CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
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International Study Centre
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Your route **to success**

Degree Preparation and Degree-Level Study Programmes for international students



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A warm Welsh welcome awaits you

Join the community at a respected Russell Group university with a proud history and international reputation. Enjoy a rich student experience in an exciting, multicultural UK capital city.

Why study in Cardiff?

Cardiff is the perfect new home for an international student. A proudly multicultural city with a long history of welcoming people from all over the world.

It is a relatively small city, with most places within walking distance from the University. This adds to its friendly community atmosphere.

Although part of the UK, Wales has its own government and its own distinctive character. Welsh people are known for their friendliness and for their pride in Wales's rich history. As well as being a land of legend (hence the red dragon on the national flag), it is also known as the land of song, with a strong classical tradition having transformed into a thriving modern music scene.

Why study at Cardiff University International Study Centre?

Our pathway programmes at the International Study Centre will help you settle into life at a UK university and prepare you for learning in a British university setting. Expert teaching staff will support you to build confidence in your English language skills and learn vital study skills for when you progress to Cardiff University.





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Discover what you will love about Cardiff

#OurCardiff

A highly-ranked university where **students come first**

Cardiff University is a prestigious Russell Group university, with 90% of their research confirmed as world-leading or internationally excellent.

Research Excellence Framework 2021

Well-rounded university experience

Cardiff offers a wealth of support and opportunities to its students, both in and out of the classroom. Leading academics incorporate their research into lectures and seminars, allowing students to share in their discoveries. Choose from hundreds of unique clubs and societies to explore new interests and make friends for life.

Life-changing research

Courses are constantly evolving based on active research by faculty who are pioneers in their field. This means you will have access to the latest developments in your subject area. Studying in a research-led university also means you will enjoy great teaching facilities funded by research grants and contracts.

Cardiff's academics have worked on massive research projects directly impacting society, including (most recently) the first ever image of a black hole, and also breakthroughs on Alzheimer's disease, breast cancer and nuclear waste disposal.

Inclusive atmosphere

Cardiff University is a 'university for all'. Its inclusive, community-focused ethos offers a supportive environment for international students. Everyone is welcome at this multicultural, friendly university.

Top career prospects

A degree from Cardiff will be recognised worldwide. You will join a global network of alumni holding top positions in governments, the private sector and academia. Curriculums are designed to help you think independently, analyse problems, and work effectively in a team. These are valuable skills in the workplace that you will need to demonstrate to potential employers.

At Cardiff, you can tailor many of the degree programmes to meet your career aspirations. Flexible learning structures often allow you to delay your final degree choice until the end of the first year, giving you the chance to try different disciplines. You can also choose to study a year abroad, or take part in a work placement. The University's Student Futures Team are on hand to provide advice and guidance on the range of opportunities available.

Ranked **179th** in the world

QS World University Rankings 2027

90% of research is 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent'

Research Excellence Framework 2021

12th in the UK for graduate employability

Times Higher Education Global University Employability Ranking 2026

Ranked **32nd** in the UK

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2027

Ranked **11th** in the UK for impact

Cardiff's research has real-world benefits for the academic environment and our society

Research Excellence Framework 2021

3rd best Students' Union in the UK – one of the biggest, best and most active in Britain

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2026

Explore Wales' **fantastic capital city**





Cardiff is a vibrant, affordable modern city with a multicultural history. Only two hours from London by train, it is also close to beautiful Welsh beaches and mountains.

Cardiff is in the South of Wales, an hour away from the English city of Bristol. One of Europe's youngest capital cities, Cardiff was crowned the capital of Wales in 1955, partly due to the excellent reputation of its university. Cardiff is a place known for its tolerance, diversity, and sense of fun. Wherever in the world you come from, you will feel welcome in Cardiff.

International community

Cardiff has been one of the most diverse cities in the UK for the last century, after people emigrated in their thousands to work in its thriving port. A huge range of cultures and backgrounds are represented in the city's food and arts. Cardiff is also home to places of worship for all faiths, with a number of mosques, synagogues, churches and temples.

Plenty to explore

Cardiff's arts scene is thriving, and it is home to fantastic theatres, music venues, and the world-renowned concert venue, the Millennium Centre. You will also find cinemas, bowling alleys, and much more. The city has some of the best shopping opportunities in the UK, with beautiful Edwardian and Victorian arcades and modern shopping centres with designer brands and unique independent shops. International supermarkets also make it easy for you to find the ingredients you use at home.

World-class sport

Cardiff is home to Championship football club Cardiff City. It also has one of the world's most famous international rugby stadiums, the Principality Stadium.

What to do in Cardiff

Cardiff Bay is only a five-minute train ride from the city centre. Relax by the waterside or enjoy the gorgeous view from the roof terraces of the Bay's international restaurants.

