

# INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

# 2024





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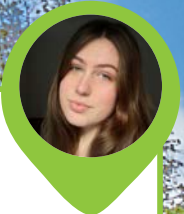
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The photographs in this prospectus are of Cardiff University students, locations at Cardiff University and the city of Cardiff.

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



*Cardiff has offered me so much more than I expected. With so many student support teams, facilities and study spaces available for us, it is evident Cardiff University really cares about its students.*

**Liudvika from Lithuania**  
**Biomedical Sciences (BSc)**







# WELCOME

Founded in 1883, Cardiff University combines a prestigious heritage with impressive modern facilities, at the centre of a diverse and thriving capital city.

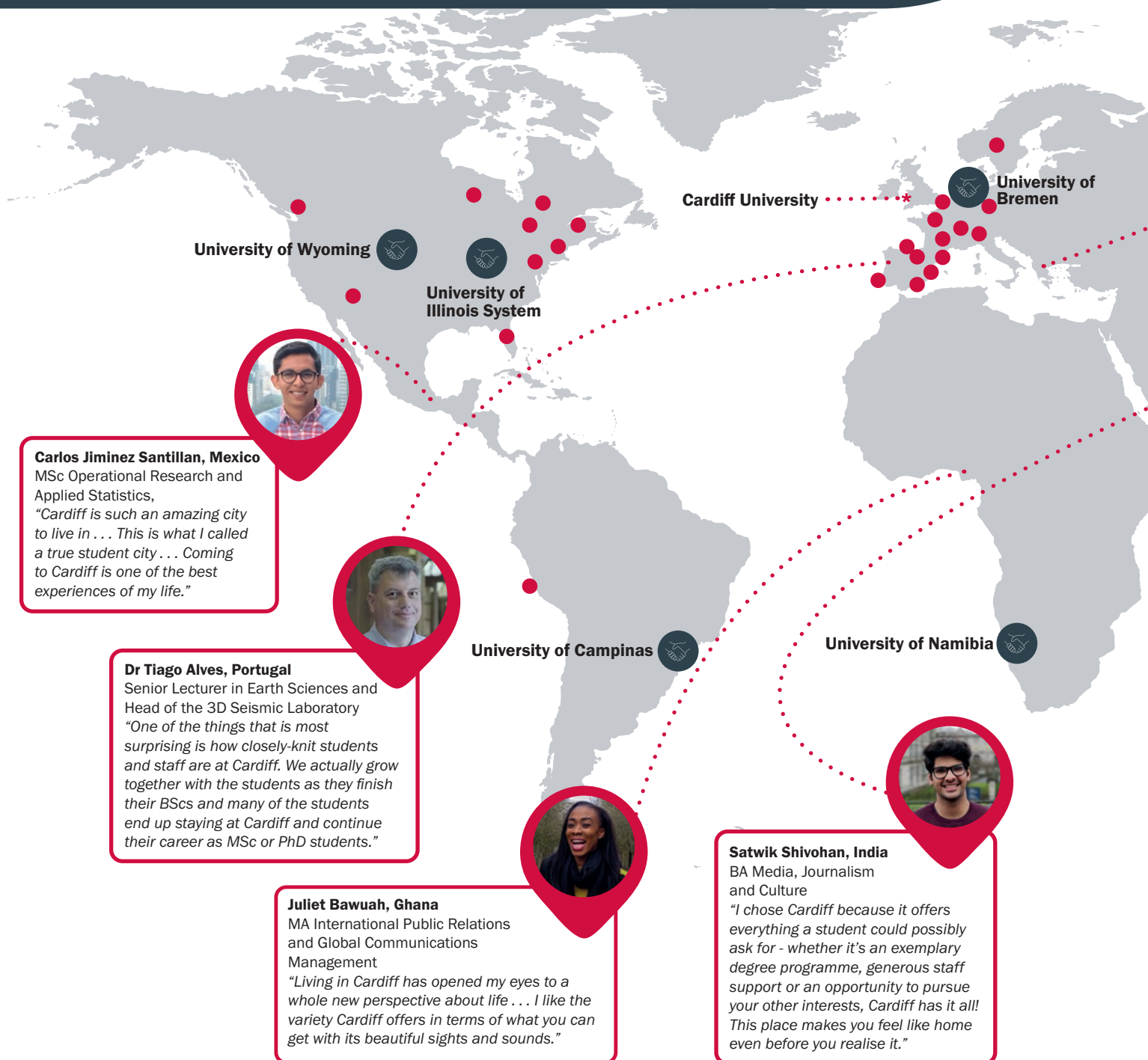
The University has changed dramatically over the past 140 years, but we remain committed to providing all students with a high-quality education and a fulfilling university experience.



# #WE ARE INTERNATIONAL

Cardiff University is truly international. With over 7,500 international students from more than 138 countries stepping through our doors each year, our student population is diverse and multicultural. We recruit worldwide for the best academic talent 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.





## International partnerships

Cardiff University is proud to have more than 200 links and partnerships across the globe, including our Strategic Partnerships with Xiamen University, University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Beijing Normal University, University of Bremen, University of Waikato, University of Wyoming, University of Illinois System and our Priority Partnership with Dalian University of Technology. These partnerships support joint research collaboration and offer mobility opportunities for students and staff.

We are proud of our international Civic Mission partnership with the University of Namibia which supports the exchange of researchers in a diverse range of fields between Wales and Namibia.

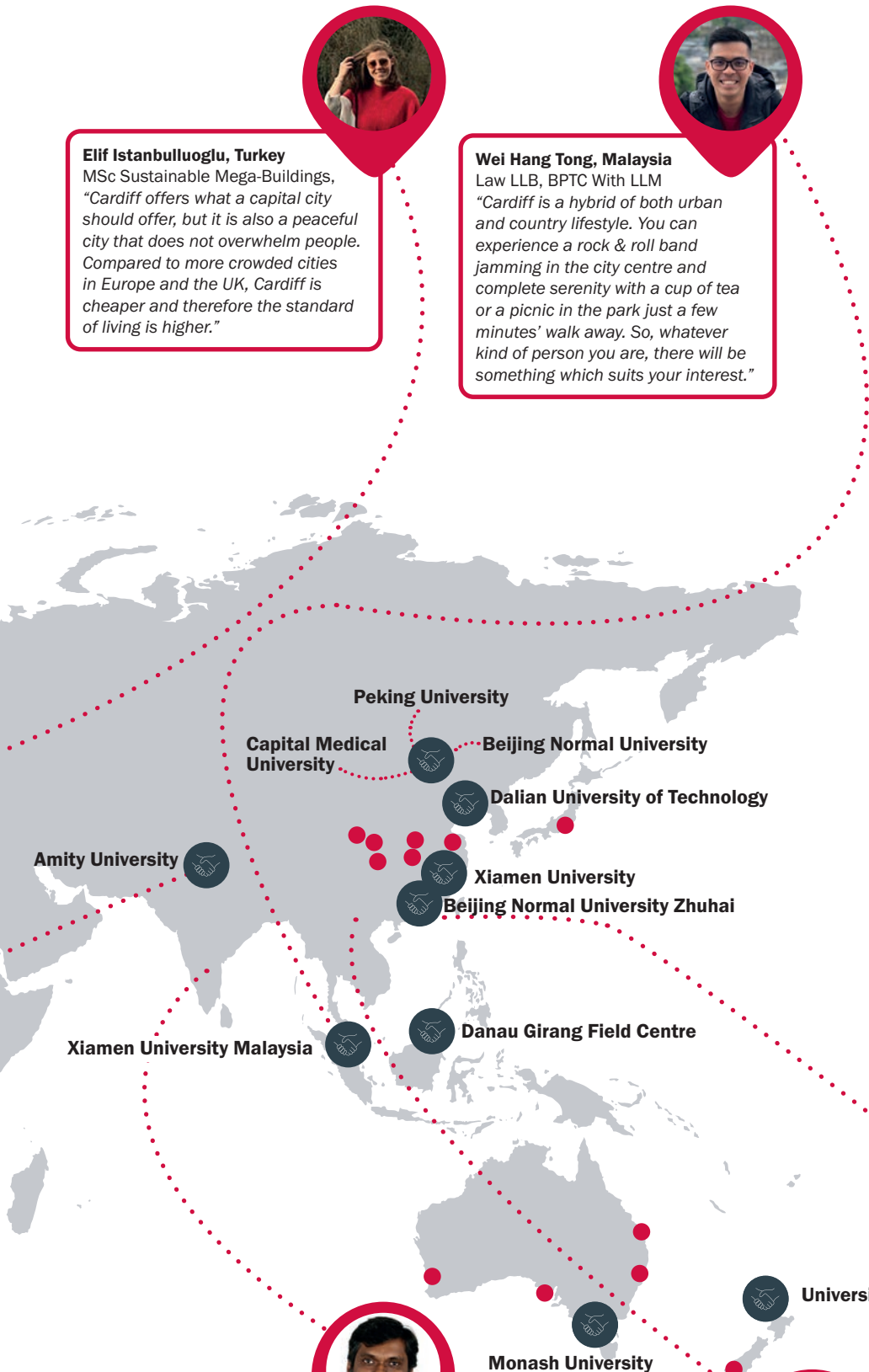
We also have a highly successful collaborative research and training facility, the Danau Girang Field Centre, which focuses on preserving biodiversity and conserving endangered species in Sabah, Malaysia.

As well as our many global research agreements, we have a host of long-standing and much valued student exchange, transfer, recruitment and mobility agreements, and partnerships worldwide. You can see the most popular of these on the map:



### Key partners

- Some of our most popular student exchange, recruitment and mobility partnerships



**Elif Istanbuluoglu, Turkey**  
MSc Sustainable Mega-Buildings,  
*"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."*



**Wei Hang Tong, Malaysia**  
Law LLB, BPTC With LLM  
*"Cardiff is a hybrid of both urban and country lifestyle. You can experience a rock & roll band jamming in the city centre and complete serenity with a cup of tea or a picnic in the park just a few minutes' walk away. So, whatever kind of person you are, there will be something which suits your interest."*

Amity University

Capital Medical University

Peking University

Beijing Normal University

Dalian University of Technology

Xiamen University

Beijing Normal University Zhuhai

Xiamen University Malaysia

Danau Girang Field Centre

University of Waikato

Monash University



**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."*



**Thu Thao Nguyen, Vietnam**  
PhD in Business and Management  
*"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."*



**Yuxin Ding, China**  
BSc Business Management (Human Resource Management)  
*"Cardiff University gave me the opportunity to shine as bright as I can and develop not only my skills through lectures and tutorials, but to develop and grow as an outstanding person. It provides everything I need, like high quality lectures, campus activities and digital education. Basically, I am enjoying an extraordinary education and campus life."*



# RESEARCH THAT MATTERS

Cardiff University is a research-led University and a member of the Russell Group. We excel in producing high quality, innovative research which makes a real difference both locally and around the world.

- **90%** of our research has been confirmed as world-leading or internationally excellent
- **11th** in the UK for impact
- **14th** in the UK for research power
- **Our academic staff** work with partners from all sectors, across the UK and overseas, to keep us at the forefront of innovation
- **Our research expertise and facilities** are used by industry and commercial partners, government bodies and other organisations internationally

Research Excellence Framework 2021

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

- 1 Degrees recognised worldwide
- 2 Innovative courses based on the latest discoveries and research
- 3 Teaching by staff who are driven by creativity and curiosity, many of whom are internationally recognised leaders in their fields
- 4 Enhanced career prospects as employers often favour well-informed graduates from research-led universities
- 5 Excellent teaching facilities and investment, including a recent £600 million campus upgrade to ensure our students continue to have access to cutting-edge resources
- 6 Joining a worldwide network of alumni holding top positions in governments, the private sector and academia

## Global collaborations to address global challenges

Our researchers collaborate with partners worldwide to tackle global issues such as climate change adaptation measures for improved food and water security, mitigation of CO2 emissions through storage in coal deposits, and the genetic architecture of mental disorders.

### Spotlight on . . . International for Africa

We have a strategic focus on building multi-disciplinary partnerships across the African continent, with an emphasis on equitable collaboration and trusted relationships at their core.

Our innovative and novel applications to UK and international funders have resulted in successful awards that facilitate international mobilities for academic staff. We are working with professionals at every stage of their career who deliver excellence in teaching and research. This demonstrates our commitment of enhancing African partnerships through co-production to strengthen mutual capacity and capability.

Our established, and mutually beneficial international Civic Mission Partnership with the University of Namibia has seen successful collaboration on many varied projects, including work with the Ministry of Arts, Education and Culture, the Namibian Association of Midwives, and UNICEF.

