

Cardiff University-MLANG

Fact sheet 2016/17



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MLANG Profile:
Cardiff School of Modern Languages (MLANG) has a number of agreements with partner universities abroad for the exchange of students on their year abroad. We offer modules in a variety of languages including French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Japanese, as well as courses on culture, history, literature politics and cinema.

Academic Information:

Academic Calendar	<p>All our degree programmes have a modular structure with the academic year divided into two twelve week semesters. Each semester is followed by a period of examinations and/or assessments.</p> <p>Induction and Orientation for International Students (before the start of each semester): from early September to Sunday 25 September 2016 for the first semester and from 18 - 22 January 2017 in the second semester.</p> <p>Enrolment Week: Monday 19 September 2016 to Friday 23 September 2016</p> <p>First semester: Monday 26 September 2016 to end of January (including exam period)</p> <p>Second semester: Monday 23 January 2017 to Friday 9 June 2017 (including exam period)</p> <p>http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/regis/sfs/dates/1617/semester-dates-undergraduate-modular-programmes-201617.html</p>
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Application Deadline for Incoming Students (Erasmus ONLY)	<p>Autumn/whole academic year: 31st July</p> <p>Spring semester: 15th November</p>
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Application procedure	<p>ERASMUS EXCHANGES:</p> <p>Please note that if you wish to come and study at Cardiff as an Erasmus student, there must be an Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement between Cardiff University and your home institution. Partner universities should send a nomination e-mail with the contact details of the exchange students to mlang-erasmus@cardiff.ac.uk . Upon receipt of the student's nomination, students will receive the information package by email. Students should complete an online application to be accepted at Cardiff University.</p> <p>Deadlines:</p> <p>Nomination: 31st May (autumn semester/full academic year) – 1st November (spring semester)</p> <p>Application deadline: 31st July (autumn semester/full academic year) – 15th November (spring semester)</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES (OUTSIDE EU):</p> <p>Partner universities should send a nomination e-mail with the contact details of the exchange students to mlang-erasmus@cardiff.ac.uk ; DeSantosBiezmaE@cardiff.ac.uk</p> <p>Email address for nominations from Japanese partner universities:</p> <p>mlang-japanese-exchange@cardiff.ac.uk ; DeSantosBiezmaE@cardiff.ac.uk</p> <p>Upon receipt of the student's nomination, students will receive the information package by email. Students should complete an online application to be accepted at Cardiff University. The link will be sent to students upon receipt of the nomination e-mail.</p> <p>Deadlines:</p> <p>Application deadline: for the autumn semester/full academic year is the 30th June preceding. The application deadline for the spring semester is the 31st October preceding.</p>
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<p>Specific requirements for International Exchange Students ONLY</p>	<p>Confirmation of enrolment at home university, Passport number, confirmation of IELTS score and two reference letters.</p>
<p>Minimum English Requirement (International Exchange Students only)</p>	<p>ERASMUS+ STUDENTS: B1 is advisable, but no test/certificate is required.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS ONLY:</p> <p>IELTS Overall Band Score: 6.5 with minimum: 5.5 in each sub-section.</p> <p>JAPANESE EXCHANGES ONLY*: <u>IELTS Overall Band Score: 6.0 with minimum: 5.5 in each sub-section.</u></p> <p>IMPORTANT: Cardiff University confirms that the English language tests accepted for entry to degree programmes is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for all Undergraduate and Postgraduate (taught and research) degree programmes, Cardiff University will accept <u>IELTS (Academic) tests from any IELTS test centre</u> (IELTS Life Skills test is not accepted), Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic), TOEFL language test and Trinity language test undertaken in the UK. <p>Confirmation of this is also on our website: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/english-language-requirements.html</p>
<p>Pre-sessional English classes</p>	<p>Exchange student who have not reached IELTS 6.5 may apply for a pre-sessional English language course at Cardiff University (but this does not guarantee acceptance). A fee is payable. http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/english-foundation-courses/english-language-programmes/pre-sessional-courses.html</p> <p>Other private language schools in Cardiff also provide English classes during the summer.</p>
<p>List of courses available to incoming students</p>	<p>Information sent by email to incoming students upon receipt of the student's nomination. It is also published on the School's website here http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages/</p>
<p>Course load to be taken by incoming students</p>	<p>30 ECTS per semester; 1 Cardiff credit = 0.5 ECTS</p>
<p>Specific requirements</p>	<p>Students must enrol for a total of 120 credits if studying for the whole academic year, 80 of which must be taken within MLANG. Students studying with us for one semester must enrol for a total of 60 credits, 40 of which must be taken within the School.</p>
<p>Grading System</p>	<p>Student assessments are graded individually (0-100) against mark schemes and/or assessment criteria appropriate for the task being undertaken. The pass mark is normally 40%.The highest banding of marks, a 'first', are usually marked between 70 and 80.</p>
<p>Transcript of Records</p>	<p>All exchange and visiting students will receive a copy of their official transcript which will be sent to their home university after their departure. Students who study here for Semester 1 only will receive their transcripts in early to mid-March. Those who join for the full academic year or for Semester 2 only will receive them in mid-July.</p>

General Information:	
Orientation Week/ University Induction Programme	The International Office organises an Induction Programme at the beginning of each semester to help International and EU students make friends, learn more about Cardiff and the University in a safe environment so that they can settle down to their new academic life quickly. Further information: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/coming-to-cardiff/when-you-arrive.html
Pick-up Service for Erasmus+ Students	Cardiff University provides you with free collection from two major airports in the UK in September. They will transport you to Cardiff and take you to your accommodation.
Accommodation	<p>There are a number of Halls of Residence and Student Houses to choose from, but The Residences Office only guarantees an offer of a single occupancy place in University residences to those visiting Erasmus students who are studying at Cardiff University for the full academic year. Students must now apply for residences on-line www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences</p> <p>Once you have submitted your online application for a room in university Accommodation, in late July/August/September, you will receive an e-mail notifying you that your application has been processed and advising you to view and accept your Offer of Residence online. You must accept your online offer of residence within 7 days or your offer will expire and the room will be allocated to another student.</p> <p>Students visiting Cardiff for one semester are not guaranteed a place in University residences. Therefore we suggest that students staying for the autumn semester only, arrive in early/mid-September and stay in a provisional accommodation for a short time whilst you find alternative private accommodation.</p> <p>Summary of residence fees for 2015/16: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/resource/35601.70265.file.eng.pdf</p>
Health Insurance	When you arrive in Cardiff, you must register with a doctor, known as a General Practitioner or GP, close to your place of residence. Names of doctors and the address of their surgeries can be obtained from the Health Centre, the Student Advisory Service and in the various Halls of Residence.
Student Support Services (Disabilities, financial support, counselling...)	<p>Cathays Campus. Contact Details: Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4844 studentsupportcentre@cardiff.ac.uk</p> <p>Student Counselling; International Student Support (ISS) team; Disability and Dyslexia Service: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentsupport/index.html</p>
Useful Links for Exchange Students	<p>Erasmus+ Guide for Incoming Students 2015: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/resource/11254.70899.file.eng.pdf</p> <p>Guide for International Students 2015: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/resource/12275.74885.file.eng.pdf</p> <p>Coming to Cardiff: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/coming-to-cardiff/before-you-arrive.html</p> <p>Pre-departure Guide for International Students 2015: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/resource/16490.70719.file.eng.pdf</p>