LECTURE ONLINE | | EAP TUTORIALS (See canvas for class allocation) | |
| 14.00-15.00 | | | | | |

Social Sciences, Business and Law (SSBL) Timetable

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| 09:00 – 10:00 | Introduction to Business & Management Lecture University House G08 | Business & the Market Seminar 1 Muirhead Tower 118 | Business & the Market Seminar 3 Teaching & Learning Building M208 Seminar 4 Muirhead Tower 112 | POLITICS Lecture Gisbert Kapp NG16 | Politics Seminar 1 Education G39 Seminar 2 University House 103 |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | | Business & the Market Seminar 2 Muirhead Tower 118 | Law Seminar 1 Teaching & Learning Building 118 Seminar 2 JG Smith G22 | | QMBE Seminar 2 University House G06 Seminar 3 ERI G52 |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Business & the Market Lecture Gisbert Kapp Lecture Theatre 2 | EAP Check your canvas course | Law Seminar 3 JG Smith G22 Seminar 4 Teaching & Learning Building 118 | EAP Check your canvas course | QMBE Seminar 4 Aston Webb WG12 |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | | | | | |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | | Introduction to Business & Management Seminar 1 Teaching & Learning Building M209 Introduction | | Introduction to Business & Management Seminar 2 Aston Webb WG12 | Politics Seminar 3 Teaching & Learning Building 118 Seminar 4 Teaching & Learning Building M209 |
| 14:00 – 15:00 | EAP Check your canvas course | EAP One year students only From week 2 Group 1 Alan Walters 103 Group 2 Lucas House G11 | | Introduction to Business & Management Seminar 3 Aston Webb WG12 | EAP Check your Canvas course |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | | | | QMBE Lecture Biosciences 301 | |
| 16:00-17:00 | | | | | |
| 17:00-18:00 | | | Law Lecture Strathcona Lecture Theatre 1 | | QMBE Seminar 1 Muirhead Tower 109 |

* Please note that these are samples only. Timetables change throughout the weeks. Students will not take all the sessions on the timetable; it depends on which groups you are in and which modules you are taking.

Course dates and non-teaching days

The tables below show how your course will be structured, including scheduled teaching breaks.

September-start courses (2022-23)

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| Welcome | 19 September 2022–23 September 2022 |
| Semester 1 (teaching) | 26 September 2022–9 December 2022 |
| Assessment Support week (no teaching) | 12 December 2022–16 December 2022 |
| Christmas Vacation (no teaching) | 19 December 2022–6 January 2023 |
| Assessment period | 9 January 2023 – 20 January 2023 |
| UoBe festival | 23 January 2023–27 January 2023 |
| Semester 2 | 30 January 2023–5 May 2023 |
| Easter Vacation (no teaching) | 27 March 2023–14 April 2023 |
| Revision period | 8 May 2023–19 May 2023 |
| Assessment period | 22 May 2023–9 June 2023 |
| Supplementary assessment period | 14 August 2023–26 August 2023 |

September-start courses (2023-24)

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| Welcome | 18 September 2023–22 September 2023 |
| Semester 1 (teaching) | 25 September 2023–8 December 2023 |
| Christmas Vacation (no teaching) | 11 December 2023–5 January 2024 |
| Assessment Period | 8 January 2024–12 January 2024 |
| Semester 2 (teaching weeks) | 15 January 2024–22 March 2024 |
| Easter Vacation (no teaching) | 25 March 2024–19 April 2024 |
| Revision period | 22 April 2024–26 April 2024 |
| Assessment Support Week (no teaching) | 29 April 2023–3 May 2024 |
| Assessment Period | 7 May 2024–31 May 2024 |
| UoBe festival | 3 June 2024–14 June 2024 |
| Supplementary examinations Period | 12 August 2024–23 August 2024 |

January-start courses (2022-23)

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| Welcome Activities | 3 January 2023–6 January 2023 |
| Semester 1 Teaching Weeks | 9 January 2023–24 March 2023 |
| Easter Vacation (no teaching) | 27 March 2023–14 April 2023 |
| Semester 2 Teaching Weeks | 17 April 2023–16 June 2023 |
| Revision Period | 19 June 2023–30 June 2023 |
| Assessment Period | 3 July 2023–15 July 2023 |
| Supplementary Assessment Period | 14 August 2023–26 August 2023 |

January-start courses (2023-24)

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| Welcome Activities | 2 January 2024–5 January 2024 |
| Semester 1 Teaching Weeks | 8 January 2024–15 March 2024 |
| Teaching/Revision Week | 18 March 2024–22 March 2024 |
| Easter Vacation (no teaching) | 25 March 2024–19 April 2024 |
| Semester 2 Teaching Weeks | 22 April 2024–21 June 2024 |
| Teaching/Revision Week | 17 June 2024–28 June 2024 |
| Assessment Support/Revision | 1 July 2024–5 July 2024 |
| Assessment Period | 8 July 2024–19 July 2024 |
| Supplementary Assessment Period | 12 August 2024–23 August 2024 |

University closures

In addition to the regularly scheduled breaks above, the University will be closed and no teaching will take place on the following dates:

2022-23

- Christmas break: 19 December 2022–6 January 2023
- Easter break: 27 March 2023–14 April 2023
- Early May bank holiday: 1 May 2023
- Bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles III: 8 May 2023
- Spring bank holiday: 29 May 2023
- Summer bank holiday: 28 August 2023

2023-24

- Christmas break: 18 December 2023–5 January 2024
- Easter break: 25 March 2024–12 April 2024
- Early May bank holiday: 6 May 2024
- Spring bank holiday: 27 May 2024
- Summer bank holiday: 26 August 2024

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