The photographs in this prospectus are of Cardiff University students, locations at Cardiff University and the city of Cardiff.
Cardiff University has been producing successful graduates since 1883, combining a prestigious heritage with modern and innovative facilities. The University has changed dramatically over the last 137 years, but the commitment to quality education and a rewarding university experience remains.
Cardiff University is truly international. With over 8,600 international students from more than 130 countries stepping through our doors each year, our student population is diverse and multicultural. We recruit worldwide for the best academic talent who help to deliver a rich and engaging study environment.

The University reaches far beyond its home in Wales, with hundreds of overseas partnerships and research projects around the world, contributing to our ever-growing global community.

#WeAreInternational

Carlos Jiménez Santillán, Mexico
MSc Operational Research and Applied Statistics, 2018
“Cardiff is such an amazing city to live in... This is what I called a true student city... Coming to Cardiff is one of the best experiences of my life.”

Dr Tiago Alves, Portugal
Senior Lecturer in Earth Sciences and Head of the 3D Seismic Laboratory
“One of the things that is most surprising is how closely-knit students and staff are at Cardiff. We actually grow together with the students as they finish their BScs and many of the students end up staying at Cardiff and continue their career as MSc or PhD students.”

Juliet Bawuah, Ghana
MA International Public Relations and Global Communications Management, 2018
“Living in Cardiff has opened my eyes to a whole new perspective about life... I like the variety Cardiff offers in terms of what you can get with its beautiful sights and sounds.”

Satwik Shivohan, India
BA Media, Journalism and Culture, 2020
“I chose Cardiff because it offers everything a student could possibly ask for - whether it’s an exemplary degree programme, generous staff support or an opportunity to pursue your other interests, Cardiff has it all! This place makes you feel like home even before you realise it.”
Cardiff University is proud to have more than 200 links and partnerships across the globe, including our strategic partnerships with Xiamen University, University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Beijing Normal University and University of Bremen, which support joint research collaboration and offer mobility opportunities for students and staff. We also have very significant developing partnerships with the University of Waikato and Dalian University of Technology.

We are proud of our Civic Mission partnership with the University of Namibia that aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in seeking to reduce poverty, promote health and support sustainable environmental development. We also have a highly successful collaborative research and training facility, the Danau Girang Field Centre, which focuses on preserving biodiversity and conserving endangered species in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo.

As well as our many global research agreements, we also have a host of long-standing and much valued student exchange, transfer, recruitment and mobility agreements and partnerships worldwide. You can see the most popular of these on the map:

- **Key partners**
- Some of our most popular student exchange, recruitment and mobility partnerships

### International partnerships

Elif Istanbulluoglu, Turkey
MSc Sustainable Mega Buildings, 2018

“Cardiff offers what a capital city should offer, but it is also a peaceful city that does not overwhelm people. Compared to more crowded cities in Europe and the UK, Cardiff is cheaper and therefore the standard of living is higher.”

Thu Thao Nguyen, Vietnam
PhD in Business and Management, 2022

“People are super friendly, and the city is affordable for students . . . There are also plenty of coffee shops and restaurants that you can hang out with your friends.”

Dr M Sankar, India
Catalysis Institute Research Fellow

“Cardiff University I would say is a fantastic place to work and most importantly, a fantastic place to live as well. It is such a beautiful place. Within 20 minutes you can go to the most exciting part of the UK, with very beautiful beaches. It’s a beautiful place to live.”

Wei Hang Tong, Malaysia
Law LLB, BPTC With LLM, 2020

“Cardiff is a hybrid of both urban and country lifestyle. You can experience a rock & roll band jamming in the city centre and complete serenity with a cup of tea or a picnic in the park just a few minutes’ walk away. So, whatever kind of person you are, there will be something which suits your interest.”

Yuxin Ding, China
BSc Business Management (Human Resource Management), 2021

“Cardiff University gave me the opportunity to shine as bright as I can and develop not only my skills through lectures and tutorials, but to develop and grow as an outstanding person. It provides everything I need, like high quality lectures, campus activities and digital education. Basically, I am enjoying an extraordinary education and campus life.”
Cardiff University is a research-led University and a member of the Russell Group. We excel in producing high quality, innovative research which makes a real difference both locally and worldwide.

- **5th** in the UK for research quality*
- **2nd** in the UK for research impact*
- Our research contracts have a value of **£500 million**
- **Our academic staff** work with partners from all sectors, across the UK and overseas, to keep us at the forefront of innovation.
- **Our research expertise** and **facilities** are used by industry and commercial partners, government bodies and other organisations internationally.

*Research Excellence Framework 2014

**Global collaborations to address global challenges**

Our researchers collaborate with partners worldwide to tackle global issues such as climate change adaptation for improved food and water security, mitigation of CO2 emissions through storage in coal deposits, and the genetic architecture of mental disorders. Recently, they have also turned their expertise to supporting the global response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Phoenix Project**

Through our partnership with the University of Namibia, we have launched the Phoenix Project, focusing on poverty reduction, health promotion and supporting a sustainable environment. Over the past 4 years, we have educated doctors and nurses, created a vibrant software sector, enshrined a value for culture and language among young people, and enabled the police and ambulance service to save lives. The next 5 years will encourage and develop leadership skills of nurses, produce library and information services, support sustainable access to water and more.

www.cardiff.ac.uk/phoenix-project

**Danau Girang Field Centre**

A team of Cardiff University researchers are currently working to preserve biodiversity and conserve endangered species in Borneo, focussing on two species – orangutans and elephants. The Danau Girang Field Centre has been recently recognised by the Malaysian State Government of Sabah for its contribution to the conservation effort of its most valued areas of natural beauty. Our Regrow Borneo carbon off-setting initiative fund raises for reforestation of the rainforest habitats previously lost to palm oil plantations.

www.cardiff.ac.uk/sustainable-places/research/projects/regrow-borneo

**Studying in a research-led, Russell Group institution like Cardiff University has many advantages:**

1. Degrees recognised worldwide
2. Innovative courses based on the latest discoveries and research
3. Teaching by staff who are driven by creativity and curiosity, many of whom are internationally recognised leaders in their fields
4. Enhanced career prospects as employers often favour well-informed graduates from research-led universities
5. Excellent teaching facilities and campus investment. We’re undertaking our biggest campus upgrade in a generation with a £600m investment in our future
6. Joining a worldwide network of alumni holding top positions in governments, the private sector and academia
7. Thriving innovation culture with connections to industry and business, informing our teaching and nurturing student entrepreneurship.
Choosing to study at Cardiff University will allow you to join a global academic community of staff and students. Our mission is to undertake world-leading research with impact and pass this knowledge onto our students to make a social, cultural and economic difference.

How will studying at Cardiff be different?

Studying at Cardiff University may be different from the style of teaching in your country. Cardiff University is an innovator in ‘problem-based’ learning. This means your lecturers will set you a ‘problem’ and you will have to work out the answer. This is a much more effective method of learning than just from a book.

You will be:
- expected to use the libraries and internet to research topics
- asked to contribute your opinion, collate information and present evidence
- encouraged to share your own ideas
- educated through a variety of teaching and assessment methods.

Teaching methods
You will be taught in formal lectures, in small groups (called ‘seminars’) and one-to-one with the tutors. Depending on your subject you may use laboratories, meet members of the public, operate specialist equipment and go on field trips. You will also have access to Cardiff’s virtual learning environment to enhance and support your learning. It allows you to download lecture materials, communicate with your tutors and submit assignments online.

Assessment methods
Assessment methods are different for each course. Most courses include some form of written examination and essays, but you may also be assessed on presentations, class tests, laboratory results and group work.

Personal Tutors
You will be allocated a Personal Tutor at the beginning of your programme. Your Personal Tutor will be able to provide you with advice, whilst maintaining an overview of your learning and educational experiences. If you are experiencing difficulties, your Personal Tutor will be there to listen and provide professional guidance and support.

Independently verified and reviewed
You can be confident of the quality and standard of a Cardiff degree. The University is recognised by more than 40 professional bodies which ensure that the University maintains its high standards of teaching. The most recent Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) panel awarded Cardiff University a silver award. This means that the University consistently delivers high quality teaching, learning and outcomes for its students, and it consistently exceeds rigorous national quality requirements for UK higher education.

My professors are always helpful and inviting. Cardiff University has allowed me to explore my skill set and abilities in a holistic way.

Ayushi Sabharwal
India, Media and Communications (BA), 2023
Cardiff University is ambitious and innovative, with many of our Academic Schools among the best in the UK. We are driven by creativity and curiosity, and we encourage our students to fulfill their potential.

10 key facts

- Cardiff is a **world top 150 university**.*
- We are ranked **5th in the UK** for research excellence.**
- We are a member of the elite **Russell Group**, which is made up of the top 24 research-led universities in the UK.
- Accommodation in University residences is **guaranteed** for all international students and is within walking distance of the University.
- Cardiff University has over **175,000 alumni** across the globe.
- The Cathays Park campus is situated in the very centre of Cardiff, the **capital city of Wales**. Cardiff is only 2 hours from London by train.
- The University is home to a community of over **33,500 students** from more than **130 countries**.
- The campus is frequently used as a film set for popular TV shows ‘**Dr Who**’, ‘**Sherlock**’ and ‘**His Dark Materials**’ as well as Hollywood blockbuster films.
- The University has **16 libraries** and a range of IT suites, offering **24/7 study facilities**.

*Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities 2019
**Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
Awards

Cardiff is home to award-winning academics, Nobel Prize winners, Queen’s Anniversary Prize winners and more, delivering cutting-edge research and innovative teaching.

- 2 Nobel Prize winners – Sir Martin Evans (Medicine) and Robert Huber (Chemistry)
- 7 Queen’s Anniversary Prizes, including the Down’s Syndrome Vision Research Unit in 2017
- 15 Fellows of the Royal Society
- 11 Fellows of the Royal Academy of Engineering
- 7 Fellows of the British Academy
- 21 Fellows of the Academy of Medical Sciences
- 34 Fellows in the Academy of Social Sciences
- 15 members of the Academia Europaea
- 2 members of the The National Academy of Sciences (USA)
- 162 members of the Learned Society of Wales
- A Regius Professorship awarded to the School of Chemistry recognising the work of Professor Graham Hutchings

Rankings and league tables

Cardiff University has a national and international reputation for quality and excellence, ranking highly among the world’s top universities.

International rankings each evaluate a number of core functions, such as: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. Cardiff University consistently features in the upper tiers of the most popular rankings.

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While rankings are a useful guideline, you should also consider the structure and teaching style of the course you wish to study, and what other opportunities the University and academic School can offer you.

Sources

Many students come to the UK to improve their job prospects. The skills you’ll develop during your studies, alongside any extracurricular activities, will offer you options whatever your chosen career. A degree is an investment for life and you will want to invest wisely.

What is the value of a Cardiff University education?

Employability is not just about getting a degree from a UK university. In an increasingly competitive global market, employers are looking for a wide range of skills and attributes. The Careers and Employability team can help you:

• Explore your options during and after University
• Develop the skills and attributes employers look for
• Get recognised for your employability with the Cardiff award
• Access a range of work experience and internship opportunities.

The Careers team also have dedicated advisers to help you plan your career and develop the ability to articulate your skills and experience to prospective employers.

Find out more at: www.cardiff.ac.uk/careers

Cardiff University is very supportive when it comes to work experiences and student support services; there is a big choice of different options and everyone can find something that suit their needs and interests. I have done a primary school classroom experience project, worked as a student mentor, and am currently working with Rowanvale Books publishing company as one of their advance readers.

Aleksandra Lakus, Poland, English Language and German (BA), 2022
How to improve your career prospects

Everybody wants to stand out from hundreds of other graduates. Above are some recommendations for getting that competitive edge, available to you at Cardiff University.

1. Choose a top university with a worldwide reputation
   Cardiff University is highly-ranked and recognised both in the UK and across the world for its teaching excellence and innovative research.

2. Make the most of your studies
   It may seem obvious but applying yourself and making the most of opportunities within your School will give you the edge over other candidates. On many degree schemes you can also widen your experience by studying part of your degree at a university in another country. Cardiff University has partners in the USA, Australia, South America, Europe and across Asia.

3. Summer work, volunteer or study placements
   As well as spending time abroad as part of your degree, our Global Opportunities team provides opportunities for students to work, volunteer and study during the summer months. These placements usually range from 4-6 weeks and are offered world-wide.

4. Join free training programmes
   In a competitive workplace it is important that you can be creative and apply your knowledge effectively. The Skills Development Service (SDS) provides a range of free courses aimed at building your confidence, improving your transferable skills and increasing your employability potential. www.cardiffstudents.com

5. Get advice and meet employers
   The University has a free Careers & Employability service with specialist international support. They offer advice and guidance on choosing a career, interview techniques, job seeking and improving your résumé. They also provide dedicated careers events for international students throughout the academic year and regular opportunities to meet potential employers recruiting on campus. www.cardiff.ac.uk/careers

6. Enhance your résumé
   Employers don’t want robots; they want interesting people who are driven and able to work in teams. At Cardiff, for example, you could get involved with running a club or society, or join Cardiff Volunteering. The Careers and Employability team can help with writing an effective résumé.

7. Gain work experience
   Work experience is a great way to show that you can apply the skills gained from your degree. You can get work experience through a part-time job or by opting for a Cardiff University degree that includes a year in industry. The Schools section (from page 19) lists courses which have year in industry options. Careers and Employability also offers a wide range of opportunities from highly competitive internship placements to shorter insights.

8. Network and build lifelong friendships
   The Cardiff Alumni Network consists of more than 173,000 graduates and supporters across the globe. Academic staff will offer advice and direction while other students, both from your country and other countries, can provide valuable insights.

9. Join the Cardiff Award
   Develop your employability skills and gain recognition for work experience and extra-curricular activities with the Cardiff Award. The Award will appear on your Higher Education Achievement Record for employers to see and you will receive a LinkedIn certificate.

10. Develop your English language skills
    Employers in the UK and overseas are looking to recruit international students with excellent English language skills. The Languages for All service provide language classes, and getting involved with local and campus culture will help with your language skills.
Located on the coast of South Wales, Cardiff is just 30 minutes away from beautiful beaches and mountainous national parks, while being only a 2-hour train journey from London.

Cardiff is regularly ranked as one of the UK’s best cities for students, with its affordable living costs, excellent transport links and our campus at its heart.

Find out more about the city of Cardiff at: www.visitcardiff.com
Five facts about Wales

Beyond Cardiff you can explore the natural beauty of National Parks like the mountainous Brecon Beacons and the rugged coastlines of Pembrokeshire.

Home to Europe's oldest living language, Welsh is spoken by 20% of the population, but don't worry as everybody speaks English!

Traditional Welsh foods like Welsh cakes, Bara Brith and Cawl can still be found today, even in the modern city of Cardiff!

Wales has a rich history and is sometimes called the 'castle capital of the world': You will find more than 600 castles in Wales, including the 2,000-year-old Cardiff Castle.

The red dragon is the national symbol of Wales, with legends telling the story of how the red dragon defeated an invading white dragon in a fierce battle.

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, UK weather 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.

Travel time by train

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Cardiff is consistently voted as one of the friendliest cities in the UK.
Safe and supportive

One of the advantages of University residences is the support you are offered. Each residence has a network of residences staff, Residence Life Assistants and security staff that provide 24 hour assistance.

Guaranteed

Accommodation is guaranteed for all full degree international students for the duration of your studies. You will have your own study bedroom. Cardiff University does not have shared rooms or dormitories.

How much does it cost?

The cost of residences depends on several factors which include 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. To help with budgeting there is more detail about living expenses on page 46. For the 2020/21 year self-catered residences range from £104-£144 a week. Part/fully catered residences range from £129-£164 a week. Rooms with private bathrooms are generally more expensive than rooms with shared bathrooms.

University residences

The University has 17 residences, each with different facilities, in different locations and at different costs.

Your choices include:
- single or mixed-gender accommodation
- private or shared bathrooms. About 70% of University residences have private bathrooms (called "ensuite")
- self-catered, part-catered, fully-catered*
- a variety of social and sporting facilities
- quiet living options.

*Fully-catered option is only offered at Aberdare Hall, a female-only residence.

The University knows that where you live is very important to you. You will want to settle quickly and live in a secure, well-located, sociable and conducive study environment. This is why Cardiff University provides a guarantee of accommodation in one of our residences.

“Living in University Residences has been an amazing experience. It helped me find a home away from home and settle into PhD life in Cardiff. I wouldn’t pick anywhere else!!

Violina - Aberdare Hall”
Close to campus
Cardiff University residences are very well located, with most residences being less than 2km to either the Cathays Park campus or Heath Park campus. The majority of students are able to easily walk or cycle to their lectures every day. The table below gives the approximate walking times from three residences to four popular locations in Cardiff.

Approximate walking times

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How do I reserve residences?
After you apply, and if you accept an offer to study, you will be sent full information on how to apply for University residences.

Coming to Cardiff with your family
The University has a limited number of flats, houses and studios available for first-year international students with family members. These residences are very much in demand and you may have to seek private accommodation. If you do choose private accommodation ensure you start looking as soon as possible and ask for assistance from the University.

Your guarantee of accommodation
You are guaranteed a single-occupancy place in University residences for the full duration of your studies. This is providing you apply through the normal admission and allocation process, and re-apply for residences each year through the overseas returners process.

What do University residences provide?
The diagram opposite shows a layout of a typical ensuite flat in University residences. Please note that this is an example and the number and size of rooms in each flat varies.

In this example there are 6 study bedrooms, each with their own bathroom. The 6 occupants 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. If you choose ‘ensuite’ you will have your own bathroom with shower.

All bedrooms are connected to the University high-speed Wi-Fi network. In your flat you will have access to a shared kitchen/dining room. This area includes a cooker, refrigerator, sink, table and chairs.

Look at the map on page 50 to see where residences are located. You will also find that like the University, residences are within easy reach of shops, the city centre and parks.

