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Study at Cardiff University



# How to use this prospectus

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*This prospectus is designed to answer your initial questions about studying at Cardiff University.*

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*It provides an introduction to the University and lists courses available.*

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*If you need more information please contact the International Office or use the websites and email addresses in the prospectus.*

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



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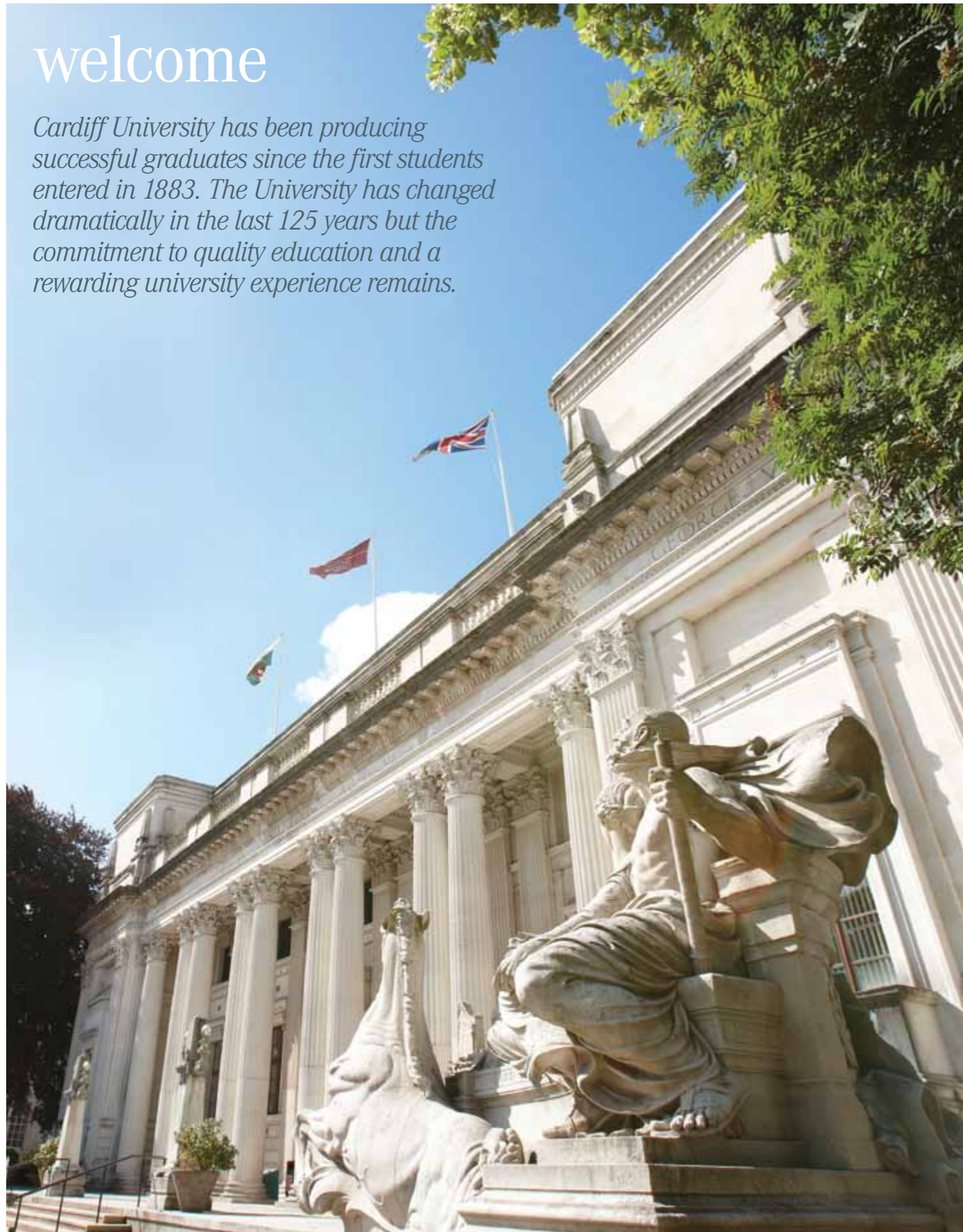


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## welcome

*Cardiff University has been producing successful graduates since the first students entered in 1883. The University has changed dramatically in the last 125 years but the commitment to quality education and a rewarding university experience remains.*



## 10 KEY FACTS ABOUT CARDIFF UNIVERSITY:

- 1 Ranked 15 in the UK and top 1.5% in the world.
- 2 Cardiff University is a member of the elite Russell Group top 20 UK research-led universities.
- 3 The University teaches more than 28,000 students from more than 110 countries.
- 4 Employment rates for Cardiff University's international graduates are 10% higher than the UK average.
- 5 Accommodation in University residences is guaranteed for most international students and is within walking distance of the University.
- 6 The University has 18 libraries, 28 IT suites, a Wi-Fi enabled campus and more than 1.5 million books.
- 7 The University is on two campuses at the very centre of Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. Cardiff is only 2 hours from London by train.
- 8 Teaching at the University was given the highest possible award in the last UK Government review. The University's degree programmes are also recognised by more than 40 professional bodies.
- 9 The University generates more than £100 million annually from research grants and contracts.
- 10 The University President Professor Sir Martin Evans FRS, is a Nobel Prize winner for Medicine.

### Rankings and league tables

In 2010 Cardiff University was ranked 122 out of approximately 10,000 universities worldwide, putting Cardiff in the top 1.5% globally (QS). This shows that Cardiff University is an established and recognised university with a global profile. The ranking table below is based on the Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), which is the only independent Government assessment of universities in the UK.

While rankings are a guideline, you should also pay close attention to the course you wish to study and what the university and individual school can offer you.

### Top 25 UK UNIVERSITIES RANKED BY RESEARCH POWER

(RAE 2008)

Rank	Institution name
1	University of Oxford
2	University of Cambridge
3	University of Manchester
4	University College London
5	University of Edinburgh
6	University of Nottingham
7	Imperial College London
8	University of Leeds
9	University of Sheffield
10	University of Bristol
11	King's College London
12	University of Birmingham
13	University of Glasgow
14	University of Southampton
15	Cardiff University
16	University of Warwick
17	University of Newcastle upon Tyne
18	University of Liverpool
19	University of Durham
20	Queen's University Belfast
21	Queen Mary, University of London
22	University of York
23	University of Leicester
24	Loughborough University
25	University of Exeter

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### Subject rankings

You can view the scores for subject areas in the Schools directory (pages 16-34). The following Top 5 and Top 10 lists show subject areas at Cardiff University ranked by independent newspaper rankings and the RAE results.

## Cardiff University is

### Top 5 in:

- Architecture
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Business
- Celtic Studies
- Civil Engineering
- Communications & Media Studies
- Dentistry
- East and South-East Asia Studies
- European Studies
- General Engineering
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Psychiatry, Neuroscience & Clinical Psychology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Town & Country Planning

### Top 10 in:

- Earth Sciences
- English Language & Literature
- Infection and Immunology
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Primary Care and other
- Community-based Clinical Subjects



If you choose Cardiff University you will join a global academic community of staff and students. Like other famous universities, Cardiff University's mission is to accomplish world-leading research and pass this knowledge to students.

# studying at Cardiff University

Independently verified and reviewed  
You can be confident of the quality and standard of a Cardiff degree. The University is recognised by more than 40 professional bodies which ensure that the University maintains the highest possible standards in teaching. In 2008 the University's teaching was also given the highest endorsement by the UK Government in a quality review.

**Teaching methods**  
You will be taught in formal lectures, in small groups (called 'seminars') and one-to-one with 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 online virtual system "Blackboard" to enhance and support your learning. It allows you to download handbooks, find your timetable and submit assignments from any internet connection.

Because Cardiff is a top-ranked research institution you can be assured that facilities at Cardiff are some of the best available. The University has 18 libraries, 28 computer rooms, fully-equipped laboratories and specialist resources for every subject.

**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.

**Free assistance in English and maths**  
If you want some additional help with English language, or you find mathematics difficult, you can get free support from the University. The 'In-sessional' English courses can help you with presentations, reading strategies, pronunciation and academic writing. Even if you are confident in your language abilities you will probably improve your assignments and increase your job prospects.

**How will studying at Cardiff be different?**  
Studying at Cardiff University may be different from the style of teaching in your country. You will be expected to use the libraries and internet to research topics. You will be asked to contribute your opinion, collate information and present evidence. Your own ideas will be encouraged.

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.

## Why is research important?

*Universities that are considered to be the best in the world are 'research-led'. Being a taught or research student in a research-led institution like Cardiff University has several advantages:*

### 1 recognition

Your degree will be recognised worldwide. The most famous and respected universities are research-led. Cardiff is part of the elite Russell Group of top research-based universities in the UK.

### 2 innovative courses

The curriculum of your course will include the latest information and be relevant to your career (see right).

### 3 teaching by globally respected staff

You will work with, and be taught by, staff that are pioneers in their subjects and contribute to the advancement of knowledge. It is important to Cardiff University's culture that all our academic staff teach students. In a recent survey more than 95% of Cardiff's international students were satisfied with the expertise of their lecturers.

### 4 enhanced careers prospects

Your career prospects will be enhanced. Employers usually favour research-led universities because they know graduates will be very well informed. Employment rates for Cardiff University's international graduates are 10% higher than the UK average.

### 5 excellent teaching facilities

You will find excellent teaching facilities because research-led institutions attract more funding. Cardiff University generates more than a £100 million annually from research grants and contracts.

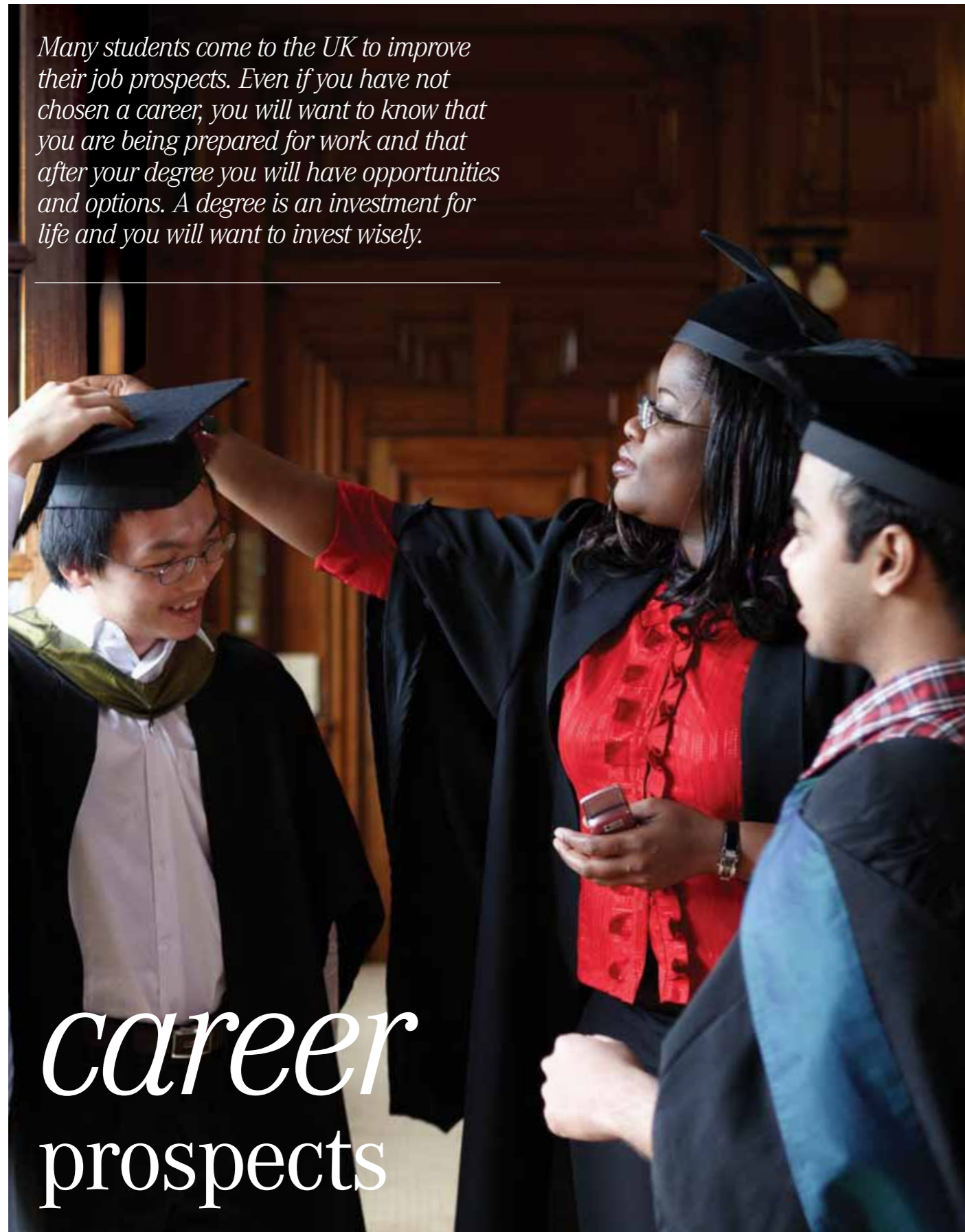
### 6 joining a worldwide network

Your fellow students will also be of a high standard. This means you will get more out of your seminars and study groups. After graduation you will join a close network of alumni that hold top positions in governments, companies and universities.

