International Foundation Programme 2019
Why Cardiff IFP?

The IFP has been a pivotal stage in my academic journey.

Fahad Almuzain  MSc Information Security and Privacy

- A one-year foundation programme leading to undergraduate study in a distinguished research-led university in the UK
- Automatic progression to a range of schemes across the university from pathways in:
  - Business
  - Engineering
  - Health & Life Sciences
  - Humanities & Social Sciences *
  - Psychology
  - New for 2018
- Dedicated Foundation Office with a dedicated co-ordinator for pastoral care
- Two personal tutors; one academic and one for English language
- Small class teaching for English language lessons
- Leads to a Foundation Certificate and the potential to transfer to other excellent UK universities
- Full university student status with access to the libraries and other facilities, accommodation, and membership of the Students’ Union
- In 2018, Cardiff University IFP was accredited by BALEAP (British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes)
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Minimum Entry Requirements

ARGENTINA / Bachillerato Especializado, Título de Bachiller or Bachillerato
Overall average of 7/10 with at least 7/10 in relevant subject areas

AZERBAIJAN / Certificate of Secondary Education
Overall average of 4.0/5.0 with at least 4.0 in relevant subject areas

BAHRAIN / Tawjahiya School Leaving Certificate
Overall average of 85% with at least 85% in relevant subject areas

BANGLADESH / Bangladesh High School Certificate (HSC)
Overall average of 3.5 – 4.0 out of 5.0 with at least 4.0 in relevant subject areas or Overall average of 65% & a minimum of 70% in relevant subject areas

BRAZIL / Certificado do Ensino Médio
Overall average of 80% with 80% in relevant subject areas

CHINA / Senior High School Certificate
Overall average Grade B (80%) with a minimum B (80%) in relevant subject areas

COLOMBIA / Título de Bachiller Académico
Overall average of 75% with a minimum of 75% in relevant subject areas

ECUADOR / Bachillerato
Overall B average with at least a B in relevant subject areas

GHANA / SSCE (WAEC)
Overall B average with at least a B in the relevant subject areas

HONG KONG / HKDSE
4 subjects at grades 3333 or higher (not including Chinese or Liberal Studies) with a minimum of 3 in relevant subject areas.

For students who have completed Form 5 of the HKDSE: overall average mark of at least 60% in their HKDSE Form 5 School Report with marks of at least 60% in relevant subject areas

INDIA / CBSE or ICSE
Overall average of 65% with at least 65% in relevant subject areas

INDONESIA / STTB SMU3/SMA
Overall average of 7/10 with at least 7 in relevant subject areas

JAPAN / Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate / Kotogakko
Sotsugyo Shomeisho 4/5 or 8/10 average with at least a 4 or 8 in relevant subject areas

JORDAN / Certificate of General Secondary Education
Overall average of 80% with at least 80% in relevant subjects

KAZAKHSTAN / Kazakh Certificate of Secondary Education
Overall average of 4.0/5.0 with at least a grade 4.0 in relevant subject areas

KENYA / KCSE
Overall B average with at least a B in relevant subject areas

KUWAIT / Shahadat-al-thanawia-al-a’ama School Leaving Certificate
Overall average of 85% with at least 85% in the relevant subject areas

MALAYSIA / UEC Senior Middle 3
Overall average of grade B4 with at least a B3/B4 in five subjects excluding Chinese & Malay language

SMP No subject lower than a grade B with a grade A/B in maths & at least one other academic subject
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<td>Bachillerato (High School Certificate)</td>
<td>Overall average of at least 75% with 75% in relevant subject areas.</td>
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<td>SSCE (WAEC)</td>
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<td>Peru</td>
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<td>Advanced level: Overall average of 85% with at least 85% in the relevant subject areas Foundation level: Overall average of 90% with at least 90% in the relevant subject areas</td>
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<td>Overall average of 9 with at least grade 10 in relevant subject areas.</td>
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<td>United Arab Emirates</td>
<td>Tawjihiyya School</td>
<td>Overall average of 85% with at least 85% in the relevant subject areas.</td>
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<td>Uzbekistan</td>
<td>Attestat (Uzbek Certificate of Secondary Education)</td>
<td>Overall average of 4.0/5.0 with 4.0 in key subject areas.</td>
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<td>Vietnam</td>
<td>Upper Secondary School Graduation Certificate</td>
<td>Overall average of at least 7.0 with 7.0 in relevant subject areas.</td>
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Some subjects may have higher entry requirements - For full information go to www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp
Business

Leading to:
- Accounting
- Business Management
- Economics
- Law

IFP Business modules
- Business Studies
- Quantitative Methods for Business
- Introduction to Management
- Foundations of Economics

IFP English language modules
- English Language & Study Skills 1 & 2
- English for Academic Purposes
- British Social & Cultural Environment
- Integrated Study Skills

All courses are reviewed regularly. Keep updated by checking our website at: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international
Accounting
Students are invariably attracted to the diverse and rewarding career opportunities that are opened up to those who gain good accountancy qualifications.

