

Eating & Drinking

There are many cafes and restaurants serving food from all over the world close to Birkbeck. All of the suggestions offer good choices for vegetarians. For simplicity's sake, the recommendations are in four geographical areas: East of Birkbeck; West of Birkbeck; South of Birkbeck and North of Birkbeck.

East of Birkbeck

The Brunswick Centre, Brunswick Square - entrance from Marchmont, Bernard or Hunter Streets (less expensive - mid range prices)

- Carluccio's (a popular gourmet Italian chain – with outdoor seating)
- Giraffe (a popular world fusion chain restaurant)
- Tortoise and Hare Noodle Bar (good value East Asian fusion).
- The Gourmet Burger Company (high class burgers).
- Patisserie Valerie (cakes, sandwiches, English afternoon teas, daytime only)
- Strada (wood fired pizzas and pasta)
- Yo Sushi! (sushi and noodle).

Marchmont Street (less expensive - mid range prices)

- Alara (a wholefood shop and vegetarian café, daytime only)
- Balfour (Italian – with outdoor seating)

West of Birkbeck

Charlotte Street (more expensive)

- Bertorelli's (Italian)
- Chez Gerard (chain French)
- Passione (top class Italian)
- Rasa (Southern Indian – specialises in vegetarian and seafood)

Tottenham Court Road

- Le Pain Quotidien (French cafe/restaurant)

Goodge Street (mid range – more expensive prices)

- Ping Pong (Chinese/ fusion dim sum)
- Salt Yard (upmarket tapas)
- Spaghetti House (classic Italian, an old favourite since the late 60s)

Torrington Place (less expensive)

- Planet Organic (self service vegetarian, wholefood and organic café and shop)
- Patisserie Valerie (cakes, sandwiches, salads, English afternoon teas, during the day)

South of Birkbeck

Bloomsbury Way (mid range prices)

- Tas (excellent Turkish – but rather noisy)

North of Birkbeck

Euston Road (less expensive)

- Pizza Express (good pizza chain)

Drummond Street (less expensive to mid range)

- African Kitchen Gallery (African)
- Chutneys (Southern India vegetarian)
- Diwana Bel Poori House (Southern Indian vegetarian)
- Ravi Shankar (Southern Indian vegetarian)
- Ambala Sweet Centre (Indian sweets)

A useful restaurant website: Urban Spoon

<http://www.urbanspoon.com/c/52/London-restaurants.html>

A general Bloomsbury website: Urban Path

<http://www.urbanpath.com/london/bloomsbury/eating-drinking/>

Inexpensive sandwich shops, cafes and bars/pubs, local to Birkbeck, University of London, in the Bloomsbury/Fitzrovia area of WC1.

Brunswick Centre, off Russell Square

Crussh Juice Bar

Apostrophe

Starbucks

Waitrose (supermarket)

Opposite Russell Square Underground

Tesco Metro (small supermarket)

Pret a Manger

Russell Square

Cafe in the Park

Malet Street

Costa Coffee in Waterstones

Cafe in ULU

Birkbeck College

Costa Coffee

Store Street

Café Deco

Store Street Espresso

Café Paradiso

Ristorante Olivelli (Pizza Paradiso)

Coop (supermarket)

College Arms (pub)

Alfred Place

Apostrophe

Torrington Place

Marlborough Arms (pub)

Leigh St.

Norfolk Arms (pub & tapas restaurant)