An example of a typical flat in University residences.

www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
university life

You might be wondering what life is like at Cardiff University. Outside of academia you will find a vast range of opportunities to try new things, meet new people and enjoy the exciting atmosphere on campus.

The Students’ Union

- www.cardiffstudents.com
- the heart of social life for university students
- all students enrolled at Cardiff University are automatically members
- run by a student committee dedicated to the social and welfare needs of all students on campus
- a not-for-profit organisation, where all profits go back into improving the services available to you
- a multi-million pound investment is transforming the Students’ Union into the Centre for Student Life, in the biggest campus upgrade of a generation!
- includes a bar, nightclub, concert venue, shops, cafes, post office, letting agency and advice centre
- the Union has its own student newspaper, magazine, radio station and TV channel.

International societies

The best way to make friends is to join a student society. These clubs are very important to student life and are run by other students. There are more than 200 societies, many of which represent areas of the world including: Africa, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Latin America, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Nigeria and more.

For two weeks every year the international societies celebrate ‘Go Global’ – a festival that showcases the University’s diversity involving dance, music and food.

Sport and keeping fit

The University takes sport very seriously and encourages participation at all levels. The Athletic Union runs more than 60 sports clubs and arranges fixtures against other universities.

World class facilities are located across four sites and include a Sports Training Village with a multi-purpose indoor sports hall and physiotherapy clinic, a Fitness and Conditioning Centre, dance studio and 33 acres of first-class grass pitches including a full-size floodlit 3G FIFA/IRB approved match pitch.

200+ societies
4 student media channels
60+ sports clubs
3rd best Students’ Union in the UK*  

*WUSCA, 2020
Welcome and orientation
There’s no need to worry about settling in, making friends or life in the UK. Our aim is to make your transition to Cardiff as smooth as possible.

The September induction programme includes:
• a free coach collection service from Cardiff and Heathrow airports, providing a warm welcome and taking you and your luggage to your accommodation
• access to an online Orientation program that will take you through the key information that you need to know before you join Cardiff University
• practical information and events to help you make the most of student life at the University
• guidance and support in setting up a bank account in the UK.

Supporting you
Whether you have questions relating to your academic or personal life, Cardiff University has a comprehensive range of services for you to access.

Student Support and Wellbeing have a range of services including:
• specialist visa and immigration advice
• money and housing support
• Disability and Dyslexia support
• mentors and academic skills sessions
• work placements, career advice and start-up opportunities.

In addition to the Student Support provision, every student at the University is allocated a personal tutor who can assist with a broad range of academic or personal matters.

If you want to talk to someone outside of the University, the Students’ Union also has an advice centre.

over
33,100 students
Centre for Student Life
As part of the £600 million campus upgrade, £50 million is being invested in improving your student experience at Cardiff University, with the sustainable and iconic Centre for Student Life being built at the heart of our campus.

The Centre will be home to our Student Support services as well as offering modern, flexible social learning spaces and a technology-rich 550-seat lecture theatre. Construction work has already begun, and the exciting new Centre is expected to be completed in time for the 2020/21 academic year.

Innovation campus
£300 million is being invested into the Cardiff Innovation Campus. This will be a centre designed to nurture partnerships between entrepreneurs, business leaders, professional advisers, academics and students.

With state-of-the-art facilities, laboratories and serviced offices, the space will work hand-in-hand with businesses ranging from start-ups to established companies, to provide support and resources to encourage growth and help innovation flourish.

The Innovation Campus will also be home to SPARK – the world’s first Social Sciences Research Park.

Your future, our future
Your relationship with Cardiff University does not end at graduation. As a Cardiff alum, you will join our 175,000-strong community who thrive as leaders in their fields, and are committed to making a real difference to the world we live in.

After graduating you will receive regular news, features and opportunities from the University, and access to a range of exclusive benefits including careers advice, use of library and sports facilities, and a full calendar of events.

You can always come home to Cardiff, too – by giving talks at student recruitment events in your home country, providing workplace opportunities, or even fundraising for world-leading research as part of #TeamCardiff.

Wherever your degree takes you, Cardiff is for life.

To find out more, visit: www.cardiff.ac.uk/alumni
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Established in 1920, the Welsh School of Architecture is one of the top-ranked schools of architecture in the UK. Through our research and teaching we seek to create a built environment that enhances people’s lives, without destroying the planet for future generations.

We provide a vibrant collaborative environment with people from diverse national, cultural and professional backgrounds and a strong studio culture.

**COURSES**

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**
- BSc in Architectural Studies (Part 1)
- Master of Architecture (Part 2)

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**
- Architectural Design MA
- Advanced Building Performance Evaluation MSc
- Computational Methods in Architecture MSc
- Environmental Design of Buildings MSc
- Environmental Design of Buildings (Distance Learning) MSc
- Master of Design Administration (MDA) PgDip in Architecture: Professional Practice (Part 3)
- Sustainable Mega-Buildings MSc
- Sustainable Building Conservation MSc
- Architectureadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**
- Architectural History and Theory
- Architectural Science
- Creative Practice in Architecture (PhD)
- Design and Practice Research
- lewisk2@cardiff.ac.uk

**Ranked 38th in the world for Architecture**
QS World University Rankings 2020

Various field trips and group works have given me the chance to meet colleagues from different disciplines and cultures reinforcing skills in different urban fabrics.

Cardiff is an amazing city with distinctive urban dynamics, offering us, the students to observe and learn daily. It was a big chance for me to apply what I was learning in the lectures as soon as I step out of the classroom.

Nilsu Erkul, Cyprus
PhD Candidate, Welsh School of Architecture, Urban Design (MA) Graduate

**Location:**
Bute Building (above) (map ref 6), Friary House (map ref 20), 2 North Road

**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**
- ARUP; Foster + Partners; Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners; Scott Brownrigg; WilkinsonEyre Architects

**TOP 10 ARCHITECTURE**
1. University of Cambridge
2. University of Bath
3. University of Strathclyde
4. University of Sheffield
5. University College London
6. Cardiff University
7. Newcastle University
8. Loughborough University
9. Queen’s University Belfast
10. University of the Arts London

**OTHER RANKINGS**
5th QS Top Universities UK, 2020
7th The Guardian University Guide 2020
13th In UK for Research Excellence REF 2014
Supported by a range of high-quality facilities and equipment, our topical courses and advanced research span the full range of the biomedical and life sciences, from cancer and neuroscience, to ecosystems and molecular biology. Through world-leading research and innovative teaching, we equip graduates with the knowledge and understanding to help confront some of the world’s greatest challenges.

COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Biochemistry BSc
Biological Sciences BSc
Biological Sciences (Genetics)* BSc
Biomedical Sciences BSc
Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy)** BSc
Biomedical Sciences (Physiology)** BSc
Neuroscience BSc
Zoology BSc

INTEGRATED MASTERS
Biological Sciences MBiol
Biochemistry MBiochem
Biomedical Sciences MBiomed
Neuroscience MNeuro
bioscience-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

*Can be studied via the BSc Biological Sciences programme.
** Can be studied via the BSc Biomedical Sciences programme.

Note: all subjects are also available as sandwich courses which include a Professional Training Year.

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Biosciences MRes
biosi-mres@cardiff.ac.uk
Tissue Engineering MSc
Global Ecology and Conservation MSc
biosi-msc@cardiff.ac.uk

We offer exciting postgraduate research opportunities, with PhD studentships in a variety of biological and biomedical research areas, enabling you to further your studies in an innovative and vibrant research community.

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Arthritis
Biomedicine
Cancer Cell Biology
Integrative Neuroscience
Molecular Biosciences
Neuroscience
Organisms and Environment
biosiresearch@cardiff.ac.uk

Cardiff has everything I wanted from a university: high quality academics, new and exciting things to do, and easy travel to the countryside. Studying at Cardiff has given me the opportunity to make friends with people from all over the world and learn things that I never would have otherwise. Cardiff is a really great school for anyone looking to do something different and broaden their horizons.

Caleb, USA, Biomedical Sciences (BSc/MBiomed)
We’re an AACSB International† accredited Business School with a clear purpose: to make a difference in the communities of Wales and the world.

We’ll challenge you to think differently and give you the tools and techniques to bring about change during your studies and beyond.

COURSES

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
Business foundation@cardiff.ac.uk

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Accounting BSc
Accounting and Finance BSc
Banking and Finance BScEcon/BSc*
Business Economics BScEcon/BSc*
Business Management BSc*
• General Route
• Human Resource Management
• International Management
• Logistics and Operations
• Marketing
• Welsh
Business Studies and Japanese BSc
Economics BScEcon/BSc/BA*
Economics and Finance BScEcon
Economics and Management Studies BScEcon
studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
Accounting and Finance MSc
Finance MSc

ECONOMICS
Economics MSc
Financial Economics MSc
International Economics, Banking and Finance MSc

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Human Resource Management MSc
International Human Resource Management MSc

LOGISTICS AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT
Logistics and Operations Management MSc
Maritime Policy and Shipping Management MSc
Sustainable Supply Chain Management MSc

MARKETING AND STRATEGY
Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship MSc
Marketing MSc
Strategic Marketing MSc
studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD RESEARCH AREAS
Accounting and Finance Economics
Human Resource Management
Logistics and Operations Management
Marketing and Strategy
CARBS-PhD@cardiff.ac.uk

All of our undergraduate degree programmes offer a Professional Placement Year and a Year of Study Abroad option. These are extended periods of paid employment or study abroad that take place in the third year of a four-year degree programme.
Chemistry has an established tradition at Cardiff University having been taught here since 1883. Our internationally leading research and education is focused on tackling the important scientific challenges of the 21st century.