- BSc Accounting
- BSc Accounting & Finance

Accreditations

Business Management
We offer a range of programmes for students who want to pursue a career in business and management reflecting the breadth of our research expertise and current developments in the business world.

- BSc Business Management
- BSc Business Management (Human Resource Management)
- BSc Business Management (International Management)
- BSc Business Management (Logistics & Operations)
- BSc Business Management (Marketing)
Law

Study Law at Cardiff and gain hands-on experience of Law in the real world.

- **LLB Law**

  **Progression:** Automatic on completion of the IFP with an overall average of 60%, including 60% in three or more English language modules.

Economics

Studying Economics at Cardiff will provide you with rigorous training that will be a useful grounding for your future career.

- BSc (Econ) in Banking & Finance
- BSc (Econ) in Business Economics
- BSc (Econ) in Economics
- BSc (Econ) in Economics & Finance
- BSc (Econ) in Economics & Management Studies

**Cardiff Business School:**

Ranked in the top 100 universities for Business & Economics in the world.

**Progression:**

Automatic on completion of the IFP with at least 50% in all modules

All courses are reviewed regularly. Keep updated by checking our website at:

https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international
Leading to:
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Geology & Marine Geography
- Mathematics
- Physics

IFP Engineering Modules
- Engineering Principles
- Introduction to Mechanics
- Introduction to Calculus

IFP English language modules
- English Language & Study Skills 1 & 2
- English for Academic Purposes
- British Social & Cultural Environment
- Integrated Study Skills
Engineering

Our courses are fully accredited by the relevant professional engineering institutions and include opportunities to study abroad or spend a year working in industry.

- BEng Architectural Engineering
- BEng Civil Engineering
- BEng Civil & Environmental Engineering
- BEng Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- BEng Integrated Engineering
- BEng Mechanical Engineering
- BEng Medical Engineering

Accreditations

Cardiff School of Engineering: benefit from teaching and research facilities that are among the best of their kind in the UK.

Progression: Automatic progression on completion of the IFP with 120 credits and an overall average of 50%.

Computer Science

The school has a global reputation for its strong and dynamic research culture, along with dedicated, multi-platform teaching facilities.

- BSc Applied Software Engineering
- BSc Computer Science
- BSc Computer Science with High Performance Computing
- BSc Computer Science with Security & Forensics
- BSc Computer Science with Visual Computing
Mathematics

Mathematics is the language of science, technology and engineering, and its various branches are used throughout commerce and the business world.

- BSc Financial Mathematics
- BSc Mathematics
- BSc Mathematics Operational Research & Statistics

Accreditation

Cardiff School of Mathematics: Strong professional development programmes designed to challenge and stimulate academic curiosity.

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with 50% in all modules.

Cardiff School of Computer Science & Informatics: A multi-million pound building complex with state-of-the-art teaching rooms and laboratories.

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with 50% in all modules.
Geology & Marine Geography

Leading earth scientists from a variety of disciplines produce internationally recognised research work, enhancing the student experience.

- BSc Geology
- BSc Exploration & Resource Geology
- BSc Marine Geography

Accreditation

School of Earth & Ocean Sciences:
Cardiff is the birthplace of the discipline of Marine Geography in the UK, continuing a great tradition of Earth Sciences in Wales since 1891.

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with 40% in all academic modules and 50% in English language modules.

Physics

The School of Physics & Astronomy offers a wide range of courses that equip students with the knowledge to delve into the secrets of the universe.

- BSc Astrophysics
- BSc Physics

Accreditation

Cardiff School of Physics & Astronomy: A friendly and welcoming department with high-quality teaching and research facilities.

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with 50% in all modules.
Health & Life Sciences

IFP Health & Life Science modules

- Cells & the Chemistry of Life
- Genetics, Evolution and Diversity
- The Way the Body Works
- Fundamental Aspects of Chemistry
- Inorganic and Redox Chemistry
- Thermodynamics, Kinetics & Equilibria
- Chemistry of Organic Compounds

IFP English language modules

- English Language and Study Skills
- Further English Language & Study Skills
- English for Academic Purposes
- English Orientation Health & Life Sciences

Leading to:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Medicine
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
Biology
Study one of a recently-launched suite of dynamic new degree programmes which have scientific excellence and student choice at their core.

- BSc Biochemistry
- BSc Biological Sciences (including Genetics & Zoology options)
- BSc Biomedical Sciences (including Anatomy & Physiology options)

Cardiff School of Biosciences:
Equipped with a wide range of the most recent facilities to enhance teaching and research.