### What is a Russell Group university?

Cardiff University is a member of the Russell Group.

- The Russell Group are the 20 leading research-led UK universities.
- They are committed to maintaining the very best research.
- They are committed to an outstanding teaching and learning experience.
- They have unrivalled links with business and the public sector.



Many students come to the UK to improve their job prospects. Even if you have not chosen a career, you will want to know that you are being prepared for work and that after your degree you will have opportunities and options. A degree is an investment for life and you will want to invest wisely.

# career prospects

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

'Employability' is not just about getting a degree from a UK university. In an increasingly competitive global market, employers are looking for more than information and technical skills. At Cardiff, cutting-edge research is used to develop an exciting and up-to-date curriculum, which gives you:

- knowledge, but also trains you to think independently
  - the ability to analyse problems
  - the ability to consider innovative solutions
  - the ability to work effectively in a team
- These are valuable skills in the workplace that you will need to demonstrate to potential employers.

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

### Company

ABN Amro	ICICI bank
Adecco Ltd	Indian Express
Amarchand & Mangaldas & Suresh A Shroff & Co	Intel (China) Ltd
AOC Archaeology Group	Jaguar Landrover
Aramco Petroleum	Knight Frank
Arup	Korean Broadcasting System
Bank of Uganda	KPMG
BBC	LG Manufacturers
Capita Symonds	Luthra & Luthra
China Bank Regulatory Commission	Maersk
China Daily	Magna Publishing Co.Ltd
Cisco systems	Microsoft
Citibank	Mott McDonald
Corus	NDTV
Deloitte	Oracle
Deutsche Bank	Pepsi-Cola
DTZ	PNRA Pakistan
Emirates airline	Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP
Ernst & Young	Reuters
ESPN Star Sports	Shell
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Siemens
Halcrow Group Ltd	Sony
Hindustan Times	Tata group
HSBC	TV Today Network
	Unilever

## How to improve your career prospects

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

**\_1**

### Choose a top university with a worldwide reputation

Cardiff is a highly ranked university, recognised both in the UK and across the world.

**\_2**

### Make the most of your studies

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

**\_3**

### Join free training programmes

In a competitive work-place it is important that you can be creative and apply your knowledge effectively. Cardiff University's Students' Union runs free training programmes: the Student Enterprise and Student Development Programme. These free courses will give you the opportunity to develop personal and business specific skills:

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

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### Get advice and meet employers

The University has a free Careers Service with specialist international support. They offer advice and guidance on choosing a career, interview techniques, job seeking and improving your résumé. They also run scheduled events so you can meet potential employers recruiting on campus.

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

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### Enhance your résumé

Employers don't want robots; they want interesting people who are driven and able to work in teams. At Cardiff for example, you could get involved with running a club or society, or join the Student Volunteering Unit.

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### Gain work experience

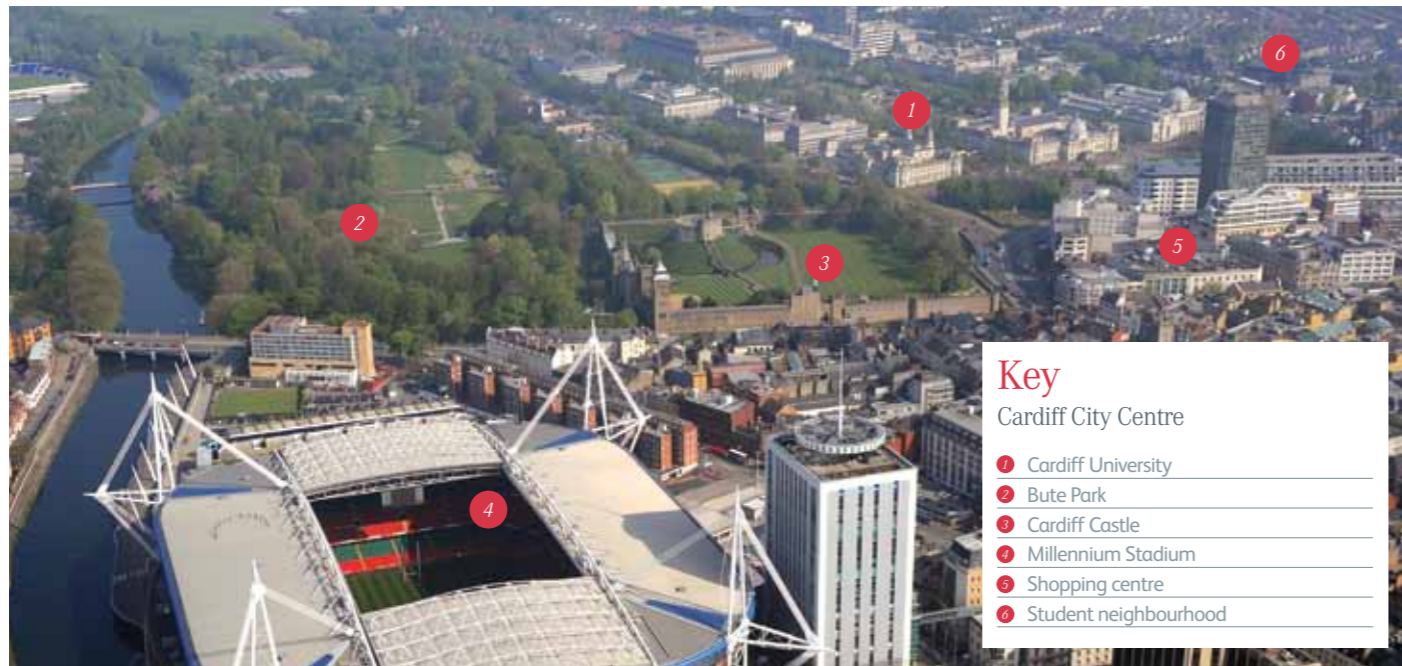
Work experience is a great way to show that you can apply your degree. You can get work experience through a part-time job (see page 40) or by opting for a Cardiff University degree that includes a year in industry. The Schools section (from page 16) lists courses which have year in industry options. The University's Careers Service also runs highly competitive 'taster' placements with employers.

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### Network and build lifelong friendships

Cardiff University has 28,000 students, more than 3,000 international students and more than 6,000 staff. Professors and other staff will offer advice and direction while other students, both from your country and other countries, can provide valuable insights.

Employment rates for Cardiff University international graduates are 10% higher than the UK average



Where is Cardiff?

Cardiff is located on the coast of South Wales, which has beautiful national parks and beaches only 30 minutes away. Cardiff is approximately 230km (145 miles) west of London and is easily accessed by train in about 2 hours. Cardiff has excellent transport links (ranked 1st in the UK for the most transport friendly city) with an international airport that has flights to many cities in Europe.



# Cardiff,

## the capital city of Wales

Cardiff has one of the lowest living costs of any major UK university city. See page 40.



## “The perfect student city”

Cardiff is a small city with a population of about 320,000 people. Approximately 20% of the population are students, which makes it safe, friendly and affordable (see page 40). Cardiff, however, is also a capital city with all the culture, sports, shops, entertainment, work opportunities and atmosphere you would expect of a modern European metropolis.

This means you get a small cheap city you can easily walk around, but also an exciting city where there is always something to do. To find out more about the city of Cardiff visit: [www.whycardiff.com](http://www.whycardiff.com)

### A diverse, international city

Cardiff was one of the UK's first multi-cultural cities and an estimated 94 languages are spoken here. This is a real benefit for international students because many of the food and ingredients you have in your country are also sold in Cardiff. You can also be assured that there are many religious and cultural facilities across the city, including mosques, synagogues, churches and temples.

## 12 FACTS ABOUT CARDIFF

- Cardiff University is in the city centre of Cardiff.
- Cardiff Airport has more than 30 flights a day to UK and European cities.
- Cardiff is only 2 hours from London by train.
- Cardiff has a new £675 million shopping centre in the city centre.
- Cardiff has a 70,000 seated stadium, an international sports village and a football league soccer club: Cardiff City FC.
- Cardiff was European City of Sport in 2009.
- Cardiff has more than 330 parks and gardens.
- Cardiff was one of National Geographic's top 10 summer destinations 2011.
- The popular TV shows Doctor Who and Torchwood are filmed in Cardiff.
- Wales has the cheapest cost of living of any region in the UK.
- Wales has more than 500 castles.
- Home to Europe's oldest living language, Welsh is spoken by 20% of the population, but don't worry everybody speaks English!



### Weather in Cardiff

The average temperature in Cardiff in Winter is 7C and in Summer temperatures can reach up to 30C. 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.

### Top 10 European Cities

Cardiff was ranked the 7th best city in Europe in the fDi (Financial Times) 2008 Cities of the Future shortlist.

1	London
2	Paris
3	Berlin
4	Copenhagen
5	Amsterdam
6	Edinburgh
7	Cardiff
8	Frankfurt am Main
9	Brussels
10	Manchester



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

### University residences

The University has 14 residences, each with different facilities, in different locations and at different costs. Your choices include:

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

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

### Close to campus

Cardiff's 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 everyday. The table below gives the approximate walking times from three residences to four popular locations in Cardiff.

Look at the map on page 41 to see where residences are located. You will also find that like the University, residences are within easy reach of shops, the city centre and parks.

Walking times	Allensbank House	Senghennydd Court	Talybont Court
Business School	25 minutes	15 minutes	5 minutes
Heath Park Campus	5 minutes	35 minutes	25 minutes
Main Building & Students' Union	25 minutes	5 minutes	15 minutes
City centre	30 minutes	5 minutes	20 minutes



# accommodation



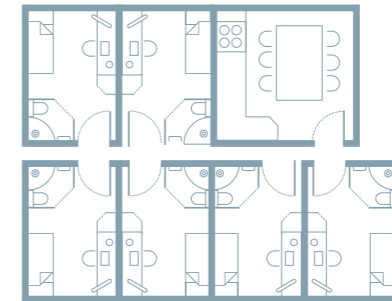
### Safe and supportive

One of the advantages of University residences is the support you are offered. Each residence has a network of residences staff, student wardens and security staff that provide 24 hour assistance. Only students, guests of students and staff are allowed on University residences sites. This makes them safe and secure.

### How much does it cost?

The cost of residences depends on several factors which include the residence you choose, length of stay, meal options and whether you want private bathroom facilities. University residences are very good value as the cost includes water, electricity, security, furniture and internet access (where supplied). As everything is included in one price, it helps you more easily budget. To help with budgeting there is more detail about living expenses on page 40.

For the 2010/11 year self-catering residences ranged from £68 - £95 a week. Part/fully catered residences ranged from £82 - £99 a week. Rooms with private bathrooms are generally more expensive than rooms with shared bathrooms.



An example of a typical flat in University residences

### What do University residences provide?

The diagram above shows a layout of a typical apartment in University residences. 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. Also Halls of Residence bedrooms are connected to the University network and highspeed internet. In your flat you will have access to a shared kitchen/dining room. This area includes a cooker, refrigerator, sink, table and chairs. If you choose 'ensuite' you will have your own bathroom with shower.

