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Welcome to Cardiff University's School of English, Communication and Philosophy



We are dedicated to providing postgraduate teaching and supervision of the highest quality and an excellent student experience in a personalised and supportive environment.

The School of English, Communication and Philosophy is a multi-discipline School that values critical rigour, creative thinking, and intellectual inquisitiveness. Our size and shape – some 55 academic staff, working alongside a team of dedicated Professional Services colleagues – guarantee visibility and heft, while also ensuring that we are able to give students the personal attention and support they need to flourish.

We think across disciplines; are committed both to our location of culture and to internationalism; and ensure that our graduates are equipped for the world of work.

We offer a range of taught postgraduate programmes in literature, creative writing, language and philosophy that provide both practical research skills and an opportunity to explore – and intervene in – contemporary debates about literature, language, cultural identity and the business of being human. We embrace a range of distinctive approaches to these issues, spanning the humanities and social sciences. Specialist doctoral supervision is offered by staff who are driving these debates. In each of our subject areas, we combine the highest levels of traditional scholarship with a record of innovative, discipline-defining work.

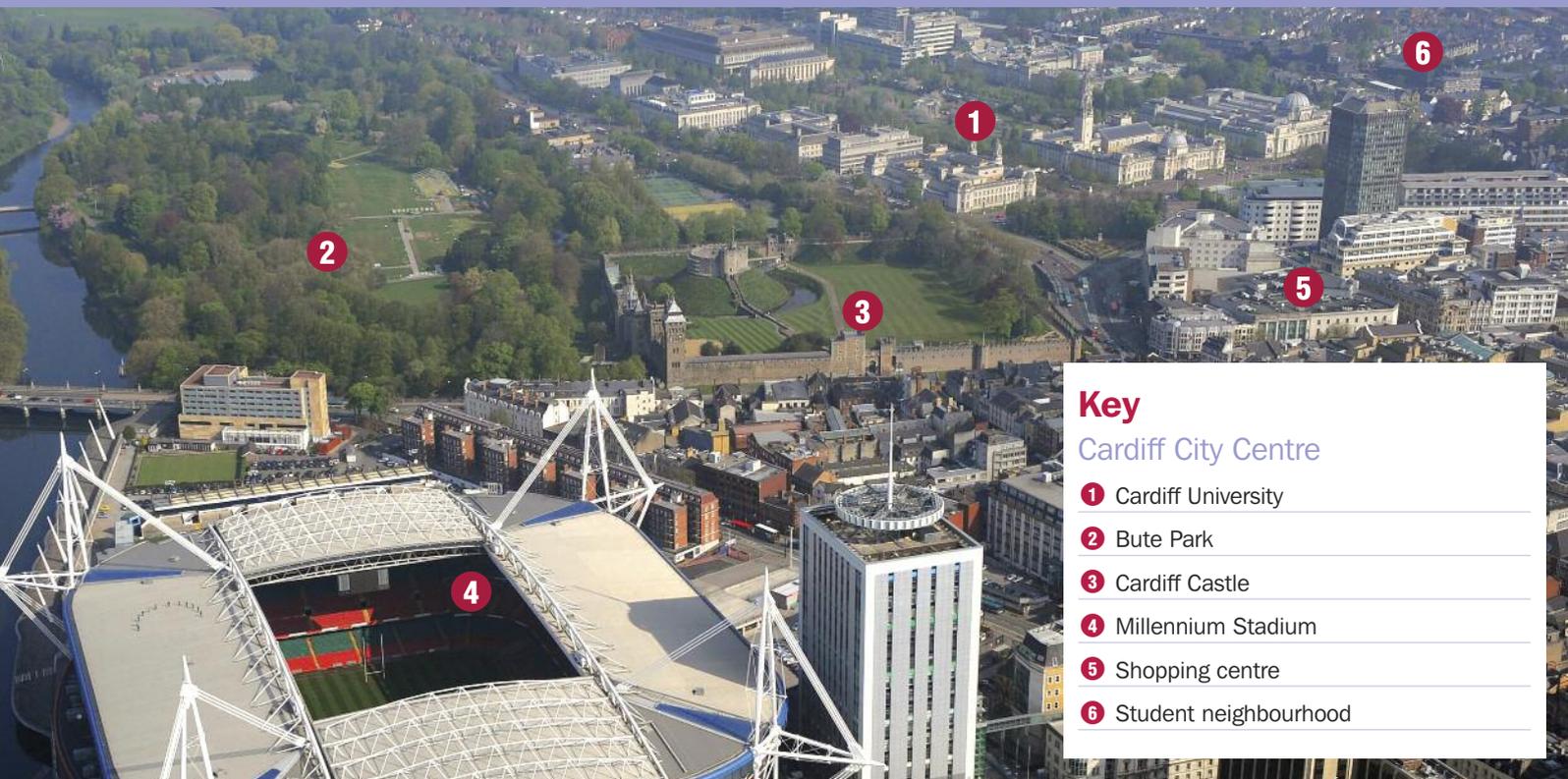
Language and Literature (which includes Creative Writing) were ranked tenth in the UK for research quality in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, while in the same exercise, Philosophy demonstrated that its research had dynamic transformative impact beyond the academy.



We regard our postgraduate students as key participants in the research life of the School. We celebrate ideas and conceptual strength, believing that our disciplines can, in meaningful ways, enhance the world.

Professor Damian Walford Davies
Head of School

Cardiff: the Capital City of Wales



Cardiff is a thriving and attractive city which is widely recognised as an outstanding place in which to live and study.

Location

Cardiff is located on the coast of South Wales, which has beautiful national parks and beaches only 30 minutes away. Cardiff is approximately 230km (145 miles) west of London and is easily accessed by train in about two hours. Cardiff has excellent transport links (it is ranked 1st in the UK for the most transport friendly city) with an international airport that has flights to many cities in Europe.



The perfect student city

Cardiff is a small city with a population of about 340,000 people. Approximately 20% of the population are students, which makes it safe, friendly and affordable (see pages 6-7). Cardiff, however, is also a capital city with all the culture, sports, shops, entertainment, work opportunities and atmosphere you would expect of a modern European metropolis.





The University is surrounded by attractive parkland and is adjacent to Cardiff Castle and the city centre

With its distinctive character, high quality of life, and growing national and international reputation, it hosts many high-profile sporting and cultural events, including international rugby, soccer, cricket, motor sport, and Cardiff Singer of the World. It is also home to the biannual Artes Mundi exhibition and prize (the UK's biggest art prize).

Home to the world-renowned Welsh National Opera, it boasts prestigious concert venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre, St David's Hall and the Motorpoint Arena, as well as the iconic Millennium Stadium, the National Museum and Gallery of Wales, several theatres and the historic Cardiff Castle.

Cardiff is the location for award-winning television productions, including Doctor Who, Sherlock, Torchwood and Casualty,

and the Doctor Who Experience in Cardiff Bay is a popular new attraction.

This means you get a small inexpensive city you can easily walk around, but also an exciting city where there is always something to do. To find out more about the city of Cardiff visit:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgradlife

A diverse, international city

Cardiff was one of the UK's first multi-cultural cities and an estimated 94 languages are spoken here. This is a real benefit for international students because many of the food and ingredients you use in your country are also sold in Cardiff. You can also be assured that there are many religious and cultural facilities across the city, including mosques, synagogues, churches and temples.



10 Facts About Cardiff

- ▶ Cardiff University is in the city centre of Cardiff.
- ▶ Cardiff Airport has more than 30 flights a day to UK and European cities.
- ▶ Cardiff is only 2 hours from London by train.
- ▶ Cardiff has a 70,000 seated stadium, an international sports village and a football league soccer club: Cardiff City FC.
- ▶ Cardiff has more than 330 parks and gardens.
- ▶ Residents voted Cardiff one of the best cities to live in Europe (Urban Audit Sponsored by the European Commission).
- ▶ The popular TV shows Doctor Who and Torchwood are filmed in Cardiff.
- ▶ Selected as the European Capital of Sport for 2014.
- ▶ Named as 6th best shopping destination in the UK. Cardiff has a new £675 million shopping centre in the city centre.
- ▶ Welsh is Europe's oldest living language and is spoken by 20% of the population.



Weather in Cardiff

The average temperature in Cardiff in Winter is 7°C, and in Summer temperatures can reach up to 30°C. With four seasons, the weather in the UK is generally unpredictable and can vary considerably; however, Cardiff experiences less rainfall than other areas of Wales and is consistent with the rest of the UK.

Cardiff: the University



Cardiff University has an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, built on a history of service and achievement since 1883, and recognised by our membership of the Russell Group of leading research-led universities.

A History of Achievement

The University was founded in 1883 when it was granted its own Royal Charter. Today, we are a member of the Russell Group, the UK's top 24 research-intensive universities. We attract students from more than 100 countries and our research funding from the Research Councils, public bodies, industry, commerce and other sources exceeds £100m annually. We have celebrated a number of notable achievements during the past few years notably Cardiff University was ranked 5th amongst UK universities when judged on research quality and second when judged on its impact in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, a prestigious national assessment exercise carried out periodically by the UK funding councils. This has confirmed our place as a world-leading centre of research excellence. Our research staff are world-class and include Nobel Laureates, fellows of the Royal Society and members of other prestigious institutions. We were also awarded our fifth Queen's Anniversary Prize – an award which recognises universities and colleges across the UK for work of outstanding excellence.