We provide an outstanding and stimulating environment for chemical research and education. Our excellent reputation in modern chemical science attracts students from around the world.

COURSES

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
3M; AstraZeneca; Airbus; Cadburys; CogentPower; GlaxoSmithKline; Intellectual Patent Office; Jones Environmental Forensics

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Chemistry BSc/MChem
Chemistry with a Placement Year Abroad BSc
Chemistry with a Placement Year Abroad MChem
Chemistry with a Preliminary Year BSc
Chemistry with a Year in Industry BSc
Chemistry with a Year in Industry MChem

chemistry@cardiff.ac.uk

Our BSc, MChem and most MSc degrees are accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry, a mark of the teaching quality you can expect during your degree.

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Advanced Chemistry MSc
Catalysis MSc
Biological Chemistry MSc
Medicinal Chemistry MSc
chemistry@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Biological Chemistry
Catalysis in the Cardiff Catalysis Institute
Chemistry
Inorganic Chemistry
Organic Synthesis
Physical Organic Chemistry
Solid State Materials
Theoretical and Computational Chemistry

chemistry-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk

Join us in a supportive, well-equipped and creative environment with a long-standing, international reputation for applied research activity.

We place a strong emphasis on employability and work with industry to ensure that the content of our courses is contemporary and relevant.

COURSES

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Software Engineer; Web Developer; Computer Programmer; Software Developer; Business Analyst and Systems Development Officer

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Applied Software Engineering BSc
Computer Science BSc*
Computer Science MSc**
Computer Science with Security and Forensics BSc*
comsc-ug@cs.cardiff.ac.uk

*Available with a year abroad and a year in industry.
**Integrated four-year programme combining undergraduate and postgraduate study.

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Advanced Computer Science MSc†
Artificial Intelligence MSc
Computational and Data Journalism MSc
Computing MSc†
Computing and IT Management MSc†
Cybersecurity MSc
Data Analytics for Government MSc
Data Science and Analytics MSc
Software Engineering MSc
computing-pg@cardiff.ac.uk

†Available with a placement year

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Computer Science and Informatics (PhD, MPhil)
comsc-pgresearch@cs.cardiff.ac.uk

The School’s degrees are regularly reviewed and professionally accredited by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.
The School of Dentistry offers international entry onto one undergraduate programme and five postgraduate taught programmes providing high quality clinical and academic training. Students have the opportunity to work with leaders in their respective fields and have access to some of the finest clinical, educational and research facilities in the UK.

**COURSES**

**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**
- Restorative dentistry; Orthodontics at a specialist level; Private practice; PhD study; Wider healthcare sector

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**
- Dentistry BDS
- DentalUGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**
- Clinical Dentistry MClincDent
- Implantology MSc
- Oral Biology MSc
- Orthodontics MScD
- Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine MSc
- DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**
- 3-D Facial Imaging
- Advanced Polymer Therapeutics
- Dental Public Health
- Matrix Biology and Tissue Repair
- Microbial Diseases
- Regenerative Biology
- Violence Research
- DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**Ranked 1st in the UK for Dentistry Research Environment**

In 2019 100% of the School’s BDS graduates secured a Dental Foundation Training position in the UK.

The School of Earth and Environmental Sciences is a supportive and inspiring place to learn about the evolution of the Earth, its life and how it works. You can expect to work with approachable staff who are experts in their fields with a passion for teaching. Fieldwork is integral to our teaching and research, and our location in South Wales provides us with easy access to fascinating landscapes, whether by land or by sea in our own research vessel, the Guiding Light.

**COURSES**

**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**
- BHP Billiton; Environment Agency; Geo Services International; Mott MacDonald; Parsons Brinckerhoff; Titan Environmental Surveys

**BSC/MSCI UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**
- Environmental Geography BSc/MSci†
- Environmental Geoscience BSc/MSci†
- Environmental Sustainability Science BSc
- Exploration Geology BSc/MSci†
- Geology BSc/MSci
- Marine Geography BSc/MSci†
- Physical Geography BSc/MSci + PP
- †BSc available with a professional placement year.
- earth-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**
- Applied Environmental Geology MSc
- Environmental Hazards MSc
- Water in a Changing World MSc
- channinga@cardiff.ac.uk

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**
- Cold Climates
- Earth Surface Processes
- Economic Geology
- Geochemistry
- Geomicrobiology and Biogeochemistry
- Ocean and Climate Systems
- Palaeobiology
- Sustainable Geoenvironments
- Tectonics and Geophysics
- earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk

Many of our programmes are accredited by the Geological Society of London and the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology.
The School of Engineering has a worldwide reputation for research and has a record of collaboration with industrial partners from around the world. This means you will receive cutting edge and career relevant teaching from global experts in their field. Our graduates are highly employable and undergraduate students have the opportunity to further enhance their prospects by undertaking a year in industry. Competitive scholarships are available for a number of our degree courses.

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Atkins; Tata Steel; BAE Systems; Corus; Mott McDonald; Network Rail; Arup; National Grid ; Renishaw; Ford; Airbus

TOP 5 CIVIL ENGINEERING
1. Cardiff University
2. Imperial College London
3. University of Dundee
4. University of Sheffield
5. University of Manchester

TOP 10 GENERAL ENGINEERING
1. University of Oxford
2. University of Cambridge
3. University of Sheffield
4. Imperial College London
5. King’s College London
6. University College London
7. Cardiff University
8. University of Dundee

Research Excellence Framework, 2014

OTHER RANKINGS
14th Civil Engineering
The Complete University Guide 2021

17th General Engineering
The Complete University Guide 2021

25th Mechanical Engineering
The Complete University Guide 2021

Top 100 Civil and Structural Engineering
QS World University Rankings by subject 2020

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
Engineering
foundation@cardiff.ac.uk

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Architectural Engineering BEng/MEng
Civil Engineering BEng/MEng
Civil and Environmental Engineering BEng/MEng
Electrical and Electronic Engineering BEng/MEng
Integrated Engineering BEng/MEng
Mechanical Engineering BEng/MEng
Medical Engineering BEng/MEng

Note: all BEng/MEng courses offer an optional year in industry.
engineering-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Advanced Mechanical Engineering MSc
Building Infrastructure and Information Modelling for Smart Engineering MSc
Civil Engineering MSc
Civil and Geoenviromental Engineering MSc
Civil and Water Engineering MSc
Communication Technology and Entrepreneurship MSc
Compound Semiconductor Electronics MSc
Electrical Energy Systems MSc
Manufacturing Engineering, Innovation and Management MSc
Structural Engineering MSc
Sustainable Energy and Environment MSc
Wireless and Microwave Communication Engineering MSc*

* Offered with year in industry or research year

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Medical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Wireless and Microwave Communications MRes

engineering-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk

All but one of the School’s established courses provide accreditation from the relevant professional engineering institutions.

(Communication Technology and Entrepreneurship MSc is currently not accredited.)

Rakitha Seneviratne,
Sri Lanka, Integrated Engineering (BEng), 2021

"..."
We are committed to internationalism and to ensuring our graduates are equipped for the modern world of work. Thinking across disciplines, we value critical rigour, creative thinking, and intellectual inquisitiveness. We explore ideas and conceptual strength, and how our disciplines can enhance the world in meaningful ways.

School of English, Communication and Philosophy

We are an innovative and internationally-recognised centre of excellence in research and teaching devoted to the study of the past and beliefs from prehistoric times to contemporary societies. We offer flexible programmes allowing you to develop your interests and ambitions. Our capital city status provides extra resources notably through our partner the National Museum of Wales and access to a number of historically significant sites.

COURSES

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Teaching; (Digital) journalism; Marketing and PR; Sales and advertising; Copywriting and editing; The civil service; Management; HR; Communications; Third sector; Local government; Publishing

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
English Language* BA
English Language and Linguistics BA
English Language and Literature BA
English Literature* BA
English Literature and Creative Writing BA
Philosophy* BA

*Available with another humanities subject.
encap-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Applied Linguistics MA
Creative Writing MA
English Literature MA
Forensic Linguistics MA
Language and Communication Research MA
Language and Linguistics MA
Philosophy MA
encap-pg@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Creative and Critical Writing / Critical and Cultural Theory
English Literature / Language and Communication
Philosophy
encap-pg@cardiff.ac.uk

History, Archaeology and Religion

We are an innovative and internationally-recognised centre of excellence in research and teaching devoted to the study of the past and beliefs from prehistoric times to contemporary societies. We offer flexible programmes allowing you to develop your interests and ambitions. Our capital city status provides extra resources notably through our partner the National Museum of Wales and access to a number of historically significant sites.