### How do I reserve residences?

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

### Coming to Cardiff with your family

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





*You might be wondering what life is like for the 28,000 students at Cardiff University? Outside of academia you will find a vast range of opportunities to try new things, meet new people and enjoy the exciting atmosphere on campus.*



### *The Students' Union*

- The University's social life revolves around an organisation called "The Students' Union".
- Every student enrolled at Cardiff University is automatically a member of Cardiff Students' Union.
- The Union is run by a committee of students and is dedicated to the social and welfare needs of all students on campus. All profits made go back into improving the services available to you.
- The Union building includes a bar, nightclub, concert venue, shopping mall, cafés and an advice centre.
- The Union runs its own student newspaper, magazine, radio station and television station.

### *International café*

The Students' Union also has a dedicated space where international students can make friends, eat, relax, play computer games, and meet as 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 by other students. There are more than 120 societies, many of which represent areas of the world including: Arabia, China, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Nigeria and many more.

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

### *Sport & keeping fit*

The University takes sport very seriously, and the Athletic Union runs 60 sports clubs and arranges fixtures against other universities. Almost every popular sport is played at the University and whatever your level you will find an opportunity to play and participate.

If you are interested in keeping fit, the University has two gyms and runs classes dedicated to mental and physical well-being. More information can be found online at [www.cardiff.ac.uk/sport](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/sport)

# *university life*



### *Supporting you*

The University knows that while you are here you may need some help. You might have an academic question, or you might have a more personal issue.

Cardiff University offers support in many ways.

- Every student at the University is allocated a personal tutor. Your tutor can assist with any academic or personal problems you may have.
- The Student Support Centre has specialist international advisers who can help you with visas, housing, finances and anything which you would like to talk about: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentsupport](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/studentsupport)
- If you want to talk to someone outside the University, the Students' Union also has an advice centre.
- Cardiff University is one of only a few UK universities to provide postgraduate students with dedicated social, training and academic facilities at the University's Graduate Centre: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/gradc](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/gradc)
- If you are not sure where to turn or who to talk to, you can always visit the International Office for advice.

## **Orientation**

*Before you arrive at the University you may be worried about settling in, making friends and life in the UK. The International Office aims to make your transition as smooth as possible with an "induction programme" in September and January.*

*The September induction programme includes:*

- \_1** a free collection service from Cardiff and Heathrow airports. International Office staff will provide a warm welcome at the airport and take you and your luggage to your accommodation.*
- \_2** practical information and fairs to help you settle quickly into living and studying in Cardiff.*
- \_3** tours of the University and the city of Cardiff to help you find your way around.*
- \_4** social events and parties, including traditional Welsh dancing. These are a great way to make friends.*
- \_5** a bank letter service to help you open a bank account when you arrive in the UK.*
- \_6** a coach tour of South Wales. Visit some of Wales' historic monuments with the International Office.*





*If you choose Cardiff University you will be linked to the University for the remainder of your life. When you submit a résumé, or are asked to provide a biography, the name of your University will stand out. It is therefore important to choose a University that will continue to be recognised and world-leading.*

With this aim, Cardiff University is ensuring it remains a leader in research and teaching. Alongside international partners, Cardiff University will play a crucial role in tackling some of the biggest global issues of today and the future.

#### International partnerships

Combating the issues of the 21st century will take more than one university and it is important that we share resources and knowledge. Cardiff University's international network includes Peking University, the University of Pennsylvania, the Asian College of Journalism, the University of Tokyo and many more.

#### Campus Horizons

World-leading teaching and research requires infrastructure to match ideas. Cardiff University has some of the best facilities available but progress requires the University to continually upgrade and expand.

The Campus Horizons project is one of the most ambitious building plans of all the UK universities. It includes a brand new campus adjacent to Cathays Park and high-tech laboratories, expanded libraries, increased postgraduate facilities and more welcoming spaces for the local community.

#### Your future, our future

Your relationship with Cardiff University does not end at graduation. As an alumnus you will also contribute to the University's future. You will take the skills and knowledge you learn at Cardiff into the wider world and showcase the University as an institution that develops the very best graduates. We will stay in contact with you and send you news about your University. We also have a dedicated website for alumni with information related to jobs, networking and reunion events: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/alumni)

# the future of Cardiff University



## courses and schools directory

*On the following pages you will find a directory of courses and research areas. They are organised into the academic Schools of the University and will provide further information about each School and courses available.*

- [\\_16](#) Architecture
- [\\_17](#) Biosciences
- [\\_18](#) Business
- [\\_19](#) City and Regional Planning
- [\\_20](#) Chemistry
- [\\_20](#) Computer Science
- [\\_21](#) Engineering
- [\\_22](#) Dentistry
- [\\_22](#) Earth & Ocean Sciences
- [\\_23](#) English, Communication and Philosophy
- [\\_24](#) European Studies (& Politics)
- [\\_25](#) History, Archaeology and Religion
- [\\_25](#) Healthcare Studies
- [\\_26](#) Journalism
- [\\_27](#) Law
- [\\_28](#) Medicine
- [\\_28](#) Mathematics
- [\\_29](#) Music
- [\\_29](#) Nursing
- [\\_30](#) Optometry
- [\\_31](#) Pharmacy
- [\\_32](#) Physics
- [\\_32](#) Postgraduate Medical & Dental Education
- [\\_33](#) Social Sciences
- [\\_34](#) Psychology
- [\\_34](#) Welsh

Use the websites and email addresses to find out more about the Schools and courses

Top 5  
for Architecture  
in the UK

Welsh School of Architecture

## architecture

Location *Bute Building (map ref 45)*  
 Total students 480  
 Number of staff 50  
 % international students 25%

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

The Welsh School of Architecture is one of the UK's most distinguished centres for the study of the built environment. Your learning experience will focus around the studio project, with a one-to-one approach to design teaching and support from the finest computer modelling, design tools and research facilities available. The School's worldwide reputation makes talented WSA graduates sought after by leading employers in the architectural and construction industries. Admission, however, is highly selective and most programmes will require you to show a strong design portfolio in addition to a good academic record.

## Graduate destinations

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

## Top 10 Architecture

1	UCL
2	Cambridge
3	Bath
4	Cardiff University
5	Sheffield
6	Edinburgh School of Art
7	Oxford Brookes
8	Liverpool
9	Queen's, Belfast
10	MSA
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Ranking by *The Guardian* 2012

## Other rankings

4th School of Architecture in Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)  
 5th in The Times Good University Guide 2012  
 6th in The Complete University Guide 2012

## Undergraduate courses

Architectural Studies BSc/MArch  
 ✉ [architecture-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:architecture-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Postgraduate courses

Building Energy & Environmental Performance Modelling MSc  
 Environmental Design of Buildings MSc  
 Environmental Design of Buildings (Distance Learning) MSc  
 Theory & Practice of Sustainable Design MSc  
 ✉ [heywoodc@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:heywoodc@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Urban Design MA

✉ [cplan-pgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cplan-pgtadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

Architectural History & Theory  
 Building Construction  
 Energy & Environmental Modelling  
 Energy Performance & Management  
 Sustainability in the Built Environment  
 ✉ [lewisk2@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:lewisk2@cardiff.ac.uk)

Top 5  
for Anatomy  
in the UK

School of Biosciences

## biosciences

Location *Biosciences Building (map ref 35)*  
 Total students 1928  
 Number of staff 225  
 % international students 5%

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

Under the leadership of its current director, MRC Professor Ole Petersen CBE FRS, the School provides a dynamic and stimulating research and learning environment with impressive modern facilities and high-calibre staff. January 2011 saw the launch of three new University Research Institutes: Neuroscience and Mental Health, Sustainable Places and the European Cancer Stem Cell Institute. The Institutes, all of which involve School of Biosciences academics, were created to pursue new approaches to pressing concerns about cancer, mental health and sustainability. In the authoritative 2010 Annual World University Ranking (based on research strength and performance) compiled by Shanghai Jiao Tong University (<http://www.arwu.org>), Life Sciences at Cardiff University is in the top 100 worldwide and in the top 10 in the UK. At undergraduate level, the School gives flexibility, allowing you to switch courses after the first year and also offering a four year programme. The extra year is undertaken on a placement, enhancing the knowledge you gain in the School's laboratories with practical work experience and insight.

## Graduate destinations

Astra-Zeneca  
 GlaxoSmithKline  
 Merck Sharpe & Dohme  
 Nestlé  
 Pfizer

## Top 10 Anatomy and Physiology

1	Cambridge
2	Cardiff University
3	Oxford
4	UCL
5	Bristol
6	Newcastle
7	Sussex
8	Manchester
9	Swansea
10	King's
>	32

Ranking by *The Complete University Guide* 2012

## Other rankings

2nd in The Times Good University Guide 2012  
 3rd in The Guardian 2012

## International Foundation Programme

Health & Life Sciences  
 ✉ [foundation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:foundation@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Undergraduate courses

Biochemistry BSc  
 Biology BSc  
 Biomedical Science BSc  
 Biomedical Sciences - Anatomy BSc  
 Biomedical Sciences - Neuroscience BSc  
 Biomedical Sciences - Physiology BSc  
 Biotechnology BSc  
 Ecology BSc  
 Genetics BSc  
 Microbiology BSc  
 Molecular Biology BSc  
 Zoology BSc  
 ✉ [bioscience-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:bioscience-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

Note: all subjects available, apart from Biotechnology, as 3 or 4 year programmes. Biotechnology is available as a 4 year programme only. 4 year programmes include a Professional Training Year.

## Postgraduate courses

Biophotonics MSc  
 Biosciences MRes  
 Tissue Engineering MSc  
 ✉ [bioscience-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:bioscience-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil/MD Research areas

Arthritis  
 Cancer Cell Biology  
 Integrative Neuroscience  
 Molecular Biosciences  
 Neuroscience  
 Organisms and Environment  
 Pathophysiology and Repair  
 ✉ [bioscience-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:bioscience-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)



Top 5  
for Business  
in the UK

Cardiff Business School

## business

Location *Aberconway Building (map ref 11)*Total students *2,600*Number of staff *150*% international students *42%*[www.cardiff.ac.uk/carbs](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/carbs)

*Cardiff Business School is a leading UK business school and is a member of both AACSB and EFMD. With a dynamic student community from more than 60 countries, studying at CBS will provide you with access to a global network of contacts and experience. You will benefit from specialist careers advice, mentoring from industry and the opportunity to enhance your skills in excellent facilities such as the School's practical real-time Trading Room.*

### Graduate Destinations

Deloitte

HSBC

KPMG

PWC

Unilever

### Top 10 Business and Management Studies

1 London Business School

2 Imperial

3 Cambridge

4 Cardiff University

5 Bath

- King's

- Lancaster

- LSE

- Oxford

- Warwick

&gt;90

Ranking by GPA see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

### International Foundation Programme Business

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

### Undergraduate courses

Accounting BSc

Accounting &amp; Economics BScEcon

Accounting &amp; Finance BSc

Accounting &amp; Management BScEcon

Banking &amp; Finance BScEcon

Business Economics BScEcon

Business Management BSc

- General Route

- Human Resources

- International Management

- International Management (Route B Semester Abroad)

- Logistics &amp; Operations

- Marketing

Business Management &amp; Finance BSc

Business Studies &amp; Japanese BSc

Economics BScEcon

Economics &amp; Finance BScEcon

Economics &amp; Humanities Subject BScEcon

Economics &amp; Management Studies BScEcon

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

### Postgraduate courses

MBA

MBA Media Management

Accounting &amp; Finance MSc

Economics MRes

Finance MSc

Financial Economics MSc

Human Resource Management MSc

International Economics, Banking &amp; Finance MSc

International Economics &amp; Public Policy MSc

International Transport MSc

Logistics &amp; Operations Management MSc

Marine Policy MSc

Port &amp; Shipping Administration PGDip

Public Administration MPA

Strategic Marketing MSc

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

### PhD/MPhil Research areas

Accounting &amp; Finance

Economics

Human Resource Management

Logistics &amp; Operations Management

Marketing &amp; Strategy

✉ [business-research@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:business-research@cardiff.ac.uk)

