



BIRMINGHAM CITY
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MUSLIM STUDENT GUIDE

BCUIC is proud of the diversity of its student cohort and welcomes students from all over the world – of different ages, nationalities and religious faiths. The city of Birmingham is home to more Muslims than the UK average, with over 20% of Birmingham residents identifying as Muslim*.

* 2011 Census – Office for National Statistics.



Mosques

Birmingham is home to over 150 mosques, with Birmingham Central Mosque being one of the most recognised religious buildings in Birmingham.

Two Birmingham mosques have even been named among the first winners in the Beacon Mosque Standards – a new global awards scheme that recognises excellent practices and establishes global standards for Muslim places of worship.

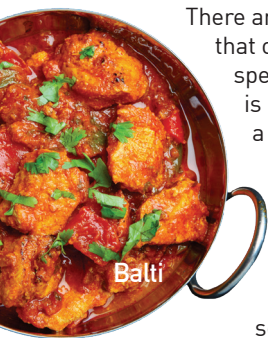
Mosques in the city centre:

- Birmingham Central Mosque (186 Belgrave Middleway)
- Central Jamia Mosque Ghamkol Sharif (150 Golden Hillock Road)
- Jami Masjid & Islamic Centre (505 - 527 Coventry Road)
- Masjid Umbar (98 Walford Road)
- Madina Mosque (150 Adderley Road)
- Zia ul Quran Jamia Masjid (218 St. Saviours Road)

Food

There are many restaurants throughout Birmingham that offer halal menu options, including several specialising in the city's delicacy: the Balti. This is a form of curry, fast-cooked and served in a steel bowl. The inspiration reportedly came from Kashmir and established itself in Birmingham's local cuisine in the late 1970s.

There are also specialist halal supermarkets scattered across the city, and many British chain restaurants now serve halal options.



Events

Birmingham's Small Heath Park hosts annual Eid celebrations – the largest gathering of its kind in Europe. Over 140,000 Muslims gathered here in 2018 to celebrate as a community.

Birmingham also recently introduced a monthly Muslim market, featuring stalls from over 40 Muslim businesses from around the country.

Birmingham City University

Birmingham City University has an active Islamic Society as part of the Students' Union. The Society offers lectures, circles, prayers and other group activities, and seeks to provide understanding through discussions about the prophets of the Old Testament and the Qur'an.

One of the University's internationally acclaimed academics also specialises in this area: Dr Islam Issa teaches in the School of English, and his exhibition Stories of Sacrifice won the Muslim News Awards 'Excellence in Community Relations' prize and he was a finalist at the British Muslim Awards in the 'Services to Education' category.

The campus

Faith space can be found in several locations across Birmingham City University's campuses, including:

- Level Three of Millennium Point, Room 326, on the City Centre Campus
- Level One of the Curzon Building, Room 149, on the City Centre Campus
- In Bevan House, Room 025 (lower level), on the City South Campus



"The main facility every Muslim student looks for is the faith room and a proper place for Wudhu (ablution), and both are available in Millennium Point and the Curzon B Building.

"Friday prayer is organised every Friday at noon and a huge number of people turn up for this. In the holy month of Ramadan, we also organise Iftar (breaking the fast with a meal) on campus."

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