COURSES

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Media and heritage; The civil service; Teaching and education; Law; Charities; Marketing; HR

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
We offer a broad choice of single, integrated and joint honours, focussing on our key disciplines:
Ancient History, Archaeology, Conservation, History, Religious and Theological Studies.
We also offer Joint Honours with other Schools.
SHARE-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
You can focus wholly on your chosen field or benefit from our carefully designed interdisciplinary Master’s.
Archaeology MA
Archaeological Science MSc
Care of Collections MSc
Conservation Practice MSc
History MA
Islam in Contemporary Britain MA/PgDip
Professional Conservation MSc
SHARE-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Ancient History, Archaeology, Conservation, History, Religious Studies, Welsh History
SHARE-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

Location: John Percival Building (map ref 27)

Rankings

Top 10
English Language and Literature in the UK REF 2014
Top 100
English Language and Literature QS World Rankings 2020

Location: John Percival Building (map ref 27)

Rankings

10th
Religious and Theological Studies REF 2014
Top 150
Archaeology QS World University Rankings 2020
Top 150
History QS World University Rankings 2020
GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Government; Planning consultancies; Environmental planning companies; Environmental consultancies; Urban design companies; Transport planning and civil engineering organisations; Charities; Teaching

93% of undergraduates and 97% of master’s graduates were in employment or further study within six months of graduating.

DLHE 2016/17

TOP 10 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE
1. University College London
2. University of Cambridge
3. University of Edinburgh
4. University of Sheffield
5. University of Birmingham
6. Queen’s University, Belfast
7. Cardiff University
8. Loughborough University
9. Heriot-Watt University
10. University of Liverpool

The Times Good University Guide 2020

As internationally recognised centre of excellence for teaching, research and engagement, we have built our reputation across the boundaries of urban planning and human geography with an emphasis on the built and natural environments, and the impacts of economic, social, political and cultural change. Our aim is to help solve some of the most intransigent contemporary challenges facing people and places. Our research-led teaching is delivered by an expert and diverse faculty while our programmes are international in both content and delivery.

COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Human Geography BSc
Human Geography and Planning BSc
Urban Planning and Development BSc
All undergraduate programmes are available with a professional placement year.

gandpenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Eco-Cities MSc
Environment and Development MSc
International Planning and Development MSc
International Planning and Urban Design MSc
Planning Practice PgCert
Social Science Research Methods (Environmental Planning) MSc/PgDip
Spatial Planning and Development MSc
Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy MSc
Transport and Planning MSc
Urban and Regional Development MSc
Urban Design MA

gandpenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Environment
Social and Cultural Geography
Spatial Planning and Analysis in City Environments
Urban and Regional Governance

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A third of our academic staff come from countries outside of the UK and we have a research footprint in four continents of the world. This means our courses are truly international in both content and delivery.

Our teaching offers engagement with cutting-edge research themes and involvement in live research projects. Using case studies, field study visits and work placement opportunities, you will relate and apply academic knowledge and analytical skills to a variety of real world situations.

The School of Geography and Planning fosters academic independence and gave me the freedom to explore where my interests lay and what my intellectual trajectory could and should be. It is a remarkable place with a deep commitment to educating and supporting its students.

Hans Baumann, USA
Human Geography and Planning (BSc)
Join our family where you can be part of a real community atmosphere, study in hospital-based buildings that promote a healthcare environment and learn alongside knowledgeable, skilled and supportive staff. We aim to provide you with an innovative experience, giving you a platform to stand at the forefront of healthcare and develop impactful knowledge that directly improves health outcomes and healthcare for patients and families in Wales and beyond.

COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
We may have a limited number of international places available for some of our undergraduate programmes. Please contact us by email to find out about these options.

hcareadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Advanced Practice MSc (suitable for nurses/nursing)
Education for Healthcare Professionals MSc
Managing Anaesthesia Care MSc
Occupational Therapy MSc
Physiotherapy MSc
Radiography MSc
Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy MSc

hcarepgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Our research is structured across three themes:
1. Optimising well-being and the management of long-term conditions.
2. Optimising service delivery and organisation.
3. Optimising health through activity, lifestyles and technology.

We house more than 650 PhD researchers and 300 MPhil researchers. Our research areas are suitable for healthcare professionals including nurses, midwives, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and radiographers.

hcarephdenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

Students benefit from specially designed clinical facilities, simulation suites and postgraduate study spaces. All of our teaching sessions are recorded, where appropriate, and made available online for you to review.

100% of our submitted research was rated at least of international standard with 94% classed as internationally excellent or world-leading.

I have learnt a lot throughout my journey here, such as critical thinking, teamwork, leadership and communication skills. Interacting and making friends with local and international students, has made me enjoy every minute of my experience. Cardiff is a multicultural city where you can find almost everything you need, in that respect it’s quite similar to London.

Fawaz Alrasheedi, Saudi Arabia
Healthcare (PhD)
School of Journalism, Media and Culture

We are a world-leading centre for media teaching and research where you will be taught by highly qualified staff, many of whom have international experience and are involved in collaborative ventures with leading universities and top journalism schools worldwide. Our programmes offer scholarly excellence, renowned vocational training or a combination of both.

COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Journalism and Communications BA
Journalism, Communications and Politics BA
Journalism, Media and Culture BA
Journalism, Media and Sociology BA
Journalism, Media and English Literature BA
Journalism and Welsh BA
Media and Communications BA
jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Broadcast Journalism MA*
Computational and Data Journalism MSc
Cultural and Creative Industries MA
Digital Documentaries MA
Digital Media and Society MA
International Journalism MA
International Public Relations and Global Communications Management MA*
Journalism, Media and Communications MA
Magazine Journalism MA*
MBA Media Management
News Journalism MA*
Political Communications MA
Science Communication MSc
jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk

*These courses are accredited by nationally and internationally recognised professional bodies.

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Digital Media and Society
Journalism and Democracy
Media, Culture and Creativity,
jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Popular industries: Communications and IT; Finance; Real estate; Education; Transportation; Retail
Popular occupations: Journalist; Editor; Business Executive; PR Professional; Writer; Translator; Research Associate; Reporter; Production Editor; Teacher

TOP 10 FOR JOURNALISM, PUBLISHING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS
1. Oxford Brookes University
2. University of Strathclyde
3. University of Sheffield
4. Cardiff University
5. Staffordshire University
6. Nottingham Trent University
7. University of Lincoln
8. Coventry University
9. University of the West of England, Bristol
10. Northumbria University
The Guardian University Guide 2020

OTHER RANKINGS
2nd Communications and Media Studies
REF 2014
5th Communication and Media Studies
The Complete University Guide 2021
6th Media and Film Studies
The Guardian University Guide 2020
23rd Communications and Media Studies
QS World University Rankings 2020

We are located in the heart of Cardiff’s media quarter alongside local and national media companies including broadcaster BBC Cymru/Wales.

23rd in the world for Communication and Media Studies in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020.

Our International Public Relations and Global Communications Management master’s degree is fully accredited by the UK’s Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

My Cardiff University experience challenged me academically, prepared me professionally and expanded my network globally.

Tanisha Patrick Ellison, Jamaica
International Public Relations and Global Communications Management (MA)
We are committed to providing an outstanding teaching and learning experience for our students. Our vibrant student body combined with highly qualified academic staff provides the perfect environment to explore the dynamic and fast-paced fields of law, politics and international relations. We attract students from all over the world and offer a friendly, supportive and culturally diverse School in which to study.

**LAW COURSES**

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**
- Law LLB
- Law and Criminology LLB
- Law and Politics LLB
- Law and Sociology LLB
- Law and Welsh LLB
- Law and French LLB

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

Specialist LLM Programmes:
- Governance and Devolution
- Human Rights Law
- Law
- International Commercial Law
- Legal Aspects of Medical Practice
- Intellectual Property Law
- Social Care Law
- Shipping Law
- Canon Law

**MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**

We offer supervision in a broad range of areas spanning private, public and commercial legal spheres from domestic, transnational and international perspectives. These areas are integrated within the School’s vibrant research culture which features several research centres and groups:

* Centre for Crime, Law and Justice
* Centre for European Law and Governance
* Centre for Human Rights and Public Law
* Centre for Law and Global Justice
* Centre for Law and Religion
* Centre for Law and Society
* Environmental Justice Research Group
* Family Law Research Group
* Gender Rules Research Group
* The Law Lab
* Wales Governance Centre

Research areas are dependent on sufficient supervisory capacity. Due to staff changes and research leave, minor changes to this list may occur.

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We give you a head start in your legal career via our **Pro Bono Unit**. You can develop your skills in client care, legal research, writing and public speaking whilst working on real cases and helping members of the community.