Current projects include; Midwifery Leadership, which develops the leadership skills of midwives in clinical practice and academia, and a Namibian School Health Research Network project in collaboration with the Ministry of Arts, Education and Culture to understand the health wellbeing of school-aged children and young people.





### Spotlight on . . . Danau Girang Field Centre

A team of Cardiff University researchers are currently working to preserve biodiversity and conserve endangered species in Borneo, focusing on several species - elephants, bantengs, proboscis monkeys and clouded leopards.

The Danau Girang Field Centre has recently been recognised by the Malaysian State Government

of Sabah for its contribution to the conservation effort of its most valued areas of natural beauty. Our Regrow Borneo carbon off-setting initiative fund raises money for forest restoration in the Kinabatangan floodplain where the field centre is located.

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/danau-girang-field-centre](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/danau-girang-field-centre)



### DID YOU KNOW?

A thriving innovation culture with connections to industry and business informs our teaching and nurtures student entrepreneurship.





## Your future, our future

As a Cardiff University student, you'll be supported throughout your studies, but it's not just us. There's a global community of over 210,000 Cardiff University alumni ready to help too.

They're on-hand to offer our students mentoring, career advice, and work placements. You can tap into this exclusive support through 'Cardiff Connected', the digital platform for Cardiff University alumni and students. Here you can connect with alumni from your career path or country and find opportunities that will help get you on your way.

But your relationship with Cardiff University doesn't end at graduation. You'll join our growing family and have access to exclusive alumni benefits and support to help you develop your career and further your education. You can make new connections and build strong relationships both online, and through our growing network of global Alumni Chapters.

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)

### DID YOU KNOW?

Cardiff University offers you a choice of more than 300 undergraduate, and 200 taught master's degrees, diplomas and certificates.

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





# 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.

### Studying with a difference

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 our libraries and the internet to research topics independently
- 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 your 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 University degree. The University is recognised by more than 40 professional bodies which ensure that the University maintains its high standards of teaching. The most recent 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.



Cardiff University has an interdisciplinary approach to teaching. This is been so beneficial for my future career, as I have gained knowledge of several disciplines to tackle real-life problems. My professors are also always open to questions and go above and beyond to help when you need it.

**Makela from Saint Lucia**  
Environmental Sciences (BSc)





# KEY FACTS

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.

Our graduates are amongst the **most sought after** by employers

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our Students' Union is the

**2nd best in the UK\*\***

We generate more than

**£110 million**

annually from research grants and contracts



Cardiff is **less than 2 hours** from London by train

Cardiff University is ranked

**154<sup>th</sup>**

in the world\*



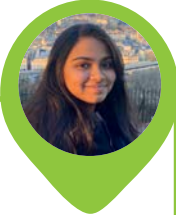
**7,530**  
international students

We are home to a community of over **33,900** students from more than **138 countries**





**90%**  
of our research has been confirmed as world-leading or internationally excellent  
(Research Excellence Framework 2021)



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*Cardiff University is simply amazing and anyone who decides to come here is making the right choice.*

**Muskaan from India**  
**Journalism, Media and English Literature (BA)**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Accommodation in University residences is **guaranteed** for all international students and is within walking distance of the University ♦

We have **16 libraries** and a range of IT suites, offering **24/7 study facilities**



**RUSSELL GROUP**  
We are a member of the elite Russell Group, which is made up of the top 24 research-led universities in the UK



Over **210,000** alumni across the globe



Our campus is frequently used as a film set for popular TV shows like **'Doctor Who'**, **'Sherlock'** and **'His Dark Materials'** as well as Hollywood blockbusters

\*QS World University Rankings 2023  
\*\*Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2023  
♦Accommodation is guaranteed provided you meet the required deadlines



# 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
- **17 Fellows of the Royal Society**
- 10 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**
- 16 members of the Academia Europaea
- **2 members of the The National Academy of Sciences (USA)**
- 162 members of the Learned Society of Wales
- **A Regius Professorship awarded to the School of Chemistry recognising the work of Professor Graham Hutchings**

## UK TOP 10

- ▶ Architecture
- ▶ Asian Studies
- ▶ Celtic Studies
- ▶ Communication and Media Studies
- ▶ Counselling, Psychotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Criminology
- ▶ Dentistry
- ▶ Education
- ▶ General Engineering
- ▶ Health Professions
- ▶ Italian
- ▶ Journalism
- ▶ Medical Technology and Bioengineering
- ▶ Nursing and Midwifery
- ▶ Optometry, Ophthalmology and Orthoptics
- ▶ Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- ▶ Physiotherapy
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Town and Country Planning and Landscape Design

While rankings are a useful guideline, you should also consider the structure and teaching style of the course you wish to study, and what other opportunities the University and academic school can offer you.

Subject rankings: You can view the scores for subject areas in the Course List (pages 20-43). These lists show subject areas at Cardiff University ranked by independent sources including: The Complete University Guide 2024, The Guardian University Guide 2024, QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023, Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022, Times Higher Education World University Rankings 3023 and The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023.



# 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.

## WORLD TOP 50

- ▶ Communication and Media Studies
- ▶ Biological Sciences
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Public Administration



## WORLD TOP 100

- ▶ Architecture/Built Environment
- ▶ Dentistry
- ▶ English Language and Literature
- ▶ Nursing
- ▶ Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- ▶ Social Policy and Administration
- ▶ Sociology



## WORLD TOP 150

- ▶ Accounting and Finance
- ▶ Archaeology
- ▶ Business and Management Studies
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Earth and Marine Science
- ▶ Engineering (Civil and Structural)
- ▶ Geology
- ▶ Geophysics
- ▶ Medicine
- ▶ Oceanography
- ▶ Political Sciences
- ▶ Social Sciences





# CARDIFF

## THE CAPITAL CITY OF WALES

Cardiff University is at the heart of a thriving and growing capital city. Located on the coast of South Wales, Cardiff is just 30 minutes away from beautiful beaches and world-famous national parks. The city also has excellent transport links and is just a two-hour train journey from London.

Cardiff is a great place to be a student. It is regularly ranked as one of the best UK cities for students with affordable living costs, a vibrant sports and arts culture and a diverse university community, right at the heart of the city centre.



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

### 5 facts about Wales

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.



Beyond Cardiff you can explore the natural beauty of Wales's National Parks, such as the mountainous Bannau Brycheiniog 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!

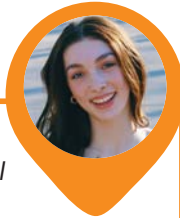


The red dragon is the national symbol of Wales, with legends telling the story of how the red dragon defeated an invading white dragon in a fierce battle.



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





I loved the price point Cardiff offered for international students but honestly, what ultimately made me choose Cardiff was how the staff and students made me feel. I felt safe and comfortable with everyone I had talked to, and it felt like a home away from home before I had even applied.

Lillian from the USA  
Journalism and Communications (BA)



### 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.



Cardiff to London  
150 miles / 240 km



### Travel time by train

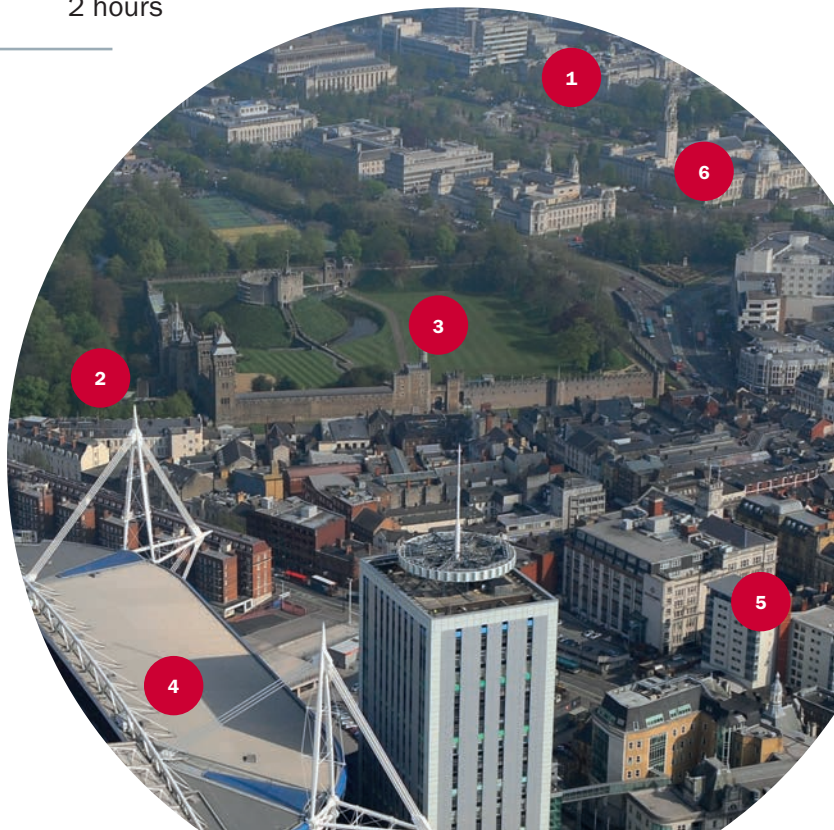
City	Time
London	2 hours
Manchester	3.5 hours
Birmingham	2 hours



Cardiff is consistently voted as one of the **friendliest cities** in the UK.

### KEY

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





# ACCOMMODATION

## Safe and supportive

One of the advantages of living in 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

International (not including EU, EEA or Swiss national) students are guaranteed a single occupancy place in University residences for the full duration of their studies.\* You will have your own study bedroom. Cardiff University does not have shared rooms or dormitories.

\* Accommodation is guaranteed provided you meet the required deadlines.

## 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 rent 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 53.

For the 2023/24 year self-catered residences range from £123-£157 a week. Part-catered residences range from £140-£160 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 or part-catered
- a variety of social and sporting facilities
- quiet living and LGBT+ options



“Thanks to the diverse Residence Life team, not only did I meet people who I could relate to in terms of courses and cultures, but I also made wonderful friends.”

**Sajid from Tanzania**  
**Law (LLB)**

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## YOUR GUARANTEE OF ACCOMMODATION

You are guaranteed a single-occupancy place in University residences for the full duration of your studies. This is provided you apply through the normal admission and allocation process and re-apply for residences each year through the international returners process (not available for EU, EEA or Swiss nationals), and meet the required deadlines.

We know 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 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.

## Approximate walking times

	Clodien House	Senghennydd Court	Talybont Court
Business School	25 minutes	15 minutes	10 minutes
Heath Park Campus	5 minutes	41 minutes	29 minutes
City Centre	30 minutes	5 minutes	20 minutes
Main Building and Students' Union	25 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes

## LOOK AT THE MAP

on page 54 to see where residences are located. You will also find that, like the university, student residences are within easy reach of shops, the city centre and parks.



## How do I apply for residences?

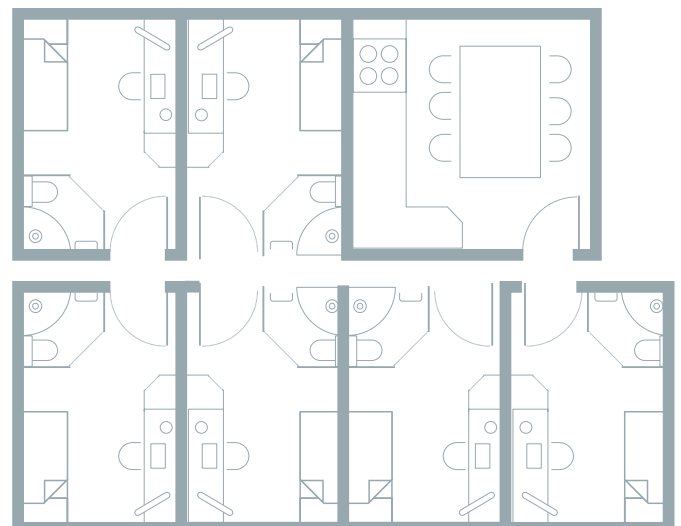
After you apply, and if you accept an offer to study, you will be sent full information on how to apply for University residences.

## 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's 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 Cardiff University residences.

Find out more online





# 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 course pages or 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)

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## 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)

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## SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

### Is there an application fee?

**Undergraduate** – Cardiff University does not charge an application fee, however, UCAS will charge a fee of £27 to process your application.

**Postgraduate** – For the vast majority of courses, Cardiff 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, we encourage 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.



Need tips on how to write a great personal statement?

