



School of **English, Communication and Philosophy**

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

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**4th** for research impact in the UK on wider communities

**5th** for research power, indicating the scale and quality of our research

Source: Research Excellence Framework 2021

**Top 100** in the world for English language and literature

Source: QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023

## 96% of graduates

were in employment and/or further study, due to start a new job or course, or doing other activities such as travelling 15 months after the end of their course.

Source: Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20  
- HESA data\*

**In Cardiff, not only are the people lovely and the city beautiful, but there is always something to do – whether it is exploring the culture or trying out one of the hundreds of societies. Cardiff Bay and Barry Island are just around the corner, and Bute Park is gorgeous and local. You'll never be bored in Cardiff.**

Eve Chamberlain, Philosophy (BA)





## Combine your passions

Wide variety of joint honours programmes enabling you to study 2 different or complementary subjects.

## Global outlook

Broaden your horizons and study abroad as part of your degree.

## Embrace quality, opportunity and creativity.

We value and celebrate curiosity, informed debate, critical analysis and creative thinking.

If you join us, you'll become part of a vibrant intellectual environment and a dynamic and friendly community. We see our role as enabling you in your learning by delivering expert teaching in a friendly, supportive and student-centred culture.

Our teaching is underpinned by world-leading research. We bring together the highest levels of scholarship with a record of innovation and engagement that has helped define our fields and effect change in the world beyond academia.

The flexibility of our degree programmes allows you to shape your degree to suit your interests and strengths while providing the core knowledge you need. Our careers and employability support provides you with the opportunity to develop your professional experience and identity. When you graduate, you'll be ready to make your mark on your chosen field, equipped with the skills and confidence to reach your full potential.

We aim to inspire you and look forward to welcoming you into our community.

**Professor Martin Willis**  
**Head of the School of English,**  
**Communication and Philosophy**



# Why study with us

Discover the highest levels of traditional scholarship combined with innovative approaches to language, literature and philosophy.

We offer programmes in English language, English literature, creative writing and philosophy, as well as a range of other combinations and joint honours degrees.

All involve a deep appreciation of language in its complexity and capacity to convey ideas and feelings and to create worlds in which to live.

Whatever your choice, our programmes draw on our academic experience, proven research impact, excellent teaching and track record of providing essential career skills.

## Be inspired by pioneers, renowned in their fields

Taught by internationally renowned researchers bringing the latest thinking and a real passion to classes, you'll acquire the most up-to-date knowledge of your subject, as well as gaining other skills and qualities beneficial to your career.

Our academics produce world-leading research in their respective fields and communicate that research enthusiastically in their teaching.

## Research quality

Research quality is measured in the UK by the government's Research Excellence Framework. In the latest exercise, we placed in the top 5 for research impact and power and top 4 for impact on wider communities (REF 2021).

Our research centres and groups – such as the Centre for Communication and Language Research – are shaping international thinking and give Cardiff a place on the world stage.

## Joining our thriving inclusive community

Our students are at the very heart of our community, playing a role in the academic life of the school at every level. Take part in our open mics, field trips and student society nights and discover additional activities arranged to complement your modules in the classroom.



“What I've loved about philosophy is the exploration of so many ideas. I'm looking to continue with a master's degree in philosophy: I love that Cardiff is a research-based institution.”

**Grayson Diamond,  
English Literature  
and Philosophy (BA)**







# Sparking ideas, debate and exchange in our community

Bringing together academics, students and the local community, our engagement events enable a two-way flow of exciting new ideas relating to our research and teaching.

These events are an ideal way to support and enhance your learning beyond the lecture theatre. They allow you to engage with new thinking, discover fresh perspectives and develop your reasoning and analytical skills.

## Cardiff BookTalk – the book group with a difference

Our public book club brings together experts from diverse fields to discuss important books from the past and the most exciting literature of the present.



**Discover more**



**Watch recent BookTalks**



## Image Works

Our public platform explores visual culture in the broadest sense, with events focusing on areas such as gender, performance, digital technologies and the environment. Discover a lively collaboration between art historians, media and communication specialists, philosophers, film scholars and filmmakers, and visual artists from Wales and further afield.



