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# welcome

Cardiff University has been producing successful graduates since 1883, combining a prestigious heritage with modern and innovative facilities.

The University has changed dramatically over the last 136 years, but the commitment to quality education and a rewarding university experience remains.

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The photographs in this prospectus are of Cardiff University students, locations at Cardiff University and the city of Cardiff.

# #WeAreInternational

Cardiff University is truly international. With over 7,900 international students from more than 130 countries stepping through our doors each year, our student population is diverse and multicultural. We attract the best academic staff from across the globe who help to deliver a rich and engaging study environment.

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

## Matthew Waskiewicz, Massachusetts, USA

MSc Urban and Regional  
Development, 2017

*"I immediately fell in love with both the city and the University for its vibrant culture, rich history and bountiful green spaces. I can sample food and hear languages from dozens of cultures from around the globe."*



Boston  
University

Cardiff  
University

University  
of Bremen

KU Leuven

## Carlos Jimenez Santillan, Mexico

MSc Operational Research and Applied  
Statistics, 2018

*"Cardiff is such an amazing city to live in... This is what I called a true student city... Coming to Cardiff is one of the best experiences of my life."*



University of  
Campinas

University  
of Namibia

## Dr Tiago Alves, Portugal

Senior Lecturer in Earth Sciences and  
Head of the 3D Seismic Laboratory

*"One of the things that is most surprising is how closely-knit students and staff are at Cardiff. We actually grow together with the students as they finish their BScs and many of the students end up staying at Cardiff and continue their career as MSc or PhD students."*



**The Phoenix Project** in partnership with the University of Namibia focuses on poverty reduction and health promotion.



## Juliet Bawuah, Ghana

MA International Public Relations  
and Global Communications  
Management, 2018

*"Living in Cardiff has opened my eyes to a whole new perspective about life... I like the variety Cardiff offers in terms of what you can get with its beautiful sights and sounds."*



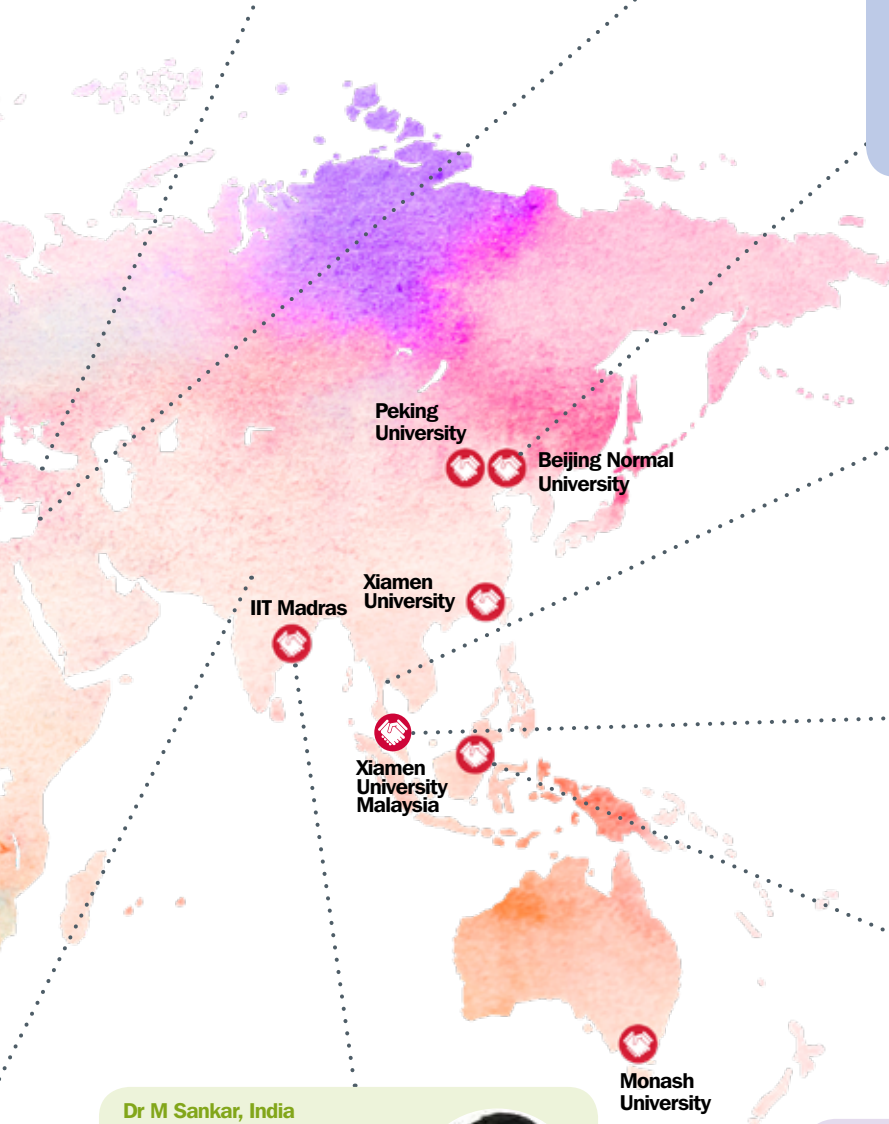
## Satwik Shivohan, India

BA Journalism, Communications and  
Politics, 2018

*"I chose Cardiff because it offers everything a student could possibly ask for - whether it's an exemplary degree programme, generous staff support or an opportunity to pursue your other interests, Cardiff has it all! This place makes you feel like home even before you realise it."*







**Elif Istanbuluoglu, Turkey**  
MSc Sustainable Mega-Buildings, 2018

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



**Abdul Rahman Deeb, Lebanon**  
Master of Business Administration (MBA), 2017

*"The best thing about living in Cardiff was the perfect combination of study/life balance. Cardiff has a quiet environment, yet everything is available at its city centre, which is buzzing on weekends and within walking distance of student accommodation!"*



**Xinying Wang, China**  
BSc Computer Science, 2016

*"I love the people here! They are friendly and kind. If you are taking a map and looking around on the street, there is always someone who will ask if you need any help. I love the view here! There are few high-rise buildings, so you can always get a sweeping view of the beautiful scenery."*



**Thu Thao Nguyen, Vietnam**  
MSc Social Science Research Methods, 2018

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



**Jessy Lee, Malaysia**  
MSc MPharm Pharmacy, 2017

*"I have really enjoyed my student life here. There are always fun things to do and discover ranging from Cardiff Bay to the Brecon Beacons. Cardiff is an amazing city to study in. Coupled with friendly people from diverse backgrounds, it has everything to offer to make the most out of your student life here."*



Researchers at the **Danau Girang Field Centre** work in partnership with Cardiff University to preserve biodiversity and conserve endangered species in Borneo.



**Dr M Sankar, India**  
Catalysis Institute Research Fellow

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



## International partnerships

Cardiff University is proud of its links and partnerships across the globe, particularly our strategic partnerships with KU Leuven, Xiamen University, University of Campinas (UNICAMP) and Beijing Normal University (BNU) which support joint research collaboration and offer mobility opportunities for students and staff. We also have a strategic alliance with the University of Bremen which fosters joint research programmes and

teaching initiatives, and a capacity building partnership with the University of Namibia to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Our extended international network currently spans over 200 partners, including:

- Peking University
- Boston University
- IIT Madras
- Capital Medical University
- Monash University
- and many more.



Cardiff University is ambitious and innovative, with many of our Academic Schools among the best in the UK. We are driven by creativity and curiosity, and we encourage our students to fulfill their potential.

# 10 key facts

**1. Cardiff is a world top 150 university\*.**

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2. The University is home to a community of over 31,500 students from more than 130 countries.

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**3. We are a member of the elite Russell Group, which is made up of the top 24 research-led universities.**

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4. We generate more than £100 million annually from research grants and contracts.

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**5. The University has 16 libraries and a range of IT suites, offering 24/7 study facilities.**

6. We are ranked 5th in the UK for research excellence\*\*.

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**7. Cardiff University has over 173,000 alumni across the globe.**

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8. The campus is frequently used as the film set for BBC hit TV shows "Dr Who" and "Sherlock".

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**9. Accommodation in University residences is guaranteed for all international students and is within walking distance of the University.**

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10. The Cathays Park campus is situated in the very centre of Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. Cardiff is only 2 hours from London by train.

\*Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities 2018  
\*\* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

## Awards

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

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

## Rankings and league tables

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

International rankings each evaluate a number of core functions, such as: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

Cardiff University consistently features in the upper tiers of the most popular rankings.

**Top 150**

Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities 2018

**Top 200**

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019  
QS World University Rankings 2020

### 5th for Research Excellence\*

1. Imperial College London
2. London School of Economics and Political Science
3. University of Oxford
4. University of Cambridge
5. **Cardiff University**
6. King's College London
7. University of Warwick
8. University College London
9. London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
10. Queen Mary University of London

*While rankings are a useful guideline, you should also pay close attention to the course you wish to study and what the University and academic School can offer you.*

*\*Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014*

**Top 5 in**

Anatomy and Physiology Celtic Studies  
**Communications & Media Studies** Dentistry  
Healthcare Sciences and Professions  
**Journalism** Optometry Radiography

**Top 10 in**

Architecture Civil Engineering  
**General Engineering** Geology  
German Music Pharmacy  
**Psychology** Town & Country Planning

#### Subject rankings

*You can view the scores for subject areas in the Course List (pages 19-39).*

*The Top 5 and Top 10 lists show subject areas at Cardiff University ranked by independent sources.*



# studying at Cardiff University

Choosing to study at Cardiff University will allow you to join a global academic community of staff and students. Our mission is to undertake world-leading research with impact and pass this knowledge onto our students to make a social, cultural and economic difference.

## How will studying at Cardiff be different?

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

## You will be:

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

## Teaching methods

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

## Assessment methods

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

## Personal Tutors

You will be allocated a Personal Tutor at the beginning of your programme. Your Personal Tutor will be able to provide you with advice, whilst maintaining an overview of your learning and educational experiences.

If you are experiencing difficulties, your Personal Tutor will be there to listen and provide professional guidance and support.

## Independently verified and reviewed

You can be confident of the quality and standard of a Cardiff degree. The University is recognised by more than 40 professional bodies which ensure that the University maintains its high standards of teaching. In 2017 the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) panel awarded Cardiff University a silver award. This means that the University consistently delivers high quality teaching, learning and outcomes for its students, and it consistently exceeds rigorous national quality requirements for UK higher education.



# Why is research important?

Research-led universities are regarded as the best in the world. Cardiff University is a member of the Russell Group, which represents the top 24 research-led universities in the UK.

## The Russell Group:

- is committed to maintaining the very best research
- strives to create outstanding teaching and learning environments
- offers unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

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

- 1 Degrees recognised worldwide
- 2 Innovative courses based on the latest discoveries and research
- 3 Teaching by globally respected staff who are pioneers in their subjects
- 4 Enhanced career prospects as employers often favour well-informed graduates from research-led universities
- 5 Excellent teaching facilities funded by research grants and contracts
- 6 Joining a worldwide network of alumni holding top positions in governments, the private sector and academia.