Bute Park, set in the historic grounds of Cardiff Castle, is a 5-minute walk from the University; the perfect place for a picnic or a football game with friends.

When the weather is less than perfect, Cardiff's famous selection of shops will keep you entertained. You could also visit the National Museum of Wales, next to the University, or one of Cardiff's many great theatres.

Getting around

Cardiff's public transport makes it easy and affordable to get around the city. As well as a reliable bus network and numerous cycling trails, there are train stations across Cardiff. It is also a great place from which to discover the rest of the UK and Europe – Cardiff is only two hours from London by train and it also has its own international airport.

Cardiff has **more green space per person** than any other UK core city, with over 330 parks and gardens

Cardiff was **one of the UK's first multicultural cities** and an estimated 94 languages are spoken here

The campus is frequently used as the film set for BBC hit TV shows **Doctor Who and Sherlock**

Cardiff is in the **top 10 most welcoming cities** in the UK

TimeOut









A rewarding **student experience**

Cardiff's students benefit from hundreds of inclusive societies, an active Students' Union, fantastic facilities, and excellent student services.

An exciting place to live

As a Cardiff student, you will be at the heart of the city, where you will find the majority of Cardiff's university buildings, including libraries and its Students' Union. Student accommodation is only a short walk away, so you can easily explore everything this great city has to offer.

Get involved

Cardiff University encourages its students to take part in activities outside of their studies, to meet new people and build confidence and interpersonal skills for the future. Choose from more than 200 inclusive societies, focused on food, sports, drama, gaming, dance, music, and much more.

Constantly evolving

The University is constantly investing in its facilities, and the new £50m Centre for Student Life is now open, creating improved student support services and social spaces.

Students' Union facilities include food outlets, The Jobshop, a prayer room, The Taf pub, a Cardiff Student Lettings, shared work spaces, and much more. The Lounge, built with international students in mind, is open to all. It's a great place to meet to work on group project, versatile work spaces, modern meeting rooms and touch screen tables.

The new School of Journalism, Media and Culture, in the city centre, has strong links with industry including BBC Wales.

Play and watch sports

At Cardiff University, it's easy to take part in sports or support its many teams, with 76 teams registered in BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) leagues.

Its extensive sports facilities are all cheap to use and open to everyone. Facilities include 33-acre sports fields, the Sports Training Village, a Fitness and Conditioning Centre, and dance studios.

Varsity is one of the biggest events in the student calendar, when Cardiff University competes against its rival, Swansea, in a number of sports at venues around the city.

Welfare and support

Every student at the University is allocated a personal tutor who can assist with any academic or personal problems.

Student Support Centres on both the Cathays and Heath Park campuses have specialist international advisers who can help you with visas, housing, finances and anything else that you would like to talk about. You can also talk to the International Students' Officer.









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

The University is home to more than **31,505 students from 140+ countries**

#3 Students' Union in the UK

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2026



I think the one word I would use to describe Cardiff is 'special'. The first thing is Welsh people are absolutely friendly. It's also a very tight-knit city. Everything is close by; you never feel afraid to go somewhere because it's too far."

Lafan from Jordan
BA Media and Communications

Choose **Cardiff University International Study Centre**

Our programmes will prepare you for undergraduate or postgraduate study at Cardiff University.

Programmes designed especially for international students

At the International Study Centre, in the heart of our campus, you will be a part of the Cardiff University community from day one, and you will benefit from extra support. Expert teaching staff will prepare you to meet the challenges of life at a top UK university. You will work on your English language level and perfect your academic study skills.

International Study Centre staff will support you both in and outside of your studies to help you adjust to life in a new country.

We recognise that the social aspect of student life is very important to you when you are coming to Cardiff. That's why we provide a comprehensive Induction Week programme, which includes fun-filled and inspiring events to help you settle in and meet other students.

During your time with us you'll have plenty of opportunities to join clubs and societies where you can meet people who share a common interest. Cardiff's Students' Union is one of the best in the UK and holds frequent events.

You will also take part in Transition Week, where you will join events and taster lectures at the University to help with a smooth progression to your degree studies.

Succeed in your degree and beyond

You will choose from different subject pathways so that you can start building transferable knowledge for your degree. You will also be encouraged to think about your future career goals and how you can work towards them.

