About Cardiff

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

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

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

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

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

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

University facts and figures
- Cardiff University has a student population of 30,676
- There are over 7,000 international students from more than 100 countries at Cardiff University
- Cardiff’s Students’ Union has over 200 sports clubs & societies to choose from

*Quality of Life in European Cities Survey 2015, EU
Established in 1883, Cardiff University is a member of the elite Russell Group top 24 UK research-led universities.

Academic Calendar

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<td>30 September 2019</td>
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<td>Class (Exams) ends</td>
<td>24th January 2020*</td>
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*There is the possibility of alternative assessments for autumn semester only students, meaning students can return home before the Christmas break.

Global Opportunities

Email: StudyAbroad@cardiff.ac.uk
Telephone: +44 (0) 29208 70636
Mailing Address: Global Opportunities 51a Park Place Cardiff University CF10 3AT
Webpages: www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad

Admission

Nomination Deadline
Autumn | 15th April | Spring | 1st October

Application Deadline
Autumn | 30th April | Spring | 15th October

Academic Requirements
GPA 3.0 or above

Minimum Language Requirement:
Waived for native speakers. Visit our webpages for IELTS information.

How to apply:
Students will apply online, instructions can be found on our How to Apply pages

Application documents required to be submitted:
Academic transcript, academic reference, personal statement, online provisional module selection form.

Duration of study at host university:
One semester or one academic year

Major and Course Registration

Level of study:
Undergraduate

Semester Course Load:
60 credits per semester

Link to Online Catalogue:
Choosing your programme webpages

Restrictions:
- Dentistry, Healthcare Sciences, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Architecture
- Limited spaces in Psychology
- Due to demand, priority for modules in some Academic Schools will be given to incoming students majoring in this discipline. This will be detailed in the catalogue.
"Cardiff is a wonderful city for anyone considering studying abroad. With everything being extremely accessible, it quickly became a comfortable second home"

- Hannah, 2016/17 international exchange student

**Accommodation**

**Dorm room or other on-campus housing guaranteed?**

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

**Types and Fees:**

On-campus single occupancy bedroom. Fees range from approximately £1950 - £3100 per semester. Visit our summary of fees page for further details.

**Housing Application Deadline:**

1st August (Autumn/Ful year), 1st December (Spring)

**Application Form:**

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

**During long vacation, can students stay in their accommodation?**

Yes - subject to availability.

**Possibility for Home Stay?**

No

**Further information:**

Visit our Cardiff University Residences web pages

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**Visa Procedures**

(Information is general and subject to change)

**Visa Requirements:**

- Full year students - Tier 4 visa
- Semester only students - Short-term Study visa

**Visa Procedure:**

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

**Eligibility to Work:**

- Tier 4 visa - Yes (restrictions apply)
- Short-term Study visa - No

**Medical Insurance:**

- If coming to the UK for more than six months (Tier 4 visa holders): will pay health surcharge to access UK's National Health Service.
- If staying less than six months: insurance is not required but is strongly recommended

Click here for further information about Insurance