

INTERNATIONAL PROFILE

Founded in 1856, Birmingham-Southern College is a four-year, private, residential liberal arts and sciences college.

Academics

BSC has 99 full-time faculty members, 96% with Ph.D.s. 100% of our classes are taught by faculty members and our Explorations Curriculum is designed to give you the most flexibility in choosing courses that let you explore all your passions while gaining skills valued by employers worldwide.

Campus Life

From residence life to athletics, tailgates to concerts, the BSC experience includes activities for everyone! Our student organizations are run by students, for students (yes, even international students!).

Resources

BSC's Coordinator of International Student Services, Caroline McLean, meets the specific concerns, questions and needs of those who come to BSC from abroad, which includes advising about immigration compliance and visa status maintenance, assisting with orientation to the BSC community, cultural adjustment to the U.S., and connecting with faculty, students and community members, both on and off campus. The International Student Services Coordinator works closely with faculty, staff, campus organizations and community groups to ensure that international students and scholars have the greatest opportunity to achieve their academic and personal goals. Programs like our International Orientation Week and Peer Advisors provide additional support to students. The Cross Cultural Committee connects our students who have an interest in learning about a variety of cultures and provides students opportunities to learn about other parts of the globe.

International Student Professional Mentorship Program (ISPMP)

The ISPMP Provides first-year international students or short-term exchange students with an exciting opportunity to enter an academic community that values a student's successful cultural integration and professional development. Through the guidance of a professional mentor, students are introduced to experts in their fields who share similar interests and career goals.

ABOUT BSC

13:1 student-faculty ratio

named as one of the original 40 schools in Loren Pope's *Colleges That Change Lives*

80+ student organizations

special academic programs

honors

leadership studies

service learning

civic engagement

entrepreneurship

collaborative research

study abroad

more than **50** majors, minors and programs of study

students from over **38** states and **22** countries

22 NCAA Division III varsity sports teams

OUR LOCATION

196-acre campus in the heart of Birmingham, AL, minutes away from downtown. Get the classic American college experience plus all the advantages of a city.

Named one of the "Four Safest Colleges in the South" by Safewise

2.5 hour drive to Atlanta, one of the world's largest international transit hubs.

Additional Drive Times

2.5 hrs- Nashville, TN

4 hrs- Gulf Coast beaches

6 hrs- New Orleans, LA

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

Birmingham–Southern is committed to making your education affordable. We will meet the full demonstrated financial need of every admitted international student through merit-based scholarship and need-based financial aid.

BSC considers whether or not an applicant has requested financial assistance when making admission decisions.

2016–2017 International Cost of Attendance

Tuition & fees	\$33,128
Room & board	\$13,190
Insurance & fees	\$5,466
Total Cost	\$51,784

**average annual increase is approximately 3.9%*

APPLYING TO BSC

Minimum Scores for Admission

TOEFL (Internet Based): 81
IELTS- overall score: 6.5

Scores at or above will waive TOEFL/IELTS:
-SAT 910 with at or above a 450 on CR-SAT
-ACT 20 with at or above a 19 on ACT English

For students with English used as a primary language in secondary school or having completed a University level English course, these requirements are waived. An interview with our Admission staff is required for all students scoring below these minimums.

To complete an application you will need to submit:

- The Common Application or the BSC Online Application
- Your official secondary school scores (transcripts)
- Your official TOEFL or IELTS score report from the testing agency if English is not your native language (TOEFL code: 1064)
- Your official SAT or ACT score report from the testing agency (Taking one of these tests is highly recommended but not required. SAT code: 1064; ACT code: 0012)
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or school official
- A School Recommendation Form to be completed by your counselor or school official
- The CSS profile (CSS Code 1064) or the International Student Financial Aid Application
- A copy of a valid passport photo page

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Feel free to call or email with any questions!

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Accounting
Art
Art History
Asian Studies
Biology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Creative and Applied Computing
(in development, anticipated Fall 2017)
Economics
Education
Engineering (dual-degree)
English
Gender and Women Studies
Global & Comparative Studies
History
Human Rights & Conflict Studies
Latin American Studies
Mathematics
Media & Film Studies
Music
Musical Theatre
Nursing (dual-degree)
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Pre-Health
Pre-Law
Psychology
Public Health Distinction
(in development, anticipated Fall 2017)
Religion
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Arts
Urban Environmental Studies

BSC students may also work in consultation with faculty members from the various disciplines to design specially individualized majors.