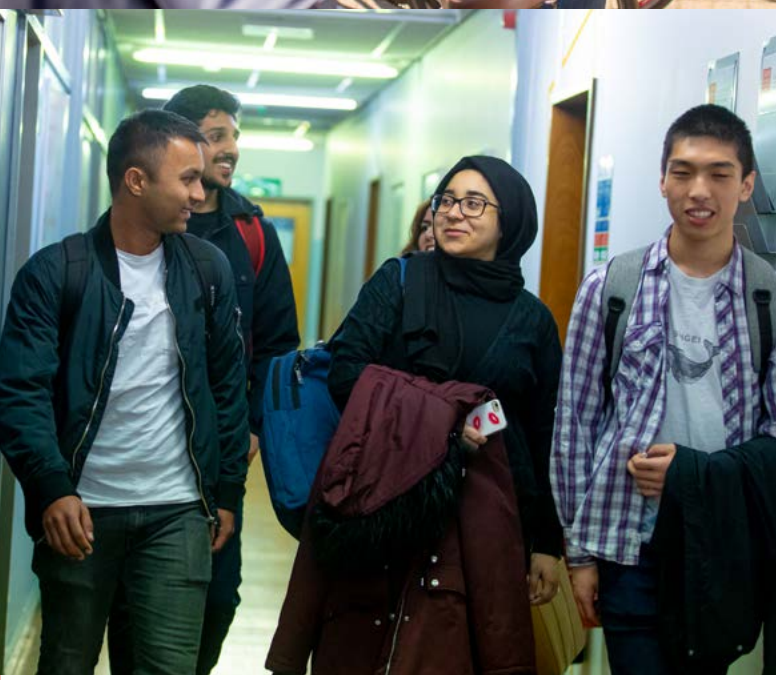
When you complete your pathway programme and achieve the required grades at the International Study Centre, you can progress to your chosen degree at Cardiff University. For certain degree aims, a competitive selection process may be in place.

For up to date information, visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

Got a question for our students?
Chat with them here.


Deri House





85% of Cardiff University International Study Centre students who completed their pathway in 2025 were offered a degree place at Cardiff University.



I decided to come to Cardiff University to study because I've always been really interested in the entertainment industry and knowing the reputation that the journalism sector of Cardiff University has, I thought it would be my best choice.

My time throughout the International Study Centre, it was fun. I feel like I definitely benefited because I got to learn a lot of things in advance compared to the freshers in University."

Verlane from Malaysia
Studied International Foundation Year

Watch Verlane's story here

Pathway programmes International Foundation Year

The International Foundation Year prepares you for an undergraduate degree at Cardiff University, with a combination of English language preparation and subject-specific content.

You can choose from the following subject routes:

- Business, Finance and Management
- Engineering, Science and Computing
- Health and Life Sciences
- Law, Social Sciences and Humanities

Pre-courses

English Language Preparation
If you need to improve your English language level before starting your International Foundation Year, you can study our Online English Language Preparation programme.

Prepare for Success
Join our online preparation course designed to give you a head start before joining your academic programme, so that you are ready to thrive academically and culturally in your new environment.

Enhanced Induction
If you want to settle into your new environment at the International Study Centre before your academic programme in January, the Enhanced Induction starts in November and consists of three additional weeks of induction activities

For more information, visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

International Foundation Year
Business, Finance and Management

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 overall (min. 5.0 in writing with no other skill below 4.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Core modules

Academic English Skills

Business Management

Statistics with Project Skills

Elective modules

Accounting and Financial Management

Mathematics

Progression degrees

- BSc (Hons) Accounting
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BSc Econ Banking and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Business Economics
- BSc (Hons) Economics
- BSc (Hons) Business Management
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Human Resource Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (International Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Logistics and Operations)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Marketing)
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics
- BSc (Hons)/MMath Mathematics
- BSc (Hons)/MMORS Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics

All of the above degree programmes are offered with a Professional Placement Year and some may have a Study Abroad option.

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

International Foundation Year
Engineering, Science and Computing

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 overall (min. 5.0 in writing with no other skill below 4.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Core modules

Academic English Skills

Mathematics

Statistics with Project Skills

Elective modules

Chemistry

Computer Science

Physics

Progression degrees

- BSc (Hons) Applied Software Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Architectural Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Architecture
- BSc (Hons) Astrophysics
- MPhys Astrophysics
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry
- BEng (Hons) Civil and Environmental Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Cyber Security
- BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Geography
- MSci (Hons) Environmental Geography
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience
- MSci (Hons) Environmental Geoscience
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Sustainability Science
- BSc (Hons) Exploration Geology
- MSci (Hons) Exploration Geology
- BSc (Hons) Geology
- MSci (Hons) Geology
- BSc (Hons) Human Geography and Planning
- BSc (Hons) Human Geography
- BSc (Hons Marine Geography
- MSci (Hons) Marine Geography
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics for the Modern World
- MMAth (Hons) Mathematics
- BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Medical Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Medicinal Chemistry
- BSc (Hons) Physical Geography
- MSci (Hons) Physical Geography
- BSc (Hons) Physics
- MPhys (Hons) Physics
- BSc (Hons) Physics with Medical Physics
- BSc (Hons) Urban Planning and Development

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

Most undergraduate programmes offer the option of either a Year in Industry, a Professional Placement or a Year Abroad.

Visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc** for full information.