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## Research Projects

Our researchers collaborate with partners worldwide to tackle critical global issues, from poverty reduction and health promotion in Africa to biodiversity and conservation in Borneo.



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

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/phoenix-project](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/phoenix-project)



**Danau Girang Field Centre** – A team of Cardiff University researchers are currently working to preserve biodiversity and conserve endangered species in Borneo, focussing on two species – orangutans and elephants. The Danau Girang Field Centre has been recently recognised by the Malaysian State Government of Sabah for its contribution to the conservation effort of its most valued areas of natural beauty.

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/research/impact-and-innovation/research-impact/conserving-endangered-species](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research/impact-and-innovation/research-impact/conserving-endangered-species)

# career prospects

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

## What is the value of a Cardiff University education?

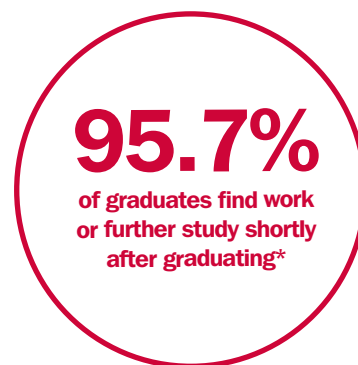
'Employability' is not just about getting a degree from a UK university. In an increasingly competitive global market, employers are looking for a wide range of skills and attribute.

The Cardiff curriculum incorporates cutting-edge research, enabling you to develop:

- knowledge, but also trains you to think independently
- the ability to analyse problems
- the ability to consider innovative solutions
- the ability to work effectively in a team.

These are valuable skills in the workplace that you will need to demonstrate to potential employers. The Cardiff Careers and Employability team can help you to develop the ability to articulate your skills and experience to prospective employers.

Find out more at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/careers](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/careers)



**Many of our graduates work for reputable, international companies, starting in graduate level positions. Below is a selection of Cardiff University's international graduate destinations:**



- Accenture
- American Express
- Arup
- BBC
- Bank of China
- BDO LLP
- Biotec
- Boomerang
- Bloomberg News
- Boots Opticians
- BT
- Burberry Ltd
- Canadian Red Cross
- Cancer Research Institute
- Citi Bank
- Credit Association
- Deloitte
- Education First
- Deutsche Bank
- Estee Lauder
- ExxonMobil
- FDM Group
- GE Aviation
- Google
- Grant Thornton
- Hays Recruitment
- Hewlett Packard
- Hollister
- HSBC
- Huawei
- IBM
- Jacobs
- Jaguar Land Rover
- JLL
- KPMG
- Mars
- Mondelez International
- Mott Macdonald
- Nestle
- NHS
- Petronas
- Pfizer
- PwC
- Reckitt Benckiser
- Rolls-Royce
- Savills
- Shell
- Siemens
- Singapore Airlines
- Sky News
- Specsavers
- Stena Line
- Tata Steel
- Tetra Pak
- Thomson Reuters
- Tiffany & Co.
- Turkish Airlines
- UBS Investment Bank
- Unilever
- Zodiac Aerospace

\* HESA Destination of Leavers in Higher Education survey 2017/18



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### choose a top university with a worldwide reputation

Cardiff University is highly-ranked and recognised both in the UK and across the world for its teaching excellence and innovative research.

2

### make the most of your studies

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

3

### summer work, volunteer or study placements

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

4

### join free training programmes

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

[www.cardiffstudents.com](http://www.cardiffstudents.com)

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### get advice and meet employers

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

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

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### enhance your résumé

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

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### gain work experience

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

8

### network and build lifelong friendships

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

9

### join the Cardiff Award

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

10

### develop your English language skills

Employers in the UK and overseas are looking to recruit international students with excellent English language skills. The Languages for All service provide language classes, and getting involved with local and campus culture will help with your language skills.

# How to improve your career prospects

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

# Cardiff

## the capital city of Wales



Located on the coast of South Wales, Cardiff is just 30 minutes away from beautiful beaches and mountainous national parks, while being only a 2-hour train journey from London. Cardiff is regularly ranked as one of the UK's best cities for students, with its affordable living costs, excellent transport links and our campus at its heart.

Find out more about the city of Cardiff at: [www.visitcardiff.com](http://www.visitcardiff.com)

### Key

- ① Cardiff University
- ② Bute Park
- ③ Cardiff Castle
- ④ Principality Stadium
- ⑤ Shopping centre
- ⑥ Student neighbourhood

## 5 facts about Wales



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



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



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



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



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





Cardiff is a thriving and attractive capital city, widely recognised as an outstanding place to live.

*The Complete University Guide 2019*



### Weather in Cardiff

The average temperature in Cardiff in winter is 7°C and in summer temperatures can reach up to 30°C. With four seasons, UK weather is generally unpredictable and can vary considerably, however, Cardiff experiences less rainfall than other areas of Wales and is consistent with the rest of the UK.



### Travel time by train

City	Time
London:	2 hours
Manchester:	3.5 hours
Birmingham:	2 hours



# 10 facts about Cardiff

## #CardiffIs...

- 1 Green** – Over 330 parks and gardens make Cardiff one of the greenest cities in the UK, with the 130 acre Bute Park located right next to our campus.
- 2 Affordable** – Ranked as the UK's second most affordable university city (NatWest Student Living Index 2018), Cardiff still offers everything you would expect from a modern capital city.
- 3 Safe** – The city centre is our campus and your home. South Wales is one of the safest regions in the UK and Cardiff has been named the 8th best city in the UK to work in and live. (Independent, 2018).
- 4 Cultural** – Cardiff has a buzzing arts and events scene, being home to the Welsh National Opera, Roald Dahl, the Wales Millennium Centre and the innovative Chapter Arts Centre.  
The iconic Principality Stadium hosts international sport and music events from the UEFA Champions League Final to concerts by global stars such as Ed Sheeran and Coldplay. Our city and campus are even used as a film set for popular BBC TV shows like Sherlock and Doctor Who!
- 5 Students** – Cardiff is a small city with a population of around 350,000 people. Approximately 20% of the population are students, which makes it safe and friendly.
- 6 Shopping** – The city has recently been named the 6th best for shopping in the UK, with beautiful Edwardian and Victorian arcades and modern shopping centres with designer brands and unique independent shops.
- 7 Foodie** – Cardiff's ever growing food scene features international cuisines from Thailand to Mexico and beyond. International supermarkets also make it easy for you to find the ingredients you use at home!
- 8 Connected** – With excellent transport links to the rest of the UK and an international airport on our doorstep, Europe and beyond is just a short journey away.
- 9 Sporty** – Our capital is home to world class sport including Cardiff City Football Club, international Welsh rugby, the Cardiff Devils ice hockey team and the Cardiff University Cardiff Half Marathon. We're proud to have international sporting venues like the Principality Stadium, Cardiff City Stadium, the International Sports Village and more.
- 10 Diverse** – Cardiff was one of the UK's first multi-cultural cities and an estimated 94 languages are spoken here. There are many religious and cultural facilities across the city, including mosques, synagogues, churches and temples.



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

*Violina - Aberdare Hall*

# accommodation

## Safe and supportive

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

## Guaranteed

Accommodation is guaranteed for all full degree international students for the duration of your studies.

You will have your own study bedroom. Cardiff University does not have shared rooms or dormitories.

## How much does it cost?

The cost of residences depends on several factors which include the residence you choose, length of stay, meal options and whether you want private bathroom facilities. University residences are very good value as the cost includes water, electricity, security, furniture and internet access. As everything is included in one price, it helps you budget more easily. To help with budgeting there is more detail about living expenses on page 46.

For the 2019/20 year self-catered residences range from £111-£156 a week. Part/fully catered residences range from £126-£152 a week. Rooms with private bathrooms are generally more expensive than rooms with shared bathrooms.

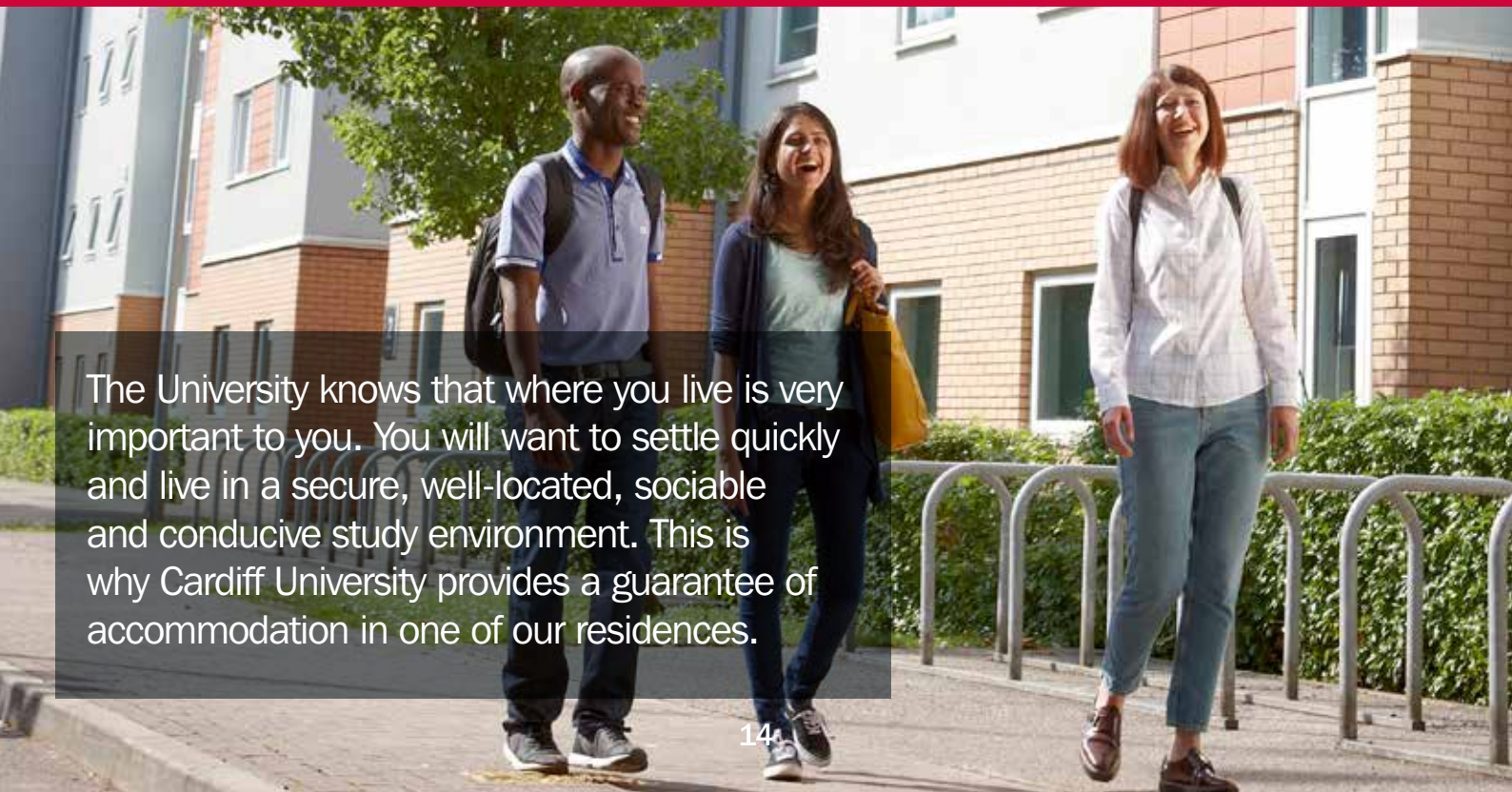
## University residences

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

Your choices include:

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

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



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



## Close to campus

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

**Look at the map on page 47 to see where residences are located. You will also find that like the University, residences are within easy reach of shops, the city centre and parks.**

## Walking Times

	Liberty House	Senghennydd Court	Talybont Court
Business School	25 minutes	15 minutes	10 minutes
Heath Park Campus	5 minutes	40 minutes	20 minutes
City Centre	30 minutes	5 minutes	20 minutes
Main Building & Students Union	25 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes

## Your guarantee of accommodation

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

## How do I reserve residences?

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

## Coming to Cardiff with your family

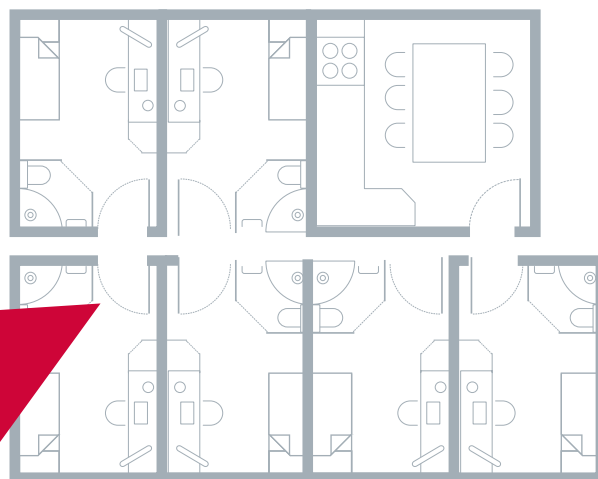
The University has a limited number of flats, houses and studios available for first-year international students with family members. These residences are very much in demand and you may have to seek private accommodation. If you do choose private accommodation ensure you start looking as soon as possible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

## What do University residences provide?

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

In this example there are 6 study bedrooms, each with their own bathroom. The 6 occupants share a kitchen. Every student has their own bedroom. Each room has a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and storage. You won't need to buy additional furniture. If you choose 'ensuite' you will have your own bathroom with shower.

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



An example of a typical flat in University residences.

# university life

## The Students' Union

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

[www.cardiffstudents.com](http://www.cardiffstudents.com)

## The Lounge

Built with international students in mind, this modern venue is open to all, free of charge. It boasts state of the art multimedia stations with Skype access, versatile work spaces, modern meeting rooms and touch screen tables.

## International societies

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

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

## Sport & keeping fit

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

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



More information can be found online at [www.cardiff.ac.uk/sport](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/sport)

## Top 4 Students' Union in the UK

Times Higher Education  
Student Experience  
Survey 2018



Our £50m Centre for Student Life in the heart of the campus will open in 2020/21.

You might be wondering what life is like for the 31,500 students at Cardiff University. Outside of academia you will find a vast range of opportunities to try new things, meet new people and enjoy the exciting atmosphere on campus.





**200+**  
societies

**60+**  
sports clubs

**4**  
student media channels

**£50m**  
investment

**\*TOP 4**  
Students' Union  
in the UK

\*Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018

## Supporting you

From academic questions to personal issues, Cardiff University offers students support in many ways:

- every student at the University is allocated a personal tutor who can assist with any academic or personal problems
- the Student Support Centre has specialist international advisers who can help you with visas, housing, finances and anything else that you would like to talk about
- if you want to talk to someone outside the University, the Students' Union also has an advice centre
- Cardiff University is one of only a few UK universities to provide postgraduate students with dedicated social, training and academic facilities at the University's Postgraduate Study Zone
- if you are not sure where to turn or who to talk to, you can always visit the International Office for advice.

## Orientation

There's no need to worry about settling in, making friends or life in the UK. Our aim is to make your transition to Cardiff as smooth as possible with an 'induction and orientation programme' in September and January.

The September induction programme includes:

- a free collection service from Cardiff and Heathrow airports, providing a warm welcome and taking you and your luggage to your accommodation
- a free 'meet and greet' service at Bristol Airport
- practical information and fairs to help you settle quickly into living and studying in Cardiff
- tours of the University and the city of Cardiff to help you find your way around
- social events and parties which are a great way to make friends
- a bank letter service to help you open a bank account when you arrive in the UK.

over  
**31,500**  
students

# the future

## Centre for Student Life

As part of the £600 million campus upgrade, £50 million is being invested in improving your student experience at Cardiff University, with the sustainable and iconic Centre for Student Life being built at the heart of our campus. The Centre will be home to our Student Support services as well as offering modern, flexible social learning spaces and a technology-rich 550-seat lecture theatre. Construction work has already begun, and the exciting new Centre is expected to be completed in time for the 2020/21 academic year.

## Our new home for Journalism

The School of Journalism, Media and Culture relocated to a brand new, purpose-built home at the heart of the city centre in 2018.

Located alongside local and national media companies, including BBC Cymru Wales, this new venue helps us build stronger industry links, boosting our students' employability by providing direct access to major media organisations within journalism as well as the creative and cultural industries.

With modern facilities, newsrooms, editing suites and TV and radio stations, there has never been a more exciting time to join the School of Journalism, Media and Culture.

## Innovation campus

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

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

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

## Your future, our future

Your relationship with Cardiff University does not end at graduation. As a Cardiff alum, you will join our 173,000-strong community who thrive as leaders in their fields, and are committed to making a real difference to the world we live in.

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

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

Wherever your degree takes you, Cardiff is for life.

To find out more, visit: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/alumni)





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## Architecture

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

# Welsh School of Architecture

Location: Bute Building, Friary House,  
2 North Road

Total students **573**

Number of staff **85**

% international students **34%**

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**ARUP / Foster + Partners / Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners / Scott Brownrigg / Wilkinson Eyre Architects**

Ranked 37th in the world for Architecture by the QS World University Rankings 2019.

Top in the UK for research impact, **90%** ranked as 'outstanding' in REF 2014.

## TOP 10 ARCHITECTURE

1. University of Bath
2. University of Cambridge
3. University of Sheffield
4. University College London
5. University of Strathclyde
6. University of the Arts, London
- 7. Cardiff University**
8. Newcastle University
9. Loughborough University
- 10 University of Edinburgh

*The Complete University Guide, 2020*

## OTHER RANKINGS

- 7th The Guardian University Guide 2020
- 7th The Complete University Guide 2019
- 13th In UK for Research Excellence, REF 2014

Established in 1920, the Welsh School of Architecture is one of the top-ranked schools of architecture in the UK. Through our research and teaching we seek to create a built environment that enhances people's lives, without destroying the planet for future generations.

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



## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

BSc in Architectural Studies (Part 1)  
Master of Architecture (Part 2)  
[architecture-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:architecture-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Architectural Design MA  
Advanced Building Performance Evaluation MSc  
Computational Methods in Architecture MSc  
Environmental Design of Buildings MSc  
Environmental Design of Buildings (Distance Learning) MSc  
Master of Design Administration (MDA)  
PgDip in Architecture: Professional Practice (Part 3)  
Sustainable Mega-Buildings MSc  
Sustainable Building Conservation MSc  
[architectureadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:architectureadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)  
Urban Design MA  
[cplan-pgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cplan-pgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Architectural History and Theory  
Architectural Science  
Design and Practice Research  
PhD in Creative Practice in Architecture  
[lewisk2@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lewisk2@cardiff.ac.uk)

'The course was the perfect balance of practice and theory. Every lecture was with a different professional which enriched our debates and added a multidisciplinary approach.'



The study trips and workshops contributed to my hands-on experience but also made me realise how Wales is astonishingly rich in terms of heritage, castles, and culture.'

Millena Moreira Fontes (Chevening Scholar), MSc Sustainable Building Conservation, Brazil

Ranked 37th  
in the world for  
Architecture

by the QS World  
University Rankings 2019.



## Bioscience

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

# School of Biosciences

Location Sir Martin Evans Building  
(map ref 35)

Total students **1663**

Number of staff **349**

% international students **5%**

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Biotechnology / Education / Research & Development / Biological Industries / Medical & Scientific Research / Wildlife Management / Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Industries / Public Sector Organisations / Conservation / Healthcare**

## TOP 10 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

1. University of Liverpool
2. University of St Andrews
3. Glasgow Caledonian University
- 4. Cardiff University**
5. University of Salford
6. University of Glasgow
7. Portsmouth University
8. University of Birmingham
9. King's College London
10. University of Manchester

*The Guardian University Guide 2020*

## OTHER RANKINGS

- 33rd Biological Sciences  
(*Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2018*)
- 117th Life Sciences and Medicine  
(*QS World University Rankings, 2019*)

Supported by a range of high-quality facilities and equipment, our topical courses and advanced research span the full range of the biomedical and life sciences, from cancer and neuroscience, to ecosystems and molecular biology. Through world-leading research and innovative teaching, we equip graduates with the knowledge and understanding to help confront some of the world's greatest challenges.



## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

### INTEGRATED MASTERS

Biological Sciences MBiol  
Biochemistry MBiochem  
Biomedical Sciences MBIomed  
Neuroscience MNeuro  
[bioscience-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:bioscience-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

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

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

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Biosciences MRes  
Stem Cell Neurobiology MRes  
[biosi-mres@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:biosi-mres@cardiff.ac.uk)

Tissue Engineering MSc  
Global Ecology and Conservation MSc  
[biosi-msc@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:biosi-msc@cardiff.ac.uk)

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

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Arthritis  
Biomedicine  
Cancer Cell Biology  
Integrative Neuroscience  
Molecular Biosciences  
Neuroscience  
Organisms and Environment  
[biosiresearch@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:biosiresearch@cardiff.ac.uk)

'Due to the techniques I've learned and the facilities I've had access to, my time at Cardiff has really prepared me for my chosen career path after university. If I was to apply to university again I would definitely choose Cardiff – I've had the chance to make new friends, be involved in high-end research and live in an amazing city.'



