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 immigration, it is home to 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. 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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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.
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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 recently been named the 6th best for shopping 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 is the most affordable university city for monthly rental costs (NatWest Student Living Index 2022).

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

Did you know?

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

Did you know?

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.

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 the Brecon Beacons or Snowdonia.

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.

Watch here
Tricia’s tips on day trips in 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, India
MSc Advanced Computer Science
Did you know?

Wales has **more than 600 castles** – more by area than anywhere else in the world.
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. The majority of Cardiff’s university buildings, libraries and its Students’ Union are in the centre of the city. 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 projects, with multimedia stations with Skype access, 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.

#3 Students’ Union in the UK
(Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2022)

“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

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Did you know?

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

Did you know?

The University is home to more than **33,000 students from 130 countries**
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. Group activities will build your confidence and help you form new friendships.

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
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, Accounting and Finance
- Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture
- Health, Medical and Life Sciences

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 four routes: Law, Humanities and Social Sciences, Music, 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 Contemporary Business Issues, Understanding Organisations and their Environment, Economics of Business and Society, Introduction to Accounting and Finance, and Mathematics and Statistics.

Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture
Learn more about how humans can work in harmony with the natural world and choose to progress to a degree in Architecture, Environmental Geography or an Engineering subject. You can specialise in one of five routes: Architecture, Chemistry, Computing, Earth and Ocean Sciences or Engineering, Physics and Mathematics. Modules could include: Fundamentals in Computing, Design Thinking and Idea Generation, and Urban Environment.

Health, Medical and Life Sciences
Start your studies and work towards a career in health sciences by selecting one of four routes leading to a range of progression degrees. The routes are: Dentistry, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacological and Life Sciences, or Psychology. Modules will vary between routes but include Core Biology, Pure Mathematics, Core Chemistry and Introduction to Psychology.

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

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.

English Language Preparation
If you need to improve your English language level before starting your International Foundation Year programme, you can study the English Language Preparation programme at the International Study Centre.

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

Study plan

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*Equivalencies are accepted. A Secure English Language Test is required for a Student visa. Visit the website for up-to-date information.
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), or equivalent

**Age on entry:** 17+

**INTAKES**

September or January (2 semesters)

**TUITION FEES**

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

**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).**

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**Modules**

**Core**

- 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**

- Introduction to Music

**Social Science and Psychology**

- Psychology

**Progression degrees**

**Arts, Humanities, Law and Social Sciences**

**Humanities and Social Sciences**

- BA (Hons) Ancient History
- BA (Hons) Archaeology
- BA (Hons) Archaeology and Ancient History
- BA (Hons) Archaeology and Medieval History
- BA (Hons) Chinese
- BSc (Hons) Conservation of Objects in Museums and Archaeology
- BSc (Hons) Criminology
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
- BSc (Hons) Criminology and Social Policy
- BSc (Hons) Education
- BA (Hons) English Language
- BA (Hons) English Literature
- BA (Hons) English Language and Linguistics
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Creative Writing
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Ancient History
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Archaeology
- BA (Hons) English Literature and History
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Philosophy
- BA (Hons) History
- BA (Hons) History with Welsh History
- BSc (Hons) Human and Social Sciences
- BSc Econ International Relations
- BSc Econ International Relations and Politics
- BA (Hons) Journalism, Communications and Politics
- BA (Hons) Journalism, Communications and Media
- BA (Hons) Modern Languages and Translation
- BA (Hons) Philosophy
- BA (Hons) Politics
- BSc Econ Politics and Modern History
- BA (Hons) Politics and Philosophy
- BSc Econ Politics and Sociology
- BA (Hons) Religious Studies with Ancient History
- BA (Hons) Religious Studies and Archaeology
- BA (Hons) Religious Studies and English Literature
- BA (Hons) Religious Studies and History
- BA (Hons) Religious Studies and Philosophy
- BA (Hons) Religious Studies and Politics
- BA (Hons) Religion and Theology
- BSc (Hons) Social Analytics
- BSc (Hons) Sociology and Education
- BSc (Hons) Sociology and History
- BSc (Hons) Social Science
- BSc (Hons) Sociology
- BA (Hons) Translation

