



International  
Study Centre

Canolfan Astudiaethau  
Rhyngwladol

# Your route to success

**Pathway programmes  
for international students**



# 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.

The Cardiff Award is an opportunity to develop valuable career skills and gain recognition from future employers. If you choose to take part, you will complete 70 hours of activities, including work experience, extracurricular activities, self-reflection, mock interviews, and online learning sessions. The Award will appear on your Higher Education Achievement Record for employers to see and you will receive a LinkedIn certificate.

Ranked **181st**  
in the world

QS World University Rankings 2026

**12th** in the UK  
for graduate  
employability

Times Higher Education Global University  
Employability Ranking 2023-24

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

Research Excellence Framework 2021

Ranked **32nd**  
in the UK

The Times and The Sunday Times Good  
University Guide 2025

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

**2nd best**  
Students' Union  
in the UK – one  
of the biggest,  
best and most  
active in Britain

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025

# 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

# Experience life in Wales

One of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom, Wales shares a border with England. Wales has its own proud identity, forged around music, myths, and rugby.

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Wales has **more than 600 castles** – more by area than anywhere else in the world

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## Watch here

Tricia's tips on day trips in Wales

Bannau Brycheiniog National Park

Three Cliffs Bay

Eryri National Park



## Lots to explore

Its beautiful landscape comprises stunning coastline, gorgeous sandy beaches and lush British countryside. It's easy to get around by train or car, taking only four hours to travel from the south to the north. Take a trip to the stunning sandy beaches of the Gower, Mid Wales or Anglesey. Experience the 'Welsh Mediterranean' in Portmeirion. Or check out the green mountains and lakes of Bannau Brycheiniog or Eryri.



## Land of dragons

The red dragon is the national symbol of Wales, with legends telling the story of how the red dragon defeated an invading white dragon in a fierce battle. You will find many more Welsh folk tales when you explore outside of Cardiff. Visit one of more than 600 historic castles, some dating back as far as the 11th century.

## Great British weather

Despite having a reputation for being rainy, Wales' weather is very similar to the rest of the UK. The UK has four seasons and weather can vary considerably from month to month. The average temperature in Cardiff in winter is 7°C and in summer temperatures occasionally reach as high as 30°C.



Portmeirion Village, North Wales



**It's lovely to be surrounded by people from so many different countries, with so many different cultures, so many different ethnicities. I always wanted to be among people who are open-minded."**

**Manoj from India**

MSc Advanced Computer Science

# 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 **33,000 students from 130 countries**

**#2 Students' Union** in the UK

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2025



**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 pathway 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)**



**Got a question  
for our students?**

Chat with them here.



Deri House



**86% of Cardiff University International Study Centre students** who completed their pathway in 2024 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:**

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

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Communications and Media Studies is ranked in the **Top 50 in the world**

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

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**Top 20 in the UK**  
for Business and Management Studies

Complete University Guide 2026

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Architecture and the Built Environment is **ranked in the Top 100**

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

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## **World top 100 subject areas:**

Dentistry  
Marketing  
Sociology

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025



## Subject routes

### Arts, Humanities, Law and Social Sciences

Choose this pathway to progress to degrees in subjects like English, History, Journalism, Politics, Sociology, Music and many more. There are five routes: Law, Humanities and Social Sciences, Music, Media and Journalism and Psychology. Modules vary depending on the route and include Globalisation, Introduction to Law, introductions to your chosen route, as well as the option to work on an extended essay relevant to your pathway.

### Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

Studying business-related subjects will give you the option to progress to a degree in subjects including Accounting, Business Management, Economics, Mathematics or a joint honours degree with a humanities subject, like Politics, History or Philosophy. Modules include Project Skills with Business Management, Business Management, Economics and Accounting with Financial Management.

### Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture

Choose to progress to a degree in Architecture, Computer Science, Physics, Environmental Geography or an Engineering subject. You can specialise in one of four routes: Architecture, Computing, Chemistry, Earth and Ocean Sciences and Engineering, Physics and Mathematics. Modules include Urban Environment, Computer Science, Statistics with Project Skills, Chemistry, Physics and Applied Mathematics.

For Architecture, the School will review your Design Portfolio in addition to achieving the required grades. You must pass this portfolio in order to be offered a place on Architecture.

### Health, Medical and Life Sciences

Work towards a career in health sciences by selecting one of three routes leading to a range of progression degrees. The routes are: Medicine and Dentistry, Pharmacological and Life Sciences and Psychology. Modules include Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Statistics with Project Skills, Biology and Psychology.