Beth Mansfield, BSc Biomedical Sciences, UK

## Business

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/business-school](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/business-school)

# Cardiff Business School

Location Aberconway Building  
(map ref 11)

Total students **3300**

Number of staff **320**

% international students **52%**

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Deloitte / HSBC / KPMG / PWC / Unilever / Rolls Royce / L'Oreal / Microsoft / Ocado / Amazon / Panalpina / SONY UK / Ralph Lauren/ Maersk Line**

## TOP 10 BUSINESS RESEARCH QUALITY

1. London School of Economics & Political Science
2. University of Cambridge
3. Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine
4. Oxford
5. London Business School
- 6. Cardiff University**
7. City University
8. University of Bath
9. University of Leeds
10. University of Strathclyde

*Research Excellence Framework, 2014*

## OTHER RANKINGS

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 4th     | Public Administration<br>( <i>Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities 2018</i> ) |
| Top 150 | Business and Economics<br>( <i>THE World University Rankings 2019</i> )                  |
| Top 150 | Business and Management<br>( <i>QS World University Rankings 2019</i> )                  |
| Top 150 | Accounting and Finance<br>( <i>QS World University Rankings 2019</i> )                   |

†Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business

We're an AACSB International<sup>†</sup> accredited Business School with a clear purpose: to make a difference in the communities of Wales and the World.

We'll challenge you to think differently and give you the tools and techniques to bring about change.



## COURSES

### INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Business

[foundation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:foundation@cardiff.ac.uk)

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Accounting BSc

Accounting & Finance BSc

Banking & Finance BScEcon/BSc\*

Business Economics BScEcon/BSc\*

Business Management BSc\*

- General Route
- Human Resource Management
- International Management
- Logistics and Operations
- Marketing
- Welsh

Business Studies & Japanese BSc

Economics BScEcon/BSc/BA<sup>+</sup>

Economics & Finance BScEcon

Economics & Management Studies BScEcon

[studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*Available with a European language.

<sup>+</sup>Available with a European language and other humanities subjects.

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Business Administration MBA

Media Management MBA

Business Management MSc

International Management MSc

### ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounting and Finance MSc

Finance MSc

### ECONOMICS

Economics MSc

Financial Economics MSc

International Economics, Banking & Finance MSc

### HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Human Resource Management MSc

International Human Resource Management MSc

### LOGISTICS AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

Logistics and Operations Management MSc

Maritime Policy and Shipping Management MSc

Sustainable Supply Chain Management MSc

### MARKETING AND STRATEGY

Strategic Marketing MSc

Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship MSc

Marketing MSc

[studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD RESEARCH AREAS

Accounting & Finance

Economics

Human Resource Management

Logistics & Operations Management

Marketing & Strategy

[CARBS-PhD@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:CARBS-PhD@cardiff.ac.uk)

All of our undergraduate degree programmes offer a Professional Placement Year and a Year of Study Abroad option. These are extended periods of paid employment or study abroad that take place in the third year of a four-year degree programme.



**Chemistry**  
www.cardiff.ac.uk/chemistry

## School of Chemistry

Location Main Building (map ref 39)

Total students **721**

Number of staff **149**

% international students **7%**  
**40%** postgraduate taught

We offer many opportunities for our students to broaden their horizons, such as studying abroad or spending a salaried year in industry.

Chemistry has an established tradition at Cardiff University having been taught here since 1883. Our internationally leading research and education is focused on tackling the important scientific challenges of the 21st century.

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

### COURSES

#### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

3M / Cadburys / GlaxoSmithKline / Intellectual Patent Office / Jones Environmental Forensics / Graduate entry Medicine & Dentistry courses

#### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Chemistry BSc/MChem  
Chemistry with a Placement Year  
Abroad BSc  
Chemistry with a Year in Industry BSc  
Chemistry with a Preliminary Year BSc  
Chemistry with a Year in Industry MChem  
Chemistry with a Placement Year  
Abroad MChem  
chemistry-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

#### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Advanced Spectroscopy & Dynamics  
Biological Chemistry  
Catalysis & Interfacial Science  
Materials & Energy  
Molecular Synthesis  
chemistry-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk

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

9th for chemistry in the UK (REF 2014)

**Computer Science and Informatics**  
www.cardiff.ac.uk/computer-science

## School of Computer Science and Informatics

Location Queens Building, Cardiff (map ref 58)  
National Software Academy, Newport

Total students **779**

Number of staff **61**

% international students **20%**  
**55%** postgraduate taught  
**40%** postgraduate research

**99%** of our submitted research was rated at least of international standard with **79%** classed as "internationally excellent" or "world leading".  
(REF Research Quality Standard 2014)

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

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

### COURSES

#### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Software Engineer / Web Developer / Computer Programmer / Software Developer / Business Analyst and Systems Development Officer

#### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

\*Available with a year abroad and a year in industry.

\*\*Integrated four-year programme combining undergraduate and postgraduate study.

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advanced Computer Science MSc†  
Computing MSc†  
Artificial Intelligence MSc  
Cybersecurity MSc  
Computing and IT Management MSc†  
Data Science and Analytics MSc  
Computational and Data Journalism MSc  
Software Engineering MSc  
computing-pg@cardiff.ac.uk  
†Available with a placement year

#### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Computer Science and Informatics (PhD, MPhil)  
comsc-pgresearch@cs.cardiff.ac.uk

The School's degrees are regularly reviewed and professionally accredited by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.

## Dentistry

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

# School of Dentistry

Location Dental Hospital  
(map ref 106)

Total students **496**

Number of staff **150**

% international students

**67%** postgraduate taught

### Rankings

3rd The Complete University Guide  
2020

5th The Guardian University Guide  
2020

50th QS World University Rankings  
2019

The School of Dentistry offers international entry onto one undergraduate programme and five postgraduate taught programmes providing high quality clinical and academic training. Students have the opportunity to work with leaders in their respective fields and have access to some of the finest clinical, educational and research facilities in the UK.

## COURSES

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Restorative dentistry / Orthodontics at a specialist level / Private practice / PhD study / Wider healthcare sector

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Dentistry BDS

[DentalUGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:DentalUGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Clinical Dentistry MClintDent

Implantology MSc

Oral Biology MSc

Orthodontics MScD

Tissue Engineering MSc

[dentalpgadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:dentalpgadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Microbial Diseases

Advanced Polymer Therapeutics

Matrix Biology and Tissue Repair

Mineralised Tissue

Stem Cells, Wound Repair  
and Regeneration

Dental Public Health

Violence Research

3-D Facial Imaging

[DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

In 2018 100% of the School's BDS graduates secured a Dental Foundation Training position in the UK.

1st in the UK for Dentistry Research Environment in the latest Research Excellence Framework.

## Earth and Ocean Sciences

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/earth-ocean-sciences](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/earth-ocean-sciences)

# School of Earth and Ocean Sciences

Location Main Building (map ref 39)

Total students **550**

Number of staff **84**

% international students **6%**

Our excellent facilities are available to support your study, which include dedicated IT labs, state-of-the-art analytical equipment and our own research vessel.

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

## COURSES

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

BHP Billiton / Environment Agency / Geo Services International / Parsons Brinckerhoff / Titan Environmental Surveys

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Environmental Geoscience BSc/MESci†

Exploration & Resource Geology BSc/MESci†

Geology BSc/MESci

Marine Geography BSc/MESci†

Environmental Geography BSc/MESci†

†BSc available with a professional placement year.

[earth-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Applied Environmental Geology MSc

[brabham@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:brabham@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Processes in mineral deposit formation

Ocean lithosphere processes

Microbial biogeochemistry

Geomicrobiology

Earth surface processes

Micropalaeontology, evolution  
and stratigraphy

Palaeoclimate and climate systems

Cold climates

Early land ecosystems and floras

Life and environment through time

[earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

Many of our programmes are accredited by professional bodies.



## Engineering

www.cardiff.ac.uk/engineering

# School of Engineering

Location Trevithick and Queen's Building (map ref 58)

Total students **1634**

Number of staff **107**

% international students **31%**

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



## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

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

### TOP 5 CIVIL ENGINEERING

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

### TOP 10 GENERAL ENGINEERING

1. University of Oxford
2. University of Cambridge
3. University of Sheffield
4. Imperial College London
5. King's College London
6. University College London

### 7. Cardiff University

8. University of Dundee

Research Excellence Framework, 2014

### OTHER RANKINGS

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 10th    | Civil Engineering<br>(The Complete University Guide 2020)                          |
| 14th    | General Engineering<br>(The Complete University Guide 2020)                        |
| 18th    | Mechanical Engineering<br>(The Complete University Guide 2020)                     |
| Top 150 | Civil and Structural Engineering<br>(QS World University Rankings by subject 2019) |

## COURSES

### INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Engineering

foundation@cardiff.ac.uk

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

Note: all BEng/MEng courses offer an optional year in industry.

engineering-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

engineering-pg@cardiff.ac.uk

\* Offered with year in industry or research year

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Medical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Wireless and Microwave Communications MRes

engineering-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk

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

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

'It was brilliant. We got a lot of help from our lecturers and engineering was really interesting as a subject. We had lots of lab sessions which helped us to apply what we learnt to real problems.'



Mustafa Jama, BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

## English, Communication and Philosophy

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/english-communication-philosophy](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/english-communication-philosophy)

# School of English, Communication and Philosophy

Location Percival Building  
(map ref 16)

Total students **1165**

Number of staff **73**

% international students **4%**  
**40%** postgraduate research

### Rankings

Top 10 English Language and Literature in the UK (REF 2014)

Top 100 English Language & Literature (QS World Rankings 2019)

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

## COURSES

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Teaching English as a Foreign Language / (Digital) journalism / Marketing and PR / Sales and advertising / Copywriting and editing / The civil service / Management / HR / Communications / Third sector / Local government / Publishing

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

English Language\* BA  
English Language and Linguistics BA  
English Language and Literature BA  
English Literature\* BA  
English Literature and Creative Writing BA  
Philosophy\* BA

\*Available with another humanities subject.  
[encap-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:encap-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

Our innovative engagement platforms include Cardiff BookTalk, Cardiff Philosophy Festival, Cardiff Poetry Experiment and Assuming Gender.

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Applied Linguistics MA  
Creative Writing MA  
English Literature MA  
Forensic Linguistics MA  
Language and Communication Research MA  
Language and Linguistics MA  
Philosophy MA

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

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Creative and Critical Writing / Critical and Cultural Theory  
English Literature / Language and Communication  
Philosophy

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

## History, Archaeology and Religion

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/history-archaeology-religion](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/history-archaeology-religion)

# School of History, Archaeology and Religion

Location John Percival Building  
(map ref 16)

Total students **1195**

Number of staff **76**

% international students **3%**  
**17%** postgraduate

### Rankings

10th Religious and Theological Studies (REF 2014)

Top 150 Archaeology (QS World University Rankings 2019)

Top 150 History (QS World University Rankings 2019)

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

## COURSES

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Media and heritage / The civil service / Teaching and education / Law / Charities / Marketing / HR

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

We offer a broad choice of single, integrated and joint honours, focussing on our key disciplines:

Ancient History, Archaeology, Conservation, History, Religious and Theological Studies.