We actively pursue collaborations which will help us to deliver social and economic benefits for Wales, the UK and the world. We are currently part of the GW4 Alliance and have strong high quality engagements

with the Welsh public sector, Welsh Higher Education partners, International Universities and Welsh Business and Industry. Looking to the future, further partnerships and collaboration are central to our mission to be a world-leading university; both internally – through interdisciplinary teams – and externally, through links with organisations of all types, nationally and internationally.

Location

Our Cathays Park campus is located in and around the impressive Portland stone buildings, parks and wide tree-lined avenues that form Cardiff's attractive civic centre. The majority of academic schools are located here - just a few minutes' walk from the city centre. The four academic schools offering healthcare courses (excluding Optometry and Pharmacy) are based at the Heath Park campus, approximately one mile away, which is also home to the University Hospital of Wales.

The School of English, Communication and Philosophy is located in the Cathays Park campus and is in close proximity to the city centre.

Facilities

Although dating from 1883, we are focused on the 21st century, and have modern state-of-the-art buildings and facilities. We have recently unveiled plans

to invest over £300m in new buildings to provide state-of-the-art research, teaching and student facilities which will include the world's first Social Science Research Park, a purpose-built Centre for Student Life, a new learning resources centre/library and a Translational Research Facility designed to turn academic research into applications in the real world.

Facilities and Services for Postgraduates

We are committed to providing high quality facilities and services to meet the specific needs of our postgraduate community.

The Graduate Centre

Our Graduate Centre is dedicated to meeting the needs of postgraduate students, through provision of a wide range of study and social resources and services, exclusive to postgraduates, which complement those offered by our academic schools. The Centre provides a focal point for the broader taught and research postgraduate community, giving you the opportunity to meet and socialise with others in a friendly and relaxed environment. A smaller facility is located in the Main Hospital for postgraduates based at the Heath Park Campus.



10 Facts About Cardiff University

- ▶ We came 5th in the UK based on research quality (REF 2014), and top 1.5% in the world (QS World Ranking).
- ▶ We are a member of the elite Russell Group of top 24 UK research-led universities.
- ▶ We have more than 28,000 students from more than 110 countries.
- ▶ Employment rates for our students are higher than the UK average (HESA 2012/13).
- ▶ Accommodation in University residences is guaranteed for most international students and is within walking distance of the University.
- ▶ We have 18 libraries, 28 IT suites, a Wi-Fi enabled campus and more than 1.5 million books.
- ▶ The University is on two campuses at the very centre of Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. Cardiff is only two hours from London by train.
- ▶ Our teaching was given the highest possible award in the last UK Government review. Our degree programmes are also recognised by more than 40 professional bodies.
- ▶ The University generates more than £100m annually from research grants and contracts.
- ▶ University Professor Sir Martin Evans FRS is a Nobel Prize winner for Medicine.

Study Facilities

There is wireless access to the University's computing network throughout the Graduate Centre and a dedicated computer room with 35 networked terminals, printers, scanner and photocopier. Five meeting rooms provide space for study and project groups, training workshops, seminars, presentations and meetings. A reading room offers individual quiet study space for up to 35 people. The Lounge provides an informal space for group study, as well as additional computing. At Heath Park, there is a study room which is also equipped with a projector and a whiteboard, so it can be booked by postgraduates for seminars or meetings.

Social Venue & Activities

The Graduate Centre hosts a programme of social events specifically for postgraduates, to give you the opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow students. These include two weeks of welcome events for new students in October, plus film nights, quiz nights during the autumn term, a summer party in June and other one-off events throughout the year. We also run a programme of coach trips with excursions to various UK destinations such as Oxford, Stonehenge, Longleat Safari Park and more. The Café Bar is modern and cosy, providing space for postgraduates to relax with friends, watch TV, play on the Wii, and take a break from their studies. It can also be booked

free of charge for postgraduate-led events. At Heath Park, the social space also includes a TV, BluRay player and Wii console. There is a licensed bar service, run by the Students' Union, which is open some weeknights and for special events.

The University Graduate College

The University Graduate College supports the work of our academic Schools and supervisors and enhances the experience of postgraduate research students by:

- ▶ Fostering an intellectually stimulating environment through encouraging postgraduate research students to become part of the wider research community;
- ▶ Providing a comprehensive, integrated skills development programme for research students;
- ▶ Ensuring a quality research experience by working with Schools, supervisors and postgraduate research students to provide information and guidance based on the University's Code of Practice for Research Degrees;
- ▶ Developing the facilities and services for postgraduate researchers.

The formal training available to postgraduate research students is known as the University Graduate College Programme for Postgraduate Researchers.

Looking to the future, further partnerships and collaboration are central to the University's mission to be a world-leading university . . .

Accommodation

Your Guarantee of Accommodation
International/EU postgraduate students are guaranteed a single-occupancy place in University residences for the full duration of your studies.
This is provided you apply through the normal admission and allocation process, and re-apply for residences each year through the overseas returners process.



We know that where you live is very important to you. You will want to settle quickly and live in a secure, well-located, sociable location that is also a suitable study environment.

This is why Cardiff University provides all international/EU postgraduate students guaranteed accommodation in one of our highly-ranked University residences.

We have numerous residences, each with different facilities, in different locations and at different costs. All international/EU postgraduate students are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences for the duration of their studies providing you submit an online application and make a pre-payment by the specified deadline.

Living in a University residence provides an opportunity to meet and get to know students from a variety of backgrounds, studying a range of different subjects.

Your choices include:

- ▶ single or mixed gender accommodation.
- ▶ private or shared bathrooms. About 70% of University residences have private bathrooms ('ensuite').
- ▶ self-catered, part-catered or fully catered (with vegetarian options).
- ▶ a variety of social and sporting facilities.

There is a very limited supply of residences suitable for couples and families. We are therefore unable to guarantee this type of residence and priority in the allocation process is given to students coming from overseas for their first year of study. You should not bring your family to Cardiff until suitable accommodation has been secured.

Close to the School

Cardiff's residences are very well located, with many residences being a short distance from the School. The majority of students are able to walk or cycle easily to their lectures every day.

Safe and supportive

One of the advantages of University residences is the support you are offered. Each residence has a network of administrative staff, student wardens and security staff that provide 24-hour assistance. Only students, guests of students and staff are allowed on University residences sites. This makes them safe and secure.

What do University residences provide?

A typical apartment in University residences could include six study bedrooms. Six occupants would share a kitchen. Every student has their own bedroom. Each room has a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and storage. You won't need to buy additional furniture. Also Halls of Residence bedrooms are connected to the University network and highspeed internet. In your flat you will have access to a shared kitchen/dining room. This area includes a cooker, refrigerator, sink, table and chairs. If you choose 'ensuite' you will have your own bathroom with shower.

How much do University residences cost?

The cost of residences depends on several factors, including the residence you choose, length of stay, meal options and whether you want private bathroom facilities. University residences are very good value as the cost includes water, electricity, security, furniture and internet access. As everything is included in one price, it helps you more easily budget.

For the 2014/15 year self-catering residences ranged from £82 – £115 a week. Part/fully catered residences ranged from £99 – £119 a week. Rooms with private bathrooms are generally more expensive than rooms with shared bathrooms.

Private Sector Accommodation

For UK students and any international or EU Students who wish to rent privately owned accommodation, there is a great choice of accommodation available for rental in the city – including a good variety within walking distance of the University and city centre.

The University's Residences Office can help by providing you with lists of properties that are currently available to rent. Detailed advice on tenancy agreements and other aspects of living in private sector accommodation is available via the University's Student Support Centre or the Students' Union Advice and Representation Centre. The Students' Union also runs a letting agency, details of which can be found at:

www.cardiffstudentletting.com

If you are looking for private accommodation you should arrange to visit Cardiff before the start of term as it is not advisable to arrange such accommodation either by post or telephone. When you come to Cardiff for this purpose, you can take advantage of low cost accommodation in our halls provided your visit is outside term-time and that you arrange this with us in advance. Details can be found at:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/summer

House Hunting Event

The University organises an annual House Hunting Event that usually takes place during August aimed at new and current Cardiff University postgraduate students who are looking for shared rented accommodation for the next academic year. Further details here:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate/House_hunting

How does Cardiff compare with other places?