Visit the UCAS website:

[www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement](http://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement)



# COURSE LIST

## COURSES AND SCHOOLS' DIRECTORY

### COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Business	22
English, Communication and Philosophy	28
Geography and Planning	29
History, Archaeology and Religion	28
Journalism, Media and Culture	31
Law and Politics	32
Modern Languages	36
Music	37
Social Sciences	42
Welsh	43



### COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

Architecture	20
Chemistry	23
Computer Science and Informatics	24
Earth and Environmental Sciences	26
Engineering	27
Mathematics	34
Physics and Astronomy	40



### COLLEGE OF BIOMEDICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES

Biosciences	21
Dentistry	25
Healthcare Sciences	30
Medicine	35
Optometry and Vision Sciences	38
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	39
Psychology	41



# WELSH SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE



**Location:**  
Bute Building  
(map ref 6)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Architectural practices and consultancies from boutique to major firms worldwide, including **ARUP, Foster + Partners, Hawkins\Brown, Loyn and Co, Peter Barber Architects, Scott Brownrigg, Wilkinson Eyre Architects**, and many others.

A world-leading centre of excellence for architecture and the built environment.

**100%** of our impact case studies and **93%** of our outputs were assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent in the Research Excellence Framework 2021.

## TOP 10 ARCHITECTURE

1. University of Cambridge
2. University of Bath
3. Loughborough University
4. UCL (University College London)

### 5. Cardiff University

6. University of Edinburgh
7. Queen's University Belfast
8. University of Liverpool
9. University of Sheffield
10. Newcastle University

The Complete University Guide, 2024

## OTHER RANKINGS

- 3rd** Architecture  
The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023
- 4th** In UK for Research Excellence  
Research Excellence Framework 2021
- 4th** Architecture  
The Guardian University Guide 2024
- 37th** in world for Architecture  
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023



Established in 1920, the Welsh School of Architecture (WSA) is one of the top-ranked schools of architecture in the UK. Our distinctiveness lies in our longstanding focus on sustainability and the wellbeing of present and future generations. Our research and teaching covers a wide spectrum of topics, from conservation to sustainable and environmental design, architectural history and theory to computational modelling.

Embracing the diversity and transdisciplinary nature of architecture, we pursue excellence in research and innovation in teaching and learning across design, the arts, crafts, humanities, and sciences. We provide a vibrant, collaborative environment alongside our strong studio culture, encouraging student architects to confront complex situations and issues with intelligence and creativity.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

## POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT COURSES

Architectural Design (MA)  
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)

\*Now available as Distance Learning Courses

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES:

PhD Architecture  
MPhil Architecture  
PhD Creative Practice  
[ARCHI-research@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:ARCHI-research@cardiff.ac.uk)

We currently support a diverse cohort of Postgraduate Research Students at WSA with a lively research culture across 6 research areas:

- Computational Methods in Architecture
- Design Practice Materials and Making
- Energy Environments and People
- Heritage and Conservation
- History
- Theory and Urbanism

## RANKED 37<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD FOR ARCHITECTURE AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023



*My course offered a wide range of practical modules to present the actual working environment in the field of sustainable building design. It also promoted a great, fair, tolerant and diverse learning environment, helping students across the world with different backgrounds, for example; architects, engineers, designers and consultants to work and learn together to create sustainable buildings. I enjoyed the way my teachers and professors saw us as colleagues instead of students, truly caring about discovering the strength of each of us. Inspired by my supervisor, lecturers and tutors, I moved on to start my PhD at the Welsh School of Architecture.*

**Jue from China**  
Environmental Design of Buildings (MSc)



## Biosciences

www.cardiff.ac.uk/biosciences

# SCHOOL OF BIOSCIENCES



### Location:

Sir Martin Evans Building  
(map ref 2)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Biotechnology; Education; Research and Development; Biological Industries; Medical and Scientific Research; Wildlife Management; Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Industries; Public Sector Organisations; Conservation; Healthcare.**

# RANKED 27<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD FOR BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022

## RANKINGS

- 7th** For research impact in the UK **Research Excellence Framework 2021**
- 8th** For research power in the UK **Research Excellence Framework 2021**
- 117th** Life Sciences and Medicine **QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023**

Our teaching staff are leaders in their field and faculty members regularly receive external recognition for their **teaching excellence**. The school includes three National Teaching Fellows and award winners from the Royal Society of Biology, British Society of Immunology and the Biochemical Society.



The School of Biosciences is a supportive and innovative place to learn about the full range of biological and biomedical sciences, from the molecular level to whole ecosystems. Informed by our world-leading research, our teaching staff aim to equip you with the skills to confront some of the world's greatest challenges.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

## INTEGRATED MASTERS

Biological Sciences (MBiol)  
Biochemistry (MBiochem)  
Biomedical Sciences (MBiomed)  
Neuroscience (MNeuro)

\*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)  
biosi-mres@cardiff.ac.uk  
Global Ecology and Conservation (MSc)  
Big Data Biology (MSc)

## PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

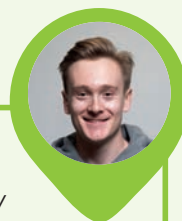
- Arthritis
- Biomedicine
- Plant Science
- Cancer Cell Biology
- Ecology and Evolution
- Integrative Neuroscience
- Molecular Biosciences
- Neuroscience
- Zoology

We 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.



*Cardiff has everything I wanted from a university: high quality academics, new and exciting things to do, and easy travel to the countryside. Studying at Cardiff has given me the opportunity to make friends with people from all over the world and learn things that I never would have otherwise. Cardiff is a really great school for anyone looking to do something different and broaden their horizons.*

**Caleb from the USA**  
**Biomedical Sciences (BSc/MBiomed)**





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

## CARDIFF BUSINESS SCHOOL



**Location:**  
Cardiff Business School  
(map ref 30)



### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Activision; Burberry; Citi Bank; Deloitte; Dyson; Fuji; HSBC; KPMG; Lidl; Maersk Line; Microsoft; MUJI; NHS; ONS; PWC; Panalpina DSV**

### RANKINGS

- Top 150** Business and Economics  
**THE World University Rankings**  
by Subject 2022
- Top 150** Business and Management Studies  
**QS World University Rankings**  
by Subject 2023
- Top 150** Accounting and Finance  
**QS World University Rankings**  
by Subject 2023
- 13th** Accounting and Finance  
**The Complete University Guide 2024**
- 26th** Business and Management Studies  
**The Complete University Guide 2024**

† Association to Advance Collegiate  
Schools of Business

\*Association of MBAs

### OUR PUBLIC VALUE PURPOSE

We value more than just economic success. We want to bring humanity, sustainability, generosity and innovation to the business sector.

Find out more:

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

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.

We are an AACSB International<sup>†</sup> and AMBA\* accredited business school with a clear purpose: to make a difference in the communities of Wales and the world. We will challenge you to think differently and give you the tools and techniques to bring about change during your studies and beyond.

#### INTERNATIONAL

##### FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

##### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Accounting (BSc)  
Accounting and Finance (BSc)  
Banking and Finance (BScEcon)  
Business Economics (BScEcon)  
Business Management (BSc)\*

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

Business Studies and Japanese (BSc)  
Economics (BScEcon)

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

\*Available with a European language.

##### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

[studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:studybusiness@cardiff.ac.uk)  
Business Administration (MBA)\*  
Business Administration with Artificial Intelligence (MBA)  
Business Management (MSc)

\*available full-time and part-time

##### ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounting and Finance (MSc)  
Finance (MSc)

#### ECONOMICS

Economics (MSc)  
Financial Economics (MSc)  
International Economics,  
Banking and Finance (MSc)

#### HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Human Resource Management (MSc)  
International 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

Business Strategy and  
Entrepreneurship (MSc)  
Marketing (MSc)  
Strategic Marketing (MSc)

#### PHD RESEARCH AREAS

- Accounting and Finance
- Economics
- Logistics and Operations Management
- Management, Employment and Organisation
- Marketing and Strategy
- [CARBS-PhD@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:CARBS-PhD@cardiff.ac.uk)

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

## SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY



**Location:**  
Main Building  
(map ref 1)

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**3M; AstraZeneca; Airbus; Cadbury;  
CogentPower; GlaxoSmithKline; Intellectual  
Patent Office; Jones Environmental Forensics**

### RANKINGS

**12th** in the UK for research impact  
**99%** of our research is deemed world-leading  
or internationally excellent  
Research Excellence Framework 2021

Our excellent research facilities include the Cardiff Catalysis Institute, based in the state-of-the-art Translational Research Hub, which brings industry and scientists together to focus on global challenges, including net zero.

In 2016, we were awarded a rare and prestigious **Regius Professorship** – the first in Wales – by Her Majesty the Queen, recognising our long track record of exceptionally high quality research and teaching.

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



Chemistry has an established tradition at Cardiff University, having been taught here since 1883. Today, sustainability is high on our agenda, reflected by our landmark research into catalysis for a greener future.

We provide a supportive learning and research environment for our international student community in the vibrant capital city of Wales.

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Chemistry (BSc) \*†  
Medicinal Chemistry (BSc)  
Chemistry (MChem) \*†

\* Also available with a placement year abroad

† Also available with a year in industry

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advanced Chemistry (MSc)  
Medicinal Chemistry (MSc)  
[chemistry@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:chemistry@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

- Biological Chemistry
- Catalysis in the Cardiff Catalysis Institute
- Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Organic Synthesis
- Physical Organic Chemistry
- Solid State Materials
- Theoretical and Computational Chemistry

[chemistry-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:chemistry-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk)



*Studying at Cardiff University has been a truly rewarding experience for me. My course was structured exceptionally well and covered all aspects of drug molecule application and analysis in great detail. The academic staff are incredibly supportive, friendly, and patient, and always willing to answer my questions and check on my project progress. Overall, this course has offered me an in-depth and comprehensive learning experience that I recommend.*

**Hiroki from Japan**  
Medicinal Chemistry (MSc)



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

## SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATICS



**Location:**  
ABACWS Building  
(map ref 18)



### GRADUATE ROLES INCLUDE:

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

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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

- Computer Science and Informatics (PhD, MPhil)

[comsc-pgresearch@cs.cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:comsc-pgresearch@cs.cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advanced Computer Science (MSc)<sup>†</sup>  
Artificial Intelligence (MSc)<sup>†</sup>  
Computational and Data Journalism (MSc)  
Computing (MSc)<sup>†</sup>  
Computing and IT Management (MSc)<sup>†</sup>  
Cyber Security (MSc)  
Cyber Security and Technology (MSc)  
Data Analytics for Government (MSc)  
Data Science and Analytics (MSc)  
Natural Language Processing (MSc)  
Software Engineering (MSc)<sup>†</sup>  
[computing-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:computing-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

<sup>†</sup> Available with a placement year



I finished my bachelor's degree in India and I was thinking about studying data science or AI- something that would change the world! Now I'm working for a company trying to tackle climate change, all thanks to the knowledge I've gained during my time in Cardiff.

**Nisargkumar from India**  
**Artificial Intelligence (MSc)**



96% OF OUR RESEARCH IS  
**RANKED AS**  
**WORLD-LEADING**  
OR INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT

(Research Excellence Framework 2021)

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

Our school has dedicated resources for:  
**motion capture, 3D data capture, knowledge representation and reasoning, cloud computing, computational modelling, 'Internet of Things' research, computational music**

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

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



**Location:**  
Dental Hospital  
(map ref 76)

Our courses will give you the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to excel in your chosen career, placing you in **high demand** amongst employers across Wales, the UK and beyond.



The School of Dentistry offers international entry onto one undergraduate programme, six postgraduate taught programmes, and its postgraduate research programmes, all of which provide high quality clinical and/or academic training.

Our students work with leaders in their respective fields and have access to some of the finest clinical, educational and research facilities in the UK.

Our broad range of taught master's courses offer pathways into clinical specialisation and research training in the biomedical and life sciences.

Our research groups - made up of academics who are recognised as leaders in their respective fields - conduct specialised research which has helped improve the lives of people across Wales, the UK and beyond.



I chose Cardiff University because of its well-known scientific community in the field of dentistry, and its advanced positions in international rankings.

**Yousif from Kuwait**  
**MClinDent Clinical Dentistry**  
**(Endodontology)**

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Specialist Dental Care; Dental Academia;  
Oral Scientific Interfaces**

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Prosthodontics (MClinDent)  
Endodontics (MClinDent)  
Implantology (MSc)  
Oral Biology (MSc)  
Orthodontics (MScD)  
Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (MSc)  
PhD with a Clinical Component  
[DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

- Advanced Therapies
  - Biomaterials
  - Dental Public Health
  - Dental Data Science
  - Dental Education
  - Improving Dentistry
  - Mechanisms of Human Health and Disease
  - Violence
  - Welsh Oral Health Information Unit
- [DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:DentalPGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

You'll join a tight-knit community of students and academics from across the world, and have access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, such as our **£2.2 million simulation suite**.

