

## Campus life

You will be based on either our Cathays Campus (in the city centre) or, our Heath Campus, for most health-related courses (just one mile out from the city centre).

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life)

## Accommodation

All accommodation is single-room dormitories in shared flats or houses, and is guaranteed for the duration of your studies. We have lots of options available, nearly all within easy walking distance of your academic School and the city centre.

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences)

## Student Support

We appreciate that leaving home to study in a different country can be very daunting. However, help and support is available for you throughout your time with us. This starts in mid-September when we provide a coach collection service from Heathrow and Cardiff airports over two days, which brings you directly to campus, then on to your accommodation.

From then onwards, free and confidential advice is available including: Counselling Services, Mental Health Advisor, Disability and Dyslexia Service, Finance & Money Management, Visa renewals, Immigration issues, Job Shop, advice on paid work, representation and support with academic issues.

Postgraduates also have their own, dedicated university-wide facility (one of only a few in the UK), offering additional resources of space, study and social facilities, as well as workshops and events for students.

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentssupport](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentssupport)

## Students' Union

Each university in the UK has a Students' Union. These are run by students (elected officers) and provide services for all students. Cardiff's Students' Union is rated 5th in the UK and offers an exciting programme of entertainment, diverse clubs & societies and a comprehensive range of welfare, advice & information services – all aspects of student life within a purpose-built complex. Whatever your hobby or sport, there's bound to be a society or club for you – or why not try something new?!

[www.cardiffstudents.com](http://www.cardiffstudents.com)



## Contact us

The International Office will support you through the application process and welcome you to Cardiff.

If you have any questions or would like support at any stage, please contact Katie Jones or Rachel Davies.

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# Cardiff University, UK



## Information for students from the USA



## Why study in the UK?

### Graduate sooner

Undergraduate level – no General Education, so most degrees are 1 year shorter.

Graduate level – nearly all Masters courses are just one year. PhD programmes are usually 3 years.

No courses are impacted so you're guaranteed to graduate on time.

### Cheaper than you think

As well as being shorter, courses are generally less expensive – at Cardiff it costs approximately \$22,300 for Arts-based courses and \$27,900 for Science-based courses.

### Improve your employment prospects

Employers across the globe are increasingly looking for graduates with international experience.

### Gateway to Europe

With excellent transport links, you can make the most of your time in the UK by exploring continental Europe.

## Why Cardiff University?

Ranked **5th in the UK** for our research.

A **world top 100 university** in the 2017 Academic Ranking of World Universities.

A member of the prestigious **Russell Group** of research-led UK Universities.

Traditional university (**established in 1883**) with state-of-the-art courses and facilities.

Internationally recognised, **career-focussed degrees**, many professionally accredited.

**Study Abroad** options available – 1 semester or a year.

Our graduates are some of the most **sought-after by employers** in the UK.

The **capital of Wales**, Cardiff is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city with all facilities (shops, entertainment, sports, arts etc.) of a major city, whilst being small, safe and very friendly.

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## What can I study?

With 27 academic Schools, Cardiff offers a huge number of study options.

### College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

- Business
- English, Communication & Philosophy
- History, Archaeology & Religion
- Journalism, Media & Cultural Studies
- Law and Politics
- Lifelong Learning
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Planning and Geography
- Social Sciences
- Welsh

### College of Biomedical & Life Sciences

- Biosciences
- Dentistry
- Healthcare Sciences
- Medicine
- Optometry & Vision Sciences
- Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Postgraduate Medical & Dental Education
- Psychology

### College of Physical Sciences & Engineering

- Architecture
- Chemistry
- Computer Science & Informatics
- Earth and Ocean Sciences
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Physics & Astronomy

“The city centre and university campus are so close to each other making Cardiff very metropolitan. There are lots of wonderful things to do and it's really easy to fit everything into my schedule”  
Ayah Aboukoura, USA Pharmacy

## Types of Programmes Available

The most popular include:

### Study Abroad (JYA) - for one or two semesters

Cardiff's academic system is modular which means you can choose classes from several different subjects & match your degree at home.