No. 1  
for Planning  
in the UK

School of City and Regional Planning

## city and regional planning

Location *Glamorgan Building (map ref 49)*Total students *563*Number of staff *80*% international students *20%*[www.cardiff.ac.uk/cplan](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/cplan)

*The School of City and Regional Planning has been independently acknowledged as the largest and best planning school for over 20 years. By studying in an internationally recognised School, you will benefit from being taught by acclaimed academics delivering courses that confront the challenges of 21st century planning. Cardiff's reputation, plus professional course recognition, ensures that our graduates have excellent career prospects and are highly desired by private and public organisations. The School's research has European and worldwide links, which is reflected in our PhD students' backgrounds and interests. This provides you with a vibrant research environment and access to an international network of researchers.*

### Graduate destinations

China Academy of Urban Planning and Design

Chinese University of Hong Kong

NSW State Government, Australia

Technische Universitaet Muenchen

Via Natura Sdn. Bhd

### Top 10 Town and Country Planning

1 Cardiff University

2 Leeds

3 Newcastle

4 Oxford Brookes

5 Cambridge

6 UCL

7 UWE

8 Sheffield

9 Manchester

10 Sheffield Hallam

&gt;26

Ranking by Research Power see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

### Other rankings

4th in The Guardian 2012

4th in The Times Good University Guide 2012

6th in The Complete University Guide 2012

### Undergraduate courses

City and Regional Planning BSc

Geography (Human) BSc

Geography (Human) and Planning BSc

✉ [cplan-ugenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cplan-ugenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk)

### Postgraduate courses

Geography, Policy and Practice MSc

Housing MSc

International Planning and Development MSc

Planning Practice and Research MSc

Regeneration Studies MSc

Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy MSc

Transport and Planning MSc

Urban Design MA

✉ [cplan-pgtenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cplan-pgtenquiries@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PhD/MPhil Research areas

Environment

Housing

Spatial Analysis

Spatial Planning and City Environments

Urban and Regional Governance

✉ [sonnino@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:sonnino@cardiff.ac.uk)



School of Chemistry

# chemistry

Location *Main Building (map ref 39)*  
 Total students 380  
 Number of staff 45  
 % international students 10%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/chemy

**1** Chemistry taught at Cardiff University since 1883. **2** Recently refurbished £14 million facilities. **3** Year in industry and study abroad available. **4** Degrees are accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

**Graduate destinations**

3M / Cadburys / GlaxoSmithKline / Intellectual Patent Office / Solutia

**Undergraduate courses**

Chemistry BSc/MChem  
 Chemistry with Industrial Experience BSc  
 Chemistry with a Year in Industry MChem  
 Chemistry with a Year Abroad MChem  
 ✉ chemistry-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

**Postgraduate courses**

Catalysis MSc  
 Chemical Biology MSc  
 Molecular Modelling MSc  
 Physical Organic Chemistry MSc  
 Sustainable Chemistry MSc  
 ✉ tatchell@cardiff.ac.uk

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Chemical Biology  
 Heterogeneous Catalysis & Nanostructured Surfaces  
 Homogenous Catalysis  
 Metals in Synthesis & Organic Synthesis  
 Physical Organic Chemistry  
 Solid State & Materials Chemistry  
 Theoretical & Computational Chemistry  
 ✉ attard@cardiff.ac.uk

School of Computer Science &amp; Informatics

# computer science

Location *Queen's Buildings (map ref 58)*  
 Total students 455  
 Number of staff 65  
 % international students 12%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/comsc

**1** Housed in the £35 million Queen's Building complex and with a new library opened in 2009. **2** Five dedicated multi-platform teaching laboratories featuring state of the art equipment and industry standard software. **3** The School's degrees are regularly reviewed and professionally accredited by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT. **4** Excellent employment prospects for graduates, with the vast majority following their chosen career path within six months.

**Graduate destinations**

American Express / BAE Systems / Fujitsu / IBM / Thomson Reuters

**Undergraduate courses**

Business Information Systems BSc\*  
 Computer Science BSc\*  
 Computer Systems Engineering BSc\*  
 Computing & Mathematics BSc  
 Computer Science with Biometrics BSc\*  
 Computer Science with High Performance Computing BSc\*  
 Computer Science with Security and Forensics BSc\*  
 Computer Science with Visual Computing BSc\*  
 Software Engineering BSc\*  
 ✉ comsc-ug@cs.cardiff.ac.uk

\*Available as a 3 or 4 year programme. The 4 year programme includes a year in industry, and the School supports students in finding a year-long, paid placement in the UK.

**Postgraduate courses**

Computer Science MSc\*†  
 Computer Science MRes†  
 Computing MSc\*  
 Computing & IT Management MSc\*  
 Information Security & Privacy MSc\*  
 Information Systems MRes†  
 Strategic Information Systems MSc\*  
 ✉ comsc-pg@cs.cardiff.ac.uk

\*Available as a 1 or 2 year programme. The 2 year programme includes a year in industry, and the School supports students in finding a year-long, paid placement in the UK.  
 † Subject to validation.

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Distributed and Scientific Computing  
 Informatics  
 Visual Computing  
 ✉ comsc-pgresearch@cs.cardiff.ac.uk



Top 10  
for Civil &  
Mechanical  
Engineering

School of Engineering

# engineering

Location *Trevithick and Queen's Buildings (map ref 58)*  
 Total students 1,350  
 Number of staff 90  
 % international students 23%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/engin

Cardiff School of Engineering is based in a modern, purpose-built building, housing some of the UK's most advanced facilities. The School's research activity has a worldwide reputation and a record of collaboration with industrial partners such as Corus, Laing O'Rourke, Halcrow, National Grid, Rolls Royce, NASA, Mott MacDonald, BP, RWE Npower, and Atkins. This means you will receive cutting-edge and career relevant teaching from global experts in their field. Engineering graduates are highly employable and Cardiff gives you the opportunity to further enhance your prospects by offering a year in industry on undergraduate programmes. All of the School's courses provide accreditation from the relevant professional bodies and competitive scholarships are available.

**Graduate destinations**

Atkins / BAE Systems / Corus / Mott McDonald / Network Rail

**Top 10 Civil Engineering**

1 Imperial  
 2 Swansea  
 3 Cardiff University  
 4 Newcastle  
 - Nottingham  
 6 Dundee  
 - Sheffield  
 8 Bristol  
 - Southampton  
 10 Queen's, Belfast  
 >23  
 Ranking by GPA see www.cardiff.ac.uk/research

**Other rankings**

6th in The Times Good University Guide 2012  
 7th in The Complete University Guide 2012

**Top 10 Mechanical Engineering**

1 Southampton  
 2 Nottingham  
 3 Imperial  
 4 Surrey  
 5 Lancaster  
 6 Sheffield  
 7 Bristol  
 8 Cardiff University  
 9 Loughborough  
 10 Sussex  
 >55  
 Ranking by The Guardian 2012

**Other rankings**

9th in Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

**International Foundation Programme**  
 Engineering  
 ✉ foundation@cardiff.ac.uk

**Undergraduate courses**

Architectural Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Civil Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Civil & Environmental Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Computer Systems Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Electronic & Communications Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Electrical & Electronic Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Integrated Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Mechanical Engineering BEng/MEng  
 Medical Engineering BEng/MEng  
 ✉ engineering-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

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

**Postgraduate courses**

Advanced Mechanical Engineering MSc  
 Civil Engineering MSc  
 Clinical Engineering MSc  
 Environmental Water Engineering MSc  
 Electrical Energy Systems MSc  
 Geoenvironmental Engineering MSc  
 Multimedia Systems and Communication Engineering MSc  
 Orthopaedic Engineering (surgeons only) MSc  
 Professional Engineering MSc  
 Structural Engineering MSc  
 Sustainable Energy & Environment MSc  
 Wireless and Microwave Communications Engineering MSc  
 ✉ engineering-pg@cardiff.ac.uk

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Energy  
 Environment and Sustainability  
 Green Electronic Systems (Communications, Sensors and Materials)  
 Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
 Mechanics and Advanced Materials  
 Medical Engineering and Medical Physics  
 Sustainable Engineering  
 ✉ engineering-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk



School of Dentistry

## dentistry

Location *University Dental Hospital (map ref 106)*  
 Total students 380  
 Number of staff 105  
 % international students 8%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/dentistry

Top 5  
for  
Dentistry  
in the UK

**\_1** Only dental school in Wales. **\_2** based at the University Dental Hospital on the Heath Park campus. **\_3** Programmes aim to enable you to practice dentistry in appropriate training environments.

## Top 10 Dentistry

- 1 King's
- 2 Glasgow
- 3 Cardiff University
- 4 Queen's, Belfast
- 5 Birmingham
- 6 Bristol
- 7 Dundee
- 8 Sheffield
- 9 Liverpool
- 10 Manchester
- >13

Ranked by *The Guardian* 2012

## Other rankings

- 5th in Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)
- 9th in The Complete University Guide 2012
- 9th in The Times Good University Guide 2012

## Undergraduate courses

- Dentistry BDS
- Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene BSc
- ✉ [dentaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:dentaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Postgraduate courses

- Clinical Dentistry (MClinDent) MSc
- Implantology MSc/PgDip
- Orthodontics MScD
- Tissue Engineering MSc/PgDip
- ✉ [dentaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:dentaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

- Applied Clinical Research and Public Health Learning & Scholarship
- Tissue Engineering & Reparative Dentistry
- ✉ [dentaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:dentaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

School of Earth &amp; Ocean Sciences

## earth &amp; ocean sciences

Location *Main Building (map ref 39)*  
 Total students 542  
 Number of staff 55  
 % international students 3%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/earth

Top 10  
for  
Earth Sciences  
in the UK

**\_1** Taught at Cardiff for over 100 years. **\_2** Studies enhanced by Wales' accessible and spectacular natural geography. **\_3** Courses include practical experience on field trips and some courses offer a year in industry.

## Graduate destinations

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

## Top Earth Systems &amp; Environmental Sciences

- 1 Cambridge
- 2 Oxford
- 3 UCL/Birkbeck (joint)
- 4 Bristol
- Liverpool
- Reading
- 7 Cardiff University
- Durham
- East Anglia
- Edinburgh
- Lancaster
- Leeds
- Manchester
- Open
- Royal Holloway
- Southampton
- >42

Ranking by *Research* 4\* & 3\* see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

## Undergraduate courses

- Earth Sciences MESci\*
- Environmental Geoscience BSc/MESci\*
- Exploration & Resource Geology BSc/MESci\*
- Geology BSc/MESci\*
- Marine Geography BSc
- Marine Geoscience MESci\*
- ✉ [earth-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*MESci available with a year at an overseas university.

## Postgraduate courses

- Applied Environmental Geology MSc
- Environmental Hydrogeology MSc
- ✉ [earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

- Geobiology
- Geodynamics
- Geoenvironment
- Magmatic & Hydrothermal Processes
- Paleoclimate and Climate Systems
- ✉ [earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earth-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)



School of English, Communication and Philosophy

## english, communication and philosophy

Location *Humanities Building (map ref 16)*  
 Total students 1530  
 Number of staff 50  
 % international students 3%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap

Top 10  
for  
English  
in the UK

The School of English, Communication & Philosophy is one of the largest schools in the University and offers research-led teaching that brings you face-to-face with academics shaping the future of their subjects. Courses are designed to offer you new ways of thinking about your subject and therefore provide excellent preparation for careers requiring you to critically engage with language and ideas. The School's size also makes it a vibrant community offering you many opportunities to make friends and establish networks.

## Graduate destinations

- BBC
- Cameco Corporation
- The Guardian
- University of Oxford
- University of Sydney

## Top 10 English Language &amp; Literature

- 1 Oxford
- 2 Cambridge
- 3 Glasgow
- 4 Leeds
- 5 Exeter
- 6 York
- 7 Cardiff University
- 8 Birmingham
- 9 Sheffield
- 10 Queen Mary
- >87

Ranking by *Research Power* see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

## Undergraduate courses

- Cultural Criticism\* BA
- English Language\* BA
- English Language and Communication BA
- English Literature\* BA
- Philosophy\* BA
- ✉ [encap-ac@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:encap-ac@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*Available with another humanities subject.