**Law**

- LLB Law
- LLB Law and Criminology
- LLB Law and Politics
- LLB Law and Sociology

**Music**

- BMus Music with a Year of Study Abroad
- BA (Hons) Music with a Year of Study Abroad
- BA (Hons) Music
- BMus Music

**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)

*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’.*
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), or equivalent
- **Age on entry:** 17+

**INTAKES**
September or January (2 semesters)

**TUITION FEES**
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**Modules**

**Core**
Contemporary Business Issues 1 & 2
Mathematics for Business
Understanding Organisations and their Environments

**Accounting and Finance**
Introduction to Accounting and Finance Statistics

**Business Management**
Economics of Business and Society
Introduction to Accounting and Finance

**Economics**
Economics of Business and Society Statistics

**Financial Mathematics**
Introduction to Accounting and Finance Statistics

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**Progression degrees**

**Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance**

**Accounting and Finance**
- BSc (Hons) Accounting
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Accounting with a Professional Placement Year

**Business Management**
- BSc Econ Banking and Finance
- BSc Econ Banking and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Business Economics
- BSc (Hons) Business Management
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Human Resource Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Human Resource Management) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (International Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (International Management) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Logistics and Operations)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Logistics and Operations) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Marketing)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Marketing) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Business Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics
- BSc Econ Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics and Finance
- BSc Econ Economics and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics and Management Studies
- BSc Econ Economics and Management Studies with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BA (Hons) History and Economics
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Economics
- BSc Econ Politics and Economics

**Economics**
- BSc Econ Banking and Finance
- BSc Econ Banking and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Business Economics
- BSc Econ Business Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics
- BSc Econ Economics and Finance
- BSc Econ Economics and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics and Management Studies
- BSc Econ Economics and Management Studies with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BA (Hons) History and Economics
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Economics
- BSc Econ Politics and Economics

**Financial Mathematics**
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics with a Year Abroad
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics with a Year Abroad

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International Foundation Year
Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture

Choose from the following subject routes:

- Architecture
- Engineering, Physics and Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Earth and Ocean 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), or equivalent
Age on entry: 17+

INTAKES
September or January (2 semesters)

TUITION FEES
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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/MArch Architecture.

Progression degrees
Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture

Architecture
- BSc/MArch Architecture
- BSc (Hons) Urban Planning and Development (Sandwich)

Chemistry
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry with a Placement Year Abroad
- BSc (Hons) Medicinal Chemistry

Computing
- BSc (Hons) Applied Software Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Security and Forensics
- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Security and Forensics with a Year in Industry

Earth and Ocean Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Geography
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Geography with a Year of Study Abroad
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience with Professional Placement
- BSc (Hons) Exploration Geology with a Year of Study Abroad
- BSc (Hons) Geology with a Year of Study Abroad
- BSc (Hons) Exploration Geology with Professional Placement
- BSc (Hons) Geography (Human) and Planning
- BSc (Hons) Geography (Human) and Planning (Accredited) with Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Geology
- BSc (Hons) Human Geography
- BSc (Hons) Marine Geography
- BSc (Hons) Marine Geography with a Year of Study Abroad
- BSc (Hons) Marine Geography with a Professional Placement
- BSc (Hons) Physical Geography
- BSc (Hons) Physical Geography with a Year of Study Abroad

Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics
- BEng Architectural Engineering
- BEng Architectural Engineering with a Year in Industry
- BSc (Hons) Astrophysics
- BEng Civil and Environmental Engineering
- BEng Civil and Environmental Engineering with a Year in Industry
- BEng Civil Engineering
- BEng Civil Engineering with a Year in Industry
- BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering with a Year in Industry
- BEng Integrated Engineering
- BEng Integrated Engineering with a Year in Industry
- BEng Mechanical Engineering
- BEng Mechanical Engineering with a Year in Industry
- BEng Medical Engineering
- BEng Medical Engineering with a Year in Industry
- BSc (Hons) Physics
- BSc (Hons) Physics with Astronomy
- BSc (Hons) Physics with Medical Physics
- MPhys Physics
- MPhys Physics with Astronomy
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics with a Year Abroad

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Modules
Core
Pure Mathematics 1 & 2
Physics
Design Thinking and Idea Generation

Architecture
Urban Environment
Visual and Perceptual Studies Project

Engineering, Physics and Mathematics
Statistics
Applied Mathematics

Chemistry
Core Chemistry 1
Core Chemistry 2

Computing
Statistics
Fundamentals in Computing

Earth and Ocean Sciences
Core Chemistry 1
Core Chemistry 2
International Foundation Year
Health, Medical and Life Sciences

Choose from the following subject routes:

- Medicine, 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), or equivalent^*

Age on entry: 17+†

INTAKES

September or January (2 semesters)‡

TUITION FEES

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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.

