School of History
Archaeology and Religion

Undergraduate Degree Programmes

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A warm welcome ...

Research Excellence
Top 10 – Ancient History (10th)
Top 10 – Religion (10th)
Top 20 – Archaeology (12th)
Top 20 – History (17th)
for the significance, rigour and originality of research.
Source:
Research Excellence Framework 2014

Wealth of Joint Honours programmes enabling you to combine two disciplines.

Trailblazers – celebrating 100 years of Archaeology

A pioneer of Archaeology in the UK, we celebrate 100 years of Archaeology and Conservation in 2020. Today, our archaeology experts bring new discoveries and latest thinking into every-day teaching.
A warm welcome . . .

96% of our graduates were in employment and/or further study six months after graduating.

Source: Destination of Leavers of Higher Education Survey 2016/17

Study abroad opportunities on many programmes.

For those considering a degree later in life, our Exploring the Past programme bridges the gap to studying at degree level.

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Choose Cardiff

We are an inquisitive academic community, passionate about the study of the past and beliefs from prehistoric times to contemporary societies.
A well-resourced centre with a strong reputation for research and teaching, we offer a wide range of programmes reflecting our expertise in ancient history, archaeology, conservation, history and religious and theological studies.

With teaching underpinned by internationally recognised and respected research, we will introduce you to the latest thinking in each of these disciplines and challenge you to critically assess and question existing philosophies to inform and shape your own interpretations and opinions.

You’ll also benefit from our long-established and close working relationships with national and international heritage, archaeological and theological organisations and institutions.

These relationships are your route to gaining deeper knowledge of your subject area in the wider world, opportunities for practical and professional experience and to begin building your networks.

We’re confident we’re the right choice for you – academically and personally – and the place for you to achieve your potential. We hope to welcome you to Cardiff soon.

Professor James Hegarty
Head of the School of History, Archaeology and Religion

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

There’s a welcoming environment that very much feels like a tight-knit community, one that has made my university experience one to remember. I was able to tailor my degree to fit my personal needs and interests, creating a unique programme that was right for me.

Gemma Hopley,
BA Ancient History (2019)
Our story – making a difference

Curious about the human experience, across millennia and cultures, we are seeking to better understand our past to illuminate our present and improve our future.
Bringing together History, Archaeology and Religion, we find, we interpret, and we preserve.

We are the future guardians of heritage and we conserve that which shaped today’s world – the knowledge, the narratives and the artefacts.

This is our mission and informs our research, teaching and engagement. Become part of that ambition and make a lasting difference.

Boundary-breaking innovation

We are making our mark in academia and beyond, positively impacting communities on our doorstep and around the world.

There are several projects and activities effecting change and bridging the gap between academia and society, but two flagship programmes are inspiring new generations to be passionate about history and archaeology.

- Our trailblazing Guerrilla Archaeology initiative is made up of archaeologists, scientists and artists dedicated to bringing the past alive. We’ve attended more than 30 festivals over the past seven summers and encouraged some 15,000 people to ‘dig the past’ allowing them to find their own truth within the past and establish their own relationship with it.

- Our SHARE with Schools programme is reaching young minds in schools and breaking down barriers to higher education in South East Wales. It also offers you the opportunity to gain classroom teaching experience delivering workshops.

Community collaboration

We are proudly rooted within our local community in Wales, with particularly strong links in the heritage sector, notably our longstanding partnership with Amgueddfa Cymru, the National Museum of Wales. These roots are also reflected across the spectrum of world faiths within our cosmopolitan capital city, a melting pot of citizens through its industrial and maritime history.

Our flagship Hidden Hillfort Project is harnessing heritage to reshape the future of an inspirational community in collaboration with local charity Action for Caerau and Ely, thanks to Heritage Lottery Fund support.

Generating impact

Our diversity of subject matter and breadth of expertise leads to wide-ranging research impact.