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POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
BScEcon Politics
BScEcon International Relations
BScEcon International Relations and Politics (available with a language)
BScEcon Politics and Economics / Modern History / Philosophy
BA Politics and French / German / Italian / Sociology / Spanish / Religious Studies / Welsh
BA Journalism, Communication and Politics
lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
International Relations MScEcon
Politics and Public Policy MScEcon
Welsh Government and Politics MScEcon
Social Science Research Methods (International Relations) MSc/ PGDip
Social Science Research Methods (Politics) MSc/ PGDip
lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
The Cold War
Comparative Politics, Policy and Governance
Critical Global Politics
Critical Military Studies
Development and Postcolonialism
Digital Technologies, Internet Governance and Cyber-Security
European Politics and Area Studies
Gender and International Relations
Global Environmental Politics
Intelligence and Security
International Law and International Relations
Nuclear Politics
Political and International Theory
Public Policy
Security Studies
Wales, Territorial and Devolutionary Politics
lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk

I would highly recommend the Politics and Public Policy programme at Cardiff University if you want to gain a broader understanding of the political and policy processes that shape and affect everyday life across the globe. The programme enables you to understand different points of view, as well as shape your own political values and beliefs. More specifically, the Politics and Public Policy programme allows you to develop transferrable research, thinking and communication skills that will enable you to build a successful career in whatever field you choose..

Michael Woodland, UK, Politics and Public Policy (MscEcon), 2018
Cardiff University School of Medicine inspires and develops outstanding clinicians, scientists, innovators, teachers and other healthcare professionals. Students value our innovative, challenging courses, our ‘real focus’ on the patient and opportunities to work with world experts.

**COURSES**

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**
- Medicine MBBCh*
- Medical Pharmacology BSc/MPh
- medadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

*Available with Erasmus placement and final year international elective programme.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**
- Advanced Surgical Practice* MSc
- Ageing, Health and Disease MSc
- Bioinformatics / Bioinformatics and Genetic Epidemiology MSc
- Critical Care* MSc
- Diabetes* MSc/PgDip
- Dermatology, Clinical MSc
- Dermatology, Practical* MSc/PgDip
- Genetic and Genomic Counselling† MSc
- Medical Education MSc/PgDip
- Medical Toxicology* MSc/PgDip/PgCert
- Neonatal Medicine* MSc/PgDip
- Occupational Health (Policy and Practice)
- Pain Management* MSc
- Pain Management (Primary and Community Care)* MSc/PgDip/PgCert
- Palliative Medicine for Health Care Professionals* MSc
- Psychiatry* MSc
- Public Health MPH
- Therapeutics* MSc/PgDip/PgCert
- Wound Healing and Tissue Repair* MSc
- pgtmedadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

* Courses are taught fully via online distance learning
† Courses are taught largely via online distance learning

**PHD RESEARCH AREAS**
- Cancer and Genetics
- Infection and Immunity
- Population Medicine
- Psychological Medicine and Clinical Neuroscience
- pgrmedic@cardiff.ac.uk
- Medical & Clinical Education
- medicaleducation@cardiff.ac.uk

**JOB ROLES**
All clinical specialties including: Acute Care; Anaesthetics; Clinical Academia; Emergency Medicine; General Practice; Intensive Care; Medicine; Occupational Medicine; Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Ophthalmology; Paediatrics; Pathology; Psychiatry; Public Health; Radiology.

One of the UK’s largest providers of medically-related distance learning programmes, which allow you to study for one of our postgraduate awards from anywhere in the world.

Opportunities to study abroad across the world as part of the Medicine MBBCh.
Join a friendly community of talented peers and enjoy a wide array of flexible and intellectually exciting course options that set graduates on the path to exciting careers. Our welcoming and dynamic study and research environments will allow you to follow your mathematical interests as you develop your professional and mathematical skills.

COURSES

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Finance Manager; Lecturer; Risk Analyst; Statistician; Operational research; Management scientist; Management consultant; Business analyst; Supply chain manager; Government operational research; Statistics

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Mathematics (BSc)*†
Mathematics (MMath)*†
Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics (BSc)*†
Financial Mathematics (BSc)*†
Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics (MMORS)*†

JOIN HONOURS
Mathematics and Music (BA)*
mathematics@cardiff.ac.uk
*Also available with a year abroad
†Also available with a professional placement

POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT
Operational Research and Applied Statistics (MSc)
Operational Research, Applied Statistics and Financial Risk (MSc)
Data Analytics for Government (MSc)
Data Science and Analytics (MSc)
Mathematics (MSc)
MScMaths@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH
Mathematics (PhD, MPhil)
mathematics@cardiff.ac.uk

The majority of our courses are accredited by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.

We provide a stimulating, friendly and supportive environment for performance, composition and musical scholarship. Our students receive rigorous musical training and opportunities to explore a wide range of studies, both intellectual and practical, within a lively liberal arts environment that encourages student excellence in both theory and practice.

COURSES

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS
Vice President of IMG Artists, Paris; Director of Artistic Administration, Glyndebourne Opera; Music Director of Florida Orchestra; BBC Radio 3; BBC Symphony Orchestra; Monteverdi Choir; English National Opera; Oxford University Press; Royal College of Music

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Mathematics and Music BA
Music BA
Music BMus
Music and English Literature BA
Music and History BA
Music and Philosophy BA
French and Music BA
German and Music BA
Italian and Music BA
Religious Studies and Music BA
Welsh and Music BA
musicschool@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
MA in Music (with the option to specialise in Performance, Composition or Music Studies)
ParkinVA@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Composition
Ethnomusicology
Music Studies (including Historical Musicology, Music Analysis, Popular Music and Ethnomusicology)
Performance
ParkinVA@cardiff.ac.uk

The school runs professionally-led performing groups, which has included Symphony and Chamber Orchestras and Choirs, a Contemporary Music Group, Wind Band, Jazz, Gamelan and West African ensembles, along with student-led groups.
Cardiff University boasts one of the largest and most dynamic modern languages schools in the UK. With an international reputation for excellence in research and teaching, we give students the opportunity to pursue their interest in languages in an exciting, interdisciplinary environment. Located at the heart of the University, we offer an impressive range of degree courses for those with an active interest in language and culture.

**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**
International Sales and Marketing; International Law; Management Consultancy; Venture Capitalism; International IT Support; Translation; Teaching; Manufacturing; Financial Services; International Business

We have strong links with a broad range of employers; links we make the most of in our teaching, placement modules and career events.

We are an innovator in Wales with key links to decision makers in Welsh Government.

**TOP 10 FOR MODERN LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS**
1. Queen Mary
2. University of Edinburgh
3. Queen Margaret University
3. University of Kent
5. University of Southampton
5. Queen’s University Belfast
7. Cardiff University
8. University of Essex
9. University of Cambridge
10. University of Glasgow

Research Excellence Framework, 2014

- **13th** for German
- **Complete University Guide 2021**
- **14th** for Italian
- **Times Good University Guide 2020**
- **14th** for Modern Languages and Linguistics
- **Guardian University Guide 2020**

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

- Chinese BA
- French BA † *
- German BA † *
- Italian BA † *
- Japanese and Business Studies BSc
- Japanese BA*
- Modern Chinese BA (in partnership with Beijing Normal University)
- Modern Languages and Translation BA
- Portuguese BA*
- Spanish BA † *

*Available with another language and other humanities subjects

languages-ug-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

MA in Global Cultures
MA in Translation Studies

languages-pg-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**

Our full and part-time PhD and MPhil opportunities are grouped together under the banner of Languages and Translation Studies.

We offer supervision across a wide range of research topics, broadly categorised into the following themes:

- • conflict and development
- • culture and identity
- • cultural studies
- • global area studies
- • history and ideologies
- • history and memory
- • languages and translation studies
- • literary and textual studies
- • modern languages education policy, planning and innovation
- • visual cultures

languages-pg-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

The department has three central research themes:
1. Transnational Cultural and Visual Studies
2. History and Heritage
3. Global Language-Based Area Studies

Within these research themes, the following research strands feature:

- • comics and graphic fiction
- • critical theory
- • foreign, development and security policy
- • ideology critique
- • Lacanian cultural (especially film) analysis
- • memory studies and museum studies
- • multilingualism and language learning
- • NGOs, trade unions and movements
- • peripheral and minority cultures and identities
- • popular cultures, especially crime fictions and film
- • post-colonial and transnational literatures, cultures and identities
- • translation, adaption and multimediality (radio, film, television, new media)
- • translation in/and performance
- • the study of socialist and post-socialist Europe
- • visual culture and photography
We are the only optometric training department in Wales and have a world class reputation for our education and our vision sciences research.

Our School is housed in a purpose-built optometry facility, and as well as our leading undergraduate programme, we offer flexible postgraduate taught programmes for eye care professionals and offer research opportunities that span a diverse range of basic science and clinical disciplines.

COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Our Optometry BSc will provide the scientific and clinical knowledge needed to progress to the next step of the profession, to become a pre-registration optometrist.

- 3 Year Optometry BSc
- 4 Year Optometry BSc

optomadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
We offer flexible part-time, full-time and distance learning Postgraduate taught optometry programmes which are designed for eye care professionals wishing to gain specialist knowledge and clinical skills.

- Clinical Optometry Certificate
- Clinical Optometry Diploma
- Clinical Optometry MSc
- Eye Care Governance Certificate
- Glaucoma Certificate
- Postgraduate Certificate in Independent Prescribing

pgoptom@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD AND MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Our PhD and MPhil in Vision Sciences comprise student-led, frontier translational research spanning a diverse range of basic science and clinical disciplines.

