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School of
**Global
Humanities**

Undergraduate
degree programmes

Top 100

- English language and literature
- Archaeology

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

Top 20

- Celtic Studies
- Asian Studies
- Theology and Religious Studies
- French
- Music
- Philosophy
- Linguistics

The Complete University Guide 2027

A community that's questioning, challenging and creating change

We're a new School of Global Humanities, exploring human behaviour, heritage, culture, language, creativity and identity.

Learning from the past and facing the concerns of the present, we care deeply about the big questions shaping our lives and how we – across the humanities – can imagine and help create new futures.

Bold and human thinking

The humanities help us shape our way of thinking, connect, and navigate the world around us with understanding, care and creativity.

We dig into the why and how, not only the what. Why do societies change, how are beliefs shaped, how is conflict and division created, how do we create and convey identity and values, how do we communicate across borders and languages, how do we preserve our shared heritage, and how do we share culture.

Through this, you'll learn to think for yourself, be challenged to develop your own arguments, connect ideas and patterns, and stand behind your thinking – with evidence and research. The confidence, empathy, and critical thinking skills you'll develop – complemented by deep knowledge and understanding - will support your career ambitions and progression. They are skills that represent independence, experience, reasoning and judgement – deeply human and valuable in a world of AI and algorithms. They allow you to decipher and decode people, practices and the world around you and underpin smarter decisions and more thoughtful responses in the professional and personal spheres.

Driven by purpose

We're educators, innovators and changemakers, and collaboration sits at the heart of what we do. Students, staff and partners working together to make a difference.

Our research and our activities stretch beyond the University – engaging with communities (local, national and international), organisations, charities, institutions and global debates.

Be part of the conversation and lead the debates of the future, using your knowledge and cultural understanding – from past to present – to shape better futures, yours and ours.



Kickstart your career

You'll earn more than a degree with us. You'll gain the confidence and creativity to build flexible and adaptable careers – in the field of your choosing.

From day one, we'll work with you to focus on what comes next. We'll help you build on your interests, identify and articulate your goals, and give honest, tailored advice on how to achieve them. You'll have the support and tools to confidently chart your future path.

Through placements and work experience opportunities, you'll apply your skills in practical settings - working with organisations, communities and partners beyond the University.

Different degree programmes offer different options to put your skills into practice or to broaden your horizons. It could be digs and excavations with archaeology, a year studying or working abroad, work experience placements, visiting professionals, employer-led insight sessions or a year in industry.

Supporting your career choices

Through our Student Futures service, you'll benefit from a tailored range of careers related events, advice and support throughout the year that can help you meet your career ambitions.

- one-to-one careers guidance appointments
- careers workshops including CV writing, applications, social networking, and interviews
- professional networking events and careers fairs with top graduate employers
- professional guest speakers
- work experience placements and advice
- jobs board including graduate vacancies, internships and placements.

Enhancing your studies

Whether you're drawn to the creative industries, public service, marketing, business, heritage, education or something else entirely – you'll have the experience, skills and mindset for career success.



Our degree programmes

Join us to explore global cultures, ideas, values and experiences – and discover how diversity helps us better understand what it means to be human.

Together, we'll explore the big questions shaping our lives and the world we live in - using heritage, language, literature, music and culture to understand where we've come from and where we go next.



Explore our full range of **degree options** including entry requirements



History, Archaeology and Heritage

History (BA)

UCAS code: **V100**

Wherever your passions lie, we offer a remarkable chronological and geographical range to inspire you. From the rise of ancient empires to 20th century Germany, the witch-hunts of Renaissance Europe to Revolutionary Russia, the Crusades to western encounters with modern Japan, our range of optional modules allows you to shape your degree to best suit your interests and aspirations.

Archaeology (BA)

UCAS code: **F400**

Study the material remains of people and places across time, from prehistoric tools to Roman temples and modern heritage sites. Learn to read landscapes, analyse artefacts and piece together stories that were never written down but deserve to be told – for what they tell us about the past and what they reveal for the present and future.

Archaeology and Heritage Science (BSc)

UCAS code: **F480**

Develop the analytical, practical and research skills for careers in archaeological science, conservation and heritage or other fields and sectors. Working with scientific techniques, equipment and data to investigate materials, environments and human remains, you'll apply your findings to real archaeological and heritage questions. Fieldwork and placements will deepen and professionalise your experience, giving you the time and space to test your new skills in real-world settings.