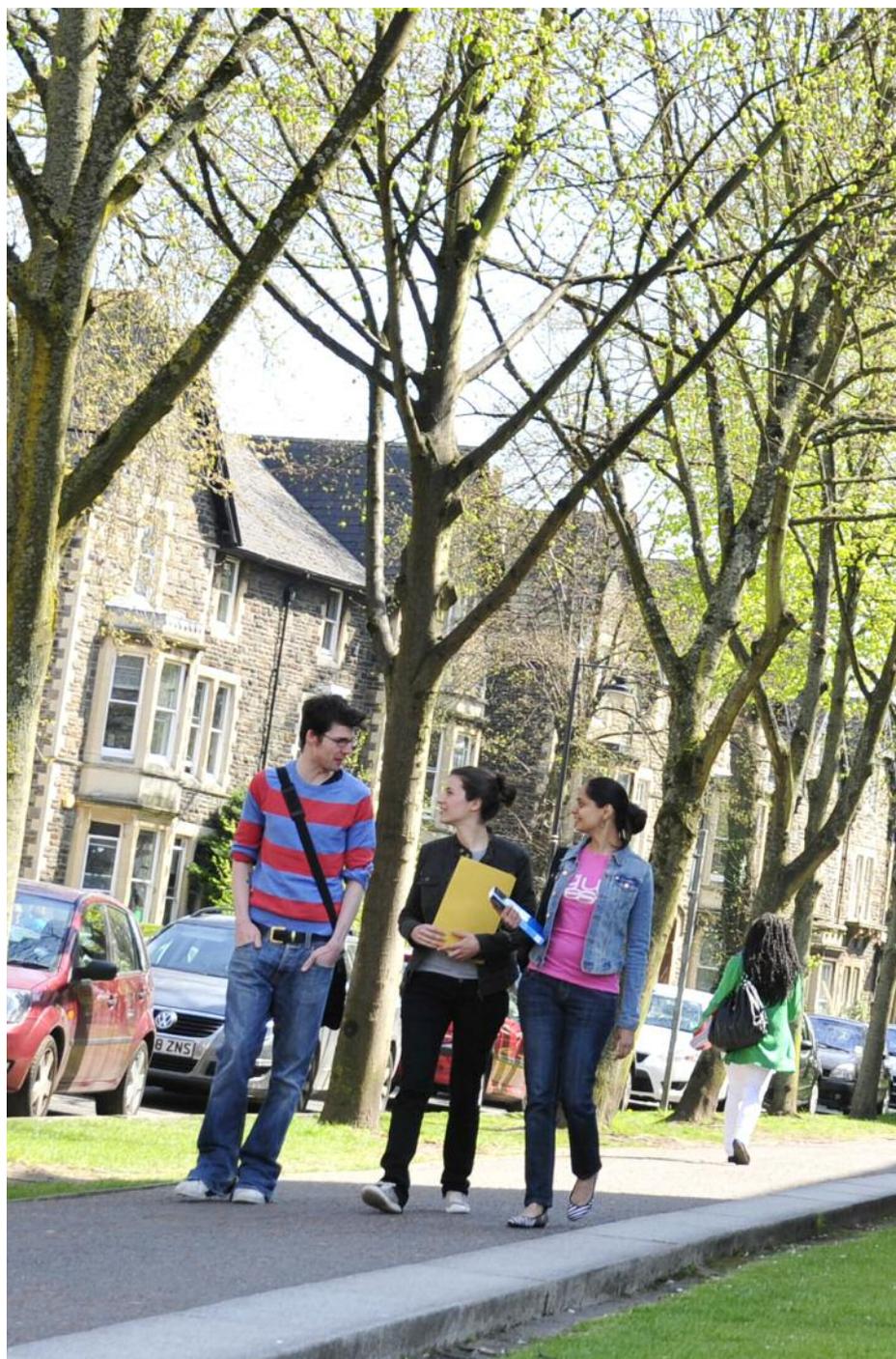
Cardiff has many advantages which make it a cheaper place to study than other university cities. These include:

- ▶ Cardiff is a compact city and the University is in the middle – therefore you won't have far to travel between the University, city centre shops and your accommodation.
- ▶ Cardiff is also very flat, making it easy to walk or cycle around. You won't need to spend money on buses or taxis.
- ▶ Cardiff council runs bicycle and car sharing schemes. This will make it even easier for you to get around without large extra costs.

Living Expenses

We estimate that a single student in Cardiff would need £800 a month. These estimates are based on the actual experiences of students living in Cardiff. This means that a postgraduate student (September – June) needs £9,573 a year. These estimates include accommodation, bills, food, books, clothes, travel, telephone and social expenses.

If you are intending to bring family members such as a spouse or child, you will need to have at least an extra £400 a month for each family member.



About the School of English, Communication and Philosophy



INSPIRATION...

We are one of the largest Schools in Cardiff University and we pride ourselves on providing an excellent experience for our students, in a friendly, personalised and supportive environment.

We are highly research-active, which means you will benefit from being taught by academics working at the forefront of their disciplines.

If you come to Cardiff to study a topic in English Literature, Creative Writing, Critical Theory, Language and Communication, or Philosophy, you will be based with us.

You will benefit from being taught by academics working at the forefront of their disciplines, generating research of international standing. Staff specialisms are reflected in the courses on offer and you will have access to staff in our research centres and networks, which are dedicated to key issues in the study of language, texts, cultures, ideas, values and identities.

We organise ourselves into broad disciplinary groups with permeable borders that encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and innovation across traditions and styles

of investigation. In English Literature we span all the main periods and genres, and our work is energised by a variety of methodologies. Literature is home to our **Centre for Editorial and Intertextual Research** where cutting-edge work on digital humanities takes place. Our Creative Writing programmes, delivered by experienced, published writer-academics, engage with hybrid genres as well as established modes and forms, and encourage a critical engagement with your writing and its wider contexts.

Our Centre for Critical and Cultural Theory, though located in Literature, is closely allied with Philosophy which has the unusual characteristic of balancing, and forging interactions between, research in the Continental and Analytic traditions. Within Philosophy is our **Centre for Applied Ethics**, with major strengths in the ethics of healthcare and sport. Healthcare is also a focus for research in the **Centre for Language and Communication Research**, along with in-depth enquiry into forensic linguistics, grammar and intonation (using systemic functional linguistics), professional discourse, language learning, gesture, corpus linguistics, and linguistic expressions of identity in the context of aging, leadership, sport, dialect variation, and the new media.

Location and Facilities

The School is located in the John Percival Building, which is next to the Arts and Social Studies Library, and within easy walking distance of key University facilities such as the award-winning Students' Union and the Graduate Centre.

The Arts and Social Studies Library is well-stocked with books and academic journals in all our subject areas, electronic resources, and specialist collections such as Cardiff Rare Books, a rich collection of over 14,000 items ranging from fifteenth-century incunabula to twentieth-century fine press books.

Dedicated research space is available for PhD students in the John Percival Building and there are excellent networked IT facilities open to all students. We continue to make substantial investment in postgraduate facilities, including IT, so as to make your study experience effective and enjoyable.

We welcome entries from all prospective postgraduates. In the first instance please contact:
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Postgraduate Taught Programmes



We offer a wide range of taught programmes in the following disciplines:

- English Literature
- Language and Communication
- Philosophy
- Creative Writing
- Critical and Cultural Theory

Our Postgraduate Taught Programmes reflect our distinctive approaches to research in English Language and Communication, English Literature, Creative Writing, Critical and Cultural Theory, and Philosophy. Each degree is designed to meet the specialist needs of students wishing to further their knowledge of a subject and enhance their employability.

Our programmes combine the opportunity to study subjects at an advanced level while also delivering important academic and transferable skills, such as critical thinking, analysis and problem solving, and independent research.

Modes of Study

Most of these programmes can be undertaken full-time for one year or part-time over two years. Please refer to the programme pages in this brochure for more detailed information on modes of study, course structure, and assessment.

Location and Facilities

The School is located in the John Percival Building. All taught seminars take place here and IT facilities are available for MA students.

Careers

90% of responding graduates between 2010 and 2013 reported they were in full-time, part-time, self- or unpaid employment and/or continuing study. 67% of those in employment reported they were engaged in Graduate Track work.

Employers include: Cardiff University, Random House - Ebury Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Open University, Visit Wales, Worldwide English Services, and Cardiff and Vale College. Please see individual course pages for more on careers in individual areas.

MA in Critical and Cultural Theory



Our MA in Critical and Cultural Theory is an exciting opportunity to engage with interdisciplinary approaches to the study and critique of culture and society.

Engaging with the work of the most influential theorists of contemporary culture (e.g. Agamben, Badiou, Deleuze, Derrida, Foucault, Lacan, Nancy, Stiegler, Žižek and recent Feminist, Queer, Postcolonial, Posthumanist and Digital theorists), this MA explores approaches to a range of issues and problems concerning power, cultural memory, gender and sexuality, race, economics, media, identity and discourse in contemporary and historical contexts.

You will be taught by members of our Centre for Critical and Cultural Theory who are working at the forefront of the discipline. The Centre, the first of its kind in the UK when established, has a strong reputation for pioneering research into key theorists and has contributed significantly to the development of the field of theory as an area of university teaching and research.

Our staff have diverse interests, with specialisms reflected in the courses on offer, such as: Continental Thought; History, Culture and Place; and The Contemporary World.

The aim of this MA is to provide students with the knowledge and expertise for work in education and the creative industries. It is also an ideal basis for students wishing to undertake PhD study.

After completing this course you will be familiar with some of the key approaches to questions of subjectivity, discourse, power and the virtual. You will have acquired a critical understanding of the ways in which these approaches can offer insights into the complexities of our social and cultural lives.

67% of responding graduates from 2012/13 reported to be in full-time employment, with the remaining 33% combining work and further study.

Course Structure

The course is available on a full- and part-time basis. Students choose a total of four modules, including at least one of the two core modules (Foundations or Innovations), before writing a dissertation.

In addition to taught seminars, you will also be expected to participate in reading groups, postgraduate seminars, departmental seminars, and specialist conferences and workshops. There are regular staff-student Research Seminars and opportunities to present papers at Graduate Seminars (including the PhD Workshop) and Graduate conferences.

Optional modules are likely to include the following:

- ▶ Postcolonial/Global
- ▶ Digital Theory
- ▶ Eco-Theories
- ▶ The Matter of the University

You will also have the option of choosing from modules cross-listed from our MA in English Literature, such as Writing and Experimentation, and Lyric Poetry and New Philosophical Approaches to 'Nature'.

Assessment

You will be assessed on the basis of four essays of 4,000-5,000 words each (one per module) and a dissertation of approximately 15,000 words on a topic chosen in consultation with your supervisor.