- Clinical Investigation and Vision Sciences
- Structural Biophysics
- Visual Neuroscience

visionpgr@cardiff.ac.uk

In the latest REF, we ranked 4th in the UK with an environmental ranking of 100% and 90% of our research deemed ‘outstanding’.

£22 million purpose-built optometry facility with on-site eye clinic.

Home to the Welsh Optometric Postgraduate Education Centre (WOPEC), - the only dedicated postgraduate optometry centre in the world.

Coming to Cardiff has been a phenomenal chapter in my life. I’m fascinated by vision and Optometry combines my love of Physics, problem solving and working with people. The building has a network of clinic bays, modern and well-equipped for clinic and research and the £22m building is an energising environment.

Libby Ainsworth, UK, Optometry (BSc)
We welcome international students onto our top-ranking Master of Pharmacy undergraduate programme and two postgraduate courses. Be part of our internationally-recognised School, where world-leading researchers work on the discovery, development and use of drugs and medicines to tackle some of the most debilitating and life-threatening diseases and improve patient health outcomes.

**COURSES**

**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**
Hospital pharmacy; Community pharmacy; Primary care pharmacy; Industrial pharmacy; Academic pharmacy

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**
Pharmacy MPharm
pharmacy-ug@cardiff.ac.uk
Towards the end of your degree, staff at the School will assist you in finding a pre-registration post. For more than a decade, all of our graduates have secured pre-registration posts before their graduation.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**
Cancer Biology and Therapeutics MSc
Clinical Research MSc/PgDip (part-time/distance learning)
pgtphrmadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework we were ranked the joint top School of Pharmacy in the UK.

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**
Our research is interdisciplinary and falls within two overlapping and overarching themes:
Drug Discovery Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics (DDPSET) which includes: Drug Delivery and Microbiology, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmacology and Physiology.
Medicines Optimisation and Healthcare Outcomes (MOHO) which includes Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Pharmacy.
PharmacyPGR@cardiff.ac.uk

The adaptability of our graduates makes them highly sought after by industry, commerce and academia and the option of a one-year professional undergraduate placement further increases their skills and employability.

**COURSES**

**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**
BAE Systems; DWP; EDF; Jaguar Landrover; NASA; Rolls Royce; Banking

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**
Astrophysics MPhys/BSc
Physics* MPhys/BSc
Physics with Astronomy* MPhys/BSc
Physics with Medical Physics BSc
admissions@cardiff.ac.uk
*Also available with placement year

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework we were ranked the joint top School of Pharmacy in the UK.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**
Astrophysics MSc
Compound Semiconductor Physics MSc
Data Intensive Astrophysics MSc
Data Intensive Physics MSc
Gravitational Wave Physics MSc
Physics MSc
admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**
Astrophysics
Biophotonics
Brain Imaging
Compound Semiconductors
Gravitational Waves
Nanoscale Diamonds
Observational and Theoretical Astronomy and Quantum Devices
admissions@cardiff.ac.uk
We are passionate about psychology and our School is long established, well resourced, and has an excellent international reputation. We offer outstanding undergraduate and postgraduate teaching informed by our leading research in psychology and neuroscience.

COURSES

FOUNDATION COURSE
Psychology
foundation@cardiff.ac.uk

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
Psychology BSc
Psychology with Professional Placement BSc
admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
Certificate and Diploma programmes in Cognitive Behavioural Therapies
cbt-admin@cardiff.ac.uk
Psychology MSc
msc-psych@cardiff.ac.uk
Neuroimaging: Methods and Applications MSc
Children’s Psychological Disorders MSc
psych-masters@cardiff.ac.uk
Social Science Research Methods MSc
socialscienceadmisions@cardiff.ac.uk

PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS
Psychology
Cognitive Science:
• Cognitive Psychology
• Developmental and Health Psychology
• Perception and Action

Neuroscience:
• Behavioural Neuroscience
• Cognitive Neuroscience
• Imaging Science

Social and Environmental Psychology:
• Risk and Environment
• Social Psychology
psych-phd@cardiff.ac.uk

Some of our PG courses are also accredited:
• Clinical Psychology - BPS
• Cognitive Behavioural Therapies - BABCP
• MSc Psychology - BPS

Undergraduate courses are accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and provide a platform to professional branches of psychology.

Year-long work placements and paid summer internships available.

I chose to study Psychology at Cardiff because it offered a professional placement as part of the degree, as well as giving a lot of flexibility and variety in modules. I feel that I am in a learning environment that encourages discussion and acknowledges making mistakes as part of the learning process.

Ioana Filipas, Romania, Psychology with Professional Placement (BSc), 2022
The School of Social Sciences is an engaged and interdisciplinary teaching and research community. We are internationally recognised as a centre of excellence across a range of subject areas, including sociology, social policy, criminology, education and social work. Our interdisciplinary approach creates an engaging and enjoyable learning environment for all of our students.

COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES
- Criminology and Social Policy BSc
- Criminology and Sociology BSc
- Criminology BSc
- Education BSc
- Human and Social Sciences BSc
- Journalism, Media and Sociology BA
- Law and Criminology LLB
- Law and Sociology LLB
- Politics and Sociology BScEcon
- Social Analytics BSc
- Social Science BSc
- Sociology BSc
- Sociology and Education BSc
- Sociology and History BSc
- Sociology and Social Policy BSc
- Welsh and Education BA

socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE COURSES
- Education MSc
- Education, Policy and Society MSc
- Science Communication MSc
- Social Science MSc
- Social and Public Policy MSc
- Social Science Research Methods MSc

socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

We offer a range of support schemes for our students including peer mentoring, personal tutors, English Language tuition and our unique ‘iSOCSI’ mentoring scheme for international students.

“...I am happy I chose Cardiff University; I have managed to fit in seamlessly in just one month. My lecturers are supportive, the air is sweet, they take pride in their environment. ...”

Nicolette Bryan, Jamaica
Social and Public Policy (MSc)
We are a dynamic and successful centre for the study of Welsh literature, language and culture, long-recognised for research and teaching excellence. We have welcomed many international students over the years who have worked with our expert faculty exploring areas such as bilingualism, language planning and policy, minority language rights, translation technologies, education and literature. If you choose to study with us, you will become part of a close-knit, friendly and supportive community in the heart of Wales’ capital.

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

Welsh language proficiency is required for our undergraduate programmes, full details are available on our website.

- Business Management with Welsh BSc
- Law and Welsh LLB
- Welsh BA
- Welsh and Education BA
- Welsh and English Language BA
- Welsh and English Literature BA
- Welsh and French BA
- Welsh and History BA
- Welsh and Italian BA
- Welsh and Journalism BA
- Welsh and Music BA
- Welsh and Philosophy BA
- Welsh and Politics BA
- Welsh and the Professional Workplace BA
- Welsh and Religious Studies BA
- Welsh and Spanish BA

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

- Welsh and Celtic Studies MA
derbyncymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk
- You can study our postgraduate programmes through the medium of Welsh or English.

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**

We offer three pathways:

- Creative and Critical Writing PhD
- Language, Planning and Policy PhD/MPhil
- Welsh PhD/MPhil

Our research students undertake projects in a range of different areas including (but not limited to):

- Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition
- Children’s Literature
- Literary and Critical Theory
- Sociolinguistics
- Textual Transmission: Oral and Written
- Welsh-American Studies
- Welsh Literature (Medieval, Renaissance, Modern)
derbyncymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk

We supervise research on language and literature in both Welsh and international contexts. Recent student projects include:

- From ‘Black’ Wales to the ‘White’ Page: Re-constructing Otherness and Multiculturalism in Fiction from Wales, since 1990 (Lisa Sheppard)
- Ëgeltacht: replicating a rural linguistic community in an online and cross-platform world (John Caulfield)
- A comparative study of trilingual families in Helsinki and Cardiff (Kaisa Pankakoski)
- Language Variation and Change in Cardiff Welsh (Ianto Gruffydd)

The faculty have gone out of their way to make me feel included and been flexible in accommodating my unique research interests while encouraging me to expand them further, backed up by the resources and support to do so.

**Emma Watkins**, USA, Welsh and Celtic Studies (MA), Fulbright Scholar
Study Abroad and international exchange

Studying abroad at Cardiff University is a great opportunity to dive into the international experience surrounded by centuries of rich Welsh culture, tradition and history.

You will immerse yourself into a unique perspective on your chosen subject, enhance your résumé and forge global friendships. Study Abroad and international exchange students are fully integrated into the student body at Cardiff University. You will be taught and assessed alongside all other degree seeking students, and have access to the same social and academic facilities featured in this prospectus.

Who can apply?

You can apply for a Study Abroad or international exchange programme if:

- you have studied for two years at another university which is recognised by Cardiff University
- you have achieved certain grades in the preceding years. Commonly this is a GPA of 3.0 or equivalent (on a 4.0 scale), although some Schools may require a higher average
- your home university will permit you to Study Abroad and recognise grades achieved at Cardiff University as contributing to your degree
- you are from outside the European Union.

Note: for some modules (classes/courses/units) you may be required to show you have certain pre-requisites/background knowledge.