**Discover more**



## Cardiff Philosophy – exploring the great issues of our time

Cardiff philosophers share and debate new concepts and ideas about the most exciting thinkers in weekly research seminars. Regular public philosophy events, produced in association with the Royal Institute of Philosophy, investigate the key concerns of our time. Recently, these have included how we should individually and socially respond to the threats of climate change, global pandemics, and political polarisation.



**Watch our Cardiff Royal Institute of Philosophy Annual Lectures**

## Cardiff Poetry Experiment – giving a platform to established and emerging voices

Dive into the diverse world of contemporary poetry practice in this innovative reading series, showcasing established and emerging poets in a relaxed space in the city centre.



**Discover more**



## Intersec+ions

This non-hierarchical, inclusive, student-led research network is exploring the intersections of gender, sexuality, and identity with art, culture and society from political propaganda to social media and film.



**Discover more**





# Enhancing your experience

If you're looking to enhance your degree and gain experience beyond the classroom, you'll find plenty of opportunities at Cardiff University.

You could choose to spend a semester abroad immersing yourself in a new culture or take on a research placement to gain new skills and insights.



## Crossing borders: opportunities to travel abroad

Studying, working or volunteering abroad is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends and enhance your career prospects.

We offer exchange programmes with a wide range of partner universities in Europe – including countries such as the Czech Republic, Ireland, Belgium and Norway – as well as in Australia, Canada and the USA.

All our approved universities teach through the medium of English.



## Don't just take our word for it...

My highlight of studying was the opportunity to go abroad. I went to San Francisco State University and met some amazing people and got to live in a beautiful, vibrant city. The familiar environment of a university meant I didn't feel completely out of my comfort zone and Cardiff University was really supportive before, during and after my time in America.

**Megan Hurst,**  
English Literature (BA 2019)



## Don't just take our word for it...

I undertook 2 work placements on my year abroad, in Granada, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal. These experiences allowed me to develop a resilience that only comes from fending for yourself in a foreign environment. It allowed me to develop a self-assurance and an ability to adapt to take forward into the workplace.

**Dominic Watts,**  
Philosophy (BA 2019)

## How does studying abroad work?

For most students, study abroad takes place in the second semester of year 2 at an approved partner institution.

If you're interested in this opportunity, you'll apply in the second semester of your first year. There are some conditions about where you can study, depending on the modules offered at Cardiff University and our partner institutions.

If you're taking a joint honours degree with a foreign language, you'll spend a year abroad as part of your programme of study.

Going abroad will enhance your CV by allowing you to demonstrate key skills such as communication, adaptability, flexibility and collaborative working. It will also provide you with valuable networking opportunities – and friendships and experiences you'll keep for life.

## Language learning, for free

Opening up a world of new destinations, cultural understanding and exciting career options, our Languages for All and Welsh for All programmes are free to students.

You can learn Welsh and explore the richness of Welsh culture or choose from Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.



Find out more



## Don't just take our word for it...

I'm going to Florence this year with the Spanish and Italian Society, which offers another exciting experience after learning Italian as part of the Languages for All scheme.

**Safiah Ahmed,**  
English Literature  
and History (BA)





## Skills and experience: on-campus internships

Seeking experience of research or considering postgraduate study? Or looking to play a part in developing the learning and teaching experience at Cardiff University?

The university's On-Campus Internships Scheme offers you work experience, paid on an hourly rate basis, for up to eight weeks. Internships take place during the summer recess and see you working with one of our academic schools. This could either be supervision on research or learning and teaching projects. They are an opportunity to:

- enhance your CV
- produce outputs which can be shared with potential employers
- build your confidence
- develop valuable employability skills (such as team working, prioritising and managing workloads, and working independently as required)
- bridge the gap between university and the world of work.

## Developing your academic writing skills

Exclusive to students studying in our school, our in-house Writing Development Centre offers a tailored, free support to help you develop your academic writing and written language skills. We help you with the transition from secondary to university writing, enabling you to become a confident and independent writer.



Discover more



## Don't just take our word for it . . .

As part of the school, you have the opportunity to access writing support, which has massively impacted my ability to write to such a high standard. I would highly recommend anyone joining to make the most of that service.