**WORLD TOP 80  
FOR DENTISTRY**

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023



## Earth and Environmental Sciences

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

# SCHOOL OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



### Location:

Main Building  
(map ref 1)

We offer **exceptional facilities** with state-of-the-art laboratories available, including our CELTIC Laboratory. Here, students can analyse the trace element and isotopic composition of a range of samples, from meteorites to sea water.

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**BHP Billiton; Environment Agency; Port of Dover, Wildlife Trust, Marine Conservation Society, Geo Services International; Mott Macdonald; Parsons Brinckerhoff; Titan Environmental Surveys**

I studied Applied Environmental Geology MSc and I'm currently working at Brownfield Solutions Ltd as a project engineer. I enjoyed working on geotechnical and geo-environmental solutions and I'm looking forward to having my own company back home. This course has supported that!

**Chigozie from Nigeria**  
Applied Geology (Msc)



As Wales' Most Sustainable University 2023, there's no better place to learn about every aspect of the Earth's structure, ecology, geography and resource management than in our own School of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Fieldwork is integral to our teaching and research, and we are one of the only geoscientific universities offering accessible in-person fieldwork for students with additional accessibility requirements.

Our location in South Wales provides us with easy access to world-famous national parks, geological rarities and stunning coastal, mountainous and post-industrial landscapes, as well as marine fieldwork in our own research vessel, the Guiding Light.

We offer flexible courses with options for an industrial placement year, overseas field-trips, and a year abroad to broaden our students' experience and help them gain lucrative skills.

### BSC/MSCI UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

All undergraduate courses offer a professional placement year, except Environmental Sustainability Science (BSc)  
Environmental Geography (BSc/MSci)  
Environmental Geoscience (BSc/MSci)  
Environmental Sustainability Science (BSc)  
Exploration Geology (BSc/MSci)  
Geology (BSc/MSci)  
Marine Geography (BSc/MSci)  
Physical Geography (BSc/MSci + PP)  
[earth-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Applied Environmental Geology (MSc)  
Environmental Hazards (MSc)  
Water in a Changing World (MSc)  
[earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

- Climate Change Impacts
  - Living Oceans
  - Environmental Hazards and Risk
  - Habitable Earth
  - Tectonics and Geophysics
  - Magmatic Processes
  - Minerals and Energy
- [earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

All of our programmes are professionally **accredited** by relevant external organisations, such as the Geological Society of London for geology and geoscience courses and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors for Marine Geography.

**Engineering**[www.cardiff.ac.uk/engineering](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/engineering)

# SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

**Location:**Trevithick and Queen's Building  
(map ref 21)**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**

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

# 1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE UK FOR ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

The Guardian University Guide 2024



Join the School of Engineering and help make the world a better place. Benefitting from leading research and strong partnerships with industrial leaders, you'll receive a cutting-edge, career focused education from global experts. Our graduates are in high demand by employers and, as an undergraduate student, you'll have the opportunity to undertake a year in industry. Help us shape the future of engineering by choosing to study with us today.

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME**Engineering  
[foundation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto: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](mailto:engineering-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

Advanced Mechanical Engineering (MSc)  
Building Infrastructure and Information Modelling for Smart Engineering (MSc)  
Civil Engineering (MSc)  
Civil and Geoenvironmental Engineering (MSc)  
Civil and Water Engineering (MSc)  
Compound Semiconductor Electronics (MSc)  
Electrical Energy Systems (MSc)  
Engineering Net Zero (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](mailto: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](mailto:engineering-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk)

Engineering is always tough and requires a lot of time being put into it and I have found that Cardiff has a lot of good study spaces that can help keep the experience fresh. Cardiff is such a student-focused city and the campus and surrounding area are great for the student lifestyle. I expected a capital city filled with buildings but didn't expect so many green spaces! It's also a really affordable city to live in which is great when you are an international student.

**Rakitha from Sri Lanka, Integrated Engineering with a Year in Industry (MEng)**



## 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:

John Percival Building  
(map ref 27)

### RANKINGS

- 22nd** Philosophy  
The Complete University Guide 2024
- 24th** English  
The Complete University Guide 2024
- 67th** English Language and Literature  
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023

Critical rigour, creative thinking, and intellectual inquisitiveness are at the heart of our teaching and research. Enriched by our diverse student community, we explore new perspectives in the study of language, texts, cultures, ideas, values and identities. With specialisms in English literature and language, creative writing and philosophy, you'll benefit from teaching delivered by world-leading researchers and experienced practitioners.

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Our graduates secure diverse and varied roles across the public, private and third sectors. These include: **Education (Teaching); Journalism and Digital Media; Marketing and PR; Sales and Advertising; Copywriting and Editing; the Civil Service; Management; HR; Communications; Local Government; Heritage; and 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 other humanities subjects including modern languages.  
[encap-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:encap-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### 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

- Creative and Critical Writing (PhD only)
  - Critical and Cultural Theory
  - English Literature
  - Language and Communication
  - Philosophy
- [encap-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:encap-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

Our innovative **engagement platforms** include Cardiff BookTalk, Cardiff Philosophy Festival, Cardiff Poetry Experiment and Intersections.

## 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 27)

### RANKINGS

- 13th** Archaeology
  - 16th** Theology and Religious Studies
  - 35th** History
- The Complete University Guide 2024

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 partnership with Museum Wales and access to a number of historically significant sites.

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

Our graduates make their mark in a range of different fields, including: **Media; Heritage; Education and Teaching; Law; the Civil Service; HR; Finance; Advertising; and Marketing and Communications.**

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

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Ancient History (BA)  
Ancient History and History (BA)  
Archaeology (BA/BSc)  
Archaeology and Ancient History (BA)  
Archaeology and History (BA)  
Conservation of Objects in Museums and Archaeology (BSc)  
History (BA)  
English Literature and History (BA)  
Modern History and Politics (BA)

Religion and Theology (BA)  
Religious Studies and Philosophy (BA)  
Welsh and History (BA)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Archaeology (MA)  
Archaeological Science (MSc)  
Care of Collections (MSc)  
Conservation Practice (MSc)  
History (MA)  
Professional Conservation (MSc)  
Theology (MTh)

### PHD/MPHIL

- Ancient History
- Archaeology
- Conservation
- History and Welsh History
- Religious and Theological Studies

## Geography and Planning

www.cardiff.ac.uk/geography-planning

# SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING



### Location:

Glamorgan Building  
(map ref 7)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Government; Planning Consultancies;  
Environmental Planning Companies;  
Environmental Consultancies; Urban  
Design Companies; Transport Planning and  
Civil Engineering Organisations; Charities;  
Teaching**

## ACCREDITATIONS

Several of our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are accredited (partially or fully) by leading professional bodies or learned societies. These include the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), Royal Geographical Society (RGS), Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT).

# RANKED 21<sup>ST</sup> IN THE WORLD FOR GEOGRAPHY

Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects  
2022

## RANKINGS

- 9th** in the UK for research power  
**Research Excellence Framework 2021**
- 12th** Town and Country Planning and  
Landscape Design  
**The Complete University Guide 2024**



As an internationally recognised centre of excellence for teaching, research and engagement, we have built our reputation across the boundaries of urban planning and human geography with an emphasis on the built and natural environments, and the impacts of economic, social, political and cultural change.

We are a passionate community of critical and creative change-makers. Our aim is to help solve some of the stubborn contemporary challenges facing human society, transforming places, spaces and systems to ensure better outcomes for people and populations around the world.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Human Geography (BSc)  
Human Geography and Planning (BSc)  
Urban Planning and Development (BSc)  
*All undergraduate programmes are available  
with a professional placement year.*  
gandpenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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)  
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

We offer PhD/MPhil study in Geography and Planning, with the following research themes:

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

Many 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 from the USA**  
Human Geography and Planning (BSc)



## Healthcare Sciences

www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcare-sciences

# SCHOOL OF HEALTHCARE SCIENCES



### Location:

Eastgate House  
(map ref 22)

Heath Park Campus  
(map ref 79)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Occupational Therapist; Physiotherapist;  
Radiographer; Radiotherapist; Nurse;  
Midwife; Advanced Practitioner; Specialist  
Practitioner; Prescriber; Lecturer; Researcher**

## RANKINGS

- 3rd** Midwifery  
The Guardian University Guide 2024
- 7th** Nursing  
QS World University Rankings by Subject  
2023
- 14th** Physiotherapy  
The Complete University Guide 2024



*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 from Saudi Arabia  
Healthcare (PhD)**



We are a leading provider of postgraduate international education and research for nursing, midwifery and allied health professionals. Delivered through a mixture of self-directed and contact sessions, our programmes are designed to help you advance in your career and meet the challenges of a rapidly changing healthcare environment.

International undergraduate students can now study on our popular Bachelor in Adult Nursing (BN) course and join a vibrant and diverse academic community.

Following a multi-million pound investment, the School of Healthcare Sciences will be moving in 2024 to Heath Park West, adjacent to University Hospital Wales. Our new location includes modern and bespoke teaching and simulation spaces, giving students chance to gain practical experience across different health professions, all at the heart of the largest hospital in Wales.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

### Bachelor in Adult Nursing (BN)

For the first time, we are pleased to offer international students the opportunity to study on this programme for a reduced tuition fee at Cardiff University.

Please get in touch to find out more about this exciting opportunity.

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

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advanced Healthcare Practice (MSc)  
Occupational Therapy (MSc)  
Physiotherapy (MSc)  
Radiography (MSc)  
Sports and Exercise Physiotherapy (MSc)  
[hcarepgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:hcarepgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Our research is structured across three themes:

- Optimising wellbeing and the management of long-term conditions
- Optimising service delivery and organisation
- 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](mailto:hcarephdenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk)

Students benefit from **specialty 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.

## OUR BACHELOR IN ADULT NURSING (BN) PROGRAMME IS NOW OPEN TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## Journalism, Media and Culture

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/journalism-media-and-culture](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/journalism-media-and-culture)

# SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, MEDIA AND CULTURE



### Location:

Two Central Square  
(map ref 13)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Sectors include:** Communications and IT; Finance; Real Estate; Education; Transportation; Retail

**Roles include:** Journalism and Media Journalist; Editor; Business Executive; PR Professional; Writer; Translator; Research Associate; Reporter; Production Editor; Teacher

# RANKED 29<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD FOR COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023

## RANKINGS

- 10th** Communication and Media Studies  
The Complete University Guide 2024
- 10th** Communication and Media Studies  
The Complete University Guide 2024
- 14th** Journalism  
The Guardian Good University Guide 2024



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.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Journalism and Communications (BA)  
Media and Communications (BA)  
Media, Journalism and Culture (BA)  
Journalism, Communications and Politics (BA)  
Journalism, Media and English Literature (BA)  
Welsh and Journalism (BA)  
[jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto: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) (accredited by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations)  
Journalism, Media and Communications (MA)  
Magazine Journalism (MA) (accredited by the Professional Publishers Association)  
News Journalism (MA) (accredited by the National Council for the Training of Journalists)  
Political Communication (MA)  
[jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*accredited by the Broadcast Journalism Training Council

## PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Journalism, Media and Culture, with specialisms in:

- Digital Media and Society
- Journalism and Democracy
- Media, Culture and Creativity

[jomecstudentsupport@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto: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.



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

**Tanisha from Jamaica International Public Relations and Global Communications Management (MA)**





## Law, Politics and International Relations

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/law-politics](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/law-politics)

# SCHOOL OF LAW AND POLITICS



### Location:

Law Building  
(map ref 4)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

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

## RESEARCH

In the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF) our legal research was placed **5th for research environment** and **6th for research impact**. In the 'law' Unit of Assessment (UOA) we achieved an overall grade point average of 3.34, placing us 15th in the UK.

## AWARD WINNING PRO BONO SCHEMES

We give you a head start in your legal career via our Pro Bono Unit. You can develop your skills in client care, legal research, writing and public speaking, whilst working on real cases and helping members of the community.

One of our schemes is the Cardiff University Innocence Project.

## CARDIFF UNIVERSITY INNOCENCE PROJECT:

The project conducts casework, research, and advocacy on the topic of miscarriages of justice and is the only university Innocence Project in the UK to have helped overturn cases at the Court of Appeal.



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.