Our conservators saved the SS Great Britain from the ravages of rust while our research has helped us to understand how Welsh migrants’ identity changed as they adapted to Welsh cultures, and we’ve provided the evidence needed to improve pastoral care for Muslims in public institutions.

Today our work is helping to start conversations within society. For instance, three-year research project Researching British Imams will transform understanding and create a lasting reference point for future research on Muslim religious professionals.

Rich resources, bespoke facilities

Most lectures, tutorials and practicals take place in our home, the John Percival Building. It includes purpose-designed and specialist suites of conservation and archaeological laboratories.

Just next door is the Arts and Social Sciences Library, home to extensive collections and archives in Archaeology, Ancient History and History plus a wide variety of primary sources for world religions.

Here you can explore our prestigious Special Collections, from British cabinet and United Nations papers to the exquisite Cardiff Collection of 14,000 rare and antiquarian books.

Field trips

Archaeology trips regularly include visits to sites of international significance from world-famous Stonehenge to sites of special interest in Wales, from the Neolithic to the medieval. Close to hand too are the dazzling collections of the National Museum Wales, and we regularly run trips to major centres like the British Museum. Thanks to the Cyril Fox Fund, Archaeology and Conservation students may apply for travel grants to relevant sites, with a similar facility for Ancient History.
Kick-start your career and get ahead

We’ll support you every step of the way to achieving your goals, providing you with the skills, knowledge and confidence to excel in your chosen field.
We take your employability seriously and encourage you to consider your future and career ambitions early in your studies so that you’ll be on the fast-track to success after graduation.

All our degree programmes are designed to increase your employability. General skills such as intellectual self-reliance, the ability to process information and make considered judgements, constructive criticism and a willingness to seek solutions can be developed alongside transferable skills such as communication, team-working, problem solving, time management and in information and communication technologies. Some programmes are however more vocationally focused. Our BA Archaeology and BSc Conservation of Objects in Museums teach practical skills highly sought after within their respective sectors.

In-School support
We offer an exciting programme of work-based activities to boost your skills and knowledge and to support the development of your CV, your competence completing job applications for graduate-level jobs and to present yourself in the best light. You will have opportunities to meet with industry experts and hear guest speakers, drawn from our networks in a wide range of relevant sectors. This provides you with insights into careers and professional environments that you may wish to explore as well as current trends in the job market more generally.

Our Employability Officer is also on hand to support you in obtaining work experience, internships and graduate jobs while our credit-bearing employability module (offered in Year Two) is an opportunity to improve your career planning and to undertake a work placement.

Real-world placements
All Archaeology and Conservation students are offered practical experience, on excavation or within the heritage sector. We consider this hands-on experience to be vital to your development and all core archaeological fieldwork placements are assessed and funded by the School.

If teaching is something you are interested in, our SHARE with School programme (see page 5) offers you the chance to get into the classroom and share your passion for history, archaeology or religion with young people from diverse, and sometimes underprivileged backgrounds.

Global exposure
You can apply to spend a year studying abroad on a wide range of our programmes. For specific degree options, please check our website. Studying abroad is an opportunity to broaden your horizons, explore new cultures and develop an understanding of new customs and practices. It challenges you personally, professionally and academically and is an excellent way to enhance your career prospects.

With students who spend time abroad more likely to get a first and to earn more on average than their peers, it’s an opportunity well worth exploring.*

* Source: UUKi 2018, Gone International: Expanding Opportunities Report on the 2015-16 graduating cohort
Our degree programmes

**Single Honours**
- Ancient History BA
- Archaeology BA and BSc
- Conservation of Objects in Museums and Archaeology BSc
- History BA
- History with Welsh History BA
- Religion and Theology BA

**Combining two subjects**
Integrated degrees and Joint Honours options can be found on pages 17 and 18.
Explore ancient civilisations over two millennia from the Bronze Age to the rise of Islam, stretching from Ancient Greece and Rome to Mesopotamia, Iran and the Silk Route.