Entry Requirements

Suitable for graduates in Humanities and Social Sciences. A First or Upper Second class UK honours degree or equivalent is required. Applicants whose first language is not English are normally expected to have a minimum IELTS score of 7 overall.

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MA/Diploma in Applied Linguistics



This MA provides excellent preparation for further study at PhD level or for those seeking to develop a stronger academic and vocational profile.

This course is aimed at anyone with a professional interest in the use of language. It incorporates three broad areas of study: research methodology; language description and comparison; and specialised topics in language and social life, foreign language teaching and multimodality.

Studying this MA enables you to work with staff from our Centre for Language and Communication Research which has an international reputation as a field leader in sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, multimodal communication, systemic functional linguistics, forensic linguistics, and formulaic language.

This programme provides excellent preparation for further study at PhD level or for those seeking to develop a stronger academic and vocational profile.

As well as its relevance to all aspects of Second Language Teaching, from classroom practice to materials design, the programme has much wider applications within such fields as publishing, journalism, communications and administration. It also provides a sound basis for those wishing to specialise in areas such as speech therapy, translation and interpretation, lexicography and natural language generation.

Course Structure

This course can be taken as a one year full-time course or a two year part-time course.

Students take three compulsory modules (Research Foundations, Language Description and Phonology) and select three additional modules. Optional modules may include:

- ▶ Discourse and Social Interaction
- ▶ Forensic Linguistics
- ▶ Current Issues in Sociolinguistics
- ▶ Lexis
- ▶ Qualitative Research Methods
- ▶ Multimodality
- ▶ Quantitative Research Methods
- ▶ Second Language and Pedagogy
- ▶ Language, Genre and Ideology
- ▶ Text and Social Context

In some cases, you may be asked to select a specific module, in light of your previous experience and in view of your future career goals.

In addition to taught seminars, you will also be expected to participate in reading groups, postgraduate seminars, departmental seminars, and specialist conferences and workshops.

Assessment

The taught component (leading to the Diploma or stage 1 of the MA) is assessed by coursework only. This is followed by a supervised dissertation of between 14,000 and 20,000 words for stage 2 of the MA.

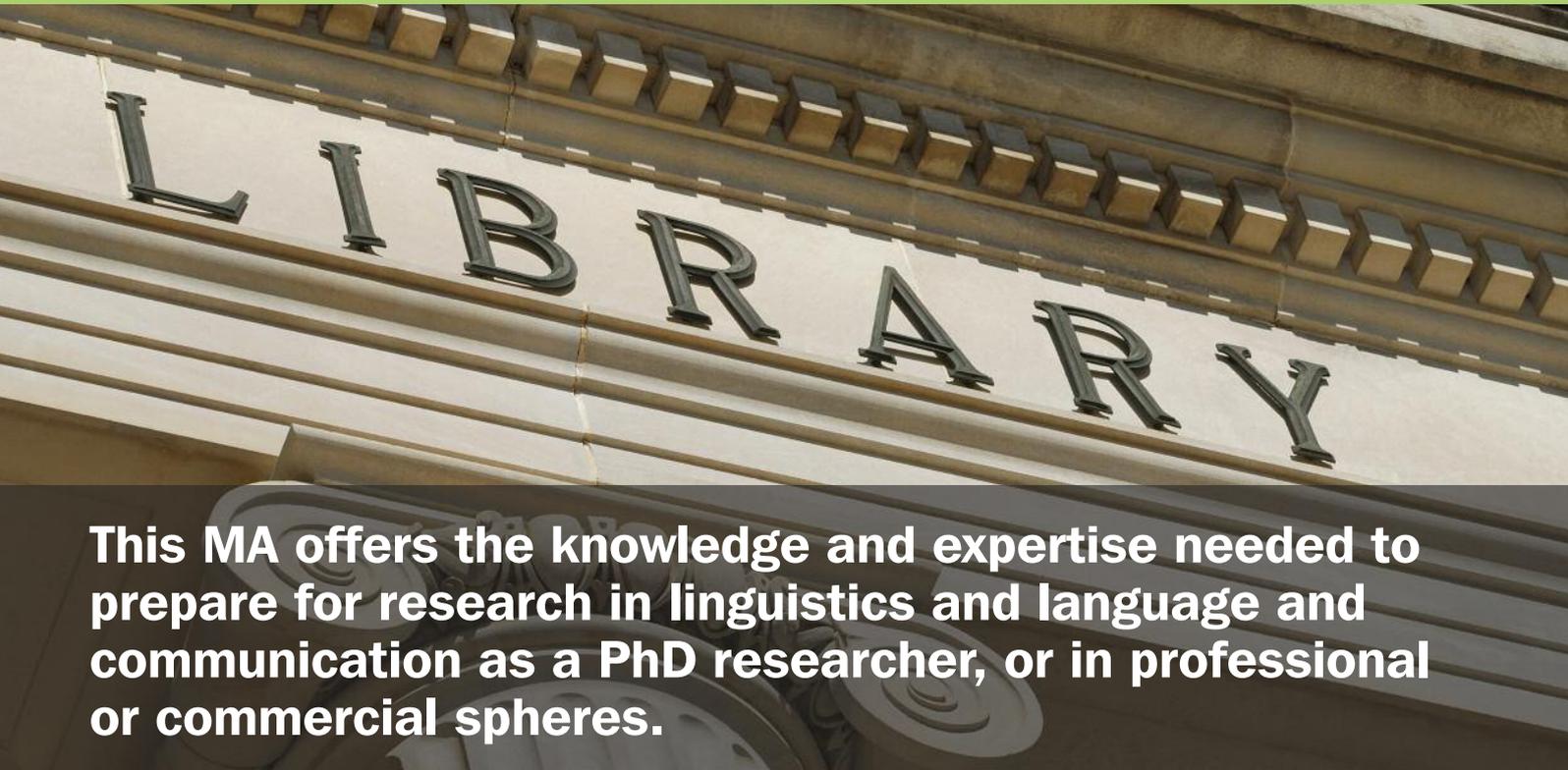
Entry Requirements

First or upper Second class UK Honours degree or equivalent. Suitable for graduates in language-related disciplines, or with relevant language-related experience, including language teaching. Applicants whose first language is not English are normally expected to have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 overall, with at least 6.5 in each sub-score.

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MA/Diploma in Language and Communication Research



This MA offers the knowledge and expertise needed to prepare for research in linguistics and language and communication as a PhD researcher, or in professional or commercial spheres.

This scheme is for anyone wishing to develop research knowledge and skills relating to areas of language and communication (including media communication). It carries Advanced Course Recognition from the ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) as a postgraduate research training scheme.

Studying this MA provides an opportunity to work with staff from our Centre for Language and Communication Research which has an international reputation as a field leader in sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, multimodal communication, systemic functional linguistics, forensic linguistics, and formulaic language.

This programme can be regarded as either a free-standing qualification for people working in professional or commercial spheres where such skills are needed, or a preparatory step to embarking on a PhD.

Course Structure

This course can be taken as a one year full-time course or a two year part-time course.

Students take four compulsory modules (Foundation Module in Language and Communication Research; Quantitative Research Methods; Qualitative Research Methods; Research Experience) and select two additional modules. Optional modules may include:

- ▶ Language Description
- ▶ Phonology
- ▶ Second Language Development and Pedagogy
- ▶ Discourse and Social Interaction
- ▶ Forensic Linguistics
- ▶ Multimodality
- ▶ Current issues in Sociolinguistics
- ▶ Lexis
- ▶ Language, Genre, and Ideology

In addition to taught seminars, you will also be expected to participate in reading groups, postgraduate seminars, departmental seminars, and specialist conferences and workshops.

Assessment

The taught component is assessed by coursework only. This is followed by a supervised dissertation of between 14,000 and 20,000 words.

Entry Requirements

Suitable for graduates with degrees related to linguistics, language and communication. A First or Upper Second class UK honours degree or equivalent is required. Applicants whose first language is not English are normally expected to have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 overall, with at least 6.5 in each sub-score.

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MA/Diploma in Forensic Linguistics



This is an innovative programme providing a unique opportunity to study the impact of language in the legal and judicial process.

On this programme you will investigate issues such as the ways in which police interviewers gain confessions from suspects, how narratives are constructed in court, how rape complainants are 'revictimised' in cross-examination and how legal documents fail to communicate with ordinary people.

You will also critically consider the various types of linguistic evidence that may be used in investigations or presented in court, including evidence as to who wrote a series of abusive emails or a terrorist document, whether two trademarks are confusingly similar, and whether a refugee actually hails from the country they claim they are from.

The course is delivered by a team of highly qualified and experienced forensic linguists and includes project work and at least one field trip.

Studying this MA enables you to work with staff from our Centre for Language and Communication Research which has an international reputation as a field leader in sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, multimodal communication, systemic functional linguistics, forensic linguistics, and formulaic language.

Although this is an academic rather than vocational MA, recent graduates have found employment within the legal system, including the 999 Emergency Call Service,

the Police Force, the Prison Service, the Home Office, and the secret services. Others have progressed to further legal training or to PhD research in a related area.

Graduates also move on to non-legal careers, finding that the legal and linguistic focus of their studies helps them to stand out in the workplace.

Course Structure

This course can be taken as a one year full-time course or a two year part-time course.