## LAW

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Law (LLB)  
Law and Criminology (LLB)  
Law and Politics (LLB)  
Law and Welsh (LLB)  
Law and French (LLB)  
[lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Canon Law (LLM)  
Governance and Devolution (LLM)  
Human Rights Law (LLM)  
Intellectual Property Law (LLM)  
International Commercial Law (LLM)  
Law (LLM)  
Legal Aspects of Medical Practice (LLM)  
Shipping Law (LLM)  
[lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PROFESSIONAL LEGAL TRAINING

Bar Training Course (BTC)  
LLM and PgDip pathways available  
[law-btc@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-btc@cardiff.ac.uk)  
Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL)  
[law-gdl@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-gdl@cardiff.ac.uk)  
Legal Practice Course (LPC LLM)  
[law-lpc@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-lpc@cardiff.ac.uk)

### 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 of Crime Law and Justice
  - Centre for Environment Justice
  - Centre for European Law and Governance
  - Centre for Health and Social Care Law
  - Cardiff Law and Global Justice
  - Centre for Law and Religion
  - Centre of Law and Society
- [lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk)

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



**Cassandra from Malaysia**  
Law (LLB)





## POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

French and Politics (BA)  
 German and Politics (BA)  
 International Relations (BScEcon)  
 Italian and Politics (BA)  
 Journalism, Communication and Politics (BA)  
 Modern History and Politics (BA)  
 Politics (BScEcon)  
 Politics and Philosophy (BScEcon)  
 Politics and Sociology (BA)  
 Politics and Spanish (BA)  
 Welsh and Politics (BA)  
[lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lawpladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

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

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

We offer five PhD/MPhil pathways.

1. Comparative Politics, Policy and Governance (PhD/MPhil)
2. European Politics & Area Studies (PhD/MPhil)
3. International Relations & Politics (PhD/MPhil)
4. Political Theory (PhD/MPhil)
5. Wales (PhD/MPhil)

Our research areas cover:


- The Cold War
- Comparative Politics, Policy and Governance
- Critical Global Politics
- Critical Military Studies
- Development and Postcolonialism
- Digital Technologies, Internet Governance and Cyber-Security
- European Politics and Area Studies
- Gender and International Relations
- Global Environmental Politics
- Intelligence and Security

- International Law and International Relations
  - Nuclear Politics
  - Political and International Theory
  - Public Policy
  - Security Studies
  - Wales, Territorial and Devolutionary Politics
- [lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lawpol-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk)

Research in politics and international relations scored the highest possible score of 4.0 for impact and 80% of our submission was considered **world-leading or internationally excellent** in terms of originality and significance.

## WORLD TOP 150 FOR POLITICAL SCIENCES

Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022



*I would highly recommend the Politics and Public Policy programme at Cardiff University if you want to gain a broader understanding of the political and policy processes that shape and affect everyday life across the globe. The programme enables you to understand different points of view, as well as shape your own political values and beliefs. More specifically, the Politics and Public Policy programme allows you to develop transferable research, thinking and communication skills that will enable you to build a successful career in whatever field you choose.*

**Michael from the UK**  
**Politics and Public Policy**  
**(MScEcon)**



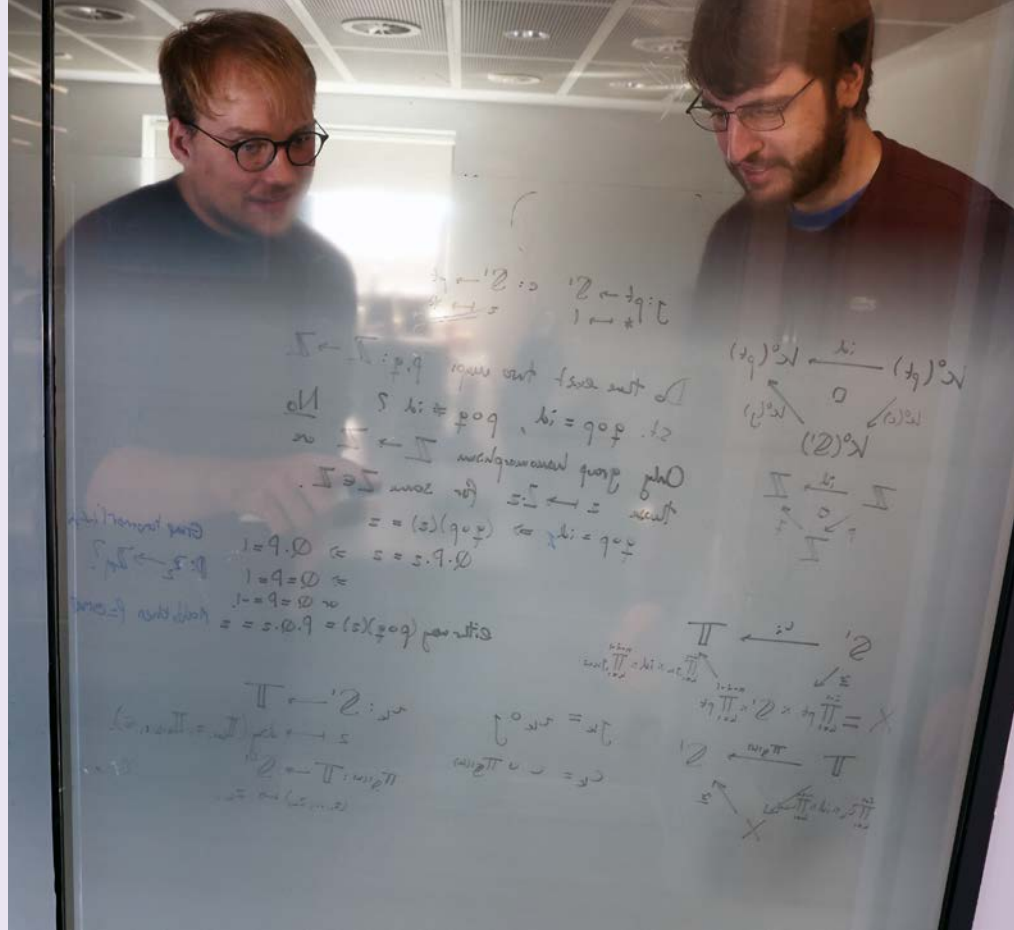
## Mathematics

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

# SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS



**Location:**  
ABACWS  
(map ref 18)



## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Finance Manager; Lecturer; Risk Analyst; Statistician; Operational Research; Management Scientist; Management Consultant; Business Analyst; Supply Chain Manager; Government Operational Research; Statistics**

## EMPLOYABILITY

Our intellectually exciting degrees produce graduates with **key employability skills** who are in demand in both the public and private sectors.



*My reason for choosing Cardiff University to study maths was its excellence in terms of teaching, it's part of the Russell Group and its contribution towards research and development in the world.*

*The support I received from staff was constant from day one and the help I've had with finding a future job has been invaluable.*

**Kumud from India**  
**Data Science and Analytics (MSc)**

There has never been a better time to join the School of Mathematics. With some of the best mathematicians, global cutting-edge research and a wide range of courses to choose from, you'll be opening yourself up to a world of career opportunities.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Mathematics (BSc)\*†  
Mathematics (MMath)\*†  
Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics (BSc)\*†  
Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics (MMORS)\*†  
Financial Mathematics

## JOINT HONOURS

Mathematics and Music (BA)\*  
[mathematics@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto: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 Analytics for Government (MSc)  
Data Science and Analytics (MSc)  
Mathematics (MSc)  
[MScMaths@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:MScMaths@cardiff.ac.uk)

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH

Mathematics (PhD, MPhil)  
[mathematics@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:mathematics@cardiff.ac.uk)

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

Our flexible programmes allow you to specialise in your area of interest as you progress through the course.

## Medicine

www.cardiff.ac.uk/medicine

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



### Location:

Medical School, Heath Park Campus  
(map ref 78)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**NHS; General Practices; Armed Forces; Private Health Sector; Voluntary Sector; Universities; many diverse areas where medical knowledge or clinical skills are needed**

**95%** of students found the course intellectually stimulating in the 2021 National Student Survey.

## RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

**92%** of our research in Clinical Medicine is considered either world-leading or internationally excellent.

Focused on biomedical science, clinical translation, and experimental medicine, our research delivers on improved patient health outcomes. It spans the key areas of cancer, immunology, infectious and immune-mediated diseases, and genetic disorders.

Research Excellence Framework 2021

## RANKINGS

**11th** Medicine  
The Complete University  
Guide 2024

**134th** Medicine  
QS World University Rankings by  
Subject 2023



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.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Medicine (MBBCh)\*

Medical Pharmacology (BSc/MPH)

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

*\*Available with European exchange programme, intercalation opportunities and final year international elective programme.*

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Advancing Practice in Neonatology\* (MSc)

Advanced Surgical Practice\* (MSc)

Applied and Experimental Clinical Immunology (MSc)

Applied Bioinformatics and Genomics (MSc)

Applied Bioinformatics and Genetic Epidemiology (MSc)

Critical Care\* (MSc)

Clinical Geriatrics\* (MSc)

Dermatology, Clinical (MSc)

Dermatology, Practical\* (MSc/PgDip)

Diabetes Practice\* (MSc)

Genetic and Genomic Counselling† (MSc)

Medical Education (MSc)

Medical Education (e-learning) (MSc/PgCert)

Medical Toxicology\* (MSc/PgDip/PgCert)

Pain Management\* (MSc)

Palliative Medicine for Health Care Professionals† (MSc)

Psychiatry\* (MSc)

Public Health (MPH)

Wound Healing and Tissue Repair† (MSc)

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

## 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 and 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 the world as part of the Medicine MBBCh.

\* Courses are taught fully via online distance learning

† Courses are taught largely via online distance learning



## Modern Languages

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

# SCHOOL OF MODERN LANGUAGES



### Location:

Park Place  
(map ref 8)



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.

## 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.

## RANKINGS

- 8th** Italian  
The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023
- 9th** Asian Studies  
The Complete University Guide 2024
- Top 20** French and German  
The Complete University Guide 2024

**9th in the UK** for research impact in modern languages and linguistics

Research Excellence Framework 2021

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Chinese (BA)  
French (BA) † \*  
German (BA) † \*  
Italian (BA) † \*  
Japanese and Business Studies BSc  
Japanese (BA)\*  
Modern Languages and Translation (BA)  
Portuguese (BA)\*  
Spanish (BA) A † \*

\*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

Global Cultures (MA)  
Global Heritage (MA)  
Translation Studies (MA)  
[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:

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

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

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

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

The department has three central research themes:

1. Transnational cultural and visual studies
2. History and heritage
3. Global language-based area studies

Within these research themes, the following research strands feature:

- comics and graphic fiction
- critical theory
- foreign, development and security policy
- ideology critique
- Lacanian cultural (especially film) analysis
- memory studies and museum studies
- multilingualism and language learning
- NGOs, trade unions and movements
- peripheral and minority cultures and identities
- popular cultures, especially crime fictions and film
- post-colonial and transnational literatures, cultures and identities
- translation, adaption and multimodality (radio, film, television, new media)
- translation in/and performance
- the study of socialist and post-socialist Europe
- visual culture and photography

**Music**

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

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC

**Location:**

Music Building  
(map ref 24)

**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**

**RANKINGS**

**90%** of our research environment is considered conducive to producing world-leading or internationally excellent research.

Research Excellence Framework 2021

## TOP 20 IN THE UK FOR MUSIC

The Times and Sunday Times  
Good University Guide 2023



We provide a stimulating, friendly and supportive environment where students and staff work together studying, creating and making music.

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.

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

Mathematics and Music (BA)\*

Music (BA/BMus)

Music with a Year of Study Abroad (BA/BMus)

Music and English Literature (BA)

French and Music (BA)

German and Music (BA)

Italian and Music (BA)

Welsh and Music (BA)

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

\* available with a year abroad

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

Music (MA) - with the option to specialise in Performance, Composition, Music Education, or Music Studies

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

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**

- Composition
- Musicology
- Performance

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

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

Our **purpose-built building** in the heart of Cardiff provides all the facilities you need to succeed in your studies. This includes practice rooms, ensemble rooms, and electroacoustic studios, while our 250-seat concert hall hosts professional public concerts and student-led events throughout the year.

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*The School of Music provides an environment where I'm exposed to a wide range of musical paths, some I didn't even know about until I arrived. As a percussionist, I get to experience Lanyi – West African drumming, Pandeiro (Brazilian) percussion, jazz drumming. These, on top of the studio and composition tuition, give me a wide perspective on what I want to, and can, do in music.*

**Jimmy from Hong Kong**  
Music (BMus)



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

## SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY AND VISION SCIENCES



**Location:**  
Optometry Building  
(map ref 31)

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Primary Healthcare Optometry;  
Hospital Optometry; Academia**

**96%** of our graduates are in  
employment  
(Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20)

# RANKED 2<sup>ND</sup> IN THE UK FOR OPTOMETRY, OPHTHALMICS & ORTHOPTICS

The Complete University Guide 2024

**88%** overall student satisfaction  
National Student Survey 2022

Research at our school has a wide range of fascinating real life applications and has made a positive and lasting impact on the lives of people affected with vision disorders



We are the only optometric training institution in Wales and have a world class reputation for our education and our vision sciences research.