Dedicated to the understanding of past societies through the interpretation of ancient evidence, we explore literary, visual, epigraphic and archaeological material to bring you closer to this fascinating subject.

Our degree develops knowledge and critical understanding of the political, social, economic and cultural structures of ancient Near Eastern and Mediterranean societies. Unusual in the UK, our programme also allows you to study the Levant and Egypt, Persia and the Byzantine Empire.

For us, social and cultural history is just as important as political history. You’ll encounter fascinating themes with contemporary relevance, from warfare, gender, religion, art and literature to medicine and science.

Particularly popular is the reception of antiquity in popular culture, such as gaming, fashion and cinema.

Our degree is designed to help you cultivate the skills of the historian. You’ll master assessing a range of evidence and evaluating varying and sometimes conflicting interpretations to construct your own robust and coherent arguments. You will practice expressing your new findings in innovative written forms as well as verbally, always within a nurturing environment.

You’ll gain a grounding in the most influential periods and themes from antiquity, and master the skills to investigate the past by building your degree around your interests.

For full information including modules by year, please visit our website.

Combining two subjects
You could choose to study for a Joint Honours degree which allows you to combine your studies with another humanities subject – combinations with Modern Languages are often popular.

Alternatively, you can follow an integrated programme (combining subject areas from within the School) - combinations available include Ancient History with Archaeology or Medieval History.

Distinctive features
- Spans civilisations from the earliest Mediterranean and Near East to the Byzantine Empire, including Greece and Rome.
- Ranges from the Bronze Age to the rise of Islam.
- Thematic modules examining broad range of social and cultural topics (e.g. warfare, gender, religion and art, to medicine and science).

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

Lecturers are leading in their research fields, allowing incredible insight into your studies. Staff are hugely caring and know everyone by name.

Harry Morse, BA Ancient History (2019)
Investigate the material remains of past societies and cultures, from earliest Prehistory to the present day.

Archaeology is the study of the remains of past societies, from the tiny objects worn on the body to monumental complexes such as Stonehenge. Blending the sciences and humanities, archaeology will equip you to better understand what it is to be human. It is the only discipline which allows you to study humanity from the earliest hominids five million years ago to the present day.

Our degree will introduce you to the range of evidence studied by archaeologists; from landscapes, buildings and monuments to food remains and everyday objects. You will develop the specific skills required to study this varied evidence plus a broad knowledge of their wider context, preparing you for a career within archaeology, the heritage sector and beyond.

We focus on the development of your practical skills, both in the field and in the laboratory and you will benefit from fully funded archaeological fieldwork or work placements, in the UK and overseas.

Flexibility is built in to our programmes, enabling you to tailor your studies around your interests, learning with experts undertaking cutting-edge research in a very wide range of periods and topics. Specialising in the British Isles, Europe and the Mediterranean, including Egypt, we teach Archaeology from scratch, and are keen to welcome those with a real passion for the subject.

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Distinctive features
• Guaranteed real-world placements on excavations or within heritage organisations.
• Freedom to tailor your programme to suit your interests.
• Study in our dedicated purpose-built laboratories.

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

The archaeology placements are invaluable - I was lucky to go into the field and a major commercial unit, giving me broad skills for future employment, numerous industry connections, and fantastic friendships.

Katie Faillace, BSc Archaeology (2015) Current PhD student

Archaeology BA and BSc
UCAS Codes: F400 (BA); F402 (BSc)
Conservation of Objects in Museums and Archaeology BSc
UCAS Code: F482

Focused on the study and preservation of cultural objects, this vocational programme is helping to conserve our heritage for future generations.

Under expert tuition, you will learn to co-ordinate the scientific investigation of artefacts. By treating objects from museums, excavations and historic houses across the UK in our purpose built laboratory, you develop a deeper understanding of their composition and technology. You will study the structure, decay and conservation of cultural materials, progressing into practical work on a wide variety of archaeological and historical artefacts.