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

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

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
- Successfully passing a guaranteed interview
- 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

Progression degrees

Health, Medical and Life Sciences

Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacological and Life Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Biochemistry
- BSc (Hons) Biochemistry with Professional Training Year
- BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences with Professional Training Year
- BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Zoology)
- BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Zoology) with Professional Training Year
- BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences with Professional Training Year
- MBiol Biological Sciences
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry with a Year in Industry
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry with a Placement Year Abroad
- BDS Dental Surgery
- BSc (Hons) Neuroscience
- BSc (Hons) Neuroscience with Professional Training Year
- MB BCH Medicine
- BSc (Hons) Medical Pharmacology
- BSc (Hons) Optometry
- MPharm Pharmacy

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

Modules

Core
- Core Biology 1
- Core Biology 2
- Pure Mathematics 1
- Pure Mathematics 2

Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacological and Life Sciences
- Core Chemistry 1
- Core Chemistry 2

Psychology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Globalisation
Pathway programmes
Accelerated International Foundation Year

The Accelerated International Foundation Year 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

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

### Study plan

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*Accelerated International Foundation Year*

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International Foundation Year
Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance

Choose from the following subject routes:

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

**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)

**INTAKES**

March (22 weeks)

**TUITION FEES**

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**Progression degrees**

**Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance**

- BSc (Hons) Accounting
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Accounting with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Banking and Finance
- BSc Econ Banking and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Business Economics
- BSc Econ Business Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Human Resource Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Human Resource Management) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (International Management)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (International Management) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Logistics and Operations)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Logistics and Operations) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Marketing)
- BSc (Hons) Business Management (Marketing) with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Management with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Business Studies and Japanese
- BSc Econ Economics
- BSc Econ Economics and Finance
- BSc Econ Economics and Finance with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics and Management Studies
- BSc Econ Economics and Management Studies with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc Econ Economics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics with a Professional Placement Year
- BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics with a Year Abroad
- BA (Hons) French and Economics
- BA (Hons) German and Economics
- BA (Hons) Italian and Economics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics
- MMath Mathematics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics with a Professional Placement
- MM Math Mathematics with a Professional Placement Year
- MMORS Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics
- MMORS Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics with a Professional Placement Year
- MMORS Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics with a Year Abroad
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Economics
- BSc Econ Politics and Economics
- BA (Hons) Spanish and Economics

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International Foundation Year
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)

INTAKES
March (22 weeks)

TUITION FEES
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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 Architectural Engineering
• BEng Architectural Engineering with a Year in Industry
• BSc (Hons) Astrophysics
• MPhys Astrophysics
• BEng Civil and Environmental Engineering
• BEng Civil and Environmental Engineering with a Year in Industry
• BEng Civil Engineering
• BEng Civil Engineering with a Year in Industry
• BSc (Hons) Computer Science
• BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Security and Forensics
• BSc (Hons) Applied Computing
• BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Security and Forensics
• BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Security
• BSc (Hons) Computer Science with a Year in Industry
• BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering
• BEng Electrical and Electronic Engineering with a Year in Industry
• BEng Integrated Engineering
• BEng Integrated Engineering with a Year in Industry
• BSc Hons) Mathematics
• MMath Mathematics
• BSc (Hons) Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics
• BSc (Hons) Mathematics Operational Research and Statistics with a Year Abroad
• MMORS Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics
• MMORS Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics with a Professional Placement Year
• BSc (Hons) Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics with a Year Abroad
• MMORS Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics
• MMORS Mathematics, Operational Research and Statistics with a Professional Placement Year
• MPhys Physics
• BSc (Hons) Physics
• BSc (Hons) Physics with Astronomy
• MPhys Physics with Astronomy
• MPhys Physics with Astronomy with Professional Placement Year
• BSc (Hons) Physics with Medical Physics
• BSc (Hons) Physics with Professional Placement Year
• MPhys Physics with Professional Placement Year
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Pathway programmes
International Year One

The International Year One is an intensive programme that leads to year two of an undergraduate degree at Cardiff University. The programme is tailor-made for international students who are not ready to apply direct to the University, but don’t want to delay their studies. Support focuses on easing your transition to the UK higher education system and improving your English skills, allowing you to graduate with a degree after only three years.