We also offer Joint Honours with other Schools.

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

You can focus wholly on your chosen field or benefit from our carefully designed interdisciplinary Master's.

Archaeology MA  
Archaeological Science MSc  
Care of Collections MSc  
Conservation Practice MSc  
Islam in Contemporary Britain MA/PgDip  
Professional Conservation MSc  
Theology MTh/PgDip/PgCert  
[SHARE-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:SHARE-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Ancient History, Archaeology, Conservation, History, Religious Studies, Welsh History

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



# School of Geography and Planning

Location Glamorgan Building  
(map ref 49)

Total students **733**

Number of staff **80**

% international students **21%**  
**65%** postgraduate taught

We are an internationally recognised centre of excellence for teaching, research and engagement in human geography, spatial planning and urban design. Our aim is to help solve some of the most stubborn contemporary challenges facing human society and transform people, places and systems around the world. Our research-led teaching is delivered by an expert and diverse faculty, many of whom come from countries outside of the UK. Our programmes are truly international in both content and delivery, allowing you to become part of a global community.



## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Government / Planning consultancies / Environmental planning companies / Environmental consultancies / Urban design companies / Transport planning and civil engineering organisations / Charities / Teaching**

**93%** of undergraduates and **97%** of master's graduates were in employment of further study within six months of graduating (DLHE 2016/17).

## TOP 10 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING & LANDSCAPE

1. University College London
2. University of Cambridge
3. Queen's University Belfast
4. Loughborough University
5. University of Birmingham
6. University of Edinburgh
7. University of Sheffield
- 8. Cardiff University**
9. University of Reading
10. University of Gloucestershire

*The Times Good University Guide 2019*

## OTHER RANKINGS

- 9th Planning and Geography (REF 2014)
- 10th Town and Country Planning (The Complete University Guide 2020)
- Top 100 Geography (QS World University Rankings 2019)

## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Human Geography BSc  
Geography (Human) and Planning BSc  
Geography (Human) and Planning (Accredited) with a Professional Placement Year BSc  
Urban Planning and Development BSc  
Urban Planning and Development (Sandwich) BSc  
gandpenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Eco-Cities MSc  
Environment and Development MSc  
International Planning and Development MSc  
International Planning and Urban Design MSc  
Planning Practice PgCert  
Social Science Research Methods (Environmental Planning) MSc/PgDip  
Spatial Planning and Development MSc  
Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy MSc  
Transport and Planning MSc  
Urban and Regional Development MSc  
Urban Design MA  
gandpenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Environment  
Social and Cultural Geography  
Spatial Planning and Analysis in City Environments  
Urban and Regional Governance  
gandpenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

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

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

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



Hans Baumann, BSc Human Geography and Planning (USA)

## School of Healthcare Sciences

Location Heath Park Campus  
(map ref 116)

Eastgate House (map ref 59)

Total students **3083**

Number of staff **316**

% international students **7%**

**18%** postgraduate taught

**30%** postgraduate research

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



### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Occupational Therapist / Operating Department Practitioner / Physiotherapist / Radiographer / Nurse / Midwife**

#### TOP 10 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN THE UK

1. University of Southampton
2. **Cardiff University**
3. Oxford Brookes University
4. University of Bradford
5. University of Liverpool
6. University of the West of England, Bristol
7. University of Huddersfield
8. London South Bank University
9. Sheffield Hallam University
10. Coventry University

*The Complete University Guide 2020*

#### OTHER RANKINGS

- 3rd Physiotherapy  
*(Times Good University Guide 2019)*
- 5th Health Professions  
*(The Guardian University Guide 2020)*
- 5th Radiography  
*(Times Good University Guide 2019)*

### COURSES

#### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

We may have a limited number of international places available for some of our undergraduate programmes.

Please contact us by email to find out about these options.

hcareadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advanced Practice MSc/PGDip/PGCert  
(suitable for nurses/nursing)

Education for Healthcare Professionals MSc\*

Managing Anaesthesia Care MSc

Occupational Therapy MSc/PGDip

Physiotherapy MSc/PGDip

Radiography MSc/PGDip

Sports & Exercise Physiotherapy MSc

hcarepgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

\*new for 2019, subject to approval

#### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Our research is structured across three themes:

1. Optimising well-being in health and illness.
2. Optimising service delivery and organisation.
3. Optimising health through activity, lifestyles and technology.

Our research areas are suitable for healthcare professionals including nurses, midwives, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and radiographers.

hcarephdenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

Students benefit from specially designed clinical facilities, simulation suites and postgraduate study spaces.

All of our teaching sessions are recorded, where appropriate, and made available online for you to review.

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

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



Fawaz Alrasheedi, PhD in Healthcare,  
Saudi Arabia



## Journalism, Media and Culture

www.cardiff.ac.uk/journalism-media-and-culture

# School of Journalism, Media and Culture

Location Two Central Square  
(map ref 35)

Total students **816**

Number of staff **63**

% international students **22%**

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



## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

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

### TOP 10 FOR JOURNALISM, PUBLISHING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Oxford Brookes University
2. University of Strathclyde
3. University of Sheffield
- 4. Cardiff University**
5. Staffordshire University
6. Nottingham Trent University
7. University of Lincoln
8. Coventry University
9. University of the West of England, Bristol
10. Northumbria University

*The Guardian University Guide 2020*

### OTHER RANKINGS

- 2nd Communications and Media Studies (REF 2014)
- 5th Communication and Media Studies (The Complete University Guide 2020)
- 6th Media and Film Studies (The Guardian University Guide 2020)
- 25th Communications and Media Studies (QS World University Rankings 2019)

## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

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

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Digital Media and Society  
Journalism and Democracy  
Media, Culture and Creativity  
Communication and Human Security  
Science, Health and the Media  
jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk

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

25th in the world for Communication and Media Studies in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019.

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

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



Tanisha Patrick Ellison, MA International Public Relations and Global Communications Management, Jamaica

## School of Law and Politics

Location Law Building (map ref 28)

Total students **2399**

Number of staff **140**

% international students **16%**

**50%** postgraduate taught

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



### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Supreme Court of India/ Mercedes Benz France/ Oxford University Press/ Financial Ombudsman Service/ Royal Air Force/ Starbucks/ JP Morgan Chase & Co/ UN High Commissioner for Refugees/ Shoosmiths Solicitors

100% of our submitted research was rated at least of international standard with 84% classed as internationally excellent or world-leading.

#### TOP 15 LAW IN THE UK

1. King's College London
2. London School of Economics
3. University of Durham
- ...
10. University of Oxford
10. University of Warwick
10. University of Sheffield
- 13. Cardiff University**
14. University of Edinburgh
15. Queen's University Belfast
15. University of Nottingham

Research Excellence Framework, 2014

#### OTHER RANKINGS

Top 150 Law in QS World University Rankings 2018/19

We are the first UK university innocence project to successfully overturn a wrongful murder conviction at the Court of Appeal.

### LAW COURSES

#### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Law LLB  
Law & Criminology LLB  
Law & Politics LLB  
Law & Sociology LLB  
Law & Welsh LLB  
Law & French LLB

lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Specialist LLM Programmes:

- Law
- European Legal Studies
- Governance and Devolution
- Human Rights Law
- International Commercial Law
- Law and Governance of the European Union
- Legal and Political Aspects of International Affairs
- Legal Aspects of Medical Practice
- Intellectual Property Law
- Social Care Law
- Shipping Law
- Canon Law (also available as a PGDip/PGCert)

lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

Bar Training Course (BTC)\*

law-bptc@cardiff.ac.uk

Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)

law-gdl@cardiff.ac.uk

Legal Practice Course (LPC)

law-lpc@cardiff.ac.uk

\*subject to validation

#### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

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

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

lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk

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

We are the only Russell Group University in the UK to offer complete professional legal training: the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL), Legal Practice Course (LPC) and Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC).





## POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Comparative Politics, Policy and  
 Governance  
 Public Policy  
 Wales, Territorial and Devolutionary Politics  
 European Politics and Area Studies  
 Political and International Theory  
 Critical Global Politics  
 Gender and International Relations  
 International Law and International  
 Relations  
 The Cold War  
 Security Studies  
 Critical Military Studies  
 Intelligence and Security  
 Nuclear Politics  
 Digital Technologies, Internet Governance  
 and Cyber-Security  
 Global Environmental Politics  
 Development and Postcolonialism  
[lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk)

'I am currently in  
 my final year of  
 studying the LLB at  
 the School of Law  
 and Politics.'



I have studied a variety of modules  
 including European Law, Equity  
 and Trust Law, Commercial law,  
 and Global Problems and Legal  
 Theory.

I have also been given the chance  
 to work on the Pro Bono scheme,  
 Bail Observation Project, which  
 has been a great experience  
 which I have found life-changing.'

Afrina, LLB

## Medicine

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

# School of Medicine

Location Medical School,  
Heath Park campus (map ref 110)

Total students **3176**

Number of staff **1197**

% international students **18%**  
**36%** postgraduate taught

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**NHS / General Practices / Armed Forces / private health sector / voluntary sector / universities / many diverse areas where medical knowledge or clinical skills are needed**

**93%** found the course intellectually stimulating in the 2018 National Student Survey

## TOP 10 CLINICAL MEDICINE IN THE UK

1. University of Oxford
2. University of Cambridge
3. King's College London
4. Institute of Cancer Research
5. Imperial College London
6. Edinburgh
7. Queen Mary
- 8. Cardiff University**
9. University of Glasgow
9. Newcastle University
9. University College London

*Research Excellence Framework, 2014*

## OTHER RANKINGS

15th The Complete University Guide 2020

Top 150 QS World University Rankings 2019

Cardiff University School of Medicine inspires and develops outstanding clinicians, scientists, innovators, teachers and other healthcare professionals. Students value our innovative, challenging courses, our “real focus” on the patient and opportunities to work with world experts.



## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Medicine MBBCh\*  
Medical Pharmacology BSc/MPh  
[medadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:medadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advanced Surgical Practice\* MSc  
Ageing, Health and Disease MSc  
Bioinformatics / Bioinformatics and Genetic Epidemiology MSc  
Clinical Leadership and Leading Change in Cardiology MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
Critical Care\* MSc  
Diabetes\* MSc/PgDip  
Dermatology, Clinical MSc  
Dermatology, Practical\* MSc/PgDip  
Genetic and Genomic Counselling\* MSc  
Medical Education MSc/PgDip  
Medical Education (e-learning) MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
Medical Toxicology\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
Neonatal Medicine\* MSc/PgDip  
Occupational Health (Policy and Practice)  
Pain Management\* MSc  
Pain Management (Primary and Community Care)\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
Palliative Medicine for Health Care Professionals\* MSc  
Psychiatry\* MSc  
Public Health MPH

Therapeutics\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
Wound Healing & Tissue Repair\* MSc  
[pgtmedadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:pgtmedadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*Courses are taught largely via online distance

### PHD RESEARCH AREAS

Cancer and Genetics  
Infection and Immunity  
Population Medicine  
Psychological Medicine and Clinical Neuroscience  
[pgrmedic@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:pgrmedic@cardiff.ac.uk)  
Medical & Clinical Education  
[medicaleducation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:medicaleducation@cardiff.ac.uk)

### JOB ROLES

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

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

Opportunities to study abroad across Europe and the world as part of the Medicine MBBCh.