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

**For progression to Architecture: in addition to achieving the necessary grades, Cardiff University's Architecture School will review a Design Portfolio. Students must pass this portfolio in order to be offered a place.

International Foundation Year
Health and Life Sciences

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 overall (min. 5.0 in writing with no skill less than 4.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+

Start dates

September, November§ or January‡

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Core modules

Academic English Skills

Biology

Statistics with Project Skills

Elective modules

Chemistry

Mathematics

Psychology

Progression degrees

Health, Medical and Life Sciences

- BSc (Hons)/MBioChem Biochemistry
- BSc (Hons)/MBiol Biological Sciences
- BSc (Hons)/MBioMed Biomedical Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry
- BDS (Hons) Dental Surgery
- MBBCh (Hons) Medicine
- BSc (Hons) Medicinal Chemistry
- BSc (Hons) Medical Pharmacology
- BSc (Hons)/MOptom Optometry
- MPharm (Hons) Pharmacy
- BSc (Hons) Psychology

Most undergraduate programmes offer the option of either a Year in Industry, a Professional Placement or a Year Abroad.

Visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc** for full information.

*Some degree aims require specific subjects for entry. Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for full details.

^For Medicine, Dental Surgery, Medical Pharmacology, Optometry and Pharmacy, the requirement is Academic IELTS for UKVI or equivalent level 6.0 with a minimum of 6.0 in writing and no other skill lower than 5.5.

Students aiming for Medicine or Dental Surgery need to be 18+ at the start of the degree programme.

§Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

‡November and January start is not available for Optometry, Dental Surgery, Medicine, Medical Pharmacology or Pharmacy.

For the following degrees, a competitive selection process will apply:

Medical Pharmacology, Optometry and Pharmacy

This will include:

- Achieving the required grades on completion of the programme
- Successfully passing a guaranteed interview
- A DBS check
- Occupational Health check

Medicine and Dental Surgery

For Medicine and Dental Surgery, students need to take the UCAT and undergo an interview with the Centre before being accepted to the International Foundation Year. Places are limited and a waitlist will be in operation.

Once on the programme, a further selection process will apply which includes:

- Achieving the required grades on completion of the programme
- Submit a Personal Statement and the International Study Centre will submit a Tutor Progress Report
- Successful at Multiple Mini Interviews with Cardiff University
- Satisfactory DBS check or Certificate of Good Conduct (if appropriate)
- Occupational Health check (which may include vaccinations).

For more information visit **isc.cardiff.ac.uk/programmes/ug/subjects/health-medical-and-life-sciences**

Students who are unsuccessful following the selection process may opt for an alternative degree on this route, providing they achieve the required grades, and there are available places on the degree aim.

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

International Foundation Year
Law, Social Sciences and Humanities

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent*

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 overall (min. 5.0 in writing with no other skill below 4.0), or equivalent**

Age on entry: 17+

Start dates

September, November^ or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Core modules

Academic English Skills

Social Science

Elective modules

Humanities

Law

Project Skills

Psychology

Statistics with Project Skills

Progression degrees

- BA (Hons) Archaeology
- BA (Hons) Ancient History
- BA (Hons) Archaeology and Ancient History
- BSC (Hons) Archaeology and Heritage Science
- BA (Hons) Archaeology and History
- BSc (Hons) Criminology
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Social Policy
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- BSc (Hons) Education
- BA (Hons) English Literature
- BA (Hons) English Language and Linguistics
- BA (Hons) English Language and Literature
- BA (Hons) English Language and a Modern Language
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Creative Writing
- BA (Hons) English Literature and History
- BA (Hons) English Literature Journalism and Media
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Philosophy
- BA (Hons) History
- BA (hons) History and a Modern Language
- BSc (Hons) Human and Social Sciences
- BA (Hons) International Relations
- BA (Hons) International Relations and Politics
- BA (Hons) Journalism and Communications
- BA (Hons) Journalism, Communications and Politics
- LLB (Hons) Law
- LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- LLB (Hons) Law with Politics and International Relations
- BA (Hons) Linguistics and a Modern Language
- BA (Hons) Media and Communications
- BA (Hons) Media, Journalism and Culture
- BA (Hons) Modern History, Politics and International Relations
- BA (Hons) Modern Languages
- BMus (Hons) Music
- BA (Hons) Music and a Modern Language
- BA (Hons) Music and English Literature
- BA (Hons) Philosophy
- BA (Hons) Politics and a Modern Language
- BA (Hons) Modern History and Politics
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Linguistics
- BA (Hons) Philosophy Politics and International Relations
- BA (Hons) Politics
- BA (Hons) Politics, International Relations and a Modern Language
- BSc Politics and Sociology (Econ)
- BA (Hons) Religion and Theology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with Professional Placement
- BA (Hons) Religion, Philosophy and Ethics
- BSc (Hons) Social Science
- BSc (Hons) Sociology and Education
- BSc (Hons) Sociology and Social Policy
- BSc (Hons) Sociology
- BA (Hons) Translation
- BA (Hons) Translation with a Placement Year Abroad

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

*Music has additional requirements for entry. Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for full details.

**Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0 (minimum 6.0 in writing, no skill below 5.5) is required for students aiming to progress to Medicine*, Dental Surgery*, Journalism and Communications, Journalism, Communications and Politics, Media and Communications or Media, Journalism and Culture. *Please note IELTS is required to confirm an offer for these progression degrees.

^Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

Pathway programmes International Year One

The International Year One at Cardiff University International Study Centre is a degree-level study programme with guaranteed progression to year two of an undergraduate degree. With expert teaching, smaller classes and personalised support, it's a stronger start to university.

You can choose from the following subject routes:

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Management
- Computer Science and Cyber Security
- Engineering
- Journalism, Media and Culture
- Law
- Psychology

The majority of degree programmes give you the option of a professional placement year and/or internship – usually in your third year. Many degree options are also flexible, meaning you can tailor your course to suit your interests and career goals.

Who is the programme for?

The programme is designed for international students with a strong academic profile and a good level of English who would like to fast-track their studies.

What will I study?

You will study the same first-year academic content as students who enter directly but with extra support that builds your confidence and accelerates your progress.

Pre-courses

English Language Preparation

If you don't meet the English language requirement, you can first take our Online English Language Preparation programme. Choose from 6, 10 or 16 week programmes depending on your English language level.

For full programme information including information on our Pre-courses, grades required for progression and module descriptions, visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc

Prepare for Success

Join our online preparation course designed to give you a head start before joining your academic programme, so that you are ready to thrive academically and culturally in your new environment.

Enhanced Induction

If you want to settle into your new environment and become familiar with the International Study Centre prior to starting your academic programme in January, the Enhanced Induction starts in November and consists of three additional weeks of life, learning and language skills, at no additional tuition fee.

For more information, visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

International Year One
Accounting and Finance

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades (or equivalent) plus one year of further study

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall, (5.5 in writing and no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+ years

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Academic English Skills

Applied Stats and Maths in Economics and Business

Introduction to Economics

Legal Studies

Foundation of Business Accounting

Fundamentals in Finance

Fundamentals of Financial Reporting

Introduction to Management and Organisations

Principles of Marketing and Strategy

Professional Skills for Accountants

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

Progression degrees

Accounting and Finance

- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Accounting

All of the above degree programmes are offered with a Professional Placement Year.

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

After graduation

97% of graduates were in employment and/or further study, due to start a new job or course, or doing other activities such as travelling, 15 months after the end of their course.

Graduate Outcomes survey 2020/21

24th in the UK
for Accounting and Finance

The Complete University Guide 2027

International Year One
Business Management

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades (or equivalent) plus one year of further study

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall, (5.5 in writing and no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+ years

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

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Modules

Academic English Skills

People in Organisations

Marketing

Society and Economy

Management: Theory and Evidence

Introduction to Accounting

Technology and Operations Management

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Progression degrees

Once you have completed the pathway and achieved the required grades, you can take up a place on year two of one of the following degrees at Cardiff University:

Business Management

- BSc (Hons) Business Management
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Human Resource Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (International Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Logistics and Operations)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Marketing)

All of the above degree programmes are offered with a Professional Placement Year.

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

Cardiff University is ranked 19th for Business and Management Studies

The Complete University Guide 2027

Cardiff Business School is amongst the 5% of business schools worldwide that are accredited by the Association of Advanced Collegiate Schools of Business

AACSB

International Year One
Computer Science and Cyber Security

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades (or equivalent) plus one year of further study English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall, (5.5 in writing and no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall, (5.5 in writing and no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

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Modules

Academic English Skills

Computer Organisation and Architecture

Mathematics for Computer Science

Information Systems

Introduction to Programming

Object Orientated Programming

Professional Skills for Computer Science

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

Progression degrees

Once you have completed the pathway and achieved the required grades, you can take up a place on Year two of one of the following degrees at Cardiff University:

- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Cyber Security

All the above degree programmes offer the option of either a Year in Industry or a Year Abroad.