You can choose from the following subject routes:

- Accounting and Finance
- Engineering
- Law

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.

English language preparation
If you don’t meet the English language requirement, you can first take our English Language Preparation programme.

For full programme information including information on the English Language Preparation programme, grades required for progression, and module descriptions, visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc

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.
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

INTAKES
September and January

PROGRAMME LENGTH
2 semesters

TUITION FEES
For information on fees please visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc

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
Intro to Management and Organisations
Professional Skills for Accountants
Fundamentals of Financial Reporting
Principles of Marketing and Strategy
Fundamentals in Finance

Progression degrees
Accounting and Finance
• BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance
• BSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance with a Professional Placement Year
• BSc (Hons) Accounting
• BSc (Hons) Accounting with a Professional Placement Year

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

BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance
Professional accreditation
Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW) and others.
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) 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

**INTAKES**
September and January

**PROGRAMME LENGTH**
2 semesters

**TUITION FEES**
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**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
- Intro to Management and Organisations
- Professional Skills for Accountants
- Fundamentals of Financial Reporting
- Principles of Marketing and Strategy
- Fundamentals in Finance

**Progression degrees**

**Engineering**
- BEng/MEng Mechanical Engineering*
- BEng/MEng Civil Engineering*
- BEng/MEng Integrated Engineering*
- BEng/MEng Architectural Engineering*
- BEng/MEng Electrical & Electronic Engineering*
- BEng/MEng Civil & Environmental Engineering*

*All available with a Year in Industry option

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**Engineering rankings**

**8th** for General Engineering
*(The Complete University Guide 2023)*

**20th** for Mechanical Engineering
*(The Complete University Guide 2023)*

**24th** in the UK for Civil Engineering
*(The Complete University Guide 2023)*
International Year One

Law

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.

INTAKES
September.

PROGRAMME LENGTH
2 semesters.

TUITION FEES
For information on fees please visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc.

Modules
Core modules:
- Academic English Skills
- Legal Foundations
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Public Law

Progression degrees
Law
- LLB Law

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.
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, Social Sciences and Humanities
• Science and Computing

Subject routes
Business, Social Sciences and Humanities
Work towards studying your Master’s degree in a wide range of subjects including Business Management, Education, Journalism and Sustainability, Planning and Environmental Policy. There are three subject areas: Business Management, 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, Computing and IT Management or Software Engineering at Master’s degree level by choosing one of two subject areas: Computing or Software Engineering. Modules include Mathematics for Masters, Statistics for Research and Programming Concepts for Postgraduate Study. There are also additional modules in Academic English Skills and Becoming a Researcher.

Flexible start dates
With multiple intakes, your start date and duration of the programme will depend on your English language level.
If you are studying either the 3 semester or 2.5 semester programmes, the first semester (10 weeks) or 0.5 semester (5 weeks) of the programme will focus on improving your English language skills. For the final two semesters, you will move to study academic skills modules, academic modules related to our chosen subject area, and continue to receive English language training.

When you complete the first semester (10 weeks) or 0.5 semester (5 weeks), you will be assessed internally to ensure you have reached the required B2 level in order to progress to your final two semesters.

If you start the 2 semester programme, your programme will consist of academic skills modules, academic modules related to your subject-area, and English language training.