## Mathematics

www.cardiff.ac.uk/mathematics

# School of Mathematics

Location Mathematics Building  
(map ref 42)

Total students **735**

Number of staff **64**

% international students **15%**  
**58%** postgraduate taught

Our collaborations with international partners help our research achieve global impact and create industrial opportunities for our students.

Join a friendly community of talented peers and enjoy a wide array of flexible and intellectually exciting course options that set graduates on the path to exciting careers.

Our welcoming and dynamic study and research environments will allow you to follow your mathematical interests as you develop your professional and mathematical skills.

## COURSES

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

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

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Mathematics (BSc)\*†  
Mathematics (MMath)\*†  
(Also available with a professional placement)  
Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics (BSc)\*†  
Financial Mathematics (BSc)\*†  
Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics (MMORS)\*†

### JOINT HONOURS

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

### POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT

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

### POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

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

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

## Music

www.cardiff.ac.uk/music

# School of Music

Location Music Building  
(map ref 23)

Total students **290**

Number of staff **27**

% international students **14%**  
**57%** postgraduate taught

**92%** satisfaction in 'Teaching and Learning' in the 2018 Postgraduate Taught Student Experience Survey

**98%** NSS student satisfaction rating.  
Ranked 2nd among UK university music departments for the quality of our research environment (REF 2014).

### Rankings

7th The Times Good University Guide 2019

We provide a stimulating, friendly and supportive environment for performance, composition and musical scholarship.

Our students receive rigorous musical training and opportunities to explore a wide range of studies, both intellectual and practical, within a lively liberal arts environment that encourages student excellence in both theory and practice.

## COURSES

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

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

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Music BMus  
Music BA  
Mathematics and Music BA  
Music and English Literature BA  
Music and History BA  
Music and Philosophy BA  
French and Music BA  
German and Music BA  
Italian and Music BA  
Religious Studies and Music BA  
Welsh and Music BA

musicsschool@cardiff.ac.uk

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

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

The school runs professionally led performing groups, which has included Symphony and Chamber Orchestras and Choirs, a Contemporary Music Group, Wind Band, Jazz, Gamelan and West African ensembles, along with student led groups.

## Modern Languages

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/modern-languages)

# School of Modern Languages

Location Park Place (map ref 24)

Total students **787**

Number of staff **73**

% international students **3%**  
**43%** postgraduate taught

Cardiff University boasts one of the largest and most dynamic modern languages schools in the UK. With an international reputation for excellence in research and teaching, we give students the opportunity to pursue their interest in languages in an exciting, interdisciplinary environment. Located at the heart of the University, we offer an impressive range of degree courses for those with an active interest in language and culture.



## COURSES

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

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

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

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

### TOP 10 FOR MODERN LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

1. Queen Mary
2. University of Edinburgh
3. Queen Margaret University
3. University of Kent
5. University of Southampton
5. Queen's University Belfast
- 7. Cardiff University**
8. University of Essex
9. University of Cambridge
10. University of Glasgow

*Research Excellence Framework, 2014*

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Chinese BA\*

French BA † \*

German BA † \*

Italian BA † \*

Japanese and Business Studies BSc

Japanese BA\*

Portuguese BA\*

Spanish BA † \*

Modern Languages and Translation BA

Modern Chinese BA (in partnership with Beijing Normal University)

\*Joint honours with another language

†Available with another language and other humanities subjects

[languages-ug-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:languages-ug-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

MA in Translation Studies

MA in Global Cultures

[languages-pg-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:languages-pg-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

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

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

- history and memory
- culture and identity
- languages and translation studies
- global area studies
- history and ideologies
- conflict and development
- literary and textual studies

- cultural studies
- visual cultures
- modern languages education policy, planning and innovation

[languages-pg-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:languages-pg-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

The department has five central research themes:

1. Borders and Bodies
2. Capitalism, Crisis and Ideology
3. Conflict, Development and Disaster
4. Picturing Others
5. Translation, Adaptation and Performance

Within these research themes, the following research strands feature:

- translation, adaption and multimodality (radio, film, television, new media)
- translation in/and performance
- representing mobility and migration including cultures of travel and transportation (in literature and photography)
- post-colonial and transnational literatures, cultures and identities
- peripheral and minority cultures and identities
- the study of socialist and post-socialist Europe
- comparative NGO and civil society studies
- Žižek and ideology studies
- Lacanian cultural (especially film) analysis
- popular cultures especially crime fictions and film
- comics and graphic fiction



**Optometry and Vision Sciences**  
www.cardiff.ac.uk/optometry-  
vision-sciences

# School of Optometry and Vision Sciences

Location Optometry Building  
(map ref 15)

Total students **384**

Number of staff **60**

% international students **18%**

The School of Optometry and Vision Sciences is an internationally recognised centre for undergraduate and postgraduate optometric education and for vision science research. Our degree schemes combine both a scientific and a clinical training and our staff are world-leading experts in their fields. Our teaching, research and clinical practice are housed in a purpose-built school providing you with the facilities you need to achieve your ambitions.



## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Primary healthcare optometry /  
Hospital optometry / Academia**

**100%** overall satisfaction rating in the  
National Student Survey (NSS) 2018

### TOP 10 OPTOMETRY, OPHTHALMOLOGY & ORTHOPTICS IN THE UK

1. Ulster University
- 2. Cardiff University**
3. Glasgow Caledonian University
4. University of Manchester
5. University of Sheffield
6. Aston University
7. University of Bradford
8. City, University of London
9. University of Liverpool
10. Plymouth University

*The Complete University Guide 2019*

### OTHER RANKINGS

- 5th Health Professions  
*(The Guardian University  
Guide 2020)*
- 8th Subjects Allied to Medicine  
*(The Times Good University  
Guide 2019)*

The pass rate of our graduates in their  
Professional Exams is consistently  
**15-20%** above the national average.

*College of Optometrists 2013-2019*

## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

3 Year Optometry BSc  
4 Year Optometry BSc  
optomadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Clinical Optometry MSc  
Clinical Optometry Diploma  
Clinical Optometry Certificate  
Glaucoma Certificate  
Eye Care Governance Certificate  
Postgraduate Certificate in Independent  
Prescribing  
pgoptom@cardiff.ac.uk

### PHD RESEARCH AREAS

Clinical Investigation & Vision Sciences  
Visual Neuroscience  
Structural Biophysics  
visionpgr@cardiff.ac.uk

The School is one of the largest in the UK  
and is the only optometry School in Wales.

The School is housed in a purpose-  
built £22 million optometry facility in  
the heart of Cardiff.

The School contains the Welsh  
Optometric Postgraduate Education  
Centre (WOPEC), which provides  
a range of postgraduate taught  
courses.

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

Libby Ainsworth, BSc Optometry, UK



**Pharmacy and  
Pharmaceutical Sciences**  
www.cardiff.ac.uk/pharmacy-  
pharmaceutical-sciences

## School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Location Redwood Building (map ref 33)

Total students **559**

Number of staff **117**

% international students **9%**  
**42%** postgraduate research

### Rankings

2nd	The Complete University Guide 2020
7th	The Guardian University Guide 2020
11th	The Times Good University Guide 2019
Top 100	QS World University Rankings 2019

We welcome international students onto our top-ranking Master of Pharmacy undergraduate programme and two postgraduate courses. Be part of our internationally-recognised School, where world-leading researchers work on the discovery, development and use of drugs and medicines to tackle some of the most debilitating and life-threatening medical conditions, such as Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, cancer, diabetes and infectious diseases, to name but a few.

### COURSES

#### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Hospital pharmacy / Community pharmacy / Primary care pharmacy / Industrial pharmacy / Academic pharmacy

#### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Pharmacy MPharm  
pharmacy-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

Towards the end of your degree, staff at the School will assist you in finding a pre-registration post. For more than a decade, all of our graduates have secured pre-registration posts before their graduation.

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

#### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

These research areas fall within two overlapping categories:

**Medicines Optimisation and Healthcare Outcomes (MOHO)** which includes Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Pharmacy.

**Drug Discovery Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics (DDPSET)** which includes: Drug Delivery and Microbiology, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmacology and Physiology.

PharmacyPGR@cardiff.ac.uk

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework we were ranked the joint top School of Pharmacy in the country. Our dedicated researchers pave the way in creating new, effective methods for delivering drugs and explore how they can be used to better treat disease. It's this same team of researchers, as well as external expert practitioners, who teach the pharmacists of the future.

**Physics and Astronomy**  
www.cardiff.ac.uk/physics-astronomy

## School of Physics and Astronomy

Location Queens Building  
(map ref 58)

Total students **431**

Number of staff **63**

% international students **5%**  
**21%** postgraduate taught

Ranked **6th** in the UK for Physics and Astronomy research quality (REF 2014)

**88%** overall satisfaction rating in the latest National Student Survey.

12th Physics  
(The Guardian University  
Guide 2020)

The School of Physics and Astronomy has an international reputation for research excellence and a strong commitment to innovative and supportive teaching. Our undergraduate and MSc degree programmes are designed to offer you an intellectual challenge and tuition in solving real-life problems.

### COURSES

#### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

BAE Systems / DWP / EDF / Jaguar Landrover / NASA / Rolls Royce / Banking

#### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Astrophysics MPhys/BSc  
Physics\* MPhys/BSc  
Physics with Astronomy\* MPhys/BSc  
Physics with Medical Physics BSc  
admissions@cardiff.ac.uk

\*Also available with placement year

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

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

#### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Astrophysics  
Biophotonics  
Brain Imaging  
Compound Semiconductors  
Gravitational Waves  
Nanoscale Diamonds  
Observational and Theoretical Astronomy and Quantum Devices  
admissions@cardiff.ac.uk



## Psychology

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

# School of Psychology

Location Tower Building (map ref 27)

Total students **879**

Number of staff **119**

% international students **6%**

We are passionate about psychology and our School is long established, well resourced, and has an excellent international reputation. We offer outstanding undergraduate and postgraduate teaching informed by our leading research in psychology and neuroscience.



## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Clinical Psychology / Educational Psychology / Forensic Psychology / Mental Health Support / Human Factors Consulting / Human Resources / Speech Therapy / PhD Research / Public Health / Teaching / Business / Government / Civil Service**

### TOP 10 PSYCHOLOGY IN THE UK

1. University of Oxford
2. **Cardiff University**
3. University of Cambridge
4. University of York
5. Birkbeck College
6. Royal Holloway College & Bedford New College
7. Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine
7. University of Birmingham
9. Newcastle University
10. University of Sussex

*Research Excellence Framework, 2014*

### OTHER RANKINGS

- |         |                                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 8th     | The Guardian University Guide 2020   |
| 10th    | The Times Good University Guide 2019 |
| Top 100 | QS World University Rankings 2019    |

## COURSES

### FOUNDATION COURSE

Psychology

[foundation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:foundation@cardiff.ac.uk)

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Psychology BSc

Psychology with Professional Placement BSc

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Certificate and Diploma programmes in Cognitive Behavioural Therapies

[cbt-admin@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cbt-admin@cardiff.ac.uk)

Neuroimaging: Methods and Applications MSc

Children's Psychological Disorders MSc

[psych-masters@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:psych-masters@cardiff.ac.uk)

Social Science Research Methods MSc

[ssrm@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:ssrm@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Psychology

Neuroscience:

- Behavioural Neuroscience
- Cognitive Neuroscience
- Imaging Science

Cognitive Science:

- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental & Health Psychology
- Perception and Action

Social & Environmental Psychology:

- Risk and Environment
- Social Psychology

[psych-phd@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:psych-phd@cardiff.ac.uk)

Undergraduate courses are accredited and provide a platform to professional branches of psychology.

Year-long work placements and paid summer internships available.

'The independence that I gained during my stay and studies in Cardiff is something that has shaped my life and career until today.'

Yang SuYin, BSc Psychology, Singapore



## Social Sciences

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/social-sciences](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/social-sciences)

# School of Social Sciences

Location Glamorgan building  
(map ref 49)

Total students **1514**

Number of staff **171**

% international students **9%**

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



## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Welsh Government / British Council / Ministry of Defence / Office for National Statistics / Local councils / Banking / National Health Service / Policing / Prisons / Probation Services / RMIT University, Melbourne

94% of our graduates were in employment and/or further study within six months of graduation (DLHE 2016/17)

### TOP 10 SOCIOLOGY IN THE UK

1. University of York
2. University of Manchester
3. **Cardiff University**
4. University of Lancaster
5. University of Oxford
6. University of Edinburgh
7. University of Essex
8. London School of Economics & Political Science
9. University of Bristol
10. King's College London

Research Excellence Framework, 2014

### OTHER RANKINGS

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 19th    | Social Policy<br>(The Complete University Guide 2020)                            |
| Top 100 | Social Policy and Administration<br>(QS World University Rankings 2019)          |
| Top 150 | Social Sciences and Management<br>(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019) |

## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Criminology & Social Policy BSc  
Criminology & Sociology BSc  
Criminology BSc  
Education BSc  
Human & Social Sciences BSc  
Journalism, Media & Sociology BA  
Law & Criminology LLB  
Law & Sociology LLB  
Politics & Sociology BScEcon  
Social Analytics BSc  
Sociology & Education BSc  
Sociology & Social Policy BSc  
Social Science BSc  
Sociology BSc  
Sociology & History BSc  
Welsh & Education BA  
[socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

We enjoy excellent links with local and national government, major private and public sector organisations and the third sector.

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Childhood & Youth MSc  
Crime, Safety & Justice MSc  
Education, Policy & Society MSc  
Social Science MSc  
Social & Public Policy MSc  
Science Communication MSc  
Social Science Research Methods MSc  
[socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)  
Post-Compulsory Education and Training  
PGCE  
[PGCE@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:PGCE@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/PROFDOC

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)  
Doctor of Education (EdD)  
Doctor of Health Studies (DHS)  
Doctor of Social Work (DSW)  
Doctor of Social & Public Policy (SPPD)  
[graduateoffice@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:graduateoffice@cardiff.ac.uk)

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

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

Nicolette Bryan, MSc Social and Public Policy, Jamaica





## Welsh

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

# Ysgol y Gymraeg/ School of Welsh

Location John Percival Building  
(map ref 16)

Total students **81**

Number of staff **18**

% international students **2%**

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Education / Marketing and PR / Arts & Culture / Public Policy / Civil Service Translation / Media production / Journalism / Heritage / Publishing**

## TOP CELTIC STUDIES IN THE UK

1. University of Cambridge
2. Bangor University
- 3. Cardiff University**
4. Aberystwyth University
5. Queen's University Belfast
- 5= Swansea University
7. University of Glasgow
8. Ulster University

*The Times Good University Guide 2019*

## OTHER RANKINGS

- 4th Celtic Studies  
(*The Complete University Guide 2020*)
- 7th Modern Languages and Linguistics Research Quality  
(REF 2014)

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

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

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



## COURSES

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

- Welsh BA
  - Welsh and the Professional Workplace BA
  - Law and Welsh LLB
  - Welsh and Education BA
  - Welsh and English Language BA
  - Welsh and English Literature BA
  - Welsh and French BA
  - Welsh and History BA
  - Welsh and Italian BA
  - Welsh and Journalism BA
  - Welsh and Music BA
  - Welsh and Philosophy BA
  - Welsh and Politics BA
  - Welsh and Religious Studies BA
  - Welsh and Spanish BA
  - Business Management with Welsh BSc
- [derbynycymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk](mailto:derbynycymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Welsh and Celtic Studies MA  
[derbynycymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk](mailto:derbynycymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk)

You can study our postgraduate programmes through the medium of Welsh or English.

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Our postgraduate research students undertake projects in the following areas:

- Welsh Literature (Medieval, Renaissance, Modern)
  - Welsh-American Studies
  - Literary and Critical Theory
  - Textual Transmission: Oral and Written
  - Creative and Critical Writing
  - Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition
  - Sociolinguistics
  - Language Planning and Policy
  - Children's Literature
- [derbynycymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk](mailto:derbynycymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk)

'The School of Welsh is a truly special and tightly knit community. As a student here, I've been encouraged with generous guidance and mentorship. I've also found a wonderful community of friends who have made me feel very at home in Cardiff.'

Emma Watkins, MA Welsh and Celtic Studies, Fullbright Scholar, USA



# Study Abroad & international exchange

## More information

For more information on your choices and to check your eligibility please visit the website:

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

You may also contact the Study Abroad Office:

[studyabroad@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@cardiff.ac.uk)

Studying for a short time at Cardiff University is a great opportunity to gain some valuable international experience while being immersed in a unique Welsh cultural tradition. You will gain an alternative perspective on your chosen subject, enhance your résumé and make worldwide friends.

Study Abroad and international exchange students are fully integrated into the student body at Cardiff University. You will be taught and assessed alongside all other students and have access to the same social and academic facilities featured in this prospectus.

### Who can apply?

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

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

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

### Build your own Study Abroad Programme

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

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

### A unique Welsh cultural experience

Studying abroad at Cardiff University provides the exciting opportunity to explore Wales and the distinctive Welsh culture. Many Study Abroad students choose to take classes about Wales and learn some of the Welsh language while they are here.

Cardiff is well-connected by road, rail, air and sea. Cardiff Airport is serviced by both low-cost and premium international airlines, making it a great base for exploring the UK, Europe and beyond.





Cardiff is a truly international university, with partnerships and projects around the world which our students are able to take advantage of. Our Global Opportunities (GO) team is here to make spending time abroad as part of your Cardiff experience a reality for undergraduate students studying at Cardiff.

# global opportunities

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

## Spend time abroad

### As part of your degree

Study or work abroad as part of your degree – gain valuable experience and an international perspective on your chosen subject through our exchange opportunities.

### During your summer holiday

**Study** abroad with opportunities to explore Spanish culture and language in Mexico, global business at the University of Hong Kong, entrepreneurship and innovation in Singapore or engineering and sustainability in Germany.

**Work** abroad through an international internship to help you stand out in the global jobs market, with opportunities in China, USA, Colombia, Vietnam and more.

**Volunteer** in Canada, India, Fiji, Japan, Cambodia, Uganda, Zambia and beyond, joining teams of students knowing that your hard work will make a positive contribution to your host community.

## Why GO?

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

Spending time abroad will enable you to:

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

Find out more at:  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/globalopportunities](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/globalopportunities)

*\*Opportunities listed are available for 2019 entry and are provided as a guide. Opportunities will vary from year to year and you should check with the GO team for the most up-to-date information.*

Progress onto Cardiff University courses without needing to resit IELTS.

# English language programmes

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

## English for University Study

**The English for University Study Programme is a full-time English language and study skills course in academic English. It will provide you with the academic study skills that you need to study effectively in a UK environment, covering language, study and professional skills and British academic culture.**

The English for University Study Programme is a good choice if you plan to continue your higher education studies at foundation, undergraduate or postgraduate level. You will need to take a test to demonstrate your English is of an appropriate level.

The programme provides you with the skills and language needed for a smooth transition into academic study. The aim is to develop confident and successful students who are equipped for university study in the UK.

Our Academic Schools will accept the English for University Study Exit Test scores instead of a valid IELTS. Exit tests can be taken at the end of each term.

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

Intake	Minimum entry requirement
September	IELTS 4.0
January	IELTS 4.5
April/May	IELTS 5.0

### Included in the course:

- 20 tuition hours per week (plus self-study and assignments)
- one-to-one tutorial guidance and support
- formal transcript showing assessments completed and indicating your level of language proficiency at completion of the course





## Pre-sessional Programmes

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

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

### Course options

Current IELTS	Required IELTS	Required course length
5.0	6.5	20 weeks*
5.5	6.5	12 weeks*
6.0	6.5	8 weeks
6.5	7.0	10 weeks

\* participating schools only

## More information

For more information, including information about sub-scores, and to make an application, please visit:

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt) or email [elt@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:elt@cardiff.ac.uk)

## In-sessional English Language Support

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

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

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

International Foundation Programme:

Our 2020 International Foundation Programme provision is changing. For the latest updates or to find out more, please visit: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/international](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/international)

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

Mohammad Alkhalidi  
BEng Mechanical Engineering

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

Polina Inguova  
MPharm Pharmacy



# how to apply

## 1 Find your course

Find the academic and English language requirements for your course on our website:

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

## 2 Check your eligibility

Check if your qualifications are suitable on our country advice pages

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/your-country)

or contact the International Office:

[international@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:international@cardiff.ac.uk)

In some countries an educational advisor may also be able to help you

## 3 Apply

### Undergraduate / Bachelor

Undergraduate applications must be submitted online through UCAS:

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

### Postgraduate Taught / Master's / PhD

You can apply directly to the University and track your application through our online portal (SIMS) at:

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

## 4 Gather your documentation

To complete the application form you will need:

- exam results (original certificates and transcripts)
- references
- personal statement
- English language certificates

**PhD students** - If you are applying with your own research idea you must also find a supervisor and submit a research proposal:

- search for academic staff in the School who match your area of research interest
- contact the academic with your proposal and introduce yourself

Find useful tips at: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate)

## 5 Submit your application

### Is there an application fee?

**Undergraduate** – The University does not charge an application fee, however UCAS will charge a small fee of £25 to process your application

**Postgraduate** – For the vast majority of courses, the University does not charge an application fee

### When is the application deadline?

**Undergraduate** – The official UCAS deadline for most courses is 30 June. If you want to apply after this date, please contact the International Office: [international@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:international@cardiff.ac.uk). If you are applying for Medicine or Dentistry, the application deadline is 15 October prior to entry in September the following year

**Postgraduate** – Most postgraduate courses do not have a deadline, however the University encourages you to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment. You must ensure you have enough time to complete the application process and, where applicable, get a visa. Some courses can become full quite quickly. It is recommended that you apply 9-12 months in advance of the course starting

## How to write your personal statement

Your personal statement is an opportunity to tell the University about yourself, say why you're interested in the course and provide details of any relevant experience you have. Here are some useful tips for writing a good personal statement:

### Be enthusiastic

Admissions tutors are looking for students who are passionate about the area they are studying. Tell us why you are interested in the course, what research you have done into the subject and what you plan to do after you graduate.