Our school is housed in a purpose-built optometry facility, and as well as our leading undergraduate programme, we offer flexible postgraduate taught programmes for eye care professionals and offer research opportunities that span a diverse range of basic science and clinical disciplines.

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Our degree programmes will provide you with the scientific and clinical knowledge to register as an optometrist with the General Optical Council.

Optometry (MOptom) – 4 years

Optometry with Preliminary Year (MOptom) – 5 years

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

External placements and options to undertake professional certificates are embedded in the MOptom courses.

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

We offer flexible part-time, full-time and distance learning Postgraduate taught optometry programmes which are designed for eye care professionals wishing to gain specialist knowledge and clinical skills.

Clinical Optometry Certificate

Clinical Optometry Diploma

Clinical Optometry (MSc)

Postgraduate Certificate in Independent Prescribing

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

### PHD AND MPhil RESEARCH AREAS

Our PhD and MPhil in Vision Sciences comprise student-led, frontier translational research spanning a diverse range of basic science and clinical disciplines.

- Clinical Investigation and Vision Sciences
  - Structural Biophysics
  - Visual Neuroscience
- [visionpgr@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:visionpgr@cardiff.ac.uk)

**£22 million** purpose-built optometry facility with on-site eye clinic.

Home to the **Welsh Optometric Postgraduate Education Centre (WOPEC)**, - the only dedicated postgraduate optometry centre in the world.

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*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 from the UK  
Optometry (BSc)**



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

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES



**Location:**  
Redwood Building  
(map ref 5)

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**Hospital Pharmacy; Community Pharmacy;  
Primary Care Pharmacy; Industrial Pharmacy;  
Academic Pharmacy**

### RANKINGS

- 8th** The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023
- 15th** The Guardian University Guide 2024
- 78th** in the world for Pharmacy and Pharmacology  
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023



*Completing this programme has been one of the best decisions I've made. I've learnt so much about the range of cancer therapies, different pathways to be targeted and much more. The course is so interesting and I feel very prepared for the next step in my career.*

**Esha from India**  
**Cancer Biology and Therapeutics (MSc)**



With over 100 years of excellence in teaching and research, our school is highly respected globally. We welcome applications from international students for our undergraduate Master of Pharmacy programme and our two postgraduate taught programmes. We also invite applications from international students who wish to advance their training and contribute to our world-leading research environment alongside our dedicated research team. Our students help to improve patient health outcomes through the discovery, development and improved use of medicines.

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Pharmacy (MPharm)

Our four year MPharm programme is designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills and experience you'll need to progress onto the Foundation Training Year and ultimately embark on a career as a Pharmacist.

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Cancer Biology and Therapeutics (MSc)

Clinical Research (MSc/PgDip)  
(part-time/distance learning)

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

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

Our research is interdisciplinary and falls within two overlapping and overarching themes:

- **Drug Discovery Pharmaceutical Sciences and Experimental Therapeutics (DDPSET)** which includes: Drug Delivery and Microbiology, Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmacology and Physiology.
- **Medicines Optimisation and Healthcare Outcomes (MOHO)** which includes Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Pharmacy.

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

Our **team of leading researchers** support the discovery, development and optimised use of medicines and therapeutics to tackle some of the world's most debilitating and life-threatening diseases. This same team of researchers, alongside experienced external practitioners, teach the pharmacists and inspire the researchers of the future.

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework, **our research environment was awarded the highest possible score.**

# RANKED 4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK FOR PHARMACY AND PHARMACOLOGY

The Complete University Guide 2024



## Physics and Astronomy

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/physics-astronomy](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/physics-astronomy)

# SCHOOL OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY



### Location:

Queen's Building  
(map ref 21)

### GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

**BAE Systems; DWP; EDF; Jaguar Landrover; NASA; Rolls Royce; Banking**

### RANKINGS

**Top 20** in the UK for Physics  
The Guardian University Guide 2024

**99%** of our research submission was deemed world-leading or internationally excellent  
Research Excellence Framework 2021



At the School of Physics and Astronomy you will discover exciting, cutting-edge science and you'll also be part of a friendly, approachable department, where staff will do their very best to help you develop the skills and abilities to be successful in your future career.

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Astrophysics (MPhys/BSc)  
Physics\* (MPhys/BSc)  
Physics with Astronomy\* (MPhys/BSc)  
Physics with Medical Physics (BSc)  
[physics-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:physics-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*Also available with professional placement year

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Astrophysics (MSc)  
Compound Semiconductor Physics (MSc)  
Data Intensive Astrophysics (MSc)  
Data Intensive Physics (MSc)  
Gravitational Wave Physics (MSc)  
Physics (MSc)  
[physics-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:physics-admissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

- Observational and Theoretical Astrophysics
- Astronomy Instrumentation
- Gravitational Wave Theory and Observation
- Experimental Gravitational Physics
- Biophotonics
- Brain Imaging
- Compound Semiconductor Devices
- Sensors and Instrumentation
- Fundamental and Theoretical Physics
- Nanoscale Diamonds
- Quantum Materials and Devices

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

## RANKED 10<sup>TH</sup> IN THE UK FOR PHYSICS

The Complete University Guide 2024

We champion advancing women's careers in science and promote **gender equality in physics** (Athena Swan Silver Award and IOP Juno Champion Status).

Our **Institute of Physics accredited degrees** are supported by cutting-edge research and our recent breakthroughs include discovering possible signs of life on Venus.

We are a founder member of the LIGO research group, which first detected **gravitational waves** in 2015, and we work with CUBRIC (the £44m Cardiff University Brain Imaging Centre) as well as the Institute for Compound Semiconductors, based in the **state-of-the-art** Translational Research Hub.

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*I was made very welcome at Cardiff University. The faculty are so friendly, and although I was far away from my family, I felt I had a little family at the university. I wanted to study astronomy since I was young, and I really liked the design of the course. Cardiff has a great atmosphere and the Students' Union organises loads of activities so it's not just about the studying, it's everything – the whole package.*

**Gauri from India**  
Astrophysics (MSc)

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## Psychology

www.cardiff.ac.uk/psychology

# SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY



### Location:

Tower Building  
(map ref 3)

## GRADUATE DESTINATIONS

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

## RANKINGS

- 7th** in the UK for the quality of our research  
Research Excellence Framework 2021
- 9th** in the UK  
The Complete University Guide 2024
- 12th** in the UK  
The Guardian University Guide 2024
- 59th** QS World University Rankings by  
Subject 2023
- Top 75** in the world for Psychology  
Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic  
Subjects 2022

Year-long **work placements** and paid  
summer **internships** available.

Both our undergraduate programmes are **accredited** by the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Our MSc Psychology programme is **accredited** by the BPS.

Both our Cognitive Behavioural Therapies programmes are **accredited** by the British Association for Behavioural & Cognitive Psychotherapies (BABCP).



We are one of the UK's largest centres of psychology with an outstanding international reputation for our teaching and research. Our teaching encompasses the full breadth of psychology and we provide a range of undergraduate, postgraduate and training opportunities.

## UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

### Psychology (BSc)

This three-year programme will provide you with a thorough grounding in the social, cognitive, and biological aspects of psychology.

### Psychology with Professional Placement (BSc)

This four-year programme will provide you with the opportunity to study psychology and gain professional experience.

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

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES

### Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma programmes in Cognitive Behavioural Therapies

Designed for mental health professionals, these BABCP accredited training programmes will help you towards individual practitioner accreditation in cognitive behavioural therapies.

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

### Children's Psychological Disorders (MSc)

This master's programme will enable you to explore the psychological factors that cause and maintain emotional, cognitive, and behavioural problems in children.

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

### Psychology (MSc)

This BPS accredited conversion programme will provide you with the necessary skills to begin a career in psychology after completing an unrelated undergraduate degree or career path.

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

### Social Science Research Methods (Psychology) (MSc)

This master's programme provides you with advanced training in research methods across the full range of the social sciences.

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

## PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS

We provide a dynamic and stimulating research environment with guidance from acclaimed researchers and access to outstanding facilities.

### Psychology (PhD)

Our research spans the breadth of psychology - from synapse to society, and is pursued within ten interlinking themes.

For more information about specific research projects and funding contact [psych-phd@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:psych-phd@cardiff.ac.uk)

### Doctorate in Educational Psychology

This Professional Doctorate programme will equip you with the necessary knowledge and skills to qualify as a practising Educational Psychologist.

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



*I chose to study Psychology at Cardiff because it offered a professional placement as part of the degree, as well as giving a lot of flexibility and variety in modules. I feel that I am in a learning environment that encourages discussion and acknowledges making mistakes as part of the learning process.*

**Ioana from Romania**  
Psychology with Professional Placement (BSc)





## Social Sciences

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

# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES



### Location:

Glamorgan Building  
(map ref 7)

### 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**

### RANKINGS

- 6th** Education  
**The Times Good University Guide 2023**
- Top 20** in the UK for Criminology  
**The Guardian University Guide 2024**
- Top 20** in the UK for Sociology and Social Policy  
**The Complete University Guide 2024**



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. We would be delighted if you joined us.

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Criminology and Social Policy (BSc)  
Criminology and Sociology (BSc)  
Criminology (BSc)  
Education (BSc)  
Human and Social Sciences (BSc)  
Law and Criminology (LLB)  
Politics and Sociology (BScEcon)  
Social Analytics (BSc)  
Social Science (BSc)  
Sociology (BSc)  
Sociology and Education (BSc)  
Sociology and Social Policy (BSc)  
Welsh and Education (BA)

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

### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

Education (MSc)  
International Criminology and Criminal Justice (MSc)  
Social and Public Policy (MSc)  
Social Science Research Methods (MSc)  
Social Work (MA)  
Sociology (MSc)  
[socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:socialscienceadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PHD/PROFDOC

- Doctor of Education (EdD)
  - Doctor of Health Studies (DHS)
  - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
  - Doctor of Social and Public Policy (SPPD)
  - Doctor of Social Work (DSW)
- [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.

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

# TOP 100 IN THE WORLD FOR SOCIOLOGY

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023



*All the learning resources provided by the school have been so useful. I've also been very happy that my lecturers are so passionate about teaching.*

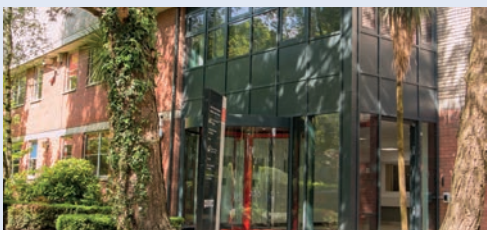
**Xiang from China**  
Education (MSc)



## Welsh

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

## YSGOL Y GYMRAEG/ SCHOOL OF WELSH

**Location:**

John Percival Building  
(map ref 27)



We are a vibrant and welcoming community of academics and students exploring language, literature and culture – of Wales and the Welsh language, and other Celtic languages. 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 supportive, challenge-led and transformative research and teaching environment in the heart of Wales' capital.

**GRADUATE DESTINATIONS**

**Education; Marketing and PR;  
Arts and Culture; Public Policy; Civil Service  
Translation; Media Production; Journalism;  
Heritage; Publishing**

**OTHER RANKINGS**

- 1st** Celtic Studies  
The Times and Sunday Times Good University  
Guide 2023
- 9th** Modern Languages and  
Linguistics Research Quality  
Research Excellence Framework 2021

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)

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

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

Business Management with Welsh (BSc)  
Law and Welsh (LLB)  
Welsh (BA)  
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 Spanish (BA)  
[derbyncymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk](mailto:derbyncymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk)

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

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

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

**PHD/MPHIL RESEARCH AREAS**

We offer three pathways:

- Creative and Critical Writing (Welsh) (PhD)
- Language, Policy and Planning (PhD/MPhil)
- Welsh (PhD/MPhil)

We have a wide range of specialisms including:

- Bilingualism and second language acquisition
- Creative and critical writing
- Historical development of the Welsh language and dialectology
- Language planning and policy
- Language variation and change
- Medieval literature in Welsh and English
- Sociology of language
- Translation studies
- Welsh literature and children's literature

[derbyncymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk](mailto:derbyncymraeg@caerdydd.ac.uk)

## 1<sup>ST</sup> IN THE UK FOR CELTIC STUDIES

The Complete University Guide 2024



*The school community is very friendly, from the academic and administrative staff to postgraduate research students. Ysgol y Gymraeg felt like a second home to me right away.*

**Assala from Algeria**  
PhD in Welsh







# UNIVERSITY LIFE

You might be wondering what life is like as a Cardiff University student. 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.