## Postgraduate courses

- Analytic and Modern European Philosophy MA
- Applied Linguistics MA
- Creative Writing MA
- Critical and Cultural Theory MA
- English Literature MA
- Ethics and Social Philosophy MA
- Forensic Linguistics MA
- Language and Communication Research MA
- ✉ [encap-ac@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:encap-ac@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

- Critical and Cultural Theory
- English Literature
- Language and Communication
- Philosophy and Applied Ethics
- ✉ [encap-ac@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:encap-ac@cardiff.ac.uk)



Cardiff School of European Studies

## european languages &amp; politics

Location Park Place (map ref 24)  
Total students 1256  
Number of staff 52  
% of international students 2%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/euros

Cardiff School of European Studies is one of the largest and most dynamic schools of its kind in the UK. The School has its own cinema auditorium and IT suites, providing you with the latest in language learning technology. The School also maintains close links with universities across Europe providing a highly cosmopolitan and networked environment. Undergraduate language degrees additionally offer you the opportunity to study in Europe at a partner institution in France, Germany, Italy or Spain. The School also offers undergraduate programmes in Politics and International Relations and a joint degree with the University of Bordeaux. At postgraduate level the new MA Translation Studies programme attracts students that speak a variety of different languages.

## Top 10 European Studies

1	Portsmouth
2	Cardiff University
3	Bath
4	Surrey
5	Aston
6	Southampton
7	Manchester Metropolitan
8	Salford
9	Birmingham
10	LSE
>27	

Ranking by Research Power see www.cardiff.ac.uk/research

## Graduate destinations

Deloitte  
European Commission  
Political research  
Public services  
Teaching posts in the UK and abroad

## Undergraduate courses

European Politics & International Relations BScEcon  
European Union Studies BScEcon  
French \*† BA  
German \*† BA  
Italian \*† BA  
Spanish \*† BA  
Politics \*† BScEcon  
Politics, Diploma in Etudes Politiques BScEcon  
Politics & Economics BScEcon  
Politics & International Relations BScEcon  
Politics & Modern History BScEcon  
Politics & Sociology BScEcon  
✉ european-ug@cardiff.ac.uk

\* Available with another humanities subject  
† Available with law as an LLB

## Postgraduate courses

European Governance & Public Policy MScEcon  
European Studies MA  
International Relations MScEcon  
Politics and Public Policy MScEcon  
Political Theory MA  
Politics and International Relations (Turin) MScEcon  
Translation Studies MA  
Welsh Government and Politics MScEcon  
✉ euros-pgt@cardiff.ac.uk

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

Area Studies  
Comparative Politics, Policy and Governance  
Culture & Identity  
Globalisation  
History & Memory  
History of Political Thought  
International Relations  
Languages & Translation Studies  
Literature & Visual Cultures  
Political Theory  
Wales  
✉ euros-pgr@cardiff.ac.uk



School of History, Archaeology &amp; Religion

## history, archaeology &amp; religion

Location Humanities Building (map ref 16)  
Total student population 1010  
Number of academic staff 60  
% international students 1%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/share

- 1 Flexible, modular schemes allow you to develop your own interests.
- 2 The city of Cardiff provides an excellent study location with history dating back to Roman times and a multi-cultural population.
- 3 Postgraduate Studentships are available for 2012/2013.

## Undergraduate courses

Ancient History\* BA  
Ancient & Medieval History BA  
Archaeology\* BSc / BA  
Archaeology & Ancient History BA  
Conservation of Objects in Museums & Archaeology BSc  
History\* BA  
History & Social Science BA  
History with Welsh History BA  
Modern History & Politics BScEcon  
Religious & Theological Studies\* BA  
✉ adminshare@cardiff.ac.uk

\*Available with another humanities subject.

## Postgraduate courses

Ancient History MA  
Ancient & Medieval Warfare MA  
Archaeology MA  
Care of Collections MA  
Chaplaincy Studies MTh  
Conservation Practice MSc  
Early Celtic Studies MA  
Early & Medieval Society & Culture MA  
European Neolithic MA  
History MA  
Islam in Contemporary Britain MA  
Late Antique and Byzantine Studies MA  
Medieval British Studies MA  
Professional Conservation MSc  
Religious Studies: Asian Religions MA  
Religious Studies: Religion in Late Antiquity MA  
Theology MTh  
Welsh History MA  
✉ pgadminshare@cardiff.ac.uk

## PhD/MPhil Research Areas

Ancient History  
Archaeology  
Body, Health and Religion  
Chaplaincy Studies  
Conservation  
History  
History of Asian Religions  
Islam in the UK  
Late Antique Religion & Culture  
Religion in Contemporary Societies  
Welsh History  
✉ pgadminshare@cardiff.ac.uk

School of Healthcare Studies

## healthcare studies

Location Ty Dewi Sant, Heath Park Campus (map ref 116)  
Total students 782  
Number of staff 96  
% international students 5.2%

www.cardiff.ac.uk/healthcarestudies

- 1 All pre-registration programmes recognised by the UK Health Professions Council.
- 2 Emphasis placed on practical and clinical aspects of accredited programmes.

## Graduate occupations

Occupational Therapist / Operating Department Practitioner / Physiotherapist / Radiographer

## Undergraduate courses

Occupational Therapy BSc  
Operating Department Practice DipHE  
Operating Department Practice: Intra & Perioperative BSc  
Physiotherapy BSc  
Radiography: Diagnostic Radiography & Imaging BSc  
Radiotherapy & Oncology BSc  
✉ sohscadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk

## Postgraduate courses

Healthcare Studies MSc/PGDip  
Neurorehabilitation MSc  
Occupational Therapy MSc/PGDip  
Physiotherapy MSc/PGDip  
Radiography MSc/PGDip  
Sports Physiotherapy MSc/PGDip  
✉ streets@cardiff.ac.uk

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

Clinical Kinesiology  
Occupation & Health  
Radiography/Radiotherapy  
Perioperative Practice  
✉ harmerl@cardiff.ac.uk



School of Journalism, Media &amp; Cultural Studies

## journalism, media &amp; cultural studies

Top 5 for  
Communication  
and Media  
in the UK

Location *Bute Building (map ref 45)*  
 Total students *808*  
 Number of staff *48*  
 % international students *22%*

www.cardiff.ac.uk/jomec

*Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies is a world-leading centre for media teaching and research. 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. Programmes offer scholarly excellence, renowned vocational training or a combination of both where you will be encouraged to reflect on the way the media operates nationally and internationally. Cardiff's international popularity means you should benefit from your fellow students' shared professional and cultural experiences, ensuring you leave with contacts in countries from around the world. The School also offers one £5000 scholarship on each MA programme.*

**Graduate destinations**

*AlJazeera English*  
*Channel 4 (UK)*  
*China Daily*  
*International Criminal Court, The Hague, Netherlands*  
*Korea Economic Daily*  
*Reuters*  
*NewsX Channel, India*  
*The Fiscal Times, New York*

**Top 10 Communication, Cultural & Media Studies**

1 Goldsmiths  
 2 Nottingham Trent  
 3 Westminster  
 4 Cardiff University  
 5 UWE  
 6 Sussex  
 7 Leeds Metropolitan  
 8 Royal Holloway  
 9 Leeds  
 10 Ulster  
 >46

Ranking by Research Fortnight Research Power see www.cardiff.ac.uk/research

**Other rankings**

8th in The Complete University Guide 2012  
 9th in The Times Good University Guide 2012

**Undergraduate courses**

Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies BA  
 Journalism, Media, Cultural Studies and Sociology BA  
 Journalism, Media, and Cultural Criticism BA  
 ✉ [jomec-ba@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:jomec-ba@cardiff.ac.uk)

**Diploma in Journalism**

Broadcasting Option PGDip  
 Magazine Option PGDip  
 Newspaper Option PGDip  
 ✉ [jomec-diploma@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:jomec-diploma@cardiff.ac.uk)

**Postgraduate courses**

International Journalism MA  
 International Public Relations and Global Communications Management MA  
 Journalism MA  
 Journalism, Media and Communications MA  
 MBA Media Management  
 Political Communications MA  
 Science, Media & Communication MSc  
 ✉ [jomec-ma@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:jomec-ma@cardiff.ac.uk)

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Audience and Fan Studies  
 Children and the Media  
 Feminist Media Studies  
 Journalism Studies  
 Mediatized Conflict  
 Race, Representation & Cultural Politics  
 Risk, Science, Health & Media  
 ✉ [jomec-research@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:jomec-research@cardiff.ac.uk)



Cardiff Law School

## law

Top 10  
for Law  
in the UK

Location *Law Building (map ref 28)*  
 Total students *1484*  
 Number of staff *83*  
 % international students *22%*

www.law.cardiff.ac.uk

*Cardiff Law School is one of the UK's most prestigious law schools and is internationally renowned for teaching and research excellence. You will benefit from globally relevant teaching and one of the largest libraries in the UK, with more than 100,000 volumes and a wealth of online resources. To ensure you make the most of your studies, the School offers study skills and English language support and a number of merit scholarships and entrance bursaries for high achievers. You can also work with real clients and experience law in action by participating in the Law School's Pro Bono Scheme and Innocence Project.*

**Graduate destinations**

*Azmi and Associates, Kuala Lumpur*  
*Blakely and Dushenski, Canada*  
*Fox, Mandal and Little, Delhi*  
*Freshfields, London*  
*Hassan and Hassan, Pakistan*  
*Nigerian Ports Authority*  
*Shanghai Kai Rong Law Firm, China*  
*Shearman & Sterling, Hong Kong*

**Top 10 Law**

1 LSE  
 2 UCL  
 3 Oxford  
 4 Durham  
 - Nottingham  
 6 Kent  
 7 Cardiff University  
 - Cambridge  
 - Queen Mary  
 10 Edinburgh  
 >67

Ranking by GPA see www.cardiff.ac.uk/research

**Undergraduate courses**

Law LLB  
 ✉ [law-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

Law & Criminology LLB  
 Law & Politics LLB  
 Law & Sociology LLB  
 Law & Welsh LLB  
 Integrated Law & Language (French/German) LLB  
 ✉ [intlaw-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:intlaw-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

**Postgraduate courses**

Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC)\*  
 Legal Practice Course (LPC)  
 LLM (Law)  
 LLM specialised routes  
 - Canon Law  
 - European Legal Studies  
 - Governance and Devolution  
 - Human Rights Law  
 - International Commercial Law  
 - Law and Governance of the European Union  
 - Legal and Political Aspects of International Affairs  
 - Legal Aspects of Medical Practice  
 - Social Care Law

✉ [law-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)  
 ✉ BPTC: [law-bptc@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-bptc@cardiff.ac.uk)  
 ✉ LPC: [law-lpc@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-lpc@cardiff.ac.uk)

\* Formerly the Bar Vocational Course.

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

*Areas of supervision include:*  
 Commercial Law  
 Criminal Law  
 Environmental Law  
 European Law  
 Human Rights Law  
 Law and Sociology  
 Legal Theory  
 Medical Law  
 Public International Law  
 ✉ [law-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:law-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)



School of Medicine

## medicine

No. 1  
for Neuroscience  
in the UK

Location *Medical School, Heath Park campus (map ref 110)*  
 Total students 3447  
 Number of staff 992  
 % international students 27%

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

**\_1** One of the largest Schools in the UK and linked with institutions worldwide. **\_2** Based at one of the UK's biggest hospitals.