Places on some degrees may be limited. For Medicine, Dental Surgery, Optometry, Medical Pharmacology and Pharmacy, students undergo a competitive selection process.

## 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](https://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

# International Foundation Year

## Arts, Humanities, Law and Social Sciences

### Choose from the following subject routes:

- Law
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Music
- Psychology

### 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<sup>†</sup> or January

#### Programme length

2 semesters

#### Tuition fees

Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

#### Core

Academic English Skills  
Academic Practice  
Globalisation  
Introduction to Humanities and Social Sciences 1 & 2  
Extended Essay

#### Law

Introduction to Law

#### Humanities and Social Sciences

Studying Social Life

#### Music<sup>†</sup>

Introduction to Music

#### Psychology

Psychology

### Progression degrees

Arts, Humanities, Law and Social Sciences

#### Humanities and Social Sciences

- BA (Hons) Archaeology
- 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 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
- BA (Hons) Linguistics and a Modern Language
- BA (Hons) Modern Languages
- 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, Philosophy and Ethics
- 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

#### Law

- LLB (Hons) Law
- LLB (Hons) Law with Criminology
- LLB (Hons) Law with Politics and International Relations

#### Music

- BMus (Hons) Music
- BA (Hons) Music and a Modern Language
- BA (Hons) Music and English Literature

#### Psychology

- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with Professional Placement

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit **[cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)**

\*Music has additional requirements for entry. Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for full details.

\*\*For Journalism and Communications; Journalism, Communications and Politics; Media and Communications or Media, Journalism and Culture 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).

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

‡Please note: modules may be different for students progressing to Music depending on the number of students with the same progression degree aim. Therefore students may study 'Studying Social Life' rather than 'Introduction to Music'.

# International Foundation Year

## Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

### Choose from the following subject routes:

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Management
- Economics
- Financial Mathematics

### 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

#### Core

Academic English Skills

Quantitative Methods

#### Accounting and Finance

Project Skills with Business Management

Accounting with Financial Management

#### Business Management

Project Skills with Accounting and Finance

Business Management

#### Economics

Project Skills with Business Management

Economics

#### Financial Mathematics

Project Skills with Business Management

Accounting with Financial Management

### Progression degrees

Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

#### Accounting and Finance

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

#### 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)

#### Economics

- BSc (Hons) Business Economics
- BSc (Hons) Economics
- BSc (Hons) Business Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Economics with a Professional Placement Year

#### Financial Mathematics

- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics
- BSc (Hons)/MMath Mathematics
- BSc (Hons)/MMORS Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics for the Modern World
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics for the Modern World with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics for the Modern World with a Year of Study Abroad

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](http://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, Physical Sciences and Architecture

### Choose from the following subject routes:

- Architecture
- Computing
- Chemistry, Earth and Ocean Sciences
- Engineering, Physics and Mathematics

### 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

#### Core

Academic English Skills  
Mathematics

#### Architecture

Urban Environment  
Visual and Perceptual Studies Project

#### Engineering, Physics and Mathematics

Applied Mathematics  
Physics

#### Chemistry, Earth and Ocean Sciences

Chemistry  
Statistics with Project Skills

#### Computing

Computer Science  
Statistics with Project Skills

### Progression degrees

Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture

#### Architecture

- BSc (Hons) Architecture
- BSc (Hons) Urban Planning and Development

#### Chemistry

- BSc (Hons) Chemistry
- BSc (Hons) Medicinal Chemistry

#### Computing

- BSc (Hons) Applied Software Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Security and Forensics

#### Earth and Ocean Sciences

- BSc (Hons)/MSci Environmental Geography
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Environmental Geoscience
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Sustainability Science
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Exploration Geology
- BSc (Hons) Geography (Human) and Planning
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Geology
- BSc (Hons) Human Geography
- BSc (Hons) Human Geography and Planning
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Marine Geography
- BSc (Hons)/MSci Physical Geography

### Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics

- BEng Architectural Engineering
- BSc (Hons)/MPhys Astrophysics
- BEng (Hons) Civil and Environmental Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- MEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Medical Engineering
- BSc (Hons)/MPhys Physics
- BSc (Hons) Physics with Medical Physics
- MPhys (Hons) Physics with Astronomy
- BSc (Hons)/MMath Mathematics
- MMath Mathematics for the Modern World

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://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](http://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 on BSc Architectural Studies.