Academic Centre of Excellence

Recognised for leading cyber security education research

Professional accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS)

Ranked 25th for Computer Science

The Complete University Guide 2027

International Year One Engineering

Choose from the following subject routes:

- Civil/Architectural Engineering
- Electrical/Integrated
- Integrated
- Mechanical
- Medical

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent plus up to one year of further study, or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall, (5.5 in writing and no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

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Modules

Core modules

Academic English Skills
Design Practice
Engineering, Math and Computation

Route modules

Civil/Architectural Engineering

Geomechanics
Civil Engineering and professional practice
Fluids
Statics and Solid Mechanics
Fundamentals of Materials

Electrical and Electronic

Electromagnetism and Network Analysis
Power Engineering Technologies
Communication and Green
Fundamentals of Materials
Robotics

Modules continued

Mechanical

Robotics
Statics and Solid Mechanics
Dynamics
Fluids
Fundamentals of Materials

Medical

Statics and Solid Mechanics
Fundamentals of Materials
Robotics
Dynamics

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

Progression degrees

Engineering

- BEng/MEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
- BEng/MEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- BEng/MEng (Hons) Civil Engineering
- BEng/MEng (Hons) Architectural Engineering
- BEng/MEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- BEng/MEng (Hons) Civil and Environmental Engineering
- BEng/MEng (Hons) Medical Engineering

All of the above degree options are offered with a Year in Industry option.

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10th in the UK for General Engineering

The Complete University Guide 2027

24th in the UK for Electrical and Electronic Engineering

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23rd in the UK for Civil Engineering

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International Year One
Journalism, Media and Culture

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades (or equivalent) plus one year of further study

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 6.0 overall (with no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+ years

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Academic English Skills
Media, Culture and Society
Foundations of Media Scholarship
Advertising and Consumer Culture
Media Audiences: Introduction to Theory and Practice
Foundations of Journalism
Exploring Values, Attitudes and Identities

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

Progression degrees

Once you have completed the pathway and achieved the required grades, you can take up a place on year two of one of the following degrees at Cardiff University:

- BA (Hons) Journalism and Communications
- BA (Hons) Media and Communications
- BA (Hons) Media, Journalism and Culture

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

Cardiff University is ranked top 50 in the world for Communication and Media Studies

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

Cardiff University has purpose-built studio facilities based in Cardiff's media quarter next to the BBC Cymru/ Wales Building

International Year One
Law

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent plus up to one year of further study, or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall, (5.5 in writing and no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Academic English Skills

Legal Foundations

Tort Law

Criminal Law

Public Law

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Progression degrees

Law

- LLB Law

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Gain valuable experience

The School of Law and Politics Pro Bono Unit **provides students with the opportunity to help members of the community** with legal matters, completely free of charge.

International Year One
Psychology

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades (or equivalent) plus one year of further study

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 overall (minimum 5.5 in writing and no skill less than 5.0), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17+ years

Start dates

September, November* or January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Academic English Skills

Fundamentals of Psychological Research

Fundamentals of Psychological Science

Research and Statistical Methods in Psychology

Introduction to Cognitive Psychology

Biological Psychology and Individual Differences

Critical Approaches to Human Behaviour

*Our November start includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

Progression degrees

Once you have completed the pathway and achieved the required grades, you can take up a place on year two of one of the following degrees at Cardiff University:

- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with professional placement year

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

Cardiff University is ranked top 15 for Psychology

Complete University Guide 2027

Cardiff University Psychology degrees are accredited by the British Psychological Society, a first step towards professional accreditation

Hear from our graduates



Moving from Nigeria to Cardiff was a life-changing experience and one of the best decisions I have ever made. I was drawn to Cardiff because of its affordability, strong sense of community and welcoming atmosphere, which made settling into a new country much easier. Studying Law allowed me to pursue a lifelong dream of becoming a lawyer and challenge expectations as a woman in the profession.

The support I received throughout my studies was incredible. My tutors were absolutely amazing, always reassuring us that it was okay to feel nervous or anxious and making sure we had support every step of the way. Feedback was always a highlight because it was encouraging, constructive and helped me continuously improve and build confidence in my abilities.

Becoming a Student Ambassador was another defining experience, allowing me to support new students through their own transitions. Looking back on graduation, I feel immensely proud of how far I have come, from a shy and uncertain student to a confident graduate ready for the next chapter of my journey."

Chantel from Nigeria
LLB Law Graduate

Watch Chantel's story here



Studying at Cardiff University was the start of an incredible journey. Having lived in the United States, I chose the UK because it offered the opportunity to study in an English-speaking environment, and Cardiff stood out as the perfect balance of culture, community and affordability. As an international student the support I received from the International Foundation Programme and my tutors made the transition into UK education much easier.

The programme gave me a strong foundation in academic writing, research and study skills, which proved invaluable throughout my degree. It also helped me build confidence, improve my communication skills and develop strong time-management habits. Cardiff itself was a fantastic place to study, with a vibrant student community, great social opportunities and easy access to the rest of Wales.

As I graduate, I feel proud of everything I have achieved and excited for what comes next. I hope to remain in the UK, pursue opportunities in media marketing and continue building my career. I would highly recommend the International Foundation Programme to future students, not only for its academic preparation but also for the confidence, support and sense of community it provides. My advice is simple: stay open-minded, embrace new cultures and never be afraid to ask for help.