## The Students' Union

- the heart 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 has transformed the Students' Union into the new Centre for Student Life, as part of our biggest campus upgrade in a generation!
- includes a bar, nightclub, concert venue, shops, cafés, post office, letting agency and advice centre
- the Union has its own student newspaper, magazine, radio station and TV channel



**200+**  
societies



## 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 for and by 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 and keeping fit

Cardiff 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.



**60+**  
sports clubs



**2nd**best Students'  
Union in the UK\***4**

student media channels



## Welcome and orientation

We offer a range of activities and support to help make your transition to Cardiff as smooth as possible.

Support includes:

- access to Student Welcome - Online Orientation, a programme that will help you prepare for a new life at the university
- assistance with your travel from the airport to the University when you arrive in the UK
- practical information and events to help you make the most of student life at Cardiff University

## Here to help

Our Centre for Student Life is our one-stop hub for all of your student needs while you study with us. Whether you're looking for:

- advice about money
- visa and immigration guidance
- help with your health and wellbeing
- information about careers and global opportunities
- disability support
- mentoring and study skills sessions
- help with settling into university life

our expert and dedicated support teams will be on hand to help you.

Our Student Connect team is your first point of contact if you need any of the above advice, information, or tailored support. Visit us in-person at the Centre for Student Life or search 'Student Connect' on the intranet.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for useful events and workshops covering all sorts of helpful topics throughout the year by following us on Instagram [@cu\\_centreforstudentlife](https://www.instagram.com/cu_centreforstudentlife)

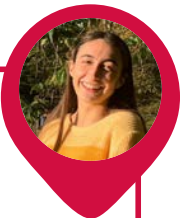


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*I love the student life in Cardiff. Being part of a society is so fun, and you meet tons of amazing people and make lots of memories!*

**Sajid from Tanzania**  
Law (LLB)

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**OVER****33,900****STUDENTS**



# STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Studying abroad at Cardiff University is a great opportunity to dive into the international experience surrounded by centuries of rich Welsh culture, tradition and history.

You will immerse yourself into a unique perspective on your chosen subject, enhance your résumé and forge global friendships. 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 degree seeking 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 one year 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)
- 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.



## 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:

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

## Build your own Study Abroad Programme

Cardiff University's academic system is modular which means you will be able to choose from several different subjects, in line with any institutional agreements. 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 an exciting opportunity to enjoy life in one of the UK's best student cities, with easy access to historic castles, museums, beaches and national parks. Many Study Abroad students choose to take classes about Wales and learn some of the Welsh language while they are here.

Cardiff is positioned just 2 hours from London, and 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.





# GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Cardiff's specialist Global Opportunities team is here to support our undergraduate students who are considering spending time abroad during their degree.**

With partnerships and projects all over the world, there are a wide variety of options to choose from, however far afield you want to travel. Our university is a truly international one, giving you the opportunity to develop a real global outlook during your time with us.

Studying, working or volunteering abroad as part of your university experience offers an invaluable means to broaden your academic knowledge, immerse yourself in another culture and gain transferable skills that will be highly valued by employers.



## Spend time abroad . . .

### As part of your degree

No matter what your degree choice, you can take advantage of time abroad while you're studying with us, with many experiences forming part of the curriculum. We have links with over 200 institutions across the world, including top-ranked universities throughout Europe, the USA, Canada and New Zealand. Depending on your degree, you could have the chance to spend a semester or year abroad, gaining valuable experience focused on your degree specialism and putting your knowledge into practice within an international setting. Whether you choose to study, undertake research or work, you'll be making unforgettable memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

### During your summer holiday

If you'd prefer to spend a shorter time abroad, then you could consider one of extra-curricular placements. Typically undertaken during the summer holidays and lasting a minimum of two weeks, these programmes are ideal if you don't have the opportunity to go abroad as part of your degree but would still like to gain experience in an international setting. How about volunteering in Fiji or Cambodia, attending a summer school in Japan, or completing an internship in Singapore? The possibilities are huge!

### Why GO?

*"It was possibly the best year of my life and I think it was such a valuable experience that I would recommend it to anyone and everyone."*

**Engineering student**  
Study Abroad in France, 2021/22

*"Extremely worthwhile. It allowed me to gain confidence and have more of a sense of what I want to do in the future."*

**Biomedical Sciences student**  
Research project in Sweden, 2021/22

*"The most challenging but equally rewarding experience of my life. I have definitely returned a more confident, independent and happier person."*

**Geography and Planning student**  
Volunteer project in Fiji, 2021/22





# 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 academic study skills course in academic English. The course is designed to provide you with the language and academic study skills that you need to study effectively in a UK university.

The programme is offered on-campus with approximately 20 hours of in-person classes as well as guided self-study. Our classes are interactive with a combination of group and individual work through which teachers help students to become more independent learners, more proficient users of English, and better prepared for their future studies in the UK.

The English for University Study Programme is a good choice if you plan to continue your higher education studies at undergraduate or postgraduate level. Our academic schools accept the English for University Study Exit Test scores instead of an IELTS or other external test, if students achieve the score which their academic offer requires. Exit Tests can be taken at the end of each term.

We aim to develop confident and successful students who are equipped for university study in the UK.

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:

- classes, e-books, guided study materials
- one-to-one tutorial guidance and support
- formal transcript showing assessments completed and indicating your level of language proficiency on completion of the course

## More information

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

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

## DID YOU KNOW?

The English for University Study Exit Test results are accepted by all Cardiff University schools - there is no need to sit an IELTS test.

## Pre-sessional programmes

The Pre-sessional programme provides an excellent opportunity for students holding academic 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.

Our Pre-sessional courses can be studied online from your home country or on campus in Cardiff.

## 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

## Academic English Skills for International Students (AESIS)

Many international students benefit from further help with English language after starting their academic course. If you would like some additional English language support, the AESIS team can help you. Our free classes deal with academic writing, reading, speaking and English language improvement.

They can help you improve your skills and build your confidence in using English on a daily basis in an academic context. In addition to classes, you will be able to book free one-to-one tutorials to discuss your own writing or other language concerns with a qualified English language teacher. You will also be able to access self-study lessons on academic writing, grammar and vocabulary on the Cardiff University Student Intranet.

Find out more about our English language programmes:





## 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.

You may also find this table of equivalencies useful:

GCSE	IELTS (Academic)	TOFEL iBT
B / 6	7.0	100
C / 4	6.5	90
	6.0	78
	5.5	68

Find out more about our English language requirements:



## 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?

Cardiff 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. As PhD applications are more complicated, they can take longer to assess.







# CAREER PROSPECTS

A degree from Cardiff University can open doors around the globe. The skills you develop during your studies, alongside any extracurricular activities, will help improve your job prospects. We can help you develop your career goals from the very beginning of your time with us.



## Student Futures

Our Student Futures team offers specialised careers support to international students and can help you prepare for life after university.

We understand that employability is a priority for our international students. However, job searching and understanding visas can be challenging. We have tailored employability resources, talks and networks to aid your job search and provide visa advice, on top of the suite of resources offered by Student Futures.

Student Futures can:

- offer careers appointments which includes information on job searching
- help you tailor your CV and applications

- provide practice psychometric tests and mock interviews
- support you in gaining a range of work experience opportunities to make your job application more competitive
- offer support to start your own business and bring your ideas to life

You can also get recognised for all your employability work by completing our Cardiff Award certificate, attend employer events and careers fairs that will help build your network and career awareness, and study, work or volunteer abroad with our Global Opportunities team.

Find out more at:



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:

**Deloitte.**



**KPMG**

**Specsavers**

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| • Cardiff University      | • Admiral          |
| • National Health Service | • Bank of China    |
| • Deloitte                | • Mott Macdonald   |
| • EY                      | • Saudi Aramco     |
| • Specsavers              | • Shanghai Pudong  |
| • KPMG                    | • Development Bank |
| • Ministry of Health      | • HSBC             |

Source: Graduate Outcomes 2020/21 survey. Contains HESA Data: Copyright Jisc 2023. Jisc cannot accept responsibility for any inferences or conclusions derived by third parties from its data. (Hyperlink on HESA Data: <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/>)



Cardiff University was very supportive when it came to work experience and student support services; there is a big choice of different options, and everyone can find something that suits their needs and interests. I completed a primary school classroom experience project, worked as a student mentor, and worked with Rowanvale Books publishing company as one of their advance readers.



**Aleksandra from Poland**  
English Language and German (BA)





# TOP TIPS TO DEVELOP EMPLOYABILITY WHILST AT UNIVERSITY

## 1 Attend employer events

Utilise the employer events that are run through your school or as part of the wider university, to support with career planning, gain an understanding of UK work culture, and boost your commercial awareness of the sector you'd like to work in.

## 2 Gain work experience

Work experience will add a competitive edge to your applications, evidence your capability and skills, and will give you an understanding of UK work culture. It can be done in the UK or at home and be paid or unpaid. It doesn't need to relate to your degree or the sector you want to go into, but this can be helpful. Work experience can be achieved through things like being a committee member of a club or society, becoming a Student Mentor, volunteering, doing a part-time job or something more formal and related to your course, such as a placement.

## 3 Develop transferable skills

Common skills graduate employers look for are effective communication, resilience, commercial awareness, leadership and management, planning and research skills, adaptability, teamwork and interpersonal skills. The Skills Development Service (SDS) provides you with the opportunity to enhance your employability skills through professional training and development courses.

## 4 Practise your English language skills

Take every opportunity to practise your spoken and written English language to make an excellent first impression communicating with UK employers. Our English Language Programmes team offer a variety of courses for most language levels and abilities.

## 5 Complete the Cardiff Award

The Cardiff Award programme improves your understanding of your career potential, encourages you to participate in activities that develop your employability skills, and offers practical experience of recruitment processes to help you compete in the graduate job market.



*I absolutely recommend international students to take part in volunteering and other work opportunities alongside their studies as it not only benefits the CV but also enhances our overall university experience. I have made a lot of new friends and networked with professionals in the journalism industry through these roles; this has changed the entire dynamic of my student life in Cardiff.*

**Kasvi from India**  
Journalism, Media and English  
Literature (BA)

We can help you on your career journey, from freshers to graduation and beyond.

Find us on social media:





# INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

A foundation, year one or pre-master's programme can provide an alternative route of entry onto our undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Run in partnership with Study Group, our International Study Centre (ISC) is located in the heart of campus and provides students with academic and study skills preparation, as well as access to the wide range of facilities available to all Cardiff University students.

The **International Foundation Year** provides access to almost all undergraduate subjects through one of four routes:

- Humanities, Law and Social Sciences
- Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance
- Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture
- Health, Medical and Life Sciences

For more information including entry requirements and fees, please visit: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/isc)



The **Accelerated International Foundation Year** provides routes into a range of undergraduate programmes in just 22 weeks, including:

- Business
- Economics
- Accounting and Finance
- Engineering
- Physical Science
- Computer Science

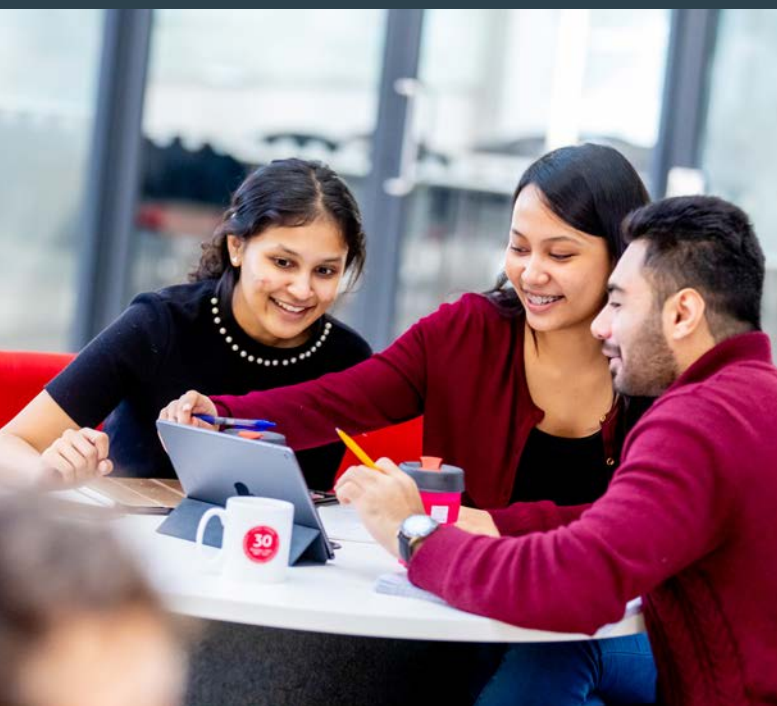
The **International Year One** programme offers direct entry into year two of a Cardiff University degree in:

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Management
- Engineering
- Law

**Pre-Master's programmes** are currently offered in:

- Business, Social Sciences and Humanities
- Science and Computing

Progression to Cardiff University degrees from all pathways are subject to students successfully meeting the relevant progression requirements.