# International Foundation Year

## Health, Medical and Life Sciences

### Choose from the following subject routes:

- Medicine and Dentistry
- Pharmacological and Life Sciences
- Psychology

### 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<sup>§</sup> or January<sup>‡</sup>

#### Programme length

2 semesters

#### Tuition fees

Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

#### Core

Academic English Skills

#### Medicine and Dentistry

Mathematics

Chemistry

Biology

#### Pharmacological and Life Sciences

Mathematics

Chemistry

Statistics with Project Skills for Life Sciences

Biology

#### Psychology

Psychology

Statistics with Project Skills for Life Sciences

Biology

### 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
- 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for full information.

<sup>\*</sup>Some degree aims require specific subjects for entry. Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for full details.

<sup>†</sup>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.

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

<sup>‡</sup>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:

#### Optometry and Pharmacy

This will include:

- Achieving the required grades on completion of the programme
- Successfully passing a guaranteed interview
- Satisfactory DBS check or Certificate of Good Conduct (if appropriate)
- Occupational Health check (which may include vaccinations)

#### 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](http://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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

# Pathway programmes Accelerated International Foundation

The Accelerated International Foundation is an intensive, fast-track pathway to Cardiff University. Designed especially for ambitious international students, this programme combines subject-specific knowledge and English language skills to access your chosen undergraduate degree in just 22 weeks.

## **You can choose from the following subject routes:**

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

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**Top 20 in the UK**  
for Electrical and  
Electronic Engineering

The Times and The Sunday Times Good University  
Guide 2025

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Cardiff Business School  
is amongst the 5% of  
business schools worldwide  
**accredited by the  
Association of Advanced  
Collegiate Schools of  
Business** (AACSB  
International).



## Subject routes

### Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

This pathway is the perfect choice for students aiming to study a wide range of business and finance-related degrees at university. Alongside studying core modules, you will choose a specific area to focus on from Business Management, Accounting and Finance, Economics, and Financial Mathematics. Within this area, you will study route-specific modules designed to prepare you for a range of undergraduate degrees at the University.

### Engineering, Physical Science and Computer Science


If you're interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree in a STEM subject, this subject route can help you to gain the skills needed to succeed. You will study a range of core modules covering everything from English language skills to physics. You will also choose between route-specific modules in Engineering, Physics and Mathematics; and Computing – which allows you to gain the skills to succeed.

For more information, visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](https://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)



## Study plan

| Academic IELTS for UKVI <sup>^</sup> | Weeks | Start | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| 5.5 (5.0 in all skills)              | 22    | March |     |     |     |     |     |     | Progress to your degree |

 Accelerated International Foundation

<sup>^</sup>Equivalencies are accepted. A Secure English Language Test is required for a Student visa. Please visit the website for information.

# International Foundation

## Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

### Choose from the following subject routes:

- Business Management
- Financial Mathematics/Accounting and Finance
- Economics

### Key facts

#### Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (5.0 in all skills), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17 (but must be 18 years of age at start of degree)

#### Start dates

March

#### Programme length

22 weeks

#### Tuition fees

Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

#### Core

Academic English Skills

Contemporary Business Issues 1 & 2

Mathematics for Business

Understanding Organisations and their Environments

#### Business Management

Introduction to Accounting and Finance

Economics of Business and Society

#### Accounting and Finance

Introduction to Accounting and Finance

Statistics

#### Economics

Economics of Business and Society

Statistics

### Progression degrees

#### Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

- BSc (Hons) Accounting
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Econ Banking and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Econ Business 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) Econ Economics
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics
- MMath (Hons) Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics
- MMath (Hons) Mathematics for the Modern World

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

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

**Accelerated**

# International Foundation

## Engineering, Physical Science and Computer Science

### Choose from the following subject routes:

- Engineering, Physics and Mathematics
- Computing

### Key facts

#### Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, or equivalent

English: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (5.0 in all skills), or equivalent

Age on entry: 17 (but must be 18 years of age at start of degree)

#### Start dates

March

#### Programme length

22 weeks

#### Tuition fees

Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

#### Core

Academic English Skills

Pure Maths 1 & 2

Design Thinking

Physics

#### Engineering, Physics and Mathematics

Applied Mathematics

Statistics

#### Computing

Fundamentals in Computing

Statistics

### Progression degrees

#### Engineering, Physical Science and Computer Science

- BSc (Hons) Applied Software Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Architectural Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Astrophysics
- BEng (Hons) Civil and Environmental Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Cyber Security
- BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics
- MMath (Hons) Mathematics
- MMath (Hons) Mathematics for the Modern World
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics
- BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering
- MEng (Hons) Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- BEng (Hons) Medical Engineering
- MPhys (Hons) Physics
- BSc (Hons) Physics
- BSc (Hons) Physics with Astronomy
- MPhys (Hons) Physics with Astronomy
- BSc (Hons) Physics with Medical Physics

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

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)



# Pathway programmes

## International Year One

The International Year One at Cardiff University International Study Centre is an intensive programme for international students, leading to year two of an undergraduate degree. It eases the transition to UK higher education and improves English skills, enabling graduation in three years.