Equipped with the essential practical skills of a conservator, you will learn to devise and implement a conservation strategy. Meeting the needs of current and future users, your plans will implement all your new manual and aesthetic skills within an ethical context. Our programme aims to equip you to review and formulate conservation options rationally, using bibliographic research and practical experience. Additionally, you will develop project management, decision making and communications skills, beyond subject specific training. Our rounded degree also features carefully selected archaeology modules, benefiting from the wider expertise within the School.

You will be taught by internationally respected academics, leading the way in new techniques. You will come into further contact with artefacts through the in-house practice of our senior conservator, undertaking projects for museums, trusts and private clients from around the world.

**Practical placements**
You will be supported to undertake up to eight weeks of substantial placement in museums and archaeological units in the UK and abroad. Recent destinations include the Museum of London, the Mary Rose and National Museum Wales, as well as overseas placements ranging from the Athenian Agora in Greece to the world heritage site of Çatalhöyük in Turkey.

For full information including modules by year, please visit our website.

**Distinctive features**
- Hands-on treatment of archaeological and historic artefacts.
- Built-in practical placements in the UK or abroad.
- Taught by leading sector experts, connected globally.

**Don’t just take our word for it . . .**

This degree stood out as it combined my love for historical objects, science and practical work. The time spent in the laboratory working on objects really appealed to me. I wanted to help preserve objects with significance for future generations to study and enjoy.  
**Jack Newcombe**, BSc Conservation of Objects in Museums and Archaeology (2018)
History BA
UCAS Code: V100

Investigate past worlds and expand your understanding of historical change.

Our programme is highly regarded, both for its innovative teaching and its geographical and chronological range. You will have the opportunity to study a wide range of topic areas from a thousand years of global history. Taught by leading historians in a wide range of fields, you can explore the history of societies in diverse parts of the globe. Our specialisms include the United States, Germany, Russia, Eastern Europe, France, Britain, Wales, India, and China.

Our research expertise both inspires and enriches our teaching. Topics range broadly, from medieval sexuality right through to Cold War Europe.

Our challenging and rewarding degree will develop your skills as an independent thinker and learner, enabling you to research topics comprehensively and interpret original sources from a diversity of places and periods.

But more than our reputation for teaching and research, we pride ourselves on nurturing a friendly, personalised and supportive environment.

Writing your own history

We prepare you to write your own original history research. You’ll become skilled in producing the highest standard of well-evidenced and coherently structured written work. You’ll develop the ability to explain your thinking and to argue your case in supportive small-group seminars.

By your final year, you’ll research, construct and present findings to an historical problem of your choice in your dissertation, under the guidance of an expert in the field.

For full information including modules by year, please visit our website.

Distinctive features

• Taught by internationally respected and research-active experts.
• Freedom to tailor your programme to suit your interests.
• Specialisms in American, German, Russian, Eastern European, French, British, Welsh, Indian and Chinese history.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

I really enjoyed the academic freedom of studying history. In the first year you are introduced to new and diverse historical areas. The academic staff are amazingly supportive. I felt valued and supported throughout my degree. The teaching standard is amazing, and I was able to really engage with each new subject I undertook.

Angharad Owen, BA History (2019)
Each and every member of academic staff is extremely knowledgeable and helpful. The course offers a great degree of flexibility over content so you can really tailor your degree. I found that topics I would have previously dismissed turned out to be the most enjoyable.

Oliver Isaac, BA History (2019)
Explore Wales’ dynamic modern history, taking full advantage of our rich archives and proximity to sites of significance.

Taught by leading experts, our respected programme equips you to pursue your own original research into the history of the nation, and to reflect upon the country’s international contributions.

Our research is wide-ranging, spanning the social, urban and political history of Wales. Topics include the social history of the family in the long eighteenth century, the socialist tradition, the Great Depression and the Welsh global community.

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Writing your own history

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By your final year, you’ll research, construct and present findings to an historical problem from Welsh History of your choice, under the guidance of an expert in the field in your dissertation.