Maria from Venezuela
BA (Hons) Journalism, Media and English Literature

Watch Maria's story here

Pathway programmes
Pre-Master's

The Pre-Master's prepares students for a postgraduate degree at Cardiff University, with a combination of English language preparation and subject-specific content.

You can choose from the following subject routes:

- Business, Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities
- Science and Computing

Pre-courses

English Language Preparation

If you need to improve your English language level before starting your Pre-Master's programme, you can study our Online English Language Preparation programme.

Prepare for Success

Join our online preparation course designed to give you a head start before joining your academic programme, so that you are ready to thrive academically and culturally in your new environment.

Enhanced Induction

If you want to settle into your new environment and become familiar with the International Study Centre prior to starting your academic programme in January, the Enhanced Induction starts in November and consists of three additional weeks of life, learning and language skills, at no additional tuition fee.

For more information, visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

Study plan

English language level*	Semesters	Course length	Start	End date	Progress to degree
IELTS 5.5 (5.5 in all skills)	2 semesters	30 weeks	September	June	September
IELTS 5.5 (5.5 in all skills)	2 semesters	30 weeks	January	August	

*You do not need a UKVI-approved Secure English Language Test to start this programme. Alternative tests are accepted. Please visit the website for information.

Pre-Master's
Business, Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities

Choose from the following subject routes:

- Business
- Economics
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Human Geography and Planning

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: First degree or a diploma in a related subject area*

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in all skills), or equivalent**

Age on entry: 19+

Start dates

January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Core

Academic English Skills

Research Methods

Research Project

Business

Contemporary Business Issues

Global Perspectives

Social Sciences for Postgraduate Studies

Economics

Mathematics for Economics

Microeconomics

Macroeconomics

Modules continued

Human Geography and Planning

Statistics for Research

Global Perspectives

Social Sciences for Postgraduate Studies

Social Sciences and Humanities

Globalisation

Global Perspectives

Social Sciences for Postgraduate study

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Progression degrees

Business, Social Sciences and Humanities

Business Management

- MSc Accounting and Finance
- MSc Business Management
- MA Creative and Cultural Industries
- MSc Digital Operations and Logistics Management
- MSc Logistics and Operations Management
- MSc Maritime Business and International Trade
- MSc Marketing
- MSc Project Management and Entrepreneurship
- MSc Strategic Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- MSc Sustainable Supply Chain Management

Economics

- MSc Economics, Banking and Finance
- MSc Finance
- MSc Financial Economics
- MSc Financial Technology
- MSc International Economics, Banking and Finance

Social Sciences

- MA AI and Digital Media Production
- MA Creative writing
- MA Cultural and Creative Industries
- MA Digital Media and Society
- MSc Education
- MSc Global Cultures
- MA Global Heritage
- MA International Journalism
- MA International Public Relations and Communications
- MA Journalism, Media and Communications
- MA Political Communication
- MSc Social and Public Policy
- MSc Sociology
- MA Translation Studies

Humanities, Globalisation and Planning

- MSc Environment and Development
- MSc International Planning and Development
- MSc International Planning and Urban Design
- MSc Spatial Planning and Development
- MSc Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy
- MSc Transport and Planning
- MSc Urban and Regional Economic Development

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Pre-Master's
Science and Computing

Key facts

Entry requirements

Academic: First degree or a diploma in a specific or related subject area*

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in all skills), or equivalent**

Age on entry: 19+

Start dates

January

Programme length

2 semesters

Tuition fees

Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for fee information

Modules

Academic English Skills

Programming Concepts for Postgraduate Study

Research Methods

Research Project

Programming

Mathematics for Master's

Statistics for Research

*Some degree aims may require a specific or related degree or diploma. Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc for information.

- For MSc Computing / MSc Computing and IT Management - first degree or diploma in any discipline (can include Computing).

- For MSc Software Engineering - first degree or diploma in either a STEM subject with evidence of programming OR a non-STEM subject with evidence of suitable professional programming experience.

**You do not need a UKVI-approved Secure English Language Test to start this programme. Alternative tests are accepted.

^Our November start date includes a 3-week Enhanced Induction before you start your academic programme in January.

Progression degrees

Computing

- MSc Computing
- MSc Computing and IT Management

Software Engineering

- MSc Software Engineering

Science

- MSc Astrophysics
- MSc Compound Semiconductor Physics
- MSc Data Intensive Astrophysics
- MSc Data Intensive Physics
- MSc Physics

Computing and Software Engineering degrees are offered with the option of a Professional Placement.

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **cardiff.ac.uk/isc**

Your new home in Cardiff



International Study Centre students have the opportunity to live in Cardiff University accommodation, which are a short walk from the University and the city centre.

University Accommodation

There is a range of single-occupancy rooms, many en-suite, in different areas across the city.

You can apply to a range of different options which include:

- Aberdare Hall – all-female accommodation
- University Hall – near the Heath Park campus for health sciences students
- Senghennydd Court – a 10 minute walk from the University's Main Building and the city centre
- Talybont Gate – Cardiff University's newest development, with on-site facilities
- Talybont North – the largest and most sociable halls.