Progression: A minimum of 40% in all Biology and Chemistry modules and 50% in all English language modules.

Chemistry
Chemistry is a fundamental and exciting discipline, and one that plays a significant role in many areas of science and everyday life.

- BSc Chemistry

Accreditation

Cardiff School of Chemistry:
Combines teaching excellence with advanced research.

Progression: A minimum of 40% in all Biology and Chemistry modules and 50% in all English language modules.
Medicine

Since its foundation in 1893, the School of Medicine has been a major contributor to the way medicine is practised in Wales, the UK and internationally.

- **BSc Medical Pharmacology**
  
  **Progression:** A minimum of 60% in all modules.

- **MBBCh Medicine**
  
  Applicants for the MBBCh Medicine are required to apply via UCAS from the IFP. They also need to take the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT). See our website for further details.

For full information go to:
www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/applying/admissions-criteria/medicine/medicine

Accreditation

**General Medical Council**

**Cardiff School of Medicine:**

One of the largest medical schools in the UK, committed to the pursuit of improved human health through education and research.
Optometry

The degree course at the School of Optometry and Vision Sciences is consistently ranked as one of the best in the UK.

- BSc Optometry

Accreditation

Cardiff School of Optometry and Vision Sciences: Top quality teaching housed in a purpose-built, state-of-the-art building.

Pharmacy

For nearly a century, the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has cultivated a strong tradition of innovative education, research and services.

- MPharm Pharmacy

Accreditation

Cardiff School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences: A leader in clinical skills development with an international reputation for its teaching and research.

Students make an internal application whilst studying the IFP. Contact us for more details at: foundation@cardiff.ac.uk
Humanities & Social Sciences

Leading to:
- Journalism, Media & Communications
- Law
- Music
- Politics and International Relations
- Social Sciences
- Urban Planning & Development

IFP Humanities & Social Sciences modules:
- Introduction to Humanities & Social Sciences
- Business Studies
- Introduction to Management
- Foundations of Economics

IFP English language modules
- English Language & Study Skills 1 & 2
- English for Academic Purposes
- British Social & Cultural Environment
- Integrated Study Skills
Journalism, Media & Communications
World-leading centre for media teaching and research offering industry oriented, practice-based courses.
- BA Media, Journalism & Culture
- BA Journalism & Communications
- BA Media & Communications


Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with an overall average of 60%, including 60% in each English language module.

Urban Planning & Development
An exciting course that focuses on why places - such as cities, towns, and the countryside - change and how they can be improved through planning.
- BSc Urban Planning & Development

Cardiff School of Geography & Planning: The premier multi-disciplinary applied human geography and urban studies school in the UK.

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with an overall average of 70%, including 60% in each English language module.

Law
Study Law at Cardiff and gain hands-on experience of Law in the real world.
- LLB Law

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with an overall average of 60%, including 60% in three or more English language modules.

Politics & International Relations
A research-led School with a reputation for internationally excellent research and high quality teaching providing subjects that underpin the ever-changing world we live in.
- BSc (Econ) International Relations & Politics
- BSc (Econ) Politics

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with an overall average of 55%, with minimum 60% in Introduction to Humanities and Social Sciences module and minimum of 50% in all other modules.

Cardiff School of Law & Politics: Internationally recognised for its vibrant research culture, accomplished staff and matched by high teaching standards.
Music
Our undergraduate programmes allow you to specialise and develop your own musical interests.

- BA Music
- BMus Music

**Cardiff School of Music:** A charismatic musical community of leading academic and creative researchers.

**Progression:** Automatic on completion of the IFP with 50% in all modules.

Applicants are expected to show evidence of working towards grade 7/8 theory (ABRSM or equivalent) and grade 8 ABRSM (or equivalent) in one instrument, or voice.

Social Science
Study in one of the UK's largest and most successful centres of social science.

- BSc Criminology
- BSc Education
- BSc Social Science
- BSc Sociology

**Cardiff School of Social Sciences:** A thriving and engaged community committed to developing world-class study programmes.

**Progression:** Automatic on completion of the IFP with 50% in all modules.

For further information about Humanities and Social Sciences, please go to www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp
Psychology

IFP Psychology modules:
- Foundations of Psychology
- The Way the Body Works
- Genetics, Evolution and Diversity
- Cells and the Chemistry of Life
- Fundamental Aspects of Chemistry
- Inorganic and Redox Chemistry

IFP English modules
- English Language & Study Skills
- Further English Language & Study Skills
- English for Academic Purposes
- English Orientation: Health & Life Sciences
- Advanced English
Psychology

Psychology is the systematic and scientific study of behaviour and experience. It has a wide range of applications from industry to commerce, education and health and social services.

