

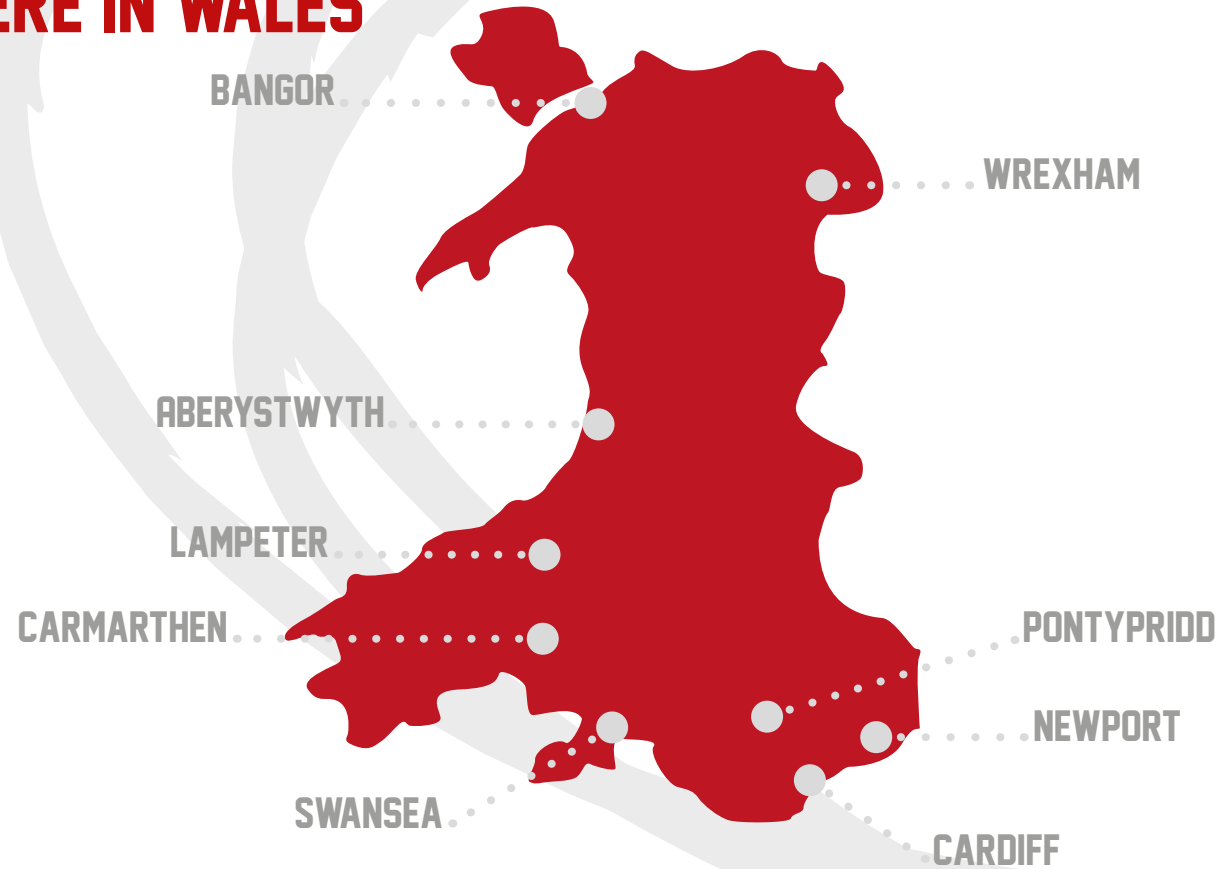


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WORLD-CLASS ACADEMIC STANDARDS

As part of the world-renowned UK higher education system, Welsh universities offer quality higher education qualifications that are respected by employers and academics worldwide.

Quality research underpins an innovative learning and teaching environment, and more than three quarters of research conducted at Wales's universities is judged to be 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' (REF 2014). Our universities also have long established relationships with

some of the world's leading companies from NASA and Hewlett-Packard to Rolls Royce and British Aerospace. As a result, 92% of graduates from Welsh universities found employment within 6 months of leaving university.

In 2013-14 there were over 25,000 international students studying in Wales, from over 170 countries, making up around 13% of the student population. Our universities work to ensure that

international students have the best possible learning experiences through providing their own bespoke support packages. Some of the services available include pre-departure briefings for students in their home country, free airport welcome services, English language and study skills support and visits to places of interest across the UK.

LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM...

Wales, part of the United Kingdom (UK) and the island of