

Cardiff University

Exchange Programme
2021 - 2022



About Cardiff

 Capital of Wales

 Located two hours
from London

Ranked the third best
capital city in the Quality
of Life in European
Cities Survey*

The City

Cardiff is the capital and largest city in Wales and the tenth largest city in the United Kingdom. Its rich culture has a diverse range of influences from the Romans and Normans of antiquity to the industrial revolution and the coal industry – which transformed Cardiff from a small town into a thriving, international city.

Cardiff combines all the advantages of a compact, friendly and inexpensive location with the cultural and recreational facilities of a modern capital city. Cardiff University's campus sits within the city centre, with wide tree-lined avenues and elegant Portland stone buildings, it's an inspiring place to study.

The University

We are an ambitious and innovative university with a bold and strategic vision located in a beautiful and thriving capital city. Our world-leading research was ranked 5th amongst UK universities and 2nd on its impact in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework for quality. We provide an educationally outstanding experience for our students. With more than 30,000 students and over 7,000 international students we are the 8th largest university in the UK in terms of student numbers.

Our Students' Union is rated 5th in the UK according to the National Student Survey 2016. Every student enrolled at Cardiff University is automatically a member of Cardiff Students' Union. Run by students for students, it offers an exciting programme of entertainment, diverse clubs and societies and a comprehensive range of welfare, advice and information services – all aspects of student life within a purpose-built complex.

Climate

Cardiff's climate is characterised by mild weather. Average temperatures in the winter months (December to February) are between 2 and 8°C and during the summer months, (June to August) temperatures can vary between 11 and 22°C.

Travel

Cardiff is easily accessible and conveniently located. The Central railway station is Wales' largest and most popular station within 2 hours reach from the heart of London and Birmingham.

University facts and figures

- Cardiff University has a student population of 33,190
- There are over 8,000 international students from more than 100 countries at Cardiff University
- Cardiff's Students' Union has over 200 sports clubs & societies to choose from

*Quality of Life in European Cities Survey 2015, EU



*Established in 1883,
Cardiff University is a
member of the elite
Russell Group top 24 UK
research-led universities.*

Academic Calendar

Autumn Semester

Orientation Period	27 September 2021 - 1 October 2021
Classes begin	4 October 2021
Class (Exams) ends	28th January 2022*

Spring Semester

(TBC) 24 January 2022 - 28 January 2022
31 January 2022
17 June 2022

Full Academic Calendar: [Available online](#)

*There is the possibility of alternative assessments for autumn semester only students, meaning students can return home before the Christmas break. These modules are titled Study Abroad or Exchange in the catalogue.

Admission

	Autumn	Spring
Nomination Deadline	15th April	1st October
Application Deadline	30th April	15th October
Academic Requirements	GPA 3.0 or above	
Minimum Language Requirement:	Waived for native speakers. Visit our webpages for IELTS information.	
How to apply:	Students will apply online, instructions can be found on our How to Apply pages	
Application documents required to be submitted:	Academic transcript, academic reference, personal statement, online provisional module selection form.	
Duration of study at host university:	One semester or one academic year	

Major and Course Registration

Level of study:	Undergraduate
Semester Course Load:	60 credits per semester
Link to Online Catalogue:	Choosing your programme webpages
Transcripts:	Transcripts are released to partner Universities after students give their consent via a Transcript Release Form.
Restrictions:	

- Dentistry, Healthcare Sciences, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Architecture.
- Limited spaces in Psychology.
- Due to demand, priority for modules in some Academic Schools will be given to incoming students majoring in this discipline. This will be detailed in the catalogue.

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CardiffInternational
Students



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Blogs by incoming
exchange students



StudyAbroad@Cardiff.ac.uk

"Cardiff is a wonderful city for anyone considering studying abroad. With everything being extremely accessible, it quickly became a comfortable second home"

- Hannah, 2016/17 international exchange student

Accommodation

Dorm room or other on-campus housing guaranteed?

We endeavour to house students in university accommodation and will provide housing support to all incoming students.

Types and Fees:

On-campus single occupancy bedroom. Fees range from approximately £4050 - £7000 per year. [Visit our summary of fees page for further details.](#)

Housing Application Deadline:

Application deadlines can vary - 1st July (Autumn/Full year), 1st November (Spring)

Application Form:

Available online via students login to Cardiff University student portal system (SIMS).

During long vacation, can students stay in their accommodation?

Yes - subject to availability.

Possibility for Home Stay?

No

Further information:

[Visit our Cardiff University Residences web pages](#)

Visa Procedures

(Information is general and subject to change)

Visa Requirements:

Full year students - [Student Visa](#)

Semester only students - [Standard Visitor Route](#)

Visa Procedure:

Depends on visa and nationality. Some students must apply in advance. Full guidance will be provided after acceptance.

Eligibility to Work:

Student Route visa - Yes (restrictions apply)

Visitor Visa - No

Medical Insurance:

If coming to the UK for more than six months (Student Route visa holders): will pay health surcharge to access UK's National Health Service.

If staying less than six months: insurance is not required but is strongly recommended.

[Click here for further information about Insurance](#)

COVID 19: All information on this fact sheet is subject to change. We will endeavour to keep you updated on any changes to our programme. To see more on the 20/21 experience see here: [The Safe Campus Experience](#)