We welcome work submitted in English or Welsh in all our programmes.

For full information, including modules available through the medium of Welsh, please visit our website.

Distinctive features

- Taught by internationally respected and research-active experts.
- In-built flexibility allowing you to tailor the programme to your specific interests.
- Access to extensive, campus-based archives and collections related to the social, urban and political history of Wales.
Religion and Theology BA
UCAS Code: V6V6

Explore the histories, cultures and beliefs of major and less well-known religious traditions, taking your pick of approaches in our richly rewarding degree.

From the earliest traces of human existence, religion has been a powerful way to understand the purpose of life, the nature of the cosmos and the basis for human behaviour.

There’s scope to tailor your own programme from a wide range of modules. You can combine thematic, social scientific, linguistic and historical approaches, addressing both the history and basic beliefs of religious traditions and their role in public life, from religion in the media to mythology in modern cinema. Examining religious history and culture across a broad spectrum, you will also consider the political and social dimensions of religion, from gender and sexuality to warfare and social ethics.

Bringing a wealth of expertise across theme and religious tradition, our academics share latest thinking in the classroom, including their own cutting-edge research. Our research expertise is particularly strong in Asian religions, the origins of Christianity, Judaism and Islam, as well as Islam in the contemporary world.

The range of the degree extends to study of the scriptural languages (such as Sanskrit, Greek and Arabic), for those with an interest in the original text.

Our supportive community enables you to flourish. We collaborate on first-name terms, and small group teaching means every student can participate in discussions, something consistently praised in National Student Survey feedback.

For full information including modules by year, please visit our website.

Combining two subjects
You could choose to study for a Joint Honours degree which allows you to combine your studies with another humanities subject – combinations with Modern Languages are often popular.

You can also combine Religious Studies with Ancient History, Archaeology or History.

For more information, please see page 18 or visit our website.

Distinctive features
• Opens up religions far beyond the major world faiths.
• Freedom to tailor your programme to suit your interests.
• Considers the social and political dimensions of religion including topics such as gender and sexuality, warfare and ethics.

Don’t just take our word for it . . .

The reason I loved my subject was because you’re not just learning about religion. You’re learning about people, laws, society and history. Cardiff is a diverse place: the friendships and bonds created are what I’ve loved most.

Aisha Islam, BA Religion and Theology (2018)
My favourite lectures were **Projecting the Past**, since it combined my love for archaeology, history and film. I am really interested in personal histories, so the discussion about King Richard III’s burial in a Deep Histories seminar was a real highlight.

*Jennifer van der Weijden, BA Archaeology and Medieval History (Final Year)*
Capitalise on our expertise and the quality of our teaching and research by combining subject areas from within the School to deepen your understanding and develop new perspectives.

Our integrated degrees open up two interconnected subjects in one single honours degree.

Designed to distinguish major themes and topics, these programmes offer significant choice across a broad range of optional modules. Each degree enables you to investigate and interpret primary evidence from literary sources including epigraphy and the archaeological record.

All our Archaeology degrees feature practical archaeological experience, putting into practice newly-acquired skills on placement either on approved excavations or in leading museums in the UK or abroad.

**Ancient and Medieval History BA**
**UCAS Code: V116**
Exploring the European and Mediterranean worlds from the Aegean Bronze Age to the end of the Middle Ages, this integrated programme offers a rare opportunity to focus on major themes of politics, religion, war, peace, gender and sexuality.

**Archeology and Ancient History BA**
**UCAS Code: VWC4**
Illustrating Antiquity’s profound influence on contemporary culture, this programme builds skills in these inter-related disciplines. You will gain a deeper knowledge of the ancient world, examining the evidence of both the archaeological record and historical sources from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity.

**Archeology and Medieval History BA**
**UCAS Code: VV1K**
Examining the medieval period in both Britain and Europe, you will explore the history and archaeology of the medieval world in Europe, from the end of the western Roman Empire to the fifteenth century.

