

## Directions to Aston University

Aston University is a campus University located right in the centre of Birmingham. This page contains information about how to get to Aston University. Where possible, we recommend that visitors use public transport as Birmingham city centre is well served by train, coach and air from all parts of the UK.

### By Train

Birmingham New Street Station is the nearest main-line station to Aston University, a short 15-20 minute walk away. Direct services arrive here from all parts of the UK.

To walk to the campus from Birmingham New Street Station

- In the main station concourse, go up the escalator directly ahead of the ticket barrier area, then turn left into the Pallasades shopping mall.
- Walk towards the exit, then down the pedestrian ramp from the mall to street level. This is New Street, a bustling shopping street.
- Cross the road on to Corporation Street, straight ahead, then follow this main shopping street for half a mile to the campus. You will pass the large House of Fraser Department Store on your left and a massive Gap Store on your right.
- Keep walking straight ahead down Corporation Street (ignore a sign directing you to the right) until you reach the PELICAN crossing of James Watt Queensway (a main road) on the right side. After the crossing, either go straight ahead on to the campus, or for the Main Building, turn left, walk for 50 metres and turn right into Aston Street. Just after the mini-roundabout and opposite the zebra crossing you will see the Main Building with its distinctive red and blue sky lifts. The Open Day Welcome desk is here.

Taxis can be hired from the taxi rank at New Street Station and cost around £5 to the University. Follow Taxi signs from the main station concourse. There is also a taxi rank on Campus on Aston Street to get back to New Street Station.

Train enquiries: +44(0)345 484 950 <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>

Approximate direct journey times to Birmingham by Train:

London	1h45m
Manchester	1h45m
Leeds	2h
Bristol	1h30m
Nottingham	1h15m
Cardiff	2h
Oxford	1h15m
Southampton	2h45m
Newcastle	3h30m
Glasgow	4h30m

Some regional and national services arrive at **Birmingham Snow Hill or Moor Street stations**, a short 10 minute walk from campus. The enclosed map also shows the locations of these. Please check your timetable.

## By Coach

Coach services, including motorway services to London, operate from Digbeth coach station, which is a short taxi ride or 20 minutes' walk from the campus.

National Express enquiries: +44(0)990 80 80 80

<http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk/>

A Student Rail or Coach Card will often save 30% off travel costs and is useful for university open days.

## West Midlands Travel – bus services

Details on West Midlands bus services into Birmingham City Centre can be found on the Travel West Midlands website:

[www.travelwm.co.uk](http://www.travelwm.co.uk)

## By Air

There are regular international and domestic flights to Birmingham International Airport, one of the UK's largest. Frequent trains run from Birmingham International rail station to Birmingham New Street. The journey time is 15 minutes.

Birmingham International Airport enquiries: +44(0)121 767 7145

<http://www.bhx.co.uk/>

## By Car

From whichever direction you are approaching Birmingham, Aston University is best reached from the M6 motorway (NOT the new M6 Toll, which bypasses the city).

To get to the University campus by car:

- Exit the M6 at Junction 6, and follow signs for the A38(M) to the city centre. **Ignore signs to 'Aston'**. We are located in Birmingham City Centre, not Aston.
- Stay on the A38(M) (Aston Expressway) for about one-two miles until you reach the third exit. This is just after you pass the overhead 'end of motorway' signs. Aston University/University of Aston is signposted from here. You will see the Aston University Main Building on your left.
- Take the **LEFT filter lane here**, and at the Lancaster Circus roundabout (next to the Fire Station) take the **first exit** left into James Watt Queensway
- **IGNORE** the first left turn into Aston Street (this is for dropping off only) but keep going for 50 metres in the left hand lane.
- Keep in the left hand lane - you will pass the redbrick Lakeside university residences before reaching the main entrance on your left. When reaching Coleshill Street (with the Astroturf on your left), turn right to the Visitors Car Park.

## Other routes to campus – from the South and West

Aston University is also close to the A4540 Birmingham Central Ring Road. Alternative routes to the campus from the **South and West** include the A45 from the M42 Junction 6, the A441 from the M42 Junction 2, The A456 from the M5 Junction 3 and the A38 from the M5 Junction 4. Please do not hesitate to contact the University if you have any difficulties, or would like further maps of the campus. 0121 204 4771.

**Satellite Navigation Systems:** some visitors have recently reported getting lost trying to find the campus using in-car *SatNav* systems as these directions sometimes take drivers off the motorway too early, onto ring roads and less obvious routes. We recommend drivers use maps initially and try to adhere to the directions above.

Approximate distance in miles (with travelling time by motorway/dual carriageway) to Birmingham from:

	miles	time
London	118	2-2h30m
Cardiff	106	1h45m-2h
Manchester	87	1h30m
Exeter	161	2h45m
Norwich	163	2h45m
Liverpool	101	1h45m
Glasgow	290	5h
Bristol	86	1h30m
Newcastle Upon Tyne	209	3h30m
Leicester/Nottingham	c50	1h-1h15m