Other degree options

- **Archaeology and History (BA)**
UCAS Code: **VV14**
- **English Literature and History (BA)**
UCAS Code: **VQ13**
- **History and a Modern Language (BA)**
UCAS Code: **R752**
- **Welsh and History (BA)**
UCAS Code: **QV51**
- **Modern History, Politics and International Relations (BA)**
UCAS Code: **LV22**



“If you’re thinking about coming to study History at Cardiff University, don’t think twice.”

The skills I developed have already proved to be incredibly transferable. I’ve learned to analyse, to think critically, to ask questions about everything I see, to present and speak publicly, and to communicate effectively.”

Ava, History (BA 2025)

Languages and Linguistics

English Language and Linguistics (BA)

UCAS code: **2HS6**

Together, we'll look at how language is structured and used in the social world. There are two key aspects to doing this. First, knowledge of the relationships between linguistic structures, individual identity, and social organisation. Second, the acquisition of skills for analysing language, not just as it can be used but as it is used in context.



“The best part of my studies was the opportunity to develop my interests and pick modules that let me research my passions.”

Victoria, English Language and Literature (BA 2022)

Modern Languages (BA)

UCAS code: **R750**

Languages open doors to a range of exciting careers that span countries and continents. Our aim is for you to become a 'global citizen' who thinks critically, understands cultural diversity and has a wealth of transferable skills.

Current languages available: Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish. Elementary and Upper Elementary pathways depending on whether you have an A level in a language or not.

Modern Chinese (BA)

UCAS code: **R751**

Our 4-year Modern Chinese (BA) programme is delivered through an exciting partnership between Cardiff University and Beijing Normal University, that enables you to develop and enhance your knowledge of the Chinese language – achieving advanced linguistics skills - and a deeper understanding of Chinese culture. Spend 2 years in Cardiff and 2 years in China.

Translation (BA)

UCAS code: **Q910**

Translation with a Placement Year Abroad (BA)

UCAS code: **Q912**

Our specialist translation programmes provide you with theoretical, vocational, and practical translation skills. You can choose to study a single or 2 language pathway. If you choose to study 2 language pathway, you must be able to study at least one of your language choices at Upper Elementary level (A level or equivalent). Language choice depends on the programme you study. On the 3 year programme, you can choose French and Spanish. Language choice depends on the programme you study. On the 3 year programme, you can choose French and Spanish. On the 4 year programme, you can currently choose from French, Chinese, Japanese and Spanish. Chinese and Japanese can't be combined with any other language and can only be studied on our single-language pathway.



“The teaching staff are extremely supportive.” Not only are they there to help you with your studies, but you have the reassurance that your wellbeing is constantly being supported.”

Nabil, Modern Languages (BA 2024)

Other degree options

- English Language and Literature (BA)
UCAS code: **Q300**
- English Literature and a Modern Language (BA)
UCAS code: **R754**
- History and a Modern Language (BA)
UCAS code: **R752**
- Linguistics and a Modern Language (BA)
UCAS code: **R755**
- Politics, International Relations and a Modern Language (BA)
UCAS code: **R756**
- Philosophy and Linguistics (BA)
UCAS code: **QV36**
- Welsh and Linguistics (BA)
UCAS code: **QQ36**



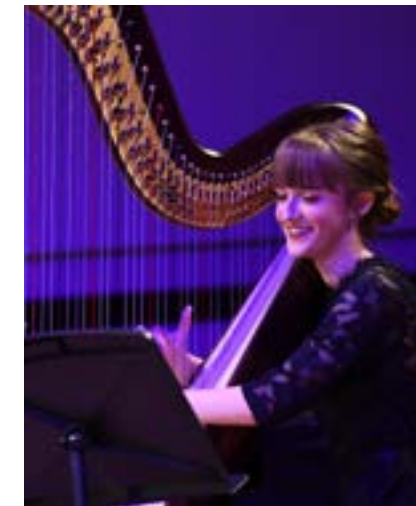
Literatures, Creative Writing, Music and Visual Cultures



English Literature (BA)

UCAS code: **Q306**

Study literature from different periods and cultures, and across the range of principal literary genres and media. You won't be restricted to studying the printed word only: we are intrigued by the connections between literature and film, art, history, technology, language, and everyday life, and our teaching reflects these interests.



“There is a lot of flexibility in the modules encompassing everything from performance and composition to film studies and more specialised studies of music during certain periods.