**Studying abroad**
You can apply to spend a year studying abroad on a wide range of our programmes.

For full information including modules by year, please visit our website.

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**Don’t just take our word for it . . .**

The teaching is absolutely fantastic, not just in terms of being at the cutting edge of research, but also in being delivered with huge passion and enthusiasm by a strong team keen to support students in any way they possibly can.

Andrew Parker, Exploring the Past graduate, BA Ancient and Medieval History (2015)
Joint honours degrees
Study two subjects in one degree

Joint honours degree programmes give you the opportunity to study two subjects in a 50:50 split. With more than thirty combinations available, there is plenty of choice.

If you are taking a foreign language as part of your joint honours degree, your programme lasts four years. You spend your third year studying abroad with a host institution.

Joint degrees on offer
Within the School
- Ancient History and History (BA) V117
- Archaeology and History (BA) V14
- Religious Studies and Ancient History (BA) VQ1
- Religious Studies and Archaeology (BA) V64
- Religious Studies and History (BA) V61

Plus the following combinations as integrated degrees:
- Ancient and Medieval History (BA) V116
- Archaeology and Ancient History (BA) V64
- Archaeology and Medieval History (BA) V11K

Further combinations
Ancient History and
- French (BA) RV11*
- German (BA) RV21*
- Italian (BA) RV1*
- Spanish (BA) RV4C*
- English Literature (BA) QV31
- Philosophy (BA) VV51

Archaeology and
- French (BA) RV14*
- German (BA) RV24*
- Italian (BA) RV34*
- English Literature (BA) QV34
- Philosophy (BA) VV54

History and
- English Literature (BA) VQ13
- Economics (BA) VL11
- French (BA) VR11*
- German (BA) VR12*
- Italian (BA) RV31*
- Spanish (BA) RV41*
- Music (BA) WV31
- Philosophy (BA) VV15
- Politics (BScEcon) LV21
- Sociology (BScEcon) LV31
- Welsh (BA) QV51

Religious Studies and
- English Literature (BA) VQ63
- German (BA) VR62*
- Italian (BA) VR63*
- Music (BA) WV63
- Philosophy (BA) VV65
- Politics (BA) VL62
- Spanish (BA) RV46*
- Welsh (BA) QV56

* These four-year programmes feature a year of study abroad in a relevant country.

Full information including entry requirements are available on our website.
The calibre of the tutors and lecturers is incredible. I did a joint honours course because it meant I could continue studying the two subjects I love the most, and Cardiff has great English and History departments. I spent an entire year at the University of Connecticut, studying US and Native American history where it all happened. It was a truly incredible opportunity! **Enfys Evans**, BA English Literature and History (2017)
A capital city

Cardiff is a compact city with an enormous character. Nestled between the rugged coastline and breathtaking mountainous scenery of Wales, the country’s capital is a cornucopia of culture, marrying historical delights with cosmopolitan amenities. Providing an endless array of activities, one stroll through its cobbled streets can see you learn about the rich tapestry of Cardiff’s past at Cardiff Castle before soaking in the atmosphere as the crowds spill from the Principality Stadium after one of the many sporting events it holds year round. The vibrant and independent culinary scene is the heartbeat of the city. With something to please every palate, you can enjoy fine dining, plant-based treats and exotic cuisines from almost every corner of the globe, without forgetting Welsh cakes for dessert!

Wales is the land of song, and Cardiff certainly contributes heftily to this legacy. This city is built with music running through its veins, from the oldest record store in the world, Spillers Records, which is tucked away in Morgan Arcade, to more contemporary and intimate venues which host some of the world’s most exciting new musical talent.

Though your Cardiff bucket list may be bursting at the seams, be sure to make a little room for our National Museum which is a place of true wonder, while the iconic Wales Millennium Centre in the idyllic setting of Cardiff Bay is simply not to be missed.