### **You can choose from the following subject routes:**

- Accounting and Finance
- Business Management
- Engineering
- International Relations
- 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 a range of modules relating to your chosen degree, giving you broad subject knowledge and transferable skills for when you graduate and start your career.

### **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](http://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\*\*](http://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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

## Modules

### Core modules

Academic English Skills

Applied Stats and Maths in Economics and Business

Legal Studies

Introduction to Economics

### Route modules

Foundation of Business Accounting

Introduction to Management and Organisations

Professional Skills for Accountants

Fundamentals of Financial Reporting

Principles of Marketing and Strategy

Fundamentals in Finance

\*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\*\*](http://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

# International Year One Engineering

## Choose from the following subject routes:

- Civil
- Electrical
- Integrated
- Mechanical

## Key facts

### Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

## 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

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.**

For a full and up-to-date list of available  
degrees please visit **[cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)**

**10th** in the UK for  
General Engineering

The Complete University Guide 2026

**24th** in the UK for  
Electrical and Electronic  
Engineering

The Complete University Guide 2026

**20th** in the UK for  
Civil Engineering

The Complete University Guide 2026



# 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

Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

## Modules

### Core modules

Academic English Skills

People in Organisations

Marketing

Society and Economy

Management: Theory and Evidence

Introduction to Accounting

Technology and Operations

Management

\*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:

### 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)**

**Cardiff University  
is ranked 20th**  
for Business and  
Management Studies

The Complete University Guide 2026

**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 Law

## Key facts

### Entry requirements

Academic: Good high school graduation grades, 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

Academic English Skills

Legal Foundations

Contract Law

Criminal Law

Public Law

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

## Progression degrees

### Law

- LLB Law

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

## 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.



**My tutors were absolutely amazing.** They made us know that it was okay to feel nervous. It was okay to be anxious. They made sure we had support every single step of the way. Feedback was always my favourite part of class because they would give you the best feedback that would help you, the whole duration of the study.”

**Chantel from Nigeria**  
LLB Law Graduate

# International Year One

## International Relations

### 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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

### Modules

Academic English Skills

Introduction to Political Science and International Relations

Introduction to Political Thought

Introduction to Globalisation and European Integration

Introduction to Government

\*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:

#### International Relations

- BSc Econ International Relations
- BSc Econ International Relations and Politics
- BSc Econ Politics

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit [\*\*cardiff.ac.uk/isc\*\*](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

### Professional insights

Enjoy visits from **high profile speakers from the UK Government, NATO and the UN Security Council.**



# 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](http://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](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

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

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

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

# 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](https://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\*\*](https://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

**Cardiff University  
is ranked top 10  
for Psychology**

Complete University Guide 2025

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

# 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

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**Top 200 in the world** for  
Business and Economics,  
Business and Management,  
and Accounting and Finance

QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025



## Subject routes

### Business, Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities

Work towards studying your Master's degree in a wide range of subjects including Business Management, Economics, Education, Journalism and Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy. There are four subject areas: Business, Economics, Social Sciences and Humanities, and Human Geography and Planning with modules including Global Perspectives, Contemporary Business Issues, Globalisation and Urbanisation.

### Science and Computing

Prepare to study Computing and Science at postgraduate level and explore how technology can solve problems and transform lives around the world.

## 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](https://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

September, November<sup>^</sup> or January

### Programme length

2 semesters

### Tuition fees

Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for fee information

## Modules

### Core

Research Methods  
Research Project  
Academic English

### Business Management

Contemporary Business Issues  
Global Perspectives  
Social Sciences for Postgraduate Studies

### Economics

Mathematics for Economics  
Microeconomics  
Macroeconomics

## Modules continued

### Social Sciences and Humanities

Globalisation  
Global Perspectives  
Social Sciences for Postgraduate study

### Human Geography and Planning

Statistics for Research  
Global Perspectives  
Social Sciences for Postgraduate Studies

\*Some degree aims may require a specific or related degree or diploma. Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc) for information.