**Ruby Bird,**  
English Language  
and Literature (BA)



# Kickstarting your career

Gain the skills, confidence and professional awareness to achieve your career ambitions. From the public to the private sector, we enable careers in an impressively wide range of fields.

Your verbal dexterity, experience in self-expression and confidence in writing and analysing the written and spoken word are transferable skills relevant to diverse and interesting career paths.

The largest ever data-driven analysis of what makes good managers, created by Google's Project Oxygen, found that the most important skills were the ability to develop and share a vision, to listen and communicate well, and to act as critical thinkers and problem-solvers. These are the qualities at the heart of our subject areas.

If you're interested in a career in teaching, our single honours English language and literature programme has been developed with this direction in mind.

## Student Futures - focused career support

We offer information, advice and guidance to our students at every stage, delivering a tailored range of careers-related events throughout the year. Whatever your career ambitions, the university's Student Futures team can help you to start your journey with a range of focused activities.

### Support includes:

- one-to-one sessions by appointment
- CV, application form and interview workshops
- career planning sessions including career options for your degree
- professional networking events
- professional guest speakers from a wide range of sectors (e.g. publishing, heritage, charity and non-profits)
- work experience placements and advice
- entrepreneurship and enterprise advice including business mentoring
- current labour market information



Find out more

## A world of opportunity

Our alumni are making an impact in all kinds of roles and sectors. Graduates of the last 5 years are now working in a wide range of positions including as account managers, business development coordinators, campaign planners, charity researchers, civil servants, commodity traders, casework coordinators, communications officers, digital content specialists, government policy advisers, journalists, legal advisers, librarians, outreach and community staff, publishers, solicitors, speech and language therapists, teachers, theatre directors, videographers and web developers.

Our alumni are now working for organisations such as:

Admiral	National Trust
Aviva	Oxford
British Airways	University Press
BBC News	Palgrave
British Library	Macmillan
UK government ministries	Procter and Gamble
Deloitte	Routledge,
Faber and Faber	Taylor and
Financial Times	Francis Group
HSBC	Royal National
KPMG	Theatre
McKinsey	South Wales
Mind	Police
National Dance	Teach First
Company Wales	Welsh National
	Opera







# Our degree programmes

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## English Language BA

UCAS code: Q313

**Focused on the intriguing intersection of language with culture, society, politics and mind.**

This programme offers a rigorous grounding in all the key aspects of language analysis. You'll learn the essential linguistic tools of phonetics, grammar and discourse analysis from those who are helping develop those fields. Our approach is broad and inclusive, incorporating the analysis of multimodal texts combining word, image and sound that predominates in so much contemporary media.

Our degree is organised to match a wide range of relevant career options. Core modules provide you with a solid base. You'll then be guided to build a programme to suit your interests and developing specialisation, choosing the best optional modules to fit your plans.

Our community is welcoming, international in outlook and home to the globally respected Centre for Language and Communication Research. We pride ourselves on nurturing a friendly, personalised and supportive environment, with regular one-to-one meetings.

**Please visit our website for further information and the full range of modules.**



## English Language and Linguistics BA

UCAS code: 2HS6

**Explore the human capacity for language in all its expressions, with a specific focus on the English language.**

You'll learn about all aspects of human language and how linguistic knowledge is acquired, produced and understood in different contexts. You'll discover what all languages have in common, what distinguishes them and how they change over time. You'll also come to appreciate varieties in language, including historical changes, accents, distinct social registers as well as differences between spoken and written language.

Acquiring career-enhancing skills, you'll become adept in producing multimodal texts (think websites, blogs and magazine covers) using specific software packages. You'll gain skills from analysing numerical

data or speech in phonetics, to deciphering patterns in large collections of written and/or spoken language known as corpora.

We have specialist modules with careers in education, the media, health, and the legal process in mind. Our community is welcoming, international in outlook and home to the globally respected Centre for Language and Communication Research. We pride ourselves on nurturing a friendly, personalised and supportive environment, with regular one-to-one meetings.

Studying for a degree in English language and linguistics develops abilities to analyse and critique the language that surrounds us but also helps develop a strong skill set. Our graduates are known for their ability to combine the best of humanities (like communicating effectively) with the best of social science skills (technical analysis through systematic and critical handling of data, for instance).