*The International Study Centre helped me to bridge studying from Kenya to studying in the UK. The teachers in the ISC were very friendly. Whatever problem you had, you could go to them and talk to them. If I had some problems, let's say with my education and even things like referencing, small things like that, I could talk to them and they were very helpful.*

**Jerono from Kenya**  
International Foundation Year in Engineering,  
Physical Sciences and Architecture





# MONEY AND LIVING EXPENSES

Cardiff is one of the most affordable cities in the UK for students.\*

## Fixed tuition fees

To help plan your budget for your time in Cardiff, we have 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 instalments 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.

## Living expenses

For the 2023/24 session, Cardiff University estimated that:

- an undergraduate student (September - June) needed £11,922.36 a year
- a postgraduate student (September - September) needed £15,224.30 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. Jobshop, the University's free student employment service, can 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 a week during term time and full-time during the holidays. We do 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.

## How does Cardiff compare with other places?

Cardiff has many advantages which make it a more affordable place to live than other university cities in the UK. 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.\*

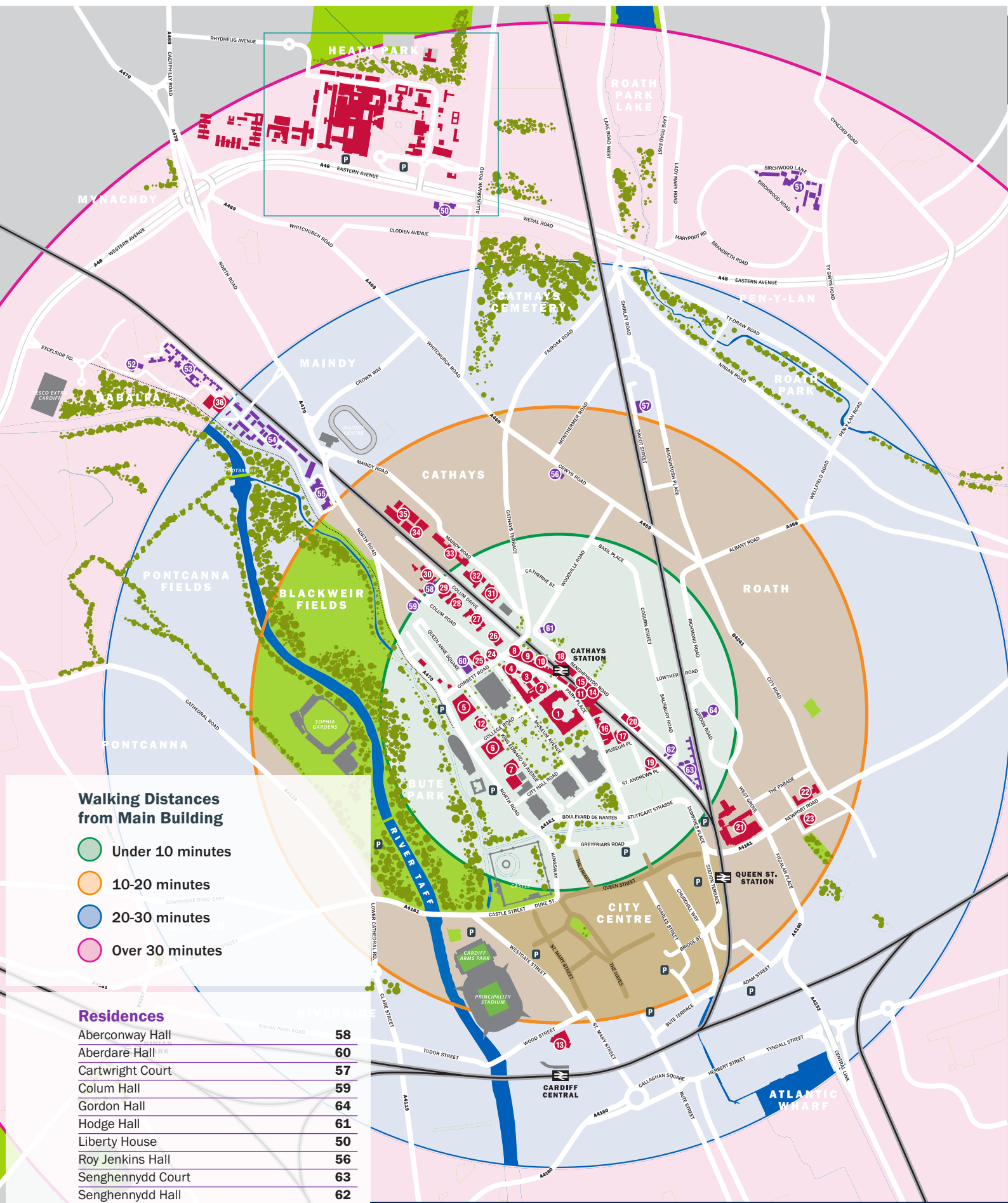
Newcastle	£441	Nottingham	£579
Sheffield	£473	Lincoln	£588
Leicester	£482	Oxford	£601
York	£507	Leeds	£608
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>£508</b>	Lancaster	£622
Coventry	£522	Bournemouth	£630
Birmingham	£537	Edinburgh	£635
Liverpool	£550	Cambridge	£643
Glasgow	£563	Bristol	£720
Portsmouth	£564	London	£830
Manchester	£568		

UK student average: **£592**

Find out more about fees and funding options for international students:







**Walking Distances from Main Building**

- Under 10 minutes
- 10-20 minutes
- 20-30 minutes
- Over 30 minutes

**Residences**

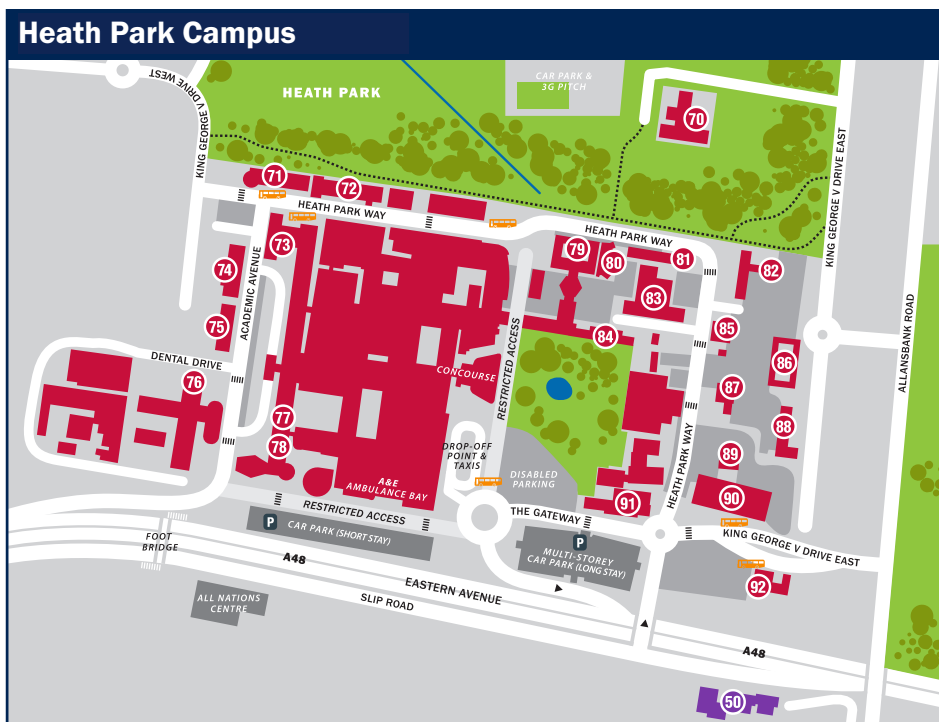
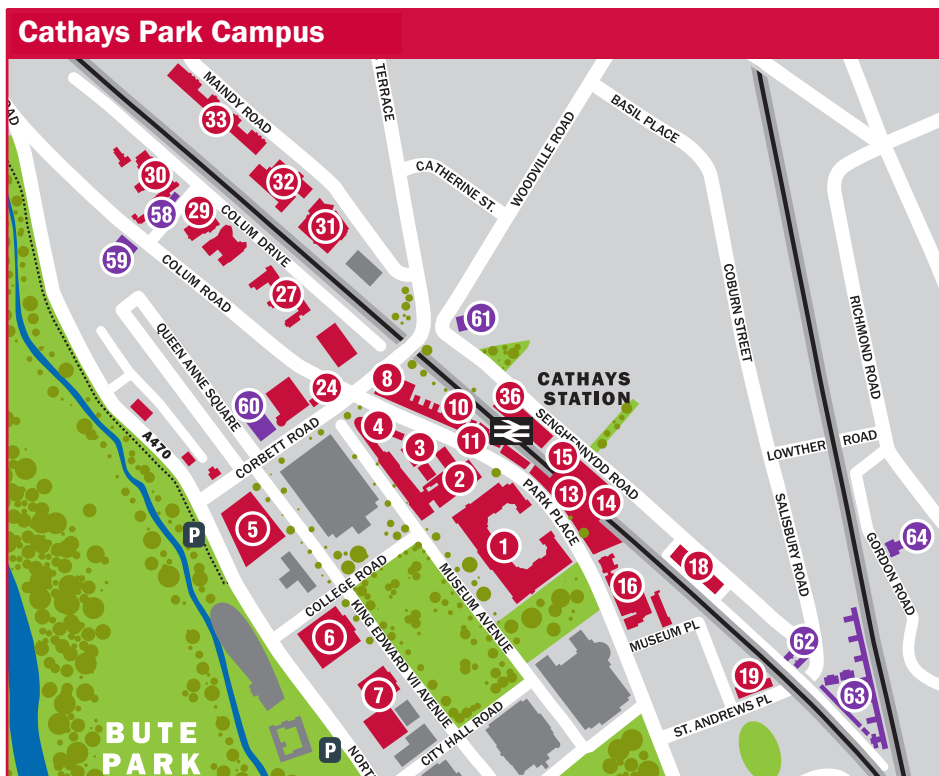
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Aberdare Hall	60
Cartwright Court	57
Colum Hall	59
Gordon Hall	64
Hodge Hall	61
Liberty House	50
Roy Jenkins Hall	56
Senghennydd Court	63
Senghennydd Hall	62
Talybont Court	55
Talybont Gate	52
Talybont North	53
Talybont South	54
University Hall	51

**Directions**  
 For door-to-door directions to Cardiff, go to: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/visit/directions](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/visit/directions)

**Satnav Postcodes**  
 Cathays Park Campus – Main Building: **CF10 3AT**  
 Heath Park Campus – **CF14 4XN**

# CAMPUS MAPS

The academic buildings, libraries, Students' Union, most of the student residences and the city centre are within a short walking distance of each other.



## Cathays Park Campus

ABACWS Building	18
Aberconway Building	30
Architecture	6
Biosciences	1, 2
Business School	30
Bute Building	6
Careers and Employability	11
Centre for Student Life	13
Chaplaincy	10
Chemistry	1
Computer Science and Informatics	18
Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC)	33
Day Care Centre	16
Deri House	19
Earth and Environmental Sciences	1
Eastgate House	22
Engineering	21
English, Communication and Philosophy	27
Eye Clinic	31
Friary House	20
Geography and Planning	7
Glamorgan Building	7
Global Opportunities Centre	11
Hadyn Ellis Building	32
Healthcare Sciences	22
History, Archaeology and Religion	27
International Office	20
John Percival Building	27
Journalism, Media and Culture	13
Julian Hodge Building	29
Law	4
Main Building	1
Mathematics	18
McKenzie House	23
Modern Languages	8
Music	24
Optometry and Vision Sciences	31
Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences	5
Physics and Astronomy	21
Politics and International Relations	4
Psychology	3
Queen's Building	21
Redwood Building	5
Registry	23
Security Centre	2
Sir Martin Evans Building	2
Social Sciences	7, 11, 17
Southgate House	34
Sport	36, 15
Student Recruitment	20
Student Support Centre	11
Students' Union	14
Tower Building	3
Trevithick Building	21
Welsh	27

## Heath Park Campus

Cardigan House	84
Cochrane Building	83
Dental School/Hospital	76
Healthcare Sciences	79
IV Lounge	81
Medicine	78
Neuadd Meirionnydd	81
Michael Griffith Education Centre	80
Nursing and Midwifery	79
Sports and Social Club	91
Tŷ Dewi Sant Building	79



The International Office will support you throughout the application process and welcome you to the University. If you have any questions or would like more information at any stage, please contact us.

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