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

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

## Progression degrees

Business, Social Sciences and Humanities

### Business Management

- MSc Business Management
- MSc Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship
- MA Creative and Cultural Industries
- MSc Logistics and Operations Management
- MSc Maritime Policy and Shipping Management
- MSc Marketing
- MSc Sustainable Supply Chain Management

### Economics

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

## Social Sciences

- MAs 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 Development
- MSc Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy
- MSc Transport and Planning
- MSc Urban and Regional Economic Development

For a full and up-to-date list of available degrees please visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](http://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)

# 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

September, November<sup>^</sup> or January

### Programme length

2 semesters

### Tuition fees

Visit [cardiff.ac.uk/isc](https://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](https://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.

<sup>^</sup>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](https://cardiff.ac.uk/isc)**



# Your new home in Cardiff



International Study Centre students have the opportunity to live in either Cardiff University accommodation or Eclipse accommodation, which are both 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.



## Eclipse Accommodation

Eclipse is managed by Collegiate – our trusted third-party accommodation partner - is only a 17-minute walk from the International Study Centre and offers unrivalled student accommodation that's located perfectly for your studies. Eclipse boasts several exceptional features such as its very own nightclub for community events, to a themed private dining room to entertain friends.

Students can choose from either a 6 bed ensuite (shared apartment) or a private studio apartment.

Eclipse is only available for students aged 18 or over.





# 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<br>(*indicates main site)            |            | Residences        |    |
|---|------------|-------------------|----|
| Architecture  | 6          | Aberconway Hall   | 58 |
| Biosciences   | 1, 2*      | Aberdare Hall     | 60 |
| Business  | 28, 29, 30 | Cartwright Court  | 57 |
| Careers and Employability                                 | 11         | Liberty House     | 50 |
| Centre for Student Life                                   | 11         | Colum Hall        | 59 |
| Chaplaincy  | 10         | Gordon Hall       | 64 |
| Chemistry   | 1*, 9      | Hodge Hall        | 61 |
| Computer Science and Informatics                          | 18*, 21    | Roy Jenkins Hall  | 56 |
| Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC) | 33         | Senghennydd Court | 63 |
| Day Care Centre   | 16         | Senghennydd Hall  | 62 |
| Dentistry   | 76         | Talybont Court    | 55 |
| Earth and Ocean Sciences                                  | 1          | Talybont Gate     | 52 |
| Engineering   | 21         | Talybont North    | 53 |
| English, Communication and Philosophy                     | 27         | Talybont South    | 54 |
| Geography and Planning                                    | 7          | University Hall   | 51 |
| Global Opportunities Centre                               | 11         |                   |    |
| Healthcare Sciences                                       | 79, 80     |                   |    |
| History, Archaeology and Religion                         | 27         |                   |    |
| Journalism, Media and Culture                             | 35         |                   |    |
| Law and Politics  | 4*, 8      |                   |    |
| Main Building   | 1          |                   |    |
| Mathematics   | 18         |                   |    |
| Medicine  | 78, 83     |                   |    |
| Modern Languages  | 8          |                   |    |
| Music and University Concert Hall                         | 24, 25     |                   |    |
| Optometry and Vision Sciences                             | 31         |                   |    |
| Part-time Courses for Adults                              | 20         |                   |    |
| Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences                      | 5          |                   |    |
| Physics and Astronomy                                     | 21         |                   |    |
| Psychology  | 3*, 9      |                   |    |
| Sbarc   Spark   | 34         |                   |    |
| Security Centre   | 2          |                   |    |
| Social Sciences   | 7*, 11, 17 |                   |    |
| Sports  |            |                   |    |
| ▪ Fitness and Conditioning Centre                         | 15         |                   |    |
| ▪ Sports Training Village                                 | 36         |                   |    |
| Student Support Centre                                    | 11         |                   |    |
| Students' Union   | 14         |                   |    |
| Translational Research Hub                                | 19         |                   |    |
| Welsh   | 27         |                   |    |

## Directions

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

## Satnav Postcodes

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

Heath Park Campus: **CF14 4XN**



Scan our QR code for information on how to find us.



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PONTYPRIDD,  
MERTHYR TYDFIL,  
BRIDGEND &  
SWANSEA

ACCESS ROUTE  
TO HEATH PARK  
CAMPUS

ACCESS ROUTE  
TO CATHAYS PARK  
CAMPUS

ACCESS ROUTE  
TO TALYBONT HALLS  
OF RESIDENCE

TO M4 EAST (J29),  
NEWPORT, BRISTOL  
& LONDON

TO A48 & M4 EAST (J29),  
NEWPORT, BRISTOL  
& LONDON

A4232 TO  
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