## English Language and Literature BA

UCAS code: Q300

Gain a greater understanding of English literature and develop sophisticated skills in the analysis of language in one illuminating degree.

This degree opens up the entire chronological span of English literature, from the early medieval period to the 21st century.

Our curriculum explores literature in its broadest sense, including poetry, prose, and theatre, as well as its connections to history, language, and popular culture. We also explore other genres and forms including film and visual art.

You can tailor your degree to suit your interests across diverse periods and genres, working alongside expert academics to explore some of the most pressing critical questions that shape our culture, now and in the past – and to hone your skills in writing, communication, and critical thinking.

The English language part of the degree offers you a rigorous grounding in the analysis of the language, taught by internationally respected experts working at the intersection of language with culture, society, and politics. You'll learn essential linguistic tools such as phonetics, grammar and discourse analysis from staff who are helping to develop those fields. Supported by our broad approach to language, you'll develop the ability to analyse multimodal texts – combining word, image, and sound – that is so prominent in contemporary media.

Bringing a wealth of expertise, our lecturers across English literature and language will share the latest thinking in the classroom from the digital humanities to gender, from the gothic to postcolonial studies. Outside of the classroom, our public platforms Cardiff BookTalk and Cardiff Poetry Experiment offer exciting spaces for you to enrich your studies.



### Don't just take our word for it . . .

From the moment I visited Cardiff, I knew that it would be a fantastic city to live in, not only because the lecturers at the university are so passionate about their areas of study, but also because the whole city feels like a safe and lively place to live as a student. The best part of my studies was the opportunity to develop my interests and pick modules that let me research my passions.

**Victoria Witts,  
English Language  
and Literature (BA 2022)**



## English Literature BA

UCAS code: Q306

Explore the diversity of English literature across the whole of its history, making lively connections with other cultural forms, and learning from experts who are shaping contemporary thinking about literature in English.

Our absorbing degree gives you access to the whole span of English literature, from the early medieval period to the 21st century. Our curriculum explores literature in its broadest sense, including poetry, prose, and theatre, as well as its connections to history, language, and popular culture. We also explore other genres and forms including film and visual art.

You have the freedom to shape your path as you explore the subject. After laying foundations in year 1, you tailor your own degree to suit your interests across diverse periods and genres, working alongside expert academics to explore some of the most pressing critical questions that shape our culture, now and in the past – and to hone your skills in writing, communication, and critical thinking.

You'll learn from friendly and supportive academic staff whose teaching and research are internationally recognised. While our public platforms, Cardiff BookTalk and Cardiff Poetry Experiment, offer exciting spaces for you to enrich your studies.

Bringing a wealth of expertise across theme, period and genre, our lecturers will share latest thinking in the classroom, including their own innovative research. Our expertise stretches from the digital humanities and cultural and literary history to gender, the gothic and postcolonial studies.

## English Literature and Creative Writing BA

UCAS code: QW11

**Combine the best of literary study, critical analysis, and practical experience in creative writing in one rewarding programme.**

Taught by leading academics and established authors, who are experts in their respective fields and professionals in the creative industry, this programme gives you the freedom to choose from our extensive range of modules.

In literature, you'll develop your critical skills by studying classic and contemporary works, while learning about the latest literary theory. You have access to all periods of literature in English, from the early medieval period to the 21st century. You also have the opportunity to study texts in other mediums, including cinema, illustration, photography, and graphic novels.

In creative writing, you'll work in small groups to hone your craft and learn techniques across a range of genres. You'll progress from introductory modules on reading and writing creatively to specialised work in fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry and scriptwriting, culminating in the production of an extended collection of creative work.

Throughout your degree you'll be encouraged to stretch yourself intellectually and imaginatively by exploring literature as both a practitioner and a critic. Our approach will help you develop an understanding of the creative process, as well as enhancing your knowledge of genre, literary history, and the dynamic and interdisciplinary field of English literature.

You'll focus on becoming an attentive and informed reader and writer, sensitive to the nuances of language and producing sophisticated creative work articulated with both precision and style.

You'll learn from friendly and supportive academic staff whose teaching and research are internationally recognised. Our English literature staff are world experts in their fields and our talented creative writing team regularly scoop national and international awards for their work in poetry, fiction, theatre, television, and film.