Bustling with personality, Cardiff is a city made for students, offering an endless string of entertainment opportunities while remaining inexpensive and easy to navigate. The modern shopping centres, aesthetic arcades, luscious green parks and thriving nightlife are a huge draw for living in Cardiff, though you’ll always find your way back to our Students’ Union, which is the true home of the student scene in the city.

“With an exhilarating mix of heavyweight cultural sights, exciting regeneration projects – not least the revitalised Cardiff Bay – world-class sport, a prolific music scene and some seriously banging nightlife, it’s easy to see why Cardiff now ranks alongside London and Edinburgh as one of the UK’s most compelling destinations.”

The Complete University Guide, 2017
A leading university

Our students learn from leading researchers in over 300 courses across the University. As Wales’ only Russell Group institution, we have gained an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, which is built from our history of achievement since 1883.

Cardiff University becomes home for approximately 5,500 new undergraduate students every year. While competition for places is strong, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive university, welcoming applications from everyone who wishes to study with us.

We are a global university with over 7,500 international students from more than 100 countries and open our doors to all applications, irrespective of background.

Facilities and development
Committed to investing in our services, Cardiff University is home to new and well-equipped laboratories, lecture theatres, libraries and computing facilities to name a few, with more exciting developments continuously underway. We take our environmental, safety and security responsibilities seriously, embracing our comprehensive Energy, Water and Waste Policy, which is already making great savings in energy consumption and helping us to do our bit to tackle climate change.

Global Opportunities
We are partnered with over 200 leading institutions across the world, and our Global Opportunities team will help you to gain valuable international experience, through study, work or volunteering.

Supporting you
Our student support and wellbeing centres deliver a substantial range of services available to all students that are free, impartial, non-judgemental and confidential, aimed to help you make the most of student life and support you during your study.

We are also rated as one of the best universities for supporting LGBT+ students and are proud to be ranked highly in the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index.

“Cardiff University is highly rated on a local and global scale.”
The Telegraph, 2018

Virtual campus tour
Discover more about the University and the city of Cardiff through our interactive online tour at: virtualtour.cardiff.ac.uk
Living in Cardiff

Cardiff is the perfect place to be a student. It mirrors the hive of activity a big city offers, but in an intimate and compact setting with endless character. Drink in the atmosphere, soak up the culture and get stuck into the host of activities available in our city; your new home.

A guarantee of accommodation
If you accept your offer of a place at Cardiff on a firm basis, you are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University accommodation during your first year, living with other first year undergraduate students.

The residential dates for your particular accommodation will be confirmed in your Offer of Residence.

Residence Life
While staying in Cardiff student accommodation, you will have access to the incredible service provided by the Residence Life Team who work tirelessly to enhance your student experience.

Working in partnership with Student Support and Wellbeing, the Residences Office and the Students’ Union, Residence Life will welcome you to Cardiff and help you to make a smooth transition into University.

They also help foster a strong sense of community through social events and cultural activities, as well as practical support too.

Students’ Union
Our Students’ Union is at the heart of the Cardiff student experience. It’s a student-led and independent part of the University, dedicated to making your time with us the best it can be.

Built on the foundation of inclusion, diversity, personal development and friendship, the Students’ Union runs a range of activities and services to help enhance your Cardiff University experience.

These include advice, training, skills development, entertainment, volunteering opportunities and employment throughout your time at Cardiff and to prepare you for a career after University too.

“Cardiff has one of the biggest, best and most active students’ unions in the UK, with high quality facilities including Y Plas, a 2,150 capacity nightclub; and the Great Hall, a major concert venue.”
Complete University Guide, 2019

Find out more . . .