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

Study plan

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Pre-Master’s
Business, Social Sciences and Humanities

Choose from the following subject routes:
• Business Management
• Social Sciences and Humanities
• Human Geography and Planning

KEY FACTS

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

2 semester programme: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in all skills), or equivalent

2.5 semester programme: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.0 in all skills), or equivalent

3 semester programme: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in all skills), or equivalent

Age on entry: 20+

INTAKES
2 semesters: September or January
2.5 semesters: November
3 semesters: June

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

Modules
Core
Research Methods
Research Project
Global Perspectives

Business Management
Contemporary Business Issues

Social Sciences and Humanities
Globalisation
Social Sciences for Postgraduate study

Human Geography and Planning
Urbanisation
Statistics

Progression degrees
Business, Social Sciences and Humanities

Business Management
• MSc Business Management
• MSc Business Management with a Professional Placement Year
• MSc Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship
• MSc Marketing

Social Sciences
• MA Applied Linguistics
• MA Cultural and Creative Industries
• MA Digital Documentaries
• MA Digital Media and Society
• MA Education
• MA Forensic Linguistics
• MSc Global Cultures
• MA International Journalism
• MA International Public Relations and Global Communications Management
• MA Journalism, Media and Communications
• MA Political Communication
• MSc Social and Public Policy
• 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 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

2 semester programme: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in all skills), or equivalent

2.5 semester programme: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.5 (minimum 5.0 in all skills), or equivalent

3 semester programme: Academic IELTS for UKVI 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in all skills), or equivalent

Age on entry: 20+

INTAKES

2 semesters: September or January

2.5 semesters: November

3 semesters: September or June

TUITION FEES

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Some degree aims may require a specific or related degree or diploma.
- For MSc Computing/ MSc Computing and IT Management - first degree or diploma in any discipline other than 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

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Modules

All
Research Methods
Research Project
Programming
Maths for Masters
Statistics for Research

Progression degrees

Computer Science

• MSc Computing
• MSc Computing and IT Management
• MSc Computing and IT Management with Placement
• MSc Computing with Placement

Software Engineering

• MSc Software Engineering

Science

• MSc Astrophysics
• MSc Compound Semiconductor Physics
• MSc Data Intensive Astrophysics
• MSc Data Intensive Physics
• MSc Gravitational Wave Physics
• MSc Physics
“Cardiff has definitely been a very welcoming place. The atmosphere here is really, really friendly. Everyone wants to make friends and everyone is really open.”

Noor, United States
Progressed to Optometry (BSc)

“It was a very interesting one year at Cardiff ISC. I think I learned a lot, I really enjoyed that they had architectural modules, even though it’s a foundation year. I used the skills that I learned there to build my portfolio.”

Jerono, Kenya
Progressed to Architecture (BSc)

A proudly multicultural city with a long history of immigration, Cardiff is home to people from all over the world.
“At the beginning, I felt unconfident because my language was not really good, but the staff were all supportive. Every time we finished our assignments, they would give us feedback and I feel like I improved a lot from the advice. It has been a really nice experience studying here.”

Eve, China
Progressed to Music (BMus)

“Last year was pretty good. It went really smooth because of the teachers. There was great communication between the students and the teachers.”

Abdullah, Pakistan
Progressed to Law (LLB)

“The teachers at the ISC were really nice, really friendly, really supportive. They knew we were all international students. So if we needed extra help, for example, some of my classmates’ first language wasn’t English, they would actually step in to help.”

Tricia, Singapore
Progressed to Medicine (MBBCh)
Your new home in Cardiff

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

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.
The academic buildings, libraries, Students’ Union, most of the student residences and the city centre are within a short walking distance of each other.
There are multiple buses that go to University Hall from the city centre.
The International Study Centre programmes are provided by Study Group in collaboration with Cardiff University. Programmes at the International Study Centre are delivered by Study Group. For more information, please visit studygroup.com

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Apply via your local education agent or our website
You can apply though your local education agent or directly via our website.
Visit cardiff.ac.uk/isc

Here to help
If you are applying directly and have a question, then a Student Enrolment Advisor will be happy to help. They speak a variety of languages and understand several more.

Student insurance
We strongly recommend that international students have the protection of personal insurance whilst in the UK. To cover you as a student at the International Study Centre, you may wish to purchase our “StudyCare Insurance Plus” cover. This policy will cover you for loss of personal possessions, travel delay, as well as providing medical insurance until the end of your International Study Centre academic programme. You can purchase StudyCare Insurance Plus as part of the application process. If you prefer, you may take out insurance cover with another provider.
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