**\_3** The UK's largest medical school provider of postgraduate distance learning programmes.

## Top 5 Psychiatry, Neuroscience &amp; Clinical Psychology

1 Cardiff University
- Cambridge
3 UCL
4 Edinburgh
5 Bristol
- Imperial
- Oxford
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Ranking by Research 4\* & 3\* see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

## Undergraduate courses

Medicine MBChB  
 Medical Pharmacology BSc/MPH  
 [medicaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:medicaladmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Postgraduate courses

Advanced Surgical Practice\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Ageing, Health and Disease MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Applied Behaviour Analysis & Challenging Behaviour\* PgCert  
 Bioinformatics and Genetic Epidemiology & Bioinformatics MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Critical Care\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Diabetes\* PgDip  
 Dermatology, Clinical MSc/PgDip  
 Dermatology, Practical\* MSc/PgDip  
 Genetic Counselling MSc  
 Master of Public Health MPH  
 Medical Ultrasound MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Medical Toxicology\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Obstetric and/or Gynaecological Ultrasound MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Occupational Health: Policy and Practice\* MSc/PgDip  
 Pain Management\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 Palliative Care/Medicine\* MSc/PgDip  
 Positive Approaches to Challenging Behaviour\* MSc/PgDip  
 Psychiatry† MSc/PgDip  
 Therapeutics\* MSc/PgDip  
 Wound Healing & Tissue Repair\* MSc/PgDip/PgCert  
 [postgradmedic@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:postgradmedic@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*Courses are taught via online distance learning.

†Distance learning option available (subject to approval).

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

Cancer Studies  
 Cardiovascular Sciences  
 Clinical Epidemiology  
 Diabetes & Metabolism  
 Infection, Immunity & Inflammation  
 Neuroscience & Mental Health  
 [pgrmedic@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:pgrmedic@cardiff.ac.uk)

School of Mathematics

## mathematics

Top 10  
for Pure  
Mathematics  
in the UK

Location *Mathematics Building (map ref 42)*  
 Total students 400  
 Number of staff 35  
 % international students 4.2%

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

**\_1** Undergraduate option to incorporate a paid work placement year at organisations like Rolls Royce, Air Traffic Control and local government. **\_2** Scholarships available on merit to international students. **\_3** MMath programme ideal if you want to work in research or for tech companies.

## Graduate destinations

BAE Systems / Deloitte / Ernst and Young / PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP / Roche Pharmaceuticals

## Top 10 Pure Mathematics

1 Oxford
2 Cambridge
3 Bristol
4 Warwick
5 Edinburgh
6 Manchester
7 Imperial
8 Cardiff University
9 Leeds
10 Queen Mary
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Ranking by Research Power see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

## Undergraduate courses

Mathematics MMath/BSc  
 Mathematics & its Applications\* BSc  
 Mathematics, Operational Research & Statistics\* BSc  
 Mathematics & Physics BSc  
 Mathematics & Computing BSc  
 Mathematics & Humanities BA  
 [mathematics@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:mathematics@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*Available with an optional year in industry.

## Postgraduate courses

Operational Research and Applied Statistics MSc  
 Operational Research, Applied Statistics and Risk MSc  
 [thompsonjm1@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:thompsonjm1@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

Applied Mathematics  
 Analysis  
 Operational Research  
 Probability & Statistics  
 Pure Mathematics  
 [schmidtkm@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:schmidtkm@cardiff.ac.uk)



School of Music

## music

Location *Music Building (map ref 23)*  
 Total students 250  
 Number of staff 15  
 % international students 1%

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

**\_1** Programmes allow you to develop your interest while gaining broad-based education in analysis, composition, ethnomusicology, music history and performance. **\_2** The city of Cardiff offers the Welsh National Opera, BBC NOW and two world-class venues, including the Wales Millennium Centre.

## Graduate destinations

BBC / Cambridge University / Monteverdi Choir, London / Royal Academy of Music / The Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music

## Undergraduate courses

Music BMus  
 Music BA  
 Music & Humanities Subject BA  
 Music & Physics BSc  
 [music-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:music-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

## Postgraduate courses

Composition BMus  
 Ethnomusicology MA  
 Music, Culture & Politics MA  
 Musicology MA  
 Performance Studies MA  
 [music-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:music-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

Composition  
 Performance  
 Thesis  
 [music-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:music-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

School of Nursing &amp; Midwifery

## nursing &amp; midwifery

Location *Heath Park Campus / Eastgate House (map ref 59)*  
 Total students 1671  
 Number of staff 130  
 % international postgraduate students 4%

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

**\_1** Over 20 years of providing education to international students. **\_2** Vocationally relevant programmes balance practice and theory.

## Postgraduate courses

Advanced Practice MSc/PGDip/PGCert  
 - Generic route  
 - Colposcopy  
 - Community Health Studies  
 - Education for Healthcare Professionals  
 - Non-medical Prescribing  
 - Safeguarding Children  
 [jonesa23@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:jonesa23@cardiff.ac.uk)  
 [arthursj@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:arthursj@cardiff.ac.uk)

Specialist Community Public Health Nursing MSc/PgDip  
 [joomunls@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:joomunls@cardiff.ac.uk)

## PhD/MPhil Research areas

Children and Young People  
 Health Knowledge  
 Health Technologies  
 Long Term Conditions  
 Mental Health  
 Patient Safety  
 Work & Organisation  
 [featherstonek@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:featherstonek@cardiff.ac.uk)





School of Optometry &amp; Vision Sciences

# optometry & vision sciences

Location *Optometry Building (map ref 15)*

Total students 273

Number of staff 28

% international students 22%

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/optom](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/optom)No. 1  
for Optometry  
in the UK

Cardiff School of Optometry was founded in 1935 and is an internationally recognised research centre. The School is the only optometric training department in Wales, and one of the largest of its kind in the UK, with an outstanding reputation in both teaching and research. In 2007 the School moved to a custom-designed £21 million building, where you will benefit from outstanding facilities including clinics, laboratories and teaching rooms with the latest state-of-the-art equipment. The undergraduate degree unites both the scientific and the clinical, and provides you with experience of clinical practice in ophthalmic and orthoptic hospital departments.

**Graduate destinations**

Community practice

Hospital practice

Optical or pharma industry

Refractive surgery clinics

Research

**Top 10 Allied Health Professions & Studies**

1 Cardiff University

2 Aston

- Manchester

4 Glasgow Caledonian

5 Ulster

6 Bradford

- City

8 Anglia Ruskin

Ranking by 4\* & 3\* see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

NB: Only institutions with Schools of Optometry who returned to the Allied Health Professions and Studies UoA are included in this table.

**Other rankings**

2nd in The Times Good University Guide 2012

3rd in The Complete University Guide 2012

**Undergraduate courses**

Optometry BSc

✉ [earlam@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:earlam@cardiff.ac.uk)**Postgraduate courses**

Clinical Optometry MSc (part-time/distance learning)

✉ [pgoptom@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:pgoptom@cardiff.ac.uk)**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Biomedical Imaging

Clinical Investigation &amp; Vision Sciences

Structural Biophysics

Visual Neuroscience &amp; Molecular Biology

✉ [wildjm@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:wildjm@cardiff.ac.uk)

Welsh School of Pharmacy

# pharmacy

Location *Redwood Building (map ref 33)*

Total students 710

Number of staff 40

% international students (in School) 15%

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/phrmy](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/phrmy)Top 5  
for Pharmacy  
in the UK

The Welsh School of Pharmacy is among the leaders in clinical skills development in the UK. Accredited by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the Master of Pharmacy degree equips you with a sound knowledge of the pharmaceutical sciences and the necessary skills to proceed confidently into pre-registration training. It also offers you the experience of working closely with pharmacy practitioners and produces graduates highly-qualified for career opportunities in hospital, community, industrial and academic pharmacy. Towards the end of your degree, staff at the School will assist you in finding a pre-registration post. For more than a decade, ALL of our graduates have secured posts before graduation.

**Top 10 Pharmacy**

1 Nottingham

2 East Anglia

3 Bath

4 Cardiff University

5 Manchester

6 Aston

7 Queen's, Belfast

8 King's

9 School of Pharmacy

10 Strathclyde

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Ranking by The Complete University Guide 2012

**Other rankings**

5th in Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

5th in The Times Good University Guide 2012

8th in The Guardian 2012

**Undergraduate courses**

Pharmacy MPharm

✉ [pharmacy-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:pharmacy-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)**Postgraduate courses**

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

International Pharmacoeconomics &amp; Health Economics\* MSc

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

\*studied in Germany.

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Cardiopulmonary Studies

Drug Delivery &amp; Biological Interfaces

Experimental Cancer Therapeutics

Infection &amp; Immunity

Medicines &amp; Patient Outcomes

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



School of Physics &amp; Astronomy

## physics &amp; astronomy

Location *Queen's Buildings (map ref 58)*  
 Total students 322  
 Number of staff 35  
 % international students 4%

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

*Cardiff School of Physics and Astronomy has an international reputation for excellence and a strong commitment to innovative and supportive teaching. The undergraduate degree schemes are designed to offer you an intellectual challenge and tuition in solving real-life problems. The adaptability of Cardiff graduates makes them highly sought after by industry and commerce. The School has research interests covering a wide range of physics and astronomy topics, and you will be fully integrated into these research areas.*

**Graduate destinations**

BAE Systems / Lloyds Bank / NASA / Rolls Royce / Unilever

**Undergraduate courses**

Astrophysics MPhys/BSc  
 Physics\* MPhys/BSc  
 Physics with Astronomy\* MPhys/BSc  
 Physics & Mathematics BSc  
 Physics with Medical Physics BSc  
 Physics with Music BSc  
 Physics with a Preliminary Year  
 Theoretical & Computational Physics BSc  
 ✉ [physics-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:physics-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

\*Also available with an optional professional placement year.

**Postgraduate courses**

Biophotonics MSc  
 ✉ [mscbiophotonics@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:mscbiophotonics@cardiff.ac.uk)

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Astronomy & Astrophysics  
 Astronomy Instrumentation  
 Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) Studies  
 Gravitational Wave Physics  
 Nanophysics  
 Musical Acoustics  
 Photonics  
 ✉ [physics-pg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:physics-pg@cardiff.ac.uk)

School of Postgraduate Medical &amp; Dental Education

## PG medical &amp; dental education

Location *Neuadd Meirionnydd, Heath Park Campus (map ref 122)*  
 Total students 145  
 Number of staff 4  
 % international students 10%

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

*The School provides postgraduate courses designed for all health care teachers, trainers, supervisors and course coordinators who wish to improve their skills at planning, teaching and evaluating courses. Many of the School's graduates progress to higher level roles and responsibilities in educational institutions such as director of studies, course leaders, co-ordinators of clinical skill facility, senior tutors and associate deans. As a student you will be joining professionals from across the world that have benefitted from the School's international reputation as a centre of excellence for medical education courses.*

**Postgraduate courses**

Medical Education MSc/PGDip  
 Medical Education (e-learning) MSc/PGDip/PGCert  
 ✉ [medicaleducation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:medicaleducation@cardiff.ac.uk)

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Adult Learning & Teaching  
 Clinically Based Learning  
 Curriculum  
 Learning in Groups  
 Policy Analysis  
 Technology Enhanced Education  
 ✉ [medicaleducation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:medicaleducation@cardiff.ac.uk)



School of Social Sciences

## social sciences

Location *Glamorgan Building (map ref 49)*  
 Total student population 1,053  
 Number of staff 83  
 % international students (in School) 3.7%

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

*The Cardiff School of Social Sciences has an international reputation for excellence in interdisciplinary research and teaching. We are one of the largest centres of social science research in the UK and the leading university in the UK for research quality and capacity in the social sciences. Our goal is to build upon this world-class environment for students to enjoy an outstanding learning experience. The School offers a wide range of courses, ranging from traditional academic subjects to courses with a professional focus, but all are closely related to our research into the problems and challenges of modern society.*

**Graduate destinations**

Human Resource Management  
 Police Services  
 Research Consultancy  
 Social Work  
 Teaching

**Top 10 Sociology**

1 Cardiff University
2 Manchester
3 Edinburgh
4 Essex
5 Loughborough
6 Open
7 Warwick
8 Goldsmiths
9 LSE
10 Lancaster
>39

Ranking by Research Power see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)**Undergraduate courses**

Criminology BSc  
 Criminology and Sociology BScEcon  
 Criminology and Social Policy BScEcon  
 Criminology and Education BScEcon  
 Education BA  
 Education and Sociology BScEcon  
 Education and Social Policy BScEcon  
 Social Policy BScEcon  
 Social Policy and Sociology BScEcon  
 Social Science BSc  
 Sociology BScEcon  
 ✉ [socsi-ugadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:socsi-ugadmissions@cardiff.ac.uk)

**Postgraduate courses**

Education MSc  
 Equality & Diversity MSc  
 Criminology & Criminal Justice MSc  
 Postgraduate Certificate of Education PGCE (PCET)  
 Science, Media & Communication MSc  
 Social Science Research Methods MSc  
 Social Work MA  
 ✉ [socialscience-masters@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:socialscience-masters@cardiff.ac.uk)

**PhD/MPhil Research areas**

Crime, Security and Justice  
 Culture, Transformation and Subjectivity  
 Health, Wellbeing and Social Care  
 Innovations in Social Research  
 Knowledge, Science and Technology  
 Work, Education and Globalisation  
 ✉ [socialscience-research@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:socialscience-research@cardiff.ac.uk)

**Professional doctorates**

Education EdD  
 Social Work DSW  
 Health Studies DHS  
 ✉ [socialscience-research@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:socialscience-research@cardiff.ac.uk)





School of Psychology

## psychology

Location *Tower Building (map ref 27)*  
Total students 700  
Number of staff 60  
% international students 3%

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

No. 1  
for Psychology  
in the UK

**\_1** Undergraduate courses are accredited and provide a platform to professional branches of psychology. **\_2** Work placements available in addition to opportunities to contribute to the School's laboratory work. **\_3** Entrance and Merit Scholarships available to international students.