Students take four compulsory modules (Forensic Linguistics 1: Language in the Legal Process; Forensic Linguistics 2: Comprehensibility and Linguistic Evidence; Projects in Forensic Linguistics; Foundation module: Core Skills, Principles and Issues involved in Language and Communication Research) and select two additional modules. Optional modules may include:

- ▶ Discourse and Social Interaction
- ▶ Multimodality
- ▶ Phonology
- ▶ Language Description
- ▶ Second Language Development and Pedagogy
- ▶ Qualitative Research Methods
- ▶ Quantitative Research Methods
- ▶ Current Issues in Sociolinguistics

In addition to taught seminars, you will also be expected to participate in reading groups, postgraduate seminars, departmental seminars, and specialist conferences and workshops. Dependent on your previous experience, you may also be required to attend undergraduate modules in Forensic Linguistics.

Assessment

The taught component is assessed by coursework only. This is followed by a supervised dissertation of between 14,000 and 20,000 words.

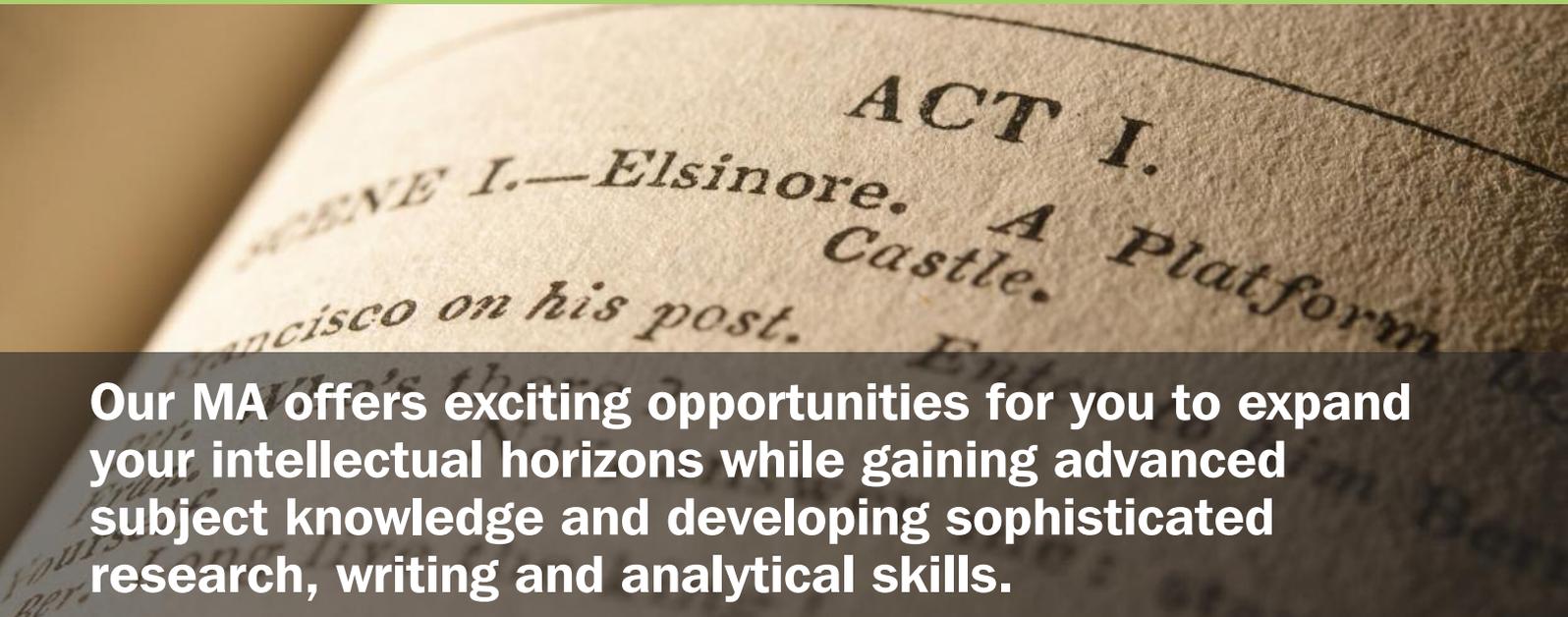
Entry Requirements

A First or Upper Second class UK honours degree or equivalent is usually required. The MA/Diploma in Forensic Linguistics is suitable for graduates in degrees related to language, linguistics, forensic science, psychology and law-related disciplines. No legal background will be assumed. Applicants whose first language is not English are normally expected to have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 overall, with at least 6.5 in each sub-score.

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MA in English Literature



Our MA offers exciting opportunities for you to expand your intellectual horizons while gaining advanced subject knowledge and developing sophisticated research, writing and analytical skills.

Composed of a stimulating programme of research-led modules – ranging from the medieval to the modern – the programme will enable you to engage with some of the key cultural, theoretical, historical and political contexts informing literary research at postgraduate level. While gaining expertise in a number of discrete research areas, you will also develop your skills in critical analysis, conceptual thinking, research methods, bibliographic technique and scholarly presentation.

The MA provides excellent research training for students who plan to move on to doctoral research. It is also ideal for those who wish to enhance their employability before taking up a career, as well as those who are seeking professional development in their current employment. Many of our students undertake the MA to strengthen their transferable skills for a variety of careers, including journalism, publishing, teaching, research and administration.

86% of responding graduates in 2012/13 reported to be in full-time or part-time employment, with a further 9.5% engaged in further study.

Course Structure

This course can be taken as a one-year full-time course or a two-year part-time course.

The degree is structured in two parts. In Part One (the taught component of the degree), full-time students choose four modules (two per semester) from a range of specialist options. Part-time students

take one module per semester. In Part Two of the degree (the dissertation), students undertake a substantial and sustained research project on a subject of their choice, developed in consultation with an assigned supervisor.

The flexible structure of the MA allows you to assemble a programme of study tailored to your personal and professional interests. You have the option to follow either a specialist pathway or the open pathway. Current specialist pathways include: Editorial and Intertextual Studies; Gender; Literature, Theory and Culture; Medieval and Renaissance Studies; Modern and Contemporary Studies; Nineteenth-Century Studies.

Optional modules may include:

- ▶ A Journey into Travel Writing
- ▶ Bibliography and Textual Studies
- ▶ Constructing Shakespeare
- ▶ English Romance and its Afterlife
- ▶ Heroes and Villains from Chaucer to Shakespeare
- ▶ Lyric and New Philosophical Approaches to 'Nature'
- ▶ Postcolonial/Global
- ▶ Reading/Theory
- ▶ Romantic Women's Writing, 1789-1830
- ▶ Slavery in Nineteenth-Century Literature
- ▶ Spectral Femininities
- ▶ Talking to God in the Early Modern Period
- ▶ The Literature Industry: Authors/Readers/Texts

- ▶ The Myth of King Arthur in the 19th and 20th Centuries
- ▶ The Popular Novel in the Age of Jane Austen
- ▶ Violent Death in Renaissance Drama
- ▶ Writing and Experimentation
- ▶ Woolf and Her Contemporaries

In addition to taught modules, students attend research methods and scholarly presentation workshops and a critical theory reading group. Teaching is by seminars and workshops structured around student participation, with opportunities for students to present their work.

Assessment

You will be assessed on the basis of an essay of 4,000 words (or equivalent assessment) for each of the taught modules and a dissertation of 16,000-20,000 words.

Entry Requirements

A First or Upper Second class Honours degree or equivalent. Suitable for graduates in English Literature and Humanities.

Applicants whose first language is not English are normally expected to have a minimum IELTS score of 7 overall.

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MA in Creative Writing



This course is designed for committed creative writers seeking to develop their writing skills and to receive professional guidance on editing and preparing a manuscript for publication.

The MA delivers knowledge and expertise in the practice and craft of writing. Extensive writing workshops enhance your creative writing skills while supporting modules sharpen your analysis of the creative process and hone your understanding of the methods involved in teaching creative writing. Emphasis is placed on the production of fresh and articulate writing, with a critical awareness of the dynamics of the individual writer's work. Critical evaluation of the contexts of one's writing is also key.

Our dedicated teaching staff are all professional writers, as well as experienced teachers. They will help you to develop in-depth knowledge of technique and craft.

The skills gained on this course mean that our graduates are in frequent demand by professions including arts management, publishing, public relations, business, advertising, journalism, arts consulting, and community work. This MA also provides an excellent preparation for teaching certification, such as a PGCE. It will appeal to teachers who seek further experience and enhanced knowledge of the techniques and practices central to the teaching of Creative Writing.

Course Structure

The course is structured around seminars and writers' workshops that will enhance your command of technique and craft, your critical self-awareness as a writer, and the importance of editing and revision in the production of a manuscript.

An additional unique feature of this MA is a module focussing on the Teaching of Creative Writing, in which you will be asked to reflect on and engage with a range of teaching practices.

We also run a programme of workshops and readings by eminent authors, and you will have the opportunity to attend a writing retreat at Gregynog Hall, a country mansion in mid-Wales with a distinguished artistic heritage.

Assessment

This is a one-year, full-time course consisting of four modules which are assessed discretely at separate stages of the academic year. Assessment is by two 60-credit portfolios of writing, and two 30-credit essays, one on the Creative Process and one on Teaching Creative Writing. Portfolios may contain a variety of different

pieces in different genres (short stories, verse, drama, creative non-fiction etc.) or one single piece such as a novel or a screenplay.