Accommodation
For further information please visit our website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/residences
You can also watch our residences film online at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxzX-dYLfB8

Students’ Union
facebook.com/cardiffstudents

snapchat.com/add/cardiffstudents

instagram.com/cardiffstudents
@cardiffstudents

www.youtube.com/cardiffstudents
Applications

To be considered for entry onto one of our degree programmes, you should apply online via the UCAS website using the ‘UCAS Apply’ facility. To use this facility you need to log onto: www.ucas.ac.uk/apply

The website will provide you with the information on how to apply and explains the UCAS procedure.

Entry requirements
Our programmes are hugely popular, with typically more than 1,700 applications per year for 380 places. We are looking for excellent results, and a real passion for your chosen discipline. We accept most subjects at Advanced and AS level (with the exception of Critical Thinking and General Studies), although we prefer traditional academic subjects at Advanced level. Students wishing to follow the BSc Archaeology course should normally have at least one Advanced level or two AS levels in science subjects. For the BSc Conservation of Objects in Museums and Archaeology, we normally require an Advanced level in Chemistry (or equivalent).

All degrees normally require at least two A-levels, with either one further Advanced level, or two AS levels. We are happy to consider other combinations of qualifications which include both vocational and academic A-levels. We welcome applications based on post-16 qualifications, treating each application on its own merit.

Typical offers
Offers for our Single Honours degrees are typically:
- **Ancient History**: BBC-BCC at A-Level
- **Archaeology and Conservation**: BBC-BCC at A-Level
- **History**: BBB-BBC at A-Level
- **Religion and Theology**: BBC-BCC at A-Level

For our Integrated degrees:
- **Ancient and Medieval History**: BBC-BCC at A-Level
- **Archaeology and Ancient History**: BBC-BCC at A-Level
- **Medieval History and Archaeology**: BBC-BCC at A-Level

For typical offers for all joint honours, please see our website.

Combining two subjects
Joint honours are available with a wide range of other subjects. Please see our joint honours page for more information (page 18). We also offer Integrated Degrees combining Ancient and Medieval History, Medieval History and Archaeology, and Archaeology and Ancient History. Please see our Integrated Degrees section (page 17).

Equality and diversity
We are committed to supporting, developing and promoting equality and diversity in all our 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
Open Days and interviews
The University runs Open Days throughout the year giving anyone considering applying to Cardiff the chance to find out more about life at university and see what we offer.

If you apply and are offered a place, you will be invited to meet us at our specially-devised School Open Days. When making that important decision, we strongly encourage you to join us. Not only will you have the opportunity to hear more about our degrees, you will also meet staff, have the chance to talk to current students and to get the feel for our cosmopolitan capital city.

Some applicants are also invited to attend an interview.

Student support
Whether or not you use student support services it’s reassuring to know that they are available to you should you need them. Every student is assigned a personal tutor but should you need extra support we have a range of services available to you. Such as;

- Disability and Dyslexia support
  - Email: disability@cardiff.ac.uk
  - Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4844
  - Email: dyslexia@cardiff.ac.uk
  - Tel: +44(0) 29 2087 4844

- Counselling and Wellbeing Guidance
  Email: wellbeingandcounselling@cardiff.ac.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 4966

- International Student Support
  Email: iss@cardiff.ac.uk
  Tel: +44 (0)29 2087 6009

- Student Mentor Scheme
  www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/student-life/student-support

Tuition fees and financial assistance
The University charges an annual fee which covers all tuition fees, registration and examinations other than the re-taking of examinations by applicants not currently registered. Please note charges for accommodation in University Residences are additional.

Tuition fees
Please see the following website for more information: www.cardiff.ac.uk/fees

Scholarships and bursaries
For more information please visit the following website: www.cardiff.ac.uk/scholarships
How to find the School
The School is located in the John Percival Building at the junction of Corbett Road, Park Place and Cathays Terrace. The School sits right at the heart of the Cathays Campus, and is situated close to Cathays railway station and is easily accessible from University halls of residence.

Key
- School of History, Archaeology and Religion
- University and NHS buildings
- Student residences

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Your degree: Students admitted to Cardiff University study for a Cardiff University degree.
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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? It can be almost anything.