### Graduate occupations

Assistant Clinical Psychologist / Assistant Psychologist (Eating Disorders) / Forensic Support Worker (Mental Illness) / Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner / Speech Therapy Technical Instructor

### Top 5 Psychology

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|----------------------|
| 1 Cardiff University |
| 2 UCL                |
| 3 Birmingham         |
| 4 Sussex             |
| 5 Oxford             |
| > 76                 |

Ranking by Research Power see [www.cardiff.ac.uk/research](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research)

### Undergraduate courses

Psychology BSc  
Psychology with Professional Placement BSc  
✉ [psychology-ug@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:psychology-ug@cardiff.ac.uk)

### Postgraduate courses

Graduate Diploma in Psychology  
✉ [diplomaadmin@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:diplomaadmin@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PhD/MPhil Research areas

Attention & Memory  
Behavioural Neuroscience & Genetics  
Cognitive Neuroscience  
Developmental Science  
Wellbeing, Health & Mental Health  
Imaging Science  
Learning & Development  
Perception & Action  
Social Psychology  
Thinking & Reasoning  
✉ [strabella@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:strabella@cardiff.ac.uk)

School of Welsh/Ysgol y Gymraeg

## welsh/cymraeg

Location *Humanities Building (map ref 16)*  
Total students 145  
Number of academic staff 14  
% international students 5%

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

No. 1  
for Celtic  
Studies  
in the UK

**\_1** The School has contributed to the life and culture of Wales for more than 100 years. **\_2** The School hosts the Cardiff Centre for Welsh American Studies. **\_3** The School is committed to working with the national Welsh community.

### Graduate destinations

BBC / IT and software development / Marketing and PR / Welsh Government

### Top 5 Celtic Studies

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|----------------------|
| 1 Cardiff University |
| 2 Aberystwyth        |
| 3 Glasgow            |
| 4 Bangor             |
| 5 Edinburgh          |
| > 7                  |

Ranking by The Complete University Guide 2012

### Undergraduate courses

(all taught through the medium of Welsh)  
Law & Welsh LLB  
Welsh BA  
Welsh & Humanities Subject BA  
✉ [cymraeg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cymraeg@cardiff.ac.uk)

### Postgraduate courses

Early Celtic Studies MA  
Medieval British Studies MA  
Welsh and Celtic Studies MA  
✉ [cymraeg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cymraeg@cardiff.ac.uk)

### PhD/MPhil Research areas

Gender Studies  
Identity, Religion and Popular Culture  
Language Planning & Policy  
Multiculturalism  
Second Language Acquisition  
Sociology of the Celtic Languages  
Sociolinguistics  
The Arthurian Legend  
The Mabinogion  
Welsh Literature (Medieval and Modern)  
Welsh American Studies (including Patagonia)  
✉ [cymraeg@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cymraeg@cardiff.ac.uk)



Study for  
one or two  
semesters  
at Cardiff  
University

## the study abroad programme

Studying for a short time at Cardiff University is a great opportunity to gain some valuable international experience while being immersed in a unique Welsh cultural tradition.

You will gain an alternative perspective on your chosen subject, enhance your résumé and make worldwide friends.

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

### A unique Welsh cultural experience

Studying abroad at Cardiff University provides the exciting opportunity to explore Wales and the distinctive Welsh culture. Many study abroad students choose to undertake classes about Wales and learn some of the Welsh language while they are here. It is also very easy to reach the rest of the UK and Europe. Cardiff has excellent rail services and low-budget airlines operating out of Cardiff Airport.

### Build your own Study Abroad Programme

Cardiff University's academic system is modular which means you will be able to choose classes from several different subjects. You will be able to build your own programme to suit your interests and match with the degree in your home country.

The full range of available modules is online: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/studyabroad](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/studyabroad)

### Who can apply?

You can apply for The Study Abroad Programme if:

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



The Cardiff IFP is the only foundation programme that offers direct routes to Cardiff University undergraduate programmes



## International Foundation programme

International Foundation Programme  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp)

The International Foundation Programme is a one-year academic programme taught at Cardiff University. It is designed to give you the academic and English language skills needed to enter an undergraduate degree scheme. The Cardiff University IFP is the only foundation programme that offers direct routes to Cardiff University.

The International Foundation Programme offers direct routes to in the following subject areas:

- Business
- Engineering
- Health & Life Sciences

Students can also apply for progression to a variety of other courses offered at Cardiff University.

### Key facts about the Cardiff IFP

- Classes are taught on campus by Cardiff University staff.
- You will be a full member of Cardiff University and benefit from all academic, welfare, social and sporting facilities.
- The IFP offers high levels of pastoral care through the dedicated IFP office and system of personal tutors.
- University accommodation is guaranteed for the duration of the course.
- The IFP office has well-established and successful working relationships with many embassies and sponsorship organisations throughout the world.
- You will receive a comprehensive induction programme including free coach collection services, information events and social activities.

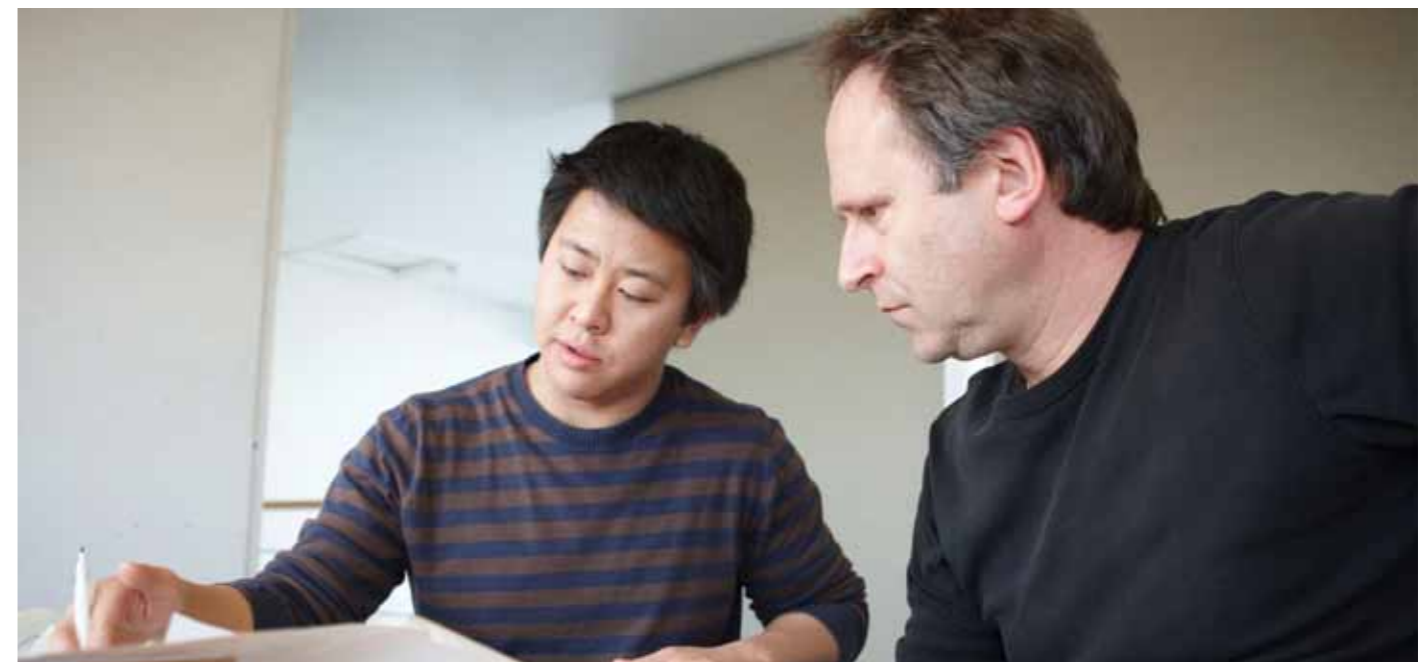
### Who can apply?

The International Foundation Programme is for you if:

- you hold a secondary school-leaving qualification meaning that an extra year's study is necessary to reach the appropriate level for undergraduate study in the UK.
- you have appropriate academic qualifications but need to develop your English language and study skills in preparation for an undergraduate degree programme in the UK.
- you are from outside the European Union.

### More information

To download an application form, or for more information please visit [www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/ifp) or e-mail [foundation@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:foundation@cardiff.ac.uk)



## English language programmes

The Bridge Programme  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt/bridge](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt/bridge)

The Bridge Programme is a full-time English language and study skills course in academic English.

It is specifically designed for European and international students. It is a good choice if you:

- plan to continue your higher education studies at foundation, undergraduate or postgraduate level.
- are looking for an intensive course with an academic focus to improve your general English.
- need to develop your professional English for business and industry.
- want to improve your IELTS score for university entrance or professional development.

The programme provides you with the skills and language needed for a smooth transition into academic study and professional life. The aim is to develop confident and successful students and professionals for the international marketplace.

The Bridge programme has three entry points in September, January and April.

Included in the course:

- 20 tuition hours per week (plus self study and assignments).
- a free IELTS exam at the end of the 9-month course.
- one-to-one tutorial guidance and support.
- free internet access on all University computers.
- use of all University academic and social facilities, including resource centres, computer workstations, sport and fitness centres, and the Students' Union.

Pre-sessional English language courses  
[www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt/presessional](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt/presessional)

The Pre-sessional programme provides an excellent opportunity for students holding offers from or applying to study at 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.

You can take a course for 11 or 8 weeks depending on your level of English and academic requirements.

Please note that successful completion of a Pre-sessional summer course may not replace your condition of entry. Most offers will require you to take a recognised English language examination, such as IELTS, at the end of the course to prove you have reached the level stipulated in your offer letter.

### More information

For more information about English language programmes at Cardiff University please visit the website [www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/elt) or email [elt@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:elt@cardiff.ac.uk)



## How to apply

Applying for a place at University can seem complex – but at Cardiff the International Office is here to guide you every step of the way.

### Entry Requirements

The University recognises qualifications from all over the world. To know if you would be considered for entry you can:

- look on the website. We have a dedicated section for many countries. This will give you an overview of qualifications we consider: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/international/country](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/international/country)
- contact the International Office.
- contact an educational adviser. The University has an international network of educational advisers (agents) who give free advice (see the website above for their contact details).

Some courses may require additional information or exams. For example: undergraduate architecture students must submit a portfolio. Check with the School, the International Office, online via the University's course finder or with an adviser.

### English Language Requirements

In addition to academic qualifications, the University also requires an English language qualification. The University accepts IELTS, TOEFL and IGCSE/GCSE however the University also considers other English language qualifications, including the Indian Year 12 and WAEC.

Different courses will require you to get different scores, however most courses require an average of 6.5 in IELTS or equivalent. You will also be required to achieve a certain grade in sub-scores. 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 study an English course at Cardiff University. More information is on page 37.