Entry Requirements

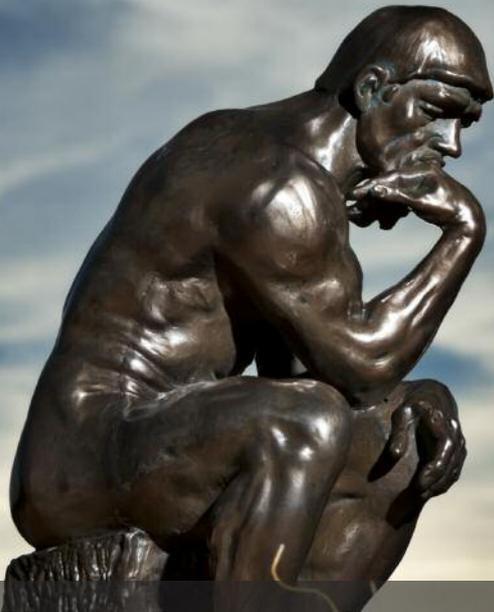
A First or Upper Second class UK honours degree or equivalent is required. Suitable for graduates of any academic background, depending on the quality of the applicant's portfolio. Applicants whose first language is not English are normally expected to have a minimum IELTS score of 7 overall.

In addition to the application form and supporting documents, applicants will also be asked to provide examples of recent creative work.

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MA in Analytic and Modern European Philosophy



This MA equips students with an advanced level of philosophical understanding, as well as knowledge of a wide range of scholarship and current research.

At Cardiff, we are unusual in having research expertise in both the analytic and European ('continental') traditions of philosophy. This means that a distinctive feature of this programme is the opportunity to study modules that combine work from across different philosophical traditions.

Research clusters within the School are in philosophy of mind and psychology, in moral and political philosophy, and at the intersections between these areas. Research-led teaching is an important element of Cardiff degrees and our academic staff offer specialist courses and dissertation supervision in their fields of research.

This MA is a rigorous degree that provides the high-level intellectual skills required for a range of demanding careers. It is excellent preparation for further study at PhD level or for developing a stronger academic and vocational profile, and increasing transferable skills for future or current careers.

Course Structure

The MA provides core modules in the study of analytic and modern European philosophy, along with a range of optional modules.

The course is available on a full- and part-time basis. You undertake a total of four modules, before embarking on a dissertation. You have the opportunity to study modules that combine approaches from across the analytic and European philosophical traditions.

In addition, there are opportunities to participate in reading groups, visiting speaker seminars, weekly departmental seminars, workshops, and conferences.

The module list is likely to include the following:

- ▶ Analytic Philosophy;
- ▶ Agency and Responsibility;
- ▶ Philosophy of Mind;
- ▶ Twentieth Century Philosophy in the Two Traditions;
- ▶ European Philosophy;
- ▶ Philosophy of Evolution, Mind and Society

Assessment

You will be assessed on the basis of four essays of 4,000 words each (one per module) and a dissertation of approximately 15,000 words on a topic chosen in consultation with your supervisor.

Entry Requirements

Applicants from the United Kingdom will normally be expected to have a degree in Philosophy or Religious Studies, either Single Honours or Joint Honours, at 2.1 classification. We also welcome applicants with degrees in related disciplines. Applicants from abroad should have an equivalent qualification or period of study.

Applications from non-graduates eligible for entry under Cardiff University Regulations will also be considered.

Applicants will usually be asked to submit written work to be considered with their application.

Those for whom English is not a first language will be required to have English language proficiency at IELTS 6.5 level.

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MA in Ethics and Social Philosophy



This MA explores central themes of contemporary ethics and social philosophy and aims to develop original critical contributions to the debates they encompass.

The course is designed to develop your understanding of the central themes of analytic and modern European philosophy, to sharpen your critical and constructive skills, and to develop your confidence in presenting and discussing original ideas.

Research clusters within the School are in philosophy of mind and psychology, in moral and political philosophy, and at the intersections between these areas. Research-led teaching is an important element of Cardiff degrees and our academic staff offer specialist courses and dissertation supervision in their fields of research.

You will benefit from working with researchers at our Centre for Applied Ethics, which emphasises the immediate impact of our research both within and beyond academia.

This MA is a rigorous degree that provides the high-level intellectual skills required for a range of demanding careers. It is excellent preparation for further study at PhD level or for developing a stronger academic and vocational profile, and increasing transferable skills for future or current careers.

Course Structure

The MA provides core modules in the study of contemporary ethics and social philosophy, along with a range of optional modules.

The course is available on a full- and part-time basis. You undertake a total of four modules, before embarking on a dissertation. You have the opportunity to study modules that combine approaches from across the analytic and European philosophical traditions.

In addition, there are opportunities to participate in reading groups, visiting speaker seminars, weekly departmental seminars, workshops, and conferences.

The module list is likely to include the following:

- ▶ Ethics;
- ▶ Agency and Responsibility;
- ▶ Social and Political Philosophy;
- ▶ Philosophy of Evolution, Mind and Society;
- ▶ European Philosophy;
- ▶ Philosophy of Mind

Assessment

You will be assessed on the basis of four essays of 4,000 words each (one per module) and a dissertation of approximately 15,000 words on a topic chosen in consultation with your supervisor.

Entry Requirements

Applicants from the United Kingdom will normally be expected to have a degree in Philosophy or Religious Studies, either Single Honours or Joint Honours, at 2.1 classification. We also welcome applicants with degrees in related disciplines. Applicants from abroad should have an equivalent qualification or period of study.

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Postgraduate Research Programmes

The School offers postgraduate research opportunities in:

- ▶ Applied Linguistics
- ▶ Creative Writing
- ▶ Critical and Cultural Theory
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Language and Communication
- ▶ Philosophy

Students are supervised by scholars who are world-leaders in their fields, and enjoy the benefits of joining a prestigious, well-supported and lively research environment with excellent facilities.

Modes of Study

Our PhD opportunities can be undertaken full-time or part-time, with start dates in January, April, July and October. The exception is our PhD in Applied Linguistics (Lexical Studies) which is available only part-time and begins in October. The majority of students on this programme study via distance learning.

Assessment

Unless otherwise specified, assessment is by submission of a thesis of circa 80,000 words for PhD or circa 50,000 words for MPhil. Both qualifications also entail a viva voce examination.

Application information

Entry requirements: Please see individual programme entries online for full details of entry requirements.

Application process: Contact the School in the first instance. Applications for most postgraduate programmes can now be submitted online.

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PhD in Applied Linguistics (Lexical Studies)

This programme is designed specifically to meet the needs of part-time, distance-learning students. All students work in the broad areas of lexical research and lexical perspectives on language issues. Contributors to the programme are internationally recognized experts in lexical perspectives on language acquisition, processing and production, and include members of our Centre for Language and Communication Research.

PhD in Creative Writing

Cardiff was one of the first universities in the UK to offer a PhD in Creative Writing and over the last two decades we have prepared graduates for careers as writers and in the publishing industry. In recent years our graduates have won distinguished prizes, acquired contracts with major publishing houses and taken up teaching posts in British universities and overseas. The PhD programme involves the preparation of an original piece of creative work - a novel, collection of poems or short stories, a play, film script, or work of creative non-fiction - together with a reflective critical commentary.

MPhil or PhD in Critical and Cultural Theory

You will be joining a thriving community of researchers in the Centre for Critical and Cultural Theory and be supervised by staff who are working at the forefront of knowledge in the discipline. We offer a full range of expertise but the following areas are of particular strength: poststructuralism; deconstruction; Deleuze studies; postmodernity; theories of the literary; German aesthetics; the Frankfurt School; Critical Marxism; postcolonialism,

nation and culture; gender, sexuality and race; cultural history; trauma and memory studies; posthumanism; digital theory and game studies; eco-humanities; faith and the secular.

MPhil or PhD in English Literature

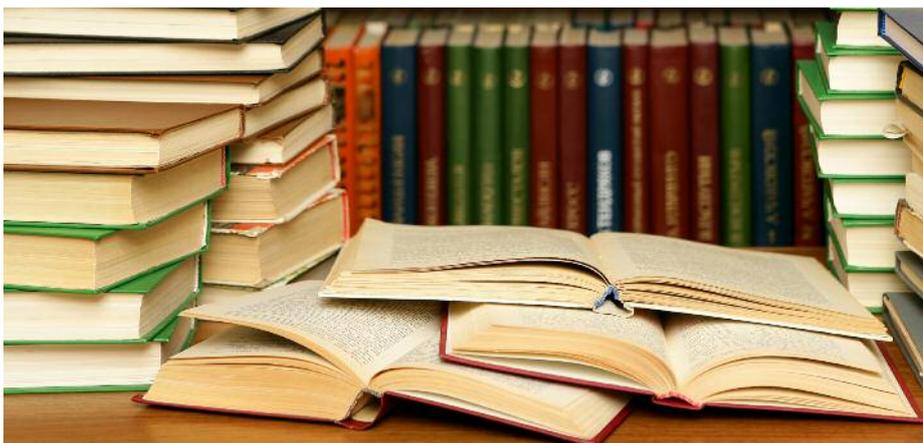
We are committed to innovative research across a broad range of literary periods, theoretical fields, and cultural phenomena, with special emphasis on late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century literature; Modernism; women's writing; postcolonial studies; Wales and Ireland; visual culture; Shakespeare and Renaissance studies; Romanticism; medieval and early modern literature, as well as areas as diverse as Old Norse, modern drama and Arthurian romance. Please see our website for a full listing of staff specialisms.