You can apply for accommodation online, selecting up to 10 options in order of preference. You will be contacted with further guidance on how to apply for accommodation once you have confirmed your place at the International Study Centre.

Campus map

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

University buildings
(*indicates main site)

Architecture	6
Biosciences	1, 2*
Business	28, 29, 30
Careers and Employability	11
Centre for Student Life	11
Chaplaincy	10
Chemistry	1*, 9
Computer Science and Informatics	18*, 21
Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC)	33
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Earth and Ocean Sciences	1
Engineering	21
English, Communication and Philosophy	27
Geography and Planning	7
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History, Archaeology and Religion	27
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Satnav Postcodes

Cathays Park Campus – Main Building: **CF10 3AT**

Heath Park Campus: **CF14 4XN**

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HEATH PARK
ROATH PARK LAKE
TO M4 WEST [J32] PONTYPRIDD, MERTHYR TYDFIL, BRIDGEND & SWANSEA
ACCESS ROUTE TO HEATH PARK CAMPUS
MYNACHDY
EASTERN AVENUE
WESTERN AVENUE
RHYDHELIG AVENUE
CAERPHILLY ROAD
ST AGNES ROAD
ALLENSBANK ROAD
WHITCHURCH ROAD
CLODIEN AVENUE
WEDAL ROAD
LAKE ROAD WEST
LAKE ROAD EAST
LADY MARY ROAD
CYNCOED ROAD
BIRCHWOOD LANE
BIRCHWOOD ROAD
MARYPORT RD
BRANDRETH ROAD
TO M4 EAST [J29], NEWPORT, BRISTOL & LONDON
TY GWYN ROAD
PEN-Y-LAN
CATHAYS CEMETERY
ACCESS ROUTE TO CATHAYS PARK CAMPUS
ACCESS ROUTE TO TALYBONT HALLS OF RESIDENCE
NORTH ROAD
SHIRLEY ROAD
FAIROAK ROAD
TY-DRAW ROAD
NINIAN ROAD
ROATH PARK
GABALFA
MAINDY
CROWN WAY
MAINDY CENTRE
MAINDY ROAD
CATHAYS
CRWYS ROAD
MONTHERMER ROAD
DAVIDI STREET
MACKINTOSH PLACE
WELLFIELD ROAD
PONTCANNA FIELDS
BLACKWEIR FIELDS
CATHAYS TERRACE
CATHERINE ST.
WOODVILLE ROAD
BASIL PLACE
ALBANY ROAD
ROATH
COLUM DRIVE
COLUM ROAD
QUEEN ANNE SQUARE
CORBETT ROAD
CATHAYS STATION
PARK PLACE
COBURN STREET
RICHMOND ROAD
LOWTHER ROAD
SALISBURY ROAD
GORDON ROAD
CITY ROAD
TO A48 & M4 EAST [J29], NEWPORT, BRISTOL & LONDON
THE SSE SWALEC STADIUM
PONTCANNA
CATHEDRAL ROAD
COLLEGE ROAD
MUSEUM AVENUE
KING EDWARD VII AVENUE
CITY HALL ROAD
MUSEUM PL
ST. ANDREWS PL
BUTE PARK
RIVER TAFF
NORTH ROAD
BOULEVARD DE NANTES
STUTTGART STRASSE
DUMFRIES PLACE
WEST GROVE
THE PARADE
NEWPORT ROAD
GREYFRIARS ROAD
KINGSWAY
THE FRIARY
QUEEN STREET
QUEEN ST. STATION
STATION TERRACE
FITZALAN PLACE
CARDIFF CASTLE
CASTLE STREET
DUKE ST.
CITY CENTRE
CHARLES STREET
CHURCHILL WAY
BRIDGE ST
LLANDAFF ROAD
COWBRIDGE ROAD EAST
CANTON
WELLINGTON STREET
LOWER CATHEDRAL RD.
CARDIFF ARMS PARK
WESTGATE STREET
ST MARY STREET
THE HAYES
ADAM STREET
BUTE TERRACE
PRINCIPALITY STADIUM
RIVERSIDE
CLARE STREET
WOOD STREET
TUDOR STREET
NINIAN PARK ROAD
NINIAN PARK
LECKWITH ROAD
A4232 TO PENARTH AND BARRY
CARDIFF CENTRAL
CALLAGHAN SQUARE
HERBERT STREET
TYNDALL STREET
CENTRAL LINK
BUTE STREET
LLOYD GEORGE AVENUE
ATLANTIC WHARF
CARDIFF CITY FOOTBALL CLUB
SLOPER ROAD
CLARE ROAD
A470
A469
A48
A4119
A4161
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Apply via your local education agent or our website
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