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/studyabroad](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/studyabroad)  
[studyabroad@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@cardiff.ac.uk)

### Undergraduate

E.g. BA, BSc, BEng (depending on the subject).  
Most courses are 3-year Bachelor (Honours) degree programmes, and enable you to specialise in your chosen subject from the very beginning.  
Some courses offer the option of a one-year professional work placement.

### Graduate (typically referred to as Postgraduate in the UK)

One-year Masters (e.g. MA, MSc). These normally combine a mixture of taught courses and research.

3-year Doctoral research programmes (PhD). These are normally entirely research-based, involving independent study (with supervision).

## How to apply

### Undergraduate

To apply for undergraduate study in the UK, you must apply through UCAS (Universities And Colleges Admissions Service).

For full details please see [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

### Postgraduate

To apply to Cardiff's postgraduate programmes, you need to apply online through our own website.

See [www.cardiff.ac.uk/apply](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/apply)

For Research degrees, you also apply online as above, but we recommend you visit [www.cardiff.ac.uk/pg](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/pg) before doing so.

## Academic Requirements

**Undergraduate:** Three AP subjects with scores of 554 - 433\*  
or  
Three SAT subject tests with scores of 680-600\* (or a combination of APs & SAT subject tests to include three qualifications in total)  
or  
IB Diploma: 32 - 36 points\*  
\*scores required will depend on the selected programme of study.

**Graduate (Postgraduate, Masters)** A Bachelor degree from a recognised College or University, with a GPA of at least 3.0.  
Admissions Tutors will pay special attention to key subject classes

**Research (MPhil, PhD)** A Bachelor or Masters degree from a recognised University or College.  
A minimum GPA of at least 3.0 is usually required, and Admission Tutors will pay special attention to relevant classes taken during the degree.  
In many cases, you will also be expected to have a research proposal.

These are standard/typical requirements. Some courses may accept slightly lower, whereas others will require higher grades - please refer to each programmes' requirements.

Search our courses: [www.cardiff.ac.uk](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk)

## Fees and Living Costs 2018/19

Tuition Fees \* (costs are per year)

**Undergraduate**  
Arts-based £15,950 / \$22,300  
Science-based £19,950 / \$27,900  
Business £16,950 / \$23,700

**Postgraduate**  
Arts-based £15,950 - £18,350  
\$22,300 - \$25,650  
Science-based £19,950 - £20,950  
\$27,900 - \$29,300

**Study Abroad**  
Arts-based £14,355 / \$20,100 full year  
£7,178 / \$10,050 single semester  
Science-based £17,955 / \$25,100 full year  
£8,978 / \$12,550 single semester

\*exceptions apply. Please refer to:  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/funding-and-fees](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/funding-and-fees)  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding-and-fees](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/funding-and-fees)

Note: £/\$ conversions are for illustrative purposes only.  
Please check exchange rates for accurate costs.

## Funding

### FAFSA

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.

For further information, please see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/usa](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/usa)

Living Expenses (2017/18)

**Undergraduate** £8,749 / \$12,230  
(September - June)

**Postgraduate** £11,092 / \$15,510  
(September - September)

These estimates include university accommodation, bills, food, books, clothes, travel, telephone and social expenses.

## Did you know?

- / Cardiff is one of the most affordable cities in the UK
- / Sherlock Holmes, Dr Who & Torchwood are all filmed in Cardiff, often on campus!
- / Cardiff is one of the UK's top shopping spots
- / Soccer player Gareth Bale is from Cardiff
- / All Cardiff University students can learn a choice of foreign languages for free

### Scholarships

Cardiff University offers a range of international scholarships each year, awarded on academic excellence.

Please see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/international-scholarships](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/international-scholarships) or email [international@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:international@cardiff.ac.uk)