- BSc Psychology

Cardiff School of Psychology:
Outstanding undergraduate and postgraduate teaching with pioneering research.

Progression: Automatic on completion of the IFP with an overall average of 60%, with no modules below 50% and at least 60% in all English language modules.
Student Profiles

The tutors were amazing, they were very helpful, they were there through and through.

Maryam Alhaidar
LLB Law

It's really the foundation of your skill, of your knowledge, of your everything!

Mohammad Alkhaldi
BEng Mechanical Engineering

It's not only that you'll build up your future academic career, but you will end up making friends for life.

The IFP ... helped me to feel really confident about my future studies.

Mayram Al Balushi
BSc Genetics

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

Polina Ingluova
MPharm Pharmacy
How to apply

You apply directly to the International Foundation Programme Office.

The application form is available here: www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp/apply

We understand that your choice of Foundation Programme is very important to you and your family. We are here to answer any questions that you have during the application process. You are very welcome to contact us at any time for information, help and advice on any matter concerning living and studying in Cardiff.

There is no application fee and there is no deadline for submitting your application, although we advise that you give yourself plenty of time to apply for your visa.
English language entry requirements

The minimum entry requirements are IELTS 5.5 (Academic) for UKVI with minimum subscores of 4.0 in all areas. Please see below for courses with higher entry requirements.

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<td>IELTS 6.0 (Academic) for UKVI</td>
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<td>(Minimum subscores: 6.0 in writing, 4.0 in all other areas)</td>
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<td>(Minimum subscores: 6.0 in writing, 4.0 in all other areas)</td>
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<td>Medical Pharmacology</td>
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Course fees

The tuition fees for the IFP in 2019/20 are £15,950.

If you are a self-financing student (i.e. you or your family are funding your studies) then you can pay your tuition fees in three equal instalments. Each instalment is exactly one third of your total tuition fee; there is no extra charge for paying in this way.

If you are a sponsored student then your sponsor will be invoiced for your fees in October and will be expected to pay by December. All sponsored students must provide a letter of sponsorship as soon as possible, and before enrolment, confirming that the sponsor will pay their tuition fees.

Living costs

Cardiff is also one of the most affordable of the traditional University cities and 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.**

Scholarships

20% tuition fee reduction scholarships available.

For more information about fees, living expenses and scholarship opportunities, please see our website.
Cardiff University
- is ranked 5th in the UK* and top 100 in the world**;
- teaches more than 30,000 students from over 120 countries; and
- is a member of the elite Russell Group top 24 UK research-led universities.

An established international university…

Since 1883, Cardiff University’s world leading academics and scientists have achieved prominence for their innovations, discoveries and advancements which have changed the face of their areas of work.

...in a vibrant, bustling city
- Cardiff is a diverse, international small city with a population of around 350,000 people. Approximately 20% of the population are students which makes it safe, friendly and affordable.
- Cardiff is a capital city with all the culture, sports, shops, entertainment and atmosphere you would expect of a modern European metropolis.
- Cardiff City Football Club has been promoted to the Premiership and will be playing home matches against Manchester United, Manchester City, Arsenal, Chelsea and many more.
- Explore the city to spot some of the places where BBC programmes such as Sherlock, Doctor Who and Torchwood were filmed.
- Cardiff has played host to numerous world class events at the 70,000 capacity Principality Stadium including the 2017 UEFA Champions League Final and concerts from Coldplay, Justin Bieber and Beyoncé.
- The city has lots of international restaurants and supermarkets. No matter where you are from, you’ll be able to find the tastes of home.
- The city’s history is rich and varied. In the centre of the city there is a castle nearly 2000 years old. There are lots of other fascinating historical sites in and around Cardiff.
- The countryside surrounding Cardiff is some of the best in the world, with the Gower and Wye Valley areas of outstanding natural beauty close enough for day trips.

To find out more about the city of Cardiff visit: visitcardiff.com

*(REF 2014)
**(Academic Ranking of World Universities 2017)
Approximate drive times from Cardiff:
- 0 - 1 hours
- 1 - 2 hours
- 2 - 3 hours
- 3 - 4 hours
- 4+ hours

Train times from Cardiff:
- Cardiff to Bristol: 1 hour
- Cardiff to London: 2 hours 10 minutes
- Cardiff to Manchester: 3 hours 25 minutes
- Cardiff to Edinburgh: 6 hours 44 minutes
- Cardiff to Dublin: 9 hours 57 minutes (includes 3 hour ferry crossing)
The International Foundation Programme team will support you throughout the application process and welcome you to the University. If you have any questions or would like more information at any stage, please contact us.

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