### **Creativity outside the classroom**

Learning doesn't end in the classroom. At Cardiff University, you'll be part of a wider creative and academic community. Come along to readings at Cardiff Poetry Experiment, attend Meet the Author nights or join in with Cardiff BookTalk.



You'll also have the chance to submit articles, poetry, and stories to several magazines run by Cardiff University alumni, which provide a platform for publication and showcasing your work. The English Literature Student Society organises a range of fun events each year, including Open Mic nights, where you can read your work to an audience of supportive peers.

## Philosophy BA

UCAS code: V500

**How should we see our lives? What should we believe?**

As the world's oldest academic discipline, philosophy has developed an impressive range of concepts and techniques for addressing profound questions and complicated problems.

In our degree, we equip you to analyse and construct complex chains of reasoning for yourself, developing and refining your thinking skills to consider the great philosophical puzzles past and present.

We pride ourselves on nurturing a friendly, personalised and supportive environment, a supportive tutorial system, plus drop-in time to chat about your modules or the subject more generally, every week during the semester.

### **Outside the classroom**

We further explore the great issues of our time in our weekly research seminar series and our regular public philosophy events produced in association with the Royal Institute of Philosophy.





# Follow your interests - combining two subjects

Our joint honours degree programmes give you the opportunity  
to study 2 subjects in one degree.

Choose subjects you already love or  
introduce something completely new,  
unlocking greater knowledge, enhanced  
skills and varied career pathways.

With so many combinations available,  
there is plenty of choice.

## English Language and:

French	QR31
German	QR32
Italian	QR33
Philosophy	QV35
Spanish	QR3K
Welsh	QQ35

## English Literature and:

French	RQ13
German	RQ23
History	VQ13
Italian	RQ33
Journalism, Media	PQ53
Music	WQ33
Philosophy	VQ53
Spanish	QR34
Welsh	QQ53

## Philosophy and:

English Language	QV35
English Literature	VQ53
Politics	LV25
Religious Studies	VV65
Welsh	QV55



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# Applications

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Information on how to apply and the UCAS procedure can be found at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

## Entry requirements

For entry requirements including A level, BTEC and International Baccalaureate please visit our website.

## Admissions contacts

For more information, please contact our admissions team:

Tel: **(029) 2087 6323**

Email: [encap-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:encap-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)



## Equality and diversity

We are committed to supporting and promoting equality and diversity in all our teaching practices and activities. We aim to establish an inclusive culture, free from discrimination and based upon the values of dignity, courtesy and respect. We recognise the right of every person to be treated in accordance with these values.

We are committed to advancing equality on the grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief (including lack of belief), sex and sexual orientation and to fostering good relations between different groups.

For further information, please visit [www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/equality-and-diversity](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/equality-and-diversity)

## Open Days

The university runs Open Days throughout the year giving anyone considering applying to Cardiff the chance to see what we offer and find out more about life at university.

If you apply to our programmes and are offered a place, you'll be invited to attend one of our specially devised school Offer Holder Days. We strongly encourage you to join us to help you make the important decision about where (and what) to study. Not only will you have the opportunity to hear more about our degrees, you'll also have a chance to meet staff, talk to current students, and get the feel for our cosmopolitan capital city.

## Tuition fees

Please see our website for more information [www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees)

## Scholarships and bursaries

For more information, please visit [www.cardiff.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/scholarships)







## Important Legal Information

The contents of this brochure relate to the Entry 2024 admissions cycle and are correct at the time of going to press in June 2023. However, there is a lengthy period of time between printing this brochure and applications being made to, and processed by us, so please check our website at **[www.cardiff.ac.uk](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk)** before making an application in case there are any changes to the course you are interested in or to other facilities and services described here. Where there is a difference between the contents of this brochure and our website, the contents of the website take precedence and represent the basis on which we intend to deliver our services to you.

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## Student life

Got questions about student life?  
Get them answered at:

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

Want to know more about life at Cardiff University? Our student bloggers are recording their experiences and are happy to answer your questions.

Our student bloggers are real students studying on a range of courses. They are here to answer any questions you have about life at Cardiff University. What's a typical day like? What clubs and societies are there? Is Cardiff's music scene any good?

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