### How to work out your English level

If you do not have an English language qualification it is recommended you take an IELTS or TOEFL exam. The British Council ([www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)) can provide information on test centres in your country. When you have worked out your level you will know which course is right for you. You may also find this table of equivalencies useful:

IELTS	TOEFL (paper)	TOEFL (iBT)
5.5	525	68
6.0	550	80
6.5	580 (TWE = 4.0)	90
7.0	600	100

### Application procedure – Undergraduate / Bachelors

To apply for an undergraduate/ bachelors degree course you need to use an organisation called UCAS and apply online at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

UCAS allows you to apply to up to five (four for medicine/dentistry) courses at any combination of UK universities using the same application form. The institution code for Cardiff is C15. Course codes are listed on the University's website.

If you want to apply for an undergraduate degree but only have 12 years of education, you may need to take a foundation programme/year zero. More information on applying to Cardiff University's International Foundation Programme is available on page 36.

### Application procedure – Postgraduate Taught / Masters

You apply directly to the University for a postgraduate taught course. You can apply online at [www.cardiff.ac.uk/apply](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/apply) or you can download paper application materials from the website. It is recommended that you apply online because it is quicker and you can track your application.

### Application procedure – Postgraduate Research / PhD / MPhil

The application procedure for postgraduate research is the same as postgraduate taught (above), however you will also need to include a research proposal. You should also make contact with a member of academic staff who could act as a potential supervisor to your studies. To do this:

- 1) look at the websites of University schools to see if there is a member of academic staff who matches your area of research. Website addresses for Schools are located in the Schools section of this prospectus.
- 2) send the member of staff a short e-mail outlining your area of interest.
- 3) mention on your application form which member(s) of staff you have contacted regarding your supervision.

If you are unsure whether the School is able to offer supervision for your research you can contact them directly. Email addresses for PhD enquiries are included in the Schools section of this prospectus where you will also find Cardiff University's areas of research.

## Common Questions

### Is there an application fee?

For the vast majority of courses Cardiff University does not charge an application fee. If you are applying to an undergraduate course, UCAS will charge a small fee, currently £21.

### When is the deadline for applications?

The official deadline for undergraduate courses is the 30th June each year. If you want to apply after this date you should contact the International Office. If you are applying for a medicine or dentistry course the application deadline will be October 15th prior to entry in September the following year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## How to write your personal statement

*All Cardiff University applications require you to write a personal statement. A good personal statement will help you get the edge over other applicants and is your opportunity to tell the University about yourself, say why you're interested in the course and provide details of any relevant experience you have. Below are some tips for writing a good personal statement:*

- be enthusiastic. Admission tutors want students that are passionate about the area they are studying. You should write why you are interested in the course, what research you have done into the subject area, and what you plan to do after you graduate.
- include any work experience. If you have any relevant work or voluntary experience this will help show your commitment. For example: if you are applying for a journalism course, include any experience you have working on student newspapers. This is very important for students considering applying to healthcare related courses. The admission tutors will want to be convinced that you understand the demands of working in these professions.
- show you can be part of a team. Admission tutors are looking for students that will integrate and work well with other students. If you have been a member of a team, or held a position of responsibility, you should show how these experiences will help you in your studies.
- include your interests. The University is also looking for students that will contribute to the wider student community. You should provide information on your social and cultural hobbies, for example: community volunteering or playing a musical instrument.
- demonstrate ability in English. It is a good idea to ask someone to proof-read your personal statement, and remember to run a spell-check. Even if English is your first language, you should detail how you have used English since your last English exam. For example: at work, or during your studies.



# Fees and living expenses

This page will give you basic information about fees and finances and why Cardiff is a good location if you are on a budget. If you have any questions – please contact the International Office.

### Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are different for each course. You should check the website or contact the International Office for further advice.

To make it easier to manage your finances you can pay your tuition fees in 3 instalments each year.

### Funding and Scholarships

The University has a limited number of scholarship opportunities. Visit the online Funding and Scholarships database where you will find information about Cardiff University funding and any other scholarships the University is aware of: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/searchforfunding](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/searchforfunding)

### Living Expenses

For the 2011/12 session the University estimated that a single student in Cardiff would need £720 a month. These estimates are based on the actual experiences of students living in Cardiff.

This means for the year that:

- / an undergraduate student (September – June) needed £6,480 a year.
- / a postgraduate student (September – June) needed £8,760 a year.

These estimates include 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 £400 a month for each family member.

### Working Part-Time

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

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

### How does Cardiff compare with other places?

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

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



Cardiff is also one of the most affordable of the traditional University cities. The table below compares the Russell Group of Universities, and the average cost of rent for students per week. Cardiff is almost £8 cheaper a week than the average UK student rent, and a massive £45 cheaper a week than rent in London. This does not include other items such as food and entertainment which are also significantly more expensive in other cities, especially London.

University	Average rent £ per week
Queen's, Belfast	53.71
Liverpool	55.49
Birmingham	57.30
<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>57.48</b>
Manchester	60.12
Sheffield	60.31
Southampton	62.36
Newcastle	63.71
Nottingham	64.88
Average UK student rent	65.30
Leeds	65.66
Warwick	68.75
Glasgow	69.67
Bristol	69.67
Edinburgh	72.71
Oxford	77.39
Cambridge	88.23
Imperial College London	102.80
King's College London	102.80
LSE	102.80
UCL	102.80

Source: Agreement (ARLA) September/October 2010

**University and City Centre**

**Additional Information**

All Nations Centre	B7 B9	Adam Street	F2
British Council	E3 E5	Allensbank Road	D6
Cardiff International Arena	E1 E4	Australia Road	B7
Central Library	E1 E8	Basil Place	E4
Central Police Station	D3 E4	Birchwood Lane	F7
City Hall	D3 E5	Boulevard de Nantes	D3
Coach Station	D1 E6	Bransford Street	E7
Law Courts	D3 E5	Bridge Street	E2
Post Office: Queens Arcade	D2 E7	Byridge Place	D4
Temple of Peace	D3 E3	Butt Street	E1
University of Wales Registry	D1 E1	Castle Street	E1
Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama	C3 E8	Cathay Terrace	D3
Welsh Assembly Government Offices	D4 E2	Cathedral Road	B2
Welsh Assembly Map 2	D2 E6	Charles Street	D5
Hospital		Churchill Way	E2
University Hospital Accident and Emergency Unit	C7 E1	City Road	E4
Attractions		Clara Street	F5
Cardiff Bay		Colburn Street	D4
Visitor Centre	Map 2 D2 E7	Cogan Terrace	E3
Cardiff Castle	D2 E5	College Road	D4
Landaff Cathedral	Map 2 B4 E0	Colum Road	C4
National Museum and Gallery of Wales	D2 E2	Colwyn Place	C5
Technique	Map 2 C2 E4	Consett Road	F6
Theatres		Cornhill Road	D5
New Theatre	E3 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Sherman Theatre	E3 E3	Cornwall Road	F5
Chapter Arts Centre	A2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Concert Halls		Cornwall Road	F5
St David's Hall	D2 E6	Cornwall Road	F5
University Concert Hall	C4 E0	Cornwall Road	F5
Wales Millennium Centre	Map 2 D2 E6	Cornwall Road	F5
Cinemas		Cornwall Road	F5
Cineworld	E2 E3	Cornwall Road	F5
Odson	Map 2 D2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Vue	D1 E9	Cornwall Road	F5
Sport		Cornwall Road	F5
Athletic Stadium	Map 2 B3 E8	Cornwall Road	F5
Cardiff Blues RFC	A1 E7	Cornwall Road	F5
Cardiff City FC	A1 E7	Cornwall Road	F5
Cardiff RFC	D2 E7	Cornwall Road	F5
Cardiff Tennis Club	D3 E7	Cornwall Road	F5
Glamorgan County Cricket Club	B3 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Mandy Athletic Stadium	C5 E6	Cornwall Road	F5
Swimming Pool	D1 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Millennium Stadium	D1 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Superbowl	Map 2 D4 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Welsh Institute of Sport	C3 E4	Cornwall Road	F5
Shopping		Cornwall Road	F5
Capitol Centre	D2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Castle Arcade	D2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Central Market	D2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Queen's Arcade	D2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Queen's West	D2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Royal Arcade	D1 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
St David's Centre	E2 E7	Cornwall Road	F5
Residences		Cornwall Road	F5
Aberconway Hall	C4 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Aberdare Hall	C4 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Allensbank House	D2 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Cartwright Court	E6 E6	Cornwall Road	F5
Colum Hall	C4 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Gordon Hall	E3 E3	Cornwall Road	F5
Hodge Hall	D4 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Roy Jenkins Hall	D5 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Senghennydd Court	E3 E7	Cornwall Road	F5
Senghennydd Hall	E3 E5	Cornwall Road	F5
Talybont North/South	B8 E8	Cornwall Road	F5
Talybont Court	B8 E8	Cornwall Road	F5
University Hall and Conference Centre	F7 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Libraries		Cornwall Road	F5
Aberconway & Guest	C5 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Arts & Social Studies	C5 E1	Cornwall Road	F5
Bute & Architecture	D3 E5	Cornwall Road	F5
Duthie Library	Map 3 112	Cornwall Road	F5
Julian Hodge Study Centre	C4 E4	Cornwall Road	F5
Legal Practice Library	D4 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Music	D4 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Biomedical Sciences	D4 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Science	D3 E9	Cornwall Road	F5
Senghennydd	E3 E2	Cornwall Road	F5
Trethick	E3 E8	Cornwall Road	F5

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Aberconway Building	C5 E1	CUBRIC	D4 E0	Graduate Schools	D4 E3	Music	D4 E4	20 27	Security Centre	D4 E5
ARCCA	C3 E3	Day Care Services	D3 E1	Health Centre	D4 E7	Nursing and Midwifery	F3 E9	Social Sciences	D4 E3	D3 E3
Architecture	D3 E3	Den House	E3 E0	History, Archaeology and Religion	D4 E6	Occupational Safety, Health and Environmental Unit	D4 E7	Sports	D4 E4	D4 E4
Biosciences	D4 E3	Development and Alumni Relations	E3 E0	Humanities Building	D4 E6	Optometry and Vision Sciences	D4 E5	Talbot Sports Training Village	Map 2, E5	
Business School	C5 E1	Eastgate House	E3 E0	Human Resources	F3 E6	IT Services	D3 E1	Student Recruitment and Web Division	E3 E0	
Bute Building	D3 E5	Engineering	E3 E8	International Office	E3 E0	Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies	D3 E5	Students' Union	D3 E8	
Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences	D4 E1	English Communication and Philosophy	D4 E6	Joint Internal Audit Unit	F3 E6	Julian Hodge Building	C4 E4	Tower Building	D4 E8	
Centre for Professional Legal Studies	D4 E8	European Studies (European Languages and Politics)	D4 E4	Law	D4 E4	Rehearsal Building	E3 E8	Travelling Club	E3 E8	
Chaplaincy	C4 E4	Eye Clinic	D4 E5	Lifelong Learning	E3 E2	Registry	F3 E6	Welsh	D4 E6	
Chemistry	D3 E3	Finance Division	F3 E6	Glammorgan Building	D3 E9	Research and Commercial Division	E3 E2	Welsh Centre for Postgraduate Pharmaceutical Education	C4 E1	
City and Regional Planning	D3 E9	Governance and Compliance	F3 E6	Graduate Centre	D3 E8	McKenzie House	F3 E6	Residences and Catering	B6 E3	
Communications and International Relations Division	E3 E0	Healthcare Centre	D3 E8							
Computer Science & Informatics	E3 E8									

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Brecknock House	101	Denbigh House	105	Institute of Medical Genetics	109	Nursing & Midwifery	116	Tenoux Building	118	
Cancer Genetics Building	121	Dental School/Hospital	106	Medical School	110	Pembroke House	113	Ty Dewi Sant Building	116	
Cardiff Medicentre	107	Glamorgan House	107	Monmouth House	111	Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education	122	Ty Maeth	119	
Cardigan House	103	Healthcare Studies	116	New Lecture Theatre complex	114	Sports & Social Club	112	Wales Heart Research Institute	120	
Cardarvan House	104	Henry Willems Research Building	108	NHS Liaison Unit	103	Student Support Centre	103			
Cochrane Building	115									

**Heath Park Campus**



*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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