Build your own Study Abroad Programme

Cardiff University’s academic system is modular which means you will be able to choose classes from several different subjects. You will be able to build your own programme to suit your interests and match with your degree at your home university. The full range of available modules is online:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/studyabroad

A unique Welsh cultural experience

Studying abroad at Cardiff University provides the exciting opportunity to live in “statistic about low cost” within reach of the UK’s most exciting castles, museums and national parks. Many Study Abroad students choose to take classes about Wales and learn some of the Welsh language while they are here.

Cardiff is positioned just 2 hours from London, and is well-connected by road, rail, air and sea. Cardiff Airport is serviced by both low-cost and premium international airlines, making it a great base for exploring the UK, Europe and beyond.
Cardiff is a truly international university, enabling our students to take advantage of our partnerships and projects around the world. Our Global Opportunities (GO) team is here to enhance your Cardiff experience by giving you the option of time abroad as part of your studies.

Studying, working or volunteering abroad as part of your undergraduate university experience is a great way to broaden your academic knowledge, immerse yourself in another culture and gain skills valued by employers.

Why GO?

Studying, working or volunteering abroad will not only enhance your résumé by demonstrating key skills such as cross-cultural communication, flexibility and collaborative working, but can also enable you to broaden your perspectives and develop personally.

Spending time abroad will enable you to:
- experience different cultures
- learn new languages and skills
- improve your understanding of the world around you
- make new friends and share unforgettable experiences
- build international connections
- enhance your résumé and improve your career prospects.

Find out more at:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/globalopportunities

*SOpportunities listed are available for 2019 entry and are provided as a guide. Opportunities will vary from year to year and you should check with the GO team for the most up-to-date information.
The English for University Study Programme is a full-time English language and study skills course in academic English. It will provide you with the academic study skills that you need to study effectively in a UK environment, covering language, study and British academic culture. The English for University Study Programme is a good choice if you plan to continue your higher education studies at undergraduate or postgraduate level. You will need to take a test to demonstrate your English is of an appropriate level. The programme provides you with the skills and language needed for a smooth transition into academic study. The aim is to develop confident and successful students who are equipped for university study in the UK.

Our Academic Schools will accept the English for University Study Exit Test scores instead of an IELTS or other external test. Exit tests can be taken at the end of each term.

The English Language Programmes teaching centre offers a variety of courses ranging from eight weeks to nine months which cater for most language levels and abilities. Students come from all over the world to improve their English before starting university study.

**English for University Study**

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The English for University Study Programme has three entry points: in September, January and April/May.

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Included in the course:
- Classes, guided study materials, assignments and self-study
- one-to-one tutorial guidance and support
- formal transcript showing assessments completed and indicating your level of language proficiency at completion of the course.
Pre-sessional Programmes

The Pre-sessional programme provides an excellent opportunity for students holding offers from Cardiff University, at postgraduate or undergraduate level, to take short courses in English for Academic Purposes.

These courses are highly intensive and are designed specifically for students who need only a short period of study to reach the required English language entry standard for their academic course.

Course options

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* participating schools only

More information

For more information, including information about sub-scores, and to make an application, please visit: www.cardiff.ac.uk/elp or email elt@cardiff.ac.uk

In-sessional English Language Support

Many international students feel they need further help with English language after starting their course. If you would like to have some additional English language support, the in-sessional team can help you.

These classes can strengthen your academic writing, reading, listening, speaking and pronunciation, as well as generally improve your language skills and confidence. In addition to classes, as a student you will be able to access self-study lessons on academic writing, grammar and vocabulary on the Cardiff University Student Intranet.

The In-sessional team also run a weekly drop-in service during term time, which provides one-to-one advice.

I am certain that I made the right decision choosing the English for University Study course for my start at Cardiff University not only because this program helped me to achieve the requirements for my Masters degree but because my language and communication also improved.

Maha Alghamdi
MSc Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy

Definitely come to Cardiff Uni . . . definitely do it: it will be literally the best experience you can have.

Polina Ingluova
MPharm Pharmacy
English language requirements

In addition to academic qualifications, the University also requires an English language qualification from all applicants.

We accept IELTS, TOEFL, and IGCSE/GCSE amongst many other qualifications including Indian Year 12 and WAEC. Different courses will require you to achieve different scores, however, most courses usually require a score of 6.5 in IELTS (with at least 5.5 in each sub-score) or equivalent qualification. Some courses require a higher overall score, especially those that are language-based and require more complex English usage.

You should check the website, contact the School or ask the International Office if you are unsure of the requirement. If you do not have the required English language level you may want to consider an English language course at Cardiff University.

You may also find this table of equivalencies useful:

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Cardiff University International Study Centre

Run in partnership with Study Group, our International Study Centre (ISC) offers a range of foundation and pre-master’s programmes designed specifically for international students looking to progress onto our courses.

The ISC is located in the Students’ Union and provides students with academic and study skills preparation, as well as access to the wide range of support and academic facilities available to all Cardiff University students.

The International Foundation Year provides access to almost all undergraduate subjects through one of four routes:

- Humanities, Law and Social Sciences
- Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance
- Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture
- Health, Medical and Life Sciences.

Pre-Master’s programmes are currently offered in:

- Business, Social Sciences and Humanities
- Computer Science.

For more information including entry requirements and fees, please visit: www.cardiff.ac.uk/isc

Common questions

What if I don’t have all my qualifications/transcripts?

You do not need all your qualifications before you apply.

You can take exams and submit your results after your initial application.

My studies have been completed in English - do I still need an English qualification?

If you have previously studied in the medium of English this may be sufficient for the English requirement. This is at the discretion of the School. If you believe this could apply to you please state your reason in your application. You may still be required to provide a recognised qualification.

How long will it take to have a decision made on my application?

The University endeavours to make a decision on applications within six weeks, however during busy times it may take longer. If you have not had a response after six weeks please contact the International Office. Because PhD applications are more complicated, they can take longer to assess.
how to apply

1. Find your course
   Find the academic and English language requirements for your course on our website:
   www.cardiff.ac.uk/study

2. Check your eligibility
   Check if your qualifications are suitable on our country advice pages
   www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country
   or contact the International Office:
   international@cardiff.ac.uk
   In some countries an educational advisor may also be able to help you

3. Apply

Undergraduate / Bachelor
   Undergraduate applications must be submitted online through UCAS:
   www.ucas.com

Postgraduate Taught / Master’s/PhD
   You can apply directly to the University and track your application through our online portal (SIMS) at:
   www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate

4. Gather your documentation
   To complete the application form you will need:
   • exam results (original certificates and transcripts)
   • references
   • personal statement
   • English language certificates

5. Submit your application
   Is there an application fee?
   Undergraduate – The University does not charge an application fee, however UCAS will charge a small fee of £26 to process your application
   Postgraduate – For the vast majority of courses, the University does not charge an application fee

   Need tips on how to write a great personal statement?
   Visit the UCAS website: www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-write-ucas-undergraduate-personal-statement

   When is the application deadline?
   Undergraduate – The official UCAS deadline for most courses is 30 June. If you want to apply after this date, please contact the International Office: international@cardiff.ac.uk. If you are applying for Medicine or Dentistry, the application deadline is 15 October prior to entry in September the following year
   Postgraduate – Most postgraduate courses do not have a deadline, however the University encourages you to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment. You must ensure you have enough time to complete the application process and, where applicable, get a visa. Some courses can become full quite quickly. It is recommended that you apply 9-12 months in advance of the course starting.
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 has various bicycle and car sharing schemes that students can make use of. This will make it even easier for you to get around without large extra costs.

**Fixed Tuition Fees**

To help plan your budget for your time in Cardiff, the University has fixed tuition fees for the duration of the course. This means your tuition fee will not rise. Tuition fees are different for each course and there may be some exceptions. You should check the website or contact the International Office for further advice.

You can also pay your tuition fees in three installments each year, to help manage your finances.

**Funding and Scholarships**

In recognition of the outstanding talent of many international students, Cardiff University offers a highly prestigious International Scholarship Fund, designed to attract and reward the best students. In addition to its own scholarship programmes, Cardiff University is also pleased to offer a number of scholarships in association with partnership organisations. Please see our website for the most up to date funding opportunities.

**Living Expenses**

For the 2019/20 session, the University estimated that:

- an undergraduate student (September - June) needed £10,000 a year
- a postgraduate student (September - September) needed £12,275 a year.

These estimates include university 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 £680 a month for each family member.

**Working Part-Time**

Cardiff University is in the middle of one of Europe’s fastest growing cities and there are many opportunities for part-time employment both on campus, and in the city. The University’s “Jobshop” offers a free service to help you find part-time employment. Usual jobs for students include helping out in shops and at events, call centre work and basic office assistance.

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.

**Table: Monthly rent**

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**Money and living expenses**

Cardiff is one of the most affordable cities in the UK for students.

The table below compares average monthly rent across the UK according to the NatWest Student Living Index 2020.

**NatWest Student Living Index 2020.** Affordability is calculated by dividing students’ average monthly accommodation, activities and item costs by their average monthly income.
Location

The academic buildings, libraries, Students’ Union, most of the student residences and the city centre are within a short walking distance of each other.
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