I liked how I could specialise in performance and support my love of performing with modules that interested me.”

Izzy, Music (BMus)

English Literature with Creative Writing (BA)

UCAS code: **QW11**

Study literature from different periods and cultures, and across the range of principal literary genres and media. The creative writing element of the programme provides you with the opportunity to progress from introductory modules on reading and writing creatively to specialised work within specific forms and genres such as fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction and scriptwriting, culminating in the production of an extended collection of creative work.

Music (BMus)

UCAS code: **W302**

Music with a Year of Study Abroad (BMus)

UCAS code: **G85D**

Music is a universal language with the power to convey and communicate emotions, intentions, and meanings. It brings us together, creates social cohesion, and allows us to express ourselves. You'll develop traditional skills in composition, performance, theory and analysis, as well as exploring developments in ethnomusicology, and the cultural and historical study of music.

Other degree options

- English Literature and Philosophy (BA)
UCAS Code: **VQ53**
- English Language and Literature (BA)
UCAS Code: **Q300**
- English Literature and a Modern Language (BA)
UCAS Code: **R754**
- English Literature and History (BA) UCAS Code: **VQ13**
- Music and English Literature (BA) UCAS Code: **WQ33**
- Welsh and Music (BA)
UCAS code **QW53**
- Welsh and English Literature (BA) UCAS Code: **QQ53**
- English Literature, Journalism and Media (BA)
UCAS Code: **PQ53**

“I love how passionate each teacher is. You can see that they all care about English and their passion really comes through in their delivery.”

Ella, English Literature and Creative Writing (BA)

Philosophy and Religion

Philosophy (BA)

UCAS code: **V500**

How should you live your life and relate to others? How should we organise society? Whom and what should you believe? How do your mind, brain, body and environment shape your thoughts and feelings? Our priority lies in developing your skills as a philosopher in your own right: you'll be doing philosophy, not merely learning about philosophy. We'll support you to engage critically and creatively with difficult problems in an open-minded and collaborative way, including on sensitive and controversial topics.

Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (BA)

UCAS code: **VV65**

Engage with a broad range of religious, philosophical, and ethical topics and traditions. Religion modules guide you through the histories and legacies of religions around the world, which have shaped current conflicts and provided solutions for them. In philosophy, you'll develop a solid grounding in moral philosophy and will also study epistemology, philosophy of mind, and political philosophy. There's also the opportunity to study areas such as aesthetics, feminist philosophy, and phenomenology.

Other degree options

- **Philosophy, Politics and International Relations (BA)**
UCAS Code: **LV28**
- **Philosophy and Linguistics (BA)**
UCAS Code: **QV36**
- **English Literature and Philosophy (BA)**
UCAS Code: **VQ53**
- **Welsh and Philosophy (BA)**
UCAS Code: **QV55**





Welsh

Welsh (BA)

UCAS code: **Q560**

This is an exciting programme that allows you to develop a thorough understanding of the Welsh language, its literature and its culture. Through core modules, you'll explore language, literature, identity, and sustainability across both historical and contemporary contexts while our optional modules allow you to follow your passion and tailor your studies to your own interests.

Other degree options

- **Business Management with Welsh (BSc)** UCAS code: **NQ26**
- **Business Management with Welsh with a Professional Placement Year (BSc)** UCAS code: **NQ28**
- **Law with Welsh (LLB)** UCAS code: **MQ15**
- **Welsh and Education (BA)** UCAS code: **QX53**
- **Welsh and English Literature (BA)** UCAS code: **QQ53**
- **Welsh and History (BA)** UCAS code: **QV51**
- **Welsh and Journalism (BA)** UCAS code: **PQ55**
- **Welsh and Linguistics (BA)** UCAS code: **QQ36**
- **Welsh and Music (BA)** UCAS code: **QW53**
- **Welsh and Philosophy (BA)** UCAS code: **QV55**
- **Welsh, Politics and International Relations (BA)** UCAS code: **QL54**

“It’s been great to join societies like the Gym Gym, as well as having extracurricular experiences that will benefit me in the future, for example, contributing to the University newspaper, Gair Rhydd, and getting work experience as part of the Llais y Maes team.”

Hannah, Welsh and Journalism (BA)



How to find the School

The School of Global Humanities is located in John Percival Building on our Cathays Campus.

Key

-  School of Global Humanities
-  University and NHS buildings
-  Student residences

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