PhD in Language and Communication

The Cardiff Centre for Language and Communication Research (CLCR) is one of the foremost international centres for research, research training and teaching in social, applied and interactional areas of human communication, mass media, language and linguistics. Staff specialisms cover an exciting range of interdisciplinary research areas and PhD students are encouraged to join small teams of individuals already collaborating on specific projects or research themes.

MPhil or PhD in Philosophy

Postgraduate research in Philosophy is supervised by expert and engaged academic staff and is enabled by an excellent library, computing facilities and the focussed expertise of the Centre for Applied Ethics. Students who have undertaken research at Cardiff are now teaching in universities in many parts of the world and applications are especially welcome in any of the following areas: aesthetics; deconstruction; early analytic philosophy (especially Frege and Wittgenstein); applied ethics (especially philosophy of medicine and medical humanities); normative ethics; meta-ethics; moral psychology; history of philosophy; philosophy of feminism; the interface between European and analytic traditions; epistemology; philosophy of language; philosophy of mind; philosophy of science; and social and political philosophy.



Research Environment

“Positioned at the interface of different traditions, methodologies, theoretical approaches, disciplines and practices, our pioneering research engenders challenging and fascinating questions for our staff and, through our PhD supervision and research-led teaching, also for our students at all levels.”

Professor Alison Wray
Director of Research

Joining our research community

What makes our research environment so vibrant and exciting? The people – both staff and postgraduates. Our numerous reading groups, research seminars, workshops and conferences form a hub at which new concepts and methodologies are debated and new ideas are tried out. Our staff are world experts in their fields, with plenty of knowledge, experience and insight to offer our students. Our international student community enables rich new perspectives and many opportunities to examine ideas in new, under-researched contexts. Here are some examples from our broad range of recent and current PhD topics:

English Literature: the British boy detective; the Grail quest; Nobility in Middle English Romance; illustrated Shakespeare; Arthurian verse; representations of gender and sexuality; satire; maritime fiction; the workhouse in nineteenth-century culture; the book in late-Victorian fiction; sentimentalism; Welsh crime fiction.

Creative Writing: Our PhD students in Creative Writing are producing dynamic work across a range of (hybrid) genres from experimental poetry and short stories to radio and film scripts, ambitious novels and challenging creative non-fiction.

Critical Theory: Deleuze; schizoanalysis; diaspora writing; literariness; women in the Arabic media; art-making in carnival performance; multiculturalism and colonialism; British Asian literature; the concept of the body in time; zoogrammatology.

Language and Communication: patterns in Skype conversations; the memorisation of large texts; the discourse of charity advertising; the use of ‘a’ where ‘the’ is expected; business transactions of seamstresses; children’s understanding of ambiguity; intonation in Libyan English; and a range of topics in vocabulary acquisition, particularly in the second language learning context.

Philosophy: Bataille; Camus; Hume; E. J. Lowe; Nietzsche; the philosophy of the ‘other’ in Cardiff’s Pakistani community; a communicative theory of punishment; the relationship between Buddhism and philosophical situationism; ethics and alternative medicine.

Training the next generation of researchers

We take the training of research students very seriously, providing the facilities and supervisory guidance to help each student to flourish intellectually and work productively. Each student has a travel budget and a contribution to photocopying costs, as well as free printing facilities. We regularly check with students what training they need, and ensure it is provided. Our PhD students can apply to get teaching experience with us, and our unique Learning to Teach programme is accredited by the Higher Education Academy. In a competitive jobs market, our students are encouraged and supported in building up the skills that will make them employable, whatever their career direction. We value the rich experience of our many overseas students, and actively attend to their specific needs in relation to their new cultural context of study and the demands of writing elegantly in a second language.



Meet Our Students

Some of our postgraduate students share their thoughts on postgraduate life at the School.



Kat Deerfield

PhD Critical and Cultural Theory

I originally came to Cardiff University to do my MA in the Centre for Critical and Cultural Theory because I was drawn to the prestige of the programme and to the breadth of topics I would have the opportunity to explore. I have found my time on the PhD even more fulfilling, and I know my research has taken shape thanks to the resources available in this programme, for which I am grateful.



Dorottya Cserzo

PhD Language and Communication Research

During my MA I found the staff extremely supportive and the atmosphere lively and inspiring. There are many exciting opportunities here (such as the various conferences and workshops) which I felt would allow me to make a great start on my career path, wherever I may end up. Two years into my PhD it seems that my impressions were justified. I would highly recommend this vibrant community for anyone considering further education.



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PhD Language and Communication Research

I decided to study for a PhD at Cardiff because the university has a world-class research profile. Pursuing a PhD in Language and Communication Research at Cardiff has been a rewarding experience so far. The Centre for Language and Communication Research (CLCR) comprises world-class members of staff who are not only experts in their own research work, but are dedicated to the success of postgraduate students. They provide excellent, friendly and student focused supervision. Pursuing a PhD in such a friendly atmosphere has bolstered my confidence in doing my research. The high level of research expertise in CLCR has also translated into lively research activities for postgraduate students. I would definitely recommend studying in CLCR to others, particularly international students who are looking for a department that is committed to student support.



Tim Pullham

MA in Analytic and Modern European Philosophy

The quality of teaching at Cardiff particularly excelled in the more personal environment of a master's degree. The scope of each module was vast and the teaching staff were integral to helping me develop my own ideas through critical engagement with source material ranging from classical texts to contemporary work. A wide range of guest lecturers and weekly reading groups create a strong sense of community in which progressive thinking and original ideas are welcomed and rewarded.



Judith Dray

PhD English Literature

The transition from undergraduate to postgraduate study felt almost seamless as we received practical guidance in managing our own research throughout the MA. The staff are friendly, knowledgeable and engaging. In terms of the research culture, the School's lecture series are not only great for keeping us up-to-date with the latest research, but alongside the wine receptions and meals that often follow them, they provide a great opportunity to meet with fellow students, academic staff, and visiting academics.

International Students (Non-EU Countries)

As an international student you have access to a personal and dedicated service from the International Office to help with your application, and make the transition to studying at Cardiff. Please contact us, we are here to help.

Supporting International Students

The University has a long tradition of welcoming international students and prides itself on providing a supportive environment. Some of the benefits for international students studying at Cardiff University include:

▶ Guaranteed accommodation

Cardiff is one of few universities that guarantees accommodation to single international students for the duration of your course, as long as you apply through the normal admissions cycle and appropriate allocations process. The accommodation is in a variety of high quality student residences which are close to campus. You can find out more on the web:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences

▶ Help before you arrive

The International Office will send you detailed information on how to apply for your visa, travelling to Cardiff and the other necessary arrangements you will need to make to prepare for studying in the UK.

▶ The induction programme

In September and January each year the International Office organises a comprehensive orientation programme for new students. In September this includes free collection from Cardiff and Heathrow (London) airports.

▶ International student advisors

In addition to the support provided by your School, the University has specially trained international student advisors to provide you with assistance on any issues including visas and finances.

▶ International student societies

The Students' Union is home to more than 20 international student societies. The societies run social and cultural events and organise the annual Go Global international culture festival. There is also space within the Students' Union for students to meet and relax.

▶ International careers advice

The University's Careers Service has a Careers Consultant for International Students, and provides resources to help you research career paths and opportunities.

Meet the International Office in your Country

Staff from the International Office also travel to more than 30 countries each year so you can meet University staff and discuss your study options in person. Look at the International Office website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/international for more details of where we are travelling, and sign up to receive notifications of visits.

Help Making an Application in your Country

In addition to help provided by the International Office, you can get assistance from the University's network of educational advisors. To find out whether we have an educational advisor near you, visit the International Office website and select your country:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/international

English Language Requirements

All students must have a standard of written and spoken English that will enable you to benefit fully from lectures, seminars and tutorials. The English Language qualifications accepted by the University include IELTS, and the minimum standards required are listed on the website. You are advised to check the website for the most up-to-date information:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgradapply

The majority of postgraduate programmes offered by the School of English, Communication and Philosophy require a minimum IELTS overall score of 7.0 with at least 6.5 in each of the four sub scores. If you are applying for a place on one of the Philosophy postgraduate programmes an overall IELTS score of 6.5 is required, with at least 6 in each sub score.

English Language Support

Our English Language Programmes are available to full-time International and EU (non-UK) students studying or intending to study at Cardiff University. Language and Skills courses are offered throughout the year and last from eight weeks to nine months. They are designed to improve your general and academic English.

www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt

Applying to Cardiff University as an International Student

To apply to Cardiff as an international student you follow the standard procedure as outlined on page 22. You do, however, have access to additional support from the International Office.

The International Office

As an international student you have access to a personal and dedicated service from the International Office to help with your application, and make the transition to studying at Cardiff. Please contact us, we are here to help.

Further Information:

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Skype: [cardiffuni_international](https://www.skype.com/user/cardiffuni_international)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/cardiffinternational

Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk/international

Funding and Scholarships

Securing funding for postgraduate study is an important consideration for most students. Most funding sources are highly competitive and are subject to various application deadlines.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees vary depending on the course you decide to study and whether you are classified as a home, EU or international student. You should check our course listing online for detailed fee information for your course. To make it easier to manage your finances you can pay in 3 instalments each year.

Cardiff University Postgraduate Studentships

Each year Cardiff University offers a wide range of funded, competitive studentships. Funding sources for these studentships include awards made by individual Academic Schools, the UK Research Councils, collaborations with charities and trusts, industry and businesses, government departments and other bodies. Studentships become available throughout the year and are published on our website when they become available. There is no uniform application deadline and you are encouraged to follow us on Facebook or Twitter for the latest funding opportunities or sign up to our funding email newsletter. Awards can range in value from partial funding to full tuition fee support and a stipend to cover living costs. You should check your eligibility for specific studentships carefully; some are restricted to UK/EU applicants and others are open to non-EU applicants

Funding for International Postgraduates

Cardiff University's highly prestigious International Scholarship Fund is designed to attract and reward the most deserving and exceptional students to the University. A range of Postgraduate scholarships and bursaries are available. We also advise international students to investigate funding opportunities offered by their own country, and to check with the British Council. Cardiff University is a participating institution in the US Government Federal Family Education Loan Programme (FFELP). US students seeking Federal

Stafford Loans for overseas study can study at Cardiff University.

PhD Scholarship in English, Communication and Philosophy

Each year the School is normally able to offer postgraduate starter bursaries on a competitive basis to Home/EU and Overseas applicants. The bursary is the equivalent of one year of the Home/EU fee.

The Centre for Language and Communication Research is part of the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Wales Doctoral Training Centre (DTC). Information about ESRC studentships can be found on the School's website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap

Cardiff University is a partner in the AHRC South, West and Wales Doctoral Training Partnership (SWW DTP). The SWW DTP offers postgraduate studentships and training across the full range of the AHRC's disciplines. In this School, the following areas of study are available: Creative Writing; English Literature; Linguistics (in the following indicative topic areas: Literary stylistics including advertising; Multimodality; Communication studies; Aesthetic uses of language; Narrative; Visual communication; Philosophy of Language; Media (including New media) studies from a qualitative approach); Critical and Cultural Theory; Philosophy.

For more information, please see the official South, West and Wales Doctoral Training Partnership website:

<http://www.sww-ahdtp.ac.uk/>

For up-to-date information on all Scholarships and bursaries offered at the School and to see what scholarships are available in your subject area please visit our School website at:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap

Charities, Foundations and Trusts

There are many charities, foundations and trusts that may contribute to your study costs. You will need to apply to these individually and often after having received an offer to study. Many of these are listed in publications such as The Grants Register, the Directory of Grant Making Trusts and the Graduate Prospects Postgraduate Funding Guide.

Loans

Professional and Career Development Loans are the most common loans for vocational postgraduate degrees, but are only available to UK and EU students who have lived in the UK for at least three years before the course starts and plan to work in the UK, EU or European Economic Area (EEA) after the course. The loan is a deferred repayment bank loan to support further education or training that is interest free up to one month after the end of your course when you start repaying it with interest. You can borrow between £300 and £10,000. You should apply for your loan up to three months before your course starts.

Cardiff University's Learning Provider Number is 8655.

Working alongside full-time study

If you intend to undertake some paid employment while pursuing full-time study, one option is to register with the Unistaff Jobshop. The Jobshop is run by the Students' Union, and features casual employment opportunities in the University and surrounding area. Most international students can work up to 20 hours during term-time and full time during the holidays. The University does not recommend you work the full 20 hours during the term because studying in the UK is intensive and you will need to make sure you have enough time to complete all your coursework and reading.

Making your Application



When should I apply?

Applications will be considered throughout the year. However, early application is advisable especially if you are seeking funding. Many funding opportunities have early deadlines and will require you to have an offer from your chosen institution.

Submitting your application

Programmes start in September each year but applications are considered as they arrive throughout the year.

You can apply online at www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgradapply or you can download paper application materials from the website. It is recommended that you apply online because it is quicker, you can upload all your supporting documents and you can track your application. Full guidance notes are available and can be accessed at each stage of your application. If you have any queries you can contact the Admissions Team +44 (0)29 2087 9999
Email: admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

Postgraduate Research / PhD / MPhil

The application procedure for postgraduate research is the same as above, however you will also need to include a research proposal. You should also make contact with a member of academic staff who could act as a potential supervisor to your studies.

To do this:

- 1 look at the School website to see if there is a member of academic staff who matches your area of research
- 2 send an email to encap-pg@cardiff.ac.uk outlining your research interest and the name of the member of academic staff who could potentially act as a supervisor for your research project.

International Students

The University recognises qualifications from all over the world. To know if you would be considered for entry you can:

- ▶ look on the website. We have a dedicated section for many countries. This will give you an overview of qualifications we consider: www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/international
- ▶ contact the International Office
- ▶ contact an educational adviser. The University has an international network of educational advisers (agents) who give free advice (see the website above for their contact details).

In addition to making your application as detailed below you must ensure that you have a valid visa to enter the UK prior to the start of your course. The International Office can provide further guidance and support on this process.

Your Offer

Most applicants will receive a decision within four weeks of applying. If you apply online you can track the progress of your application via the applicant portal.

There are two types of offer:

Conditional: you have been offered a place but something is missing from your application. e.g. you may need to provide evidence that you have completed a qualification. Once you have submitted evidence that you have met the conditions your offer will become unconditional.

Unconditional: If you have received an unconditional offer in most cases all you need to do is accept the offer to secure your place.

It is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your email or home address otherwise important correspondence may not reach you.

Equality and Diversity

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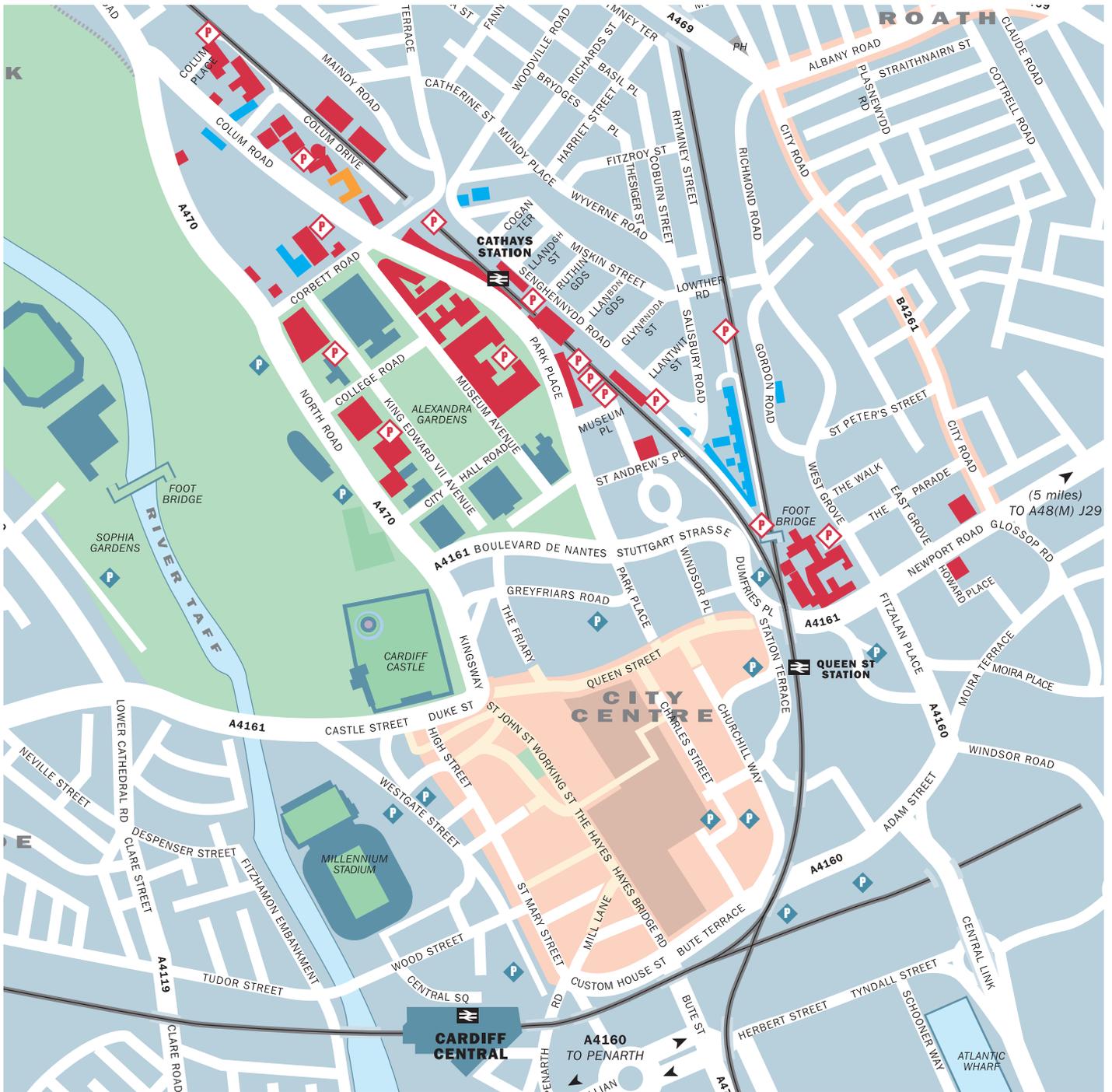
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How to find us



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- Cardiff School of English, Communication and Philosophy
- University Buildings
- Student Residences

How to find the School

We are located in the John Percival Building, which sits at the heart of the Cathays Park campus, a short walk from the city centre, and next door to the Arts and Social Studies Library.

The site is very close to Cathays railway station and is easily accessible from University halls of residence.

The School occupies several floors of the John Percival Building with the main reception being on the ground floor.



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