### Include any work experience

Telling us about any relevant work or volunteering experience will demonstrate your commitment. This is very important for any healthcare related courses, which require you to demonstrate an understanding of the demands of working in these professions.

### Show you can be part of a team

Admissions tutors are looking for students that will integrate and work well with other students. If you have been a member of a team or held a position of responsibility, you should show how these experiences will help in your studies.

### Include your interests

The University looks for students who will contribute to the wider student community. You should provide information on your social and cultural hobbies, such as community volunteering, playing a musical instrument and sport.

### Demonstrate ability in English

Detail how you have used English since your last English exam (For example: at work or during your studies) and check your spelling and grammar. It is a good idea to ask somebody to proof-read your personal statement.



## Common questions

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

You do not need all your qualifications before you apply. You can take exams and submit your results after your initial application.

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

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

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

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

## English language requirements

In addition to academic qualifications, the University also requires an English language qualification from all applicants. We accept IELTS, TOEFL, and iGCSE/GCSE amongst many other qualifications including Indian Year 12 and WAEC. Different courses will require you to achieve different scores, however, most courses usually require a score of 6.5 in IELTS (with at least 5.5 in each sub-score) or equivalent qualification. Some courses require a higher overall score, especially those that are language-based and require more complex English usage. You should check the website, contact the School or ask the International Office if you are unsure of the requirement. If you do not have the required English language level you may want to consider an English language course at Cardiff University. More information is on page 42.

You may also find this table of equivalencies useful:

GCSE	IELTS (Academic)	TOFEL iBT	Pearson Test of English (PTE A)
B / 6	7.0	100	70
C / 4	6.5	90	62
	6.0	78	54
	5.5	68	51

# money and living expenses



**Cardiff is the most affordable city in the UK for students\*.**

## Fixed Tuition Fees

To help plan your budget for your time in Cardiff, the University has fixed tuition fees for the duration of the course. This means your tuition fee will not rise.

Tuition fees are different for each course and there may be some exceptions. You should check the website or contact the International Office for further advice.

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

## Funding and Scholarships

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

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/international-scholarships](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/international-scholarships)

## Living Expenses

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

- an undergraduate student (September – June) needed £9,980 a year
- a postgraduate student (September - September) needed £12,274 a year.

These estimates include university accommodation, bills, food, books, clothes, travel, telephone and social expenses.

If you are intending to bring family members, such as a spouse or child, you will need to have at least an extra £680 a month for each family member.

## Working Part-Time

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

Most international students can work up to 20 hours during term time and full-time during the holidays. The University does not recommend you work the full 20 hours during the term because studying in the UK is intensive and you will need to make sure you have enough time to complete all your coursework and reading.

\*NatWest Student Living Index 2019. Affordability is calculated by dividing students' average monthly accommodation, activities and item costs by their average monthly income.

## How does Cardiff compare with other places?

Cardiff has many advantages which make it a cheaper place to study than other university cities. These include:

- Cardiff is a compact city and the University is in the middle – therefore you won't have far to travel between the University, city centre shops and your accommodation.
- Cardiff is also very flat making it easy to walk or cycle around. You won't need to spend money on buses or taxis.
- Cardiff has various bicycle and car sharing schemes that students can make use of. This will make it even easier for you to get around without large extra costs.

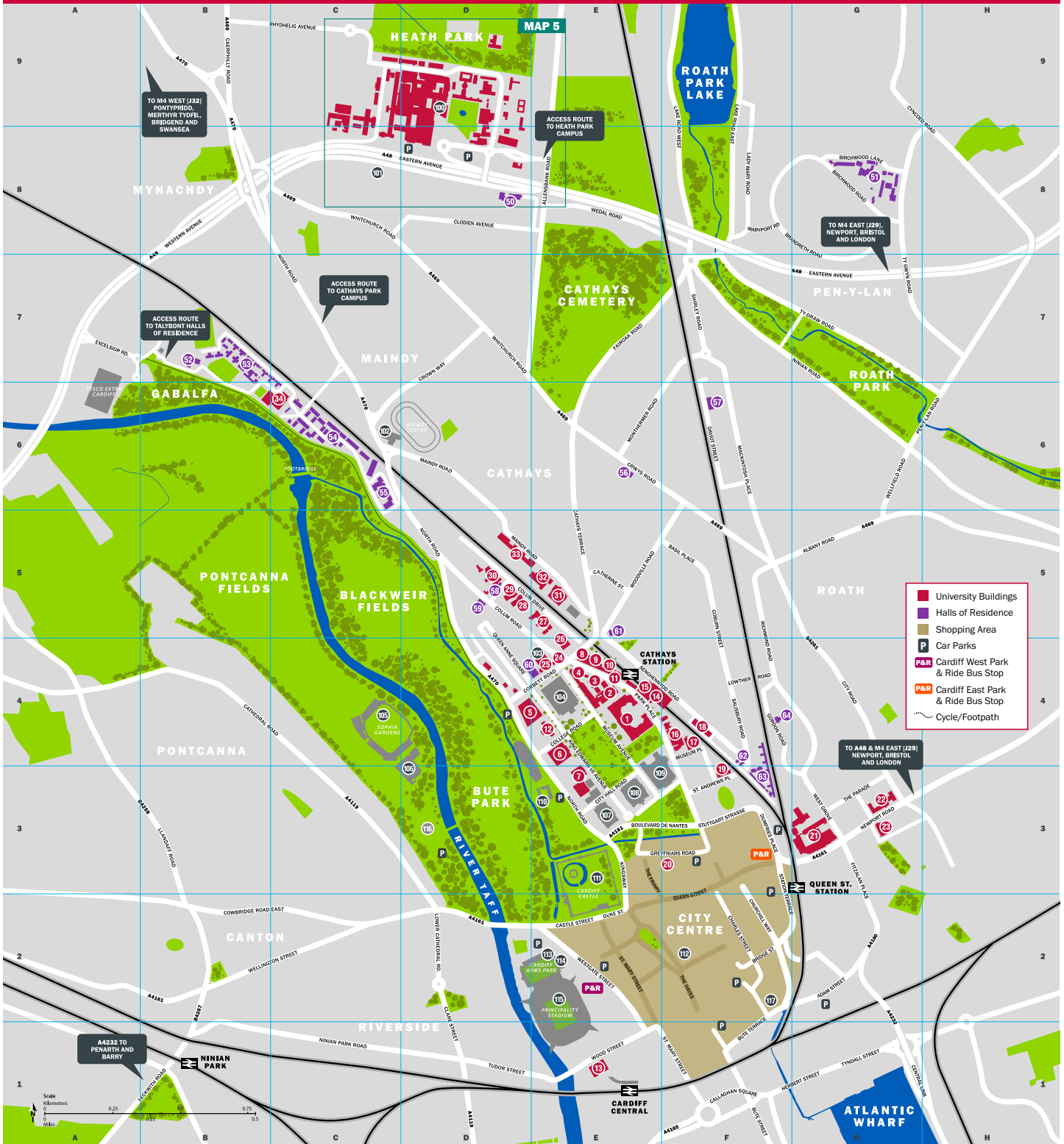
## Monthly rent

The table below compares average monthly rent across the UK according to the NatWest Student Living Index 2019.

1 Belfast	£325	15 Nottingham	£458
2 Dundee	£374	16 Poole	£465
3 Cardiff	£375	17 Leicester	£469
4 Hull	£403	18 Southampton	£473
5 Newcastle	£406	19 Birmingham	£474
6 Norwich	£411	20 Plymouth	£482
7 Swansea	£413	21 Canterbury	£484
8 Aberdeen	£413	22 Bristol	£489
9 Aberystwyth	£417	23 Durham	£496
10 Stirling	£447	24 Manchester	£496
11 Sheffield	£448	25 Coventry	£501
12 Glasgow	£453	...	
13 Liverpool	£453	35 London	£700
14 Leeds	£454	<b>Average</b>	<b>£486</b>



University and City Centre



**Cathays Park Campus** (\* indicates main site)

Aberconway Building	D5	30	Earth and Ocean Sciences	E4	1	Law and Politics	E4', E4	4', 8
Architecture	E4	6	Eastgate House	G3	22	Main Building	E4	1
Biosciences	E4	1, 2	Engineering	G3	21	Mathematics	F4	18
<b>Business</b>			English, Communication and Philosophy	E5	27	McKenzie House	G3	23
+ Aberconway Building	D5	30	Estates	G3	23	Modern Languages	E4	8
+ Julian Hodge Building	D5	29	Eye Clinic	E5	31	Music & University Concert Hall	E4, E4'	24, 25
+ Postgraduate Teaching Centre	D5	28	Finance	G3	23	Optometry and Vision Sciences	E5	31
Bute Building	E4	6	Frinary House	F3	20	Part-time Courses for Adults	F4	18
Careers and Employability	E4	11	Geography and Planning	E3	7	Pharmacy and	E4	5
Centre for Professional Legal Studies	E4	4	Glamorgan Building	E3	7	Pharmaceutical Sciences	G3	21
Chaplaincy	E4	10	Global Opportunities Centre	E4	11	Strategic Planning & Governance	F3	20
Chemistry	E4', E4	1, 9	Graduate Centre	E4	14	Purchasing	G3	23
Communications and Marketing	F3	20	Hadyn Ellis Building	E5	32	Psychology	E4', E4	3', 9
Computer Science and Informatics	G3	21	Healthcare Sciences	G3	22	Queen's Buildings	G3	21
Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC)	D5	33	History, Archaeology and Religion	E5	27	Redwood Building	E4	5
Day Care Centre	F4	16	Human Resources	G3	23	Registry	G3	23
Deri House	F3	19	International Office	F3	20	Cartwright Court	F6	57
Development and Alumni Relations	F3	19	IT Services	F4	16	Colom Hall	D5	59
			John Percival Building	E5	27	Curzon Hall	F4	64
			Journalism, Media and Culture	E1	13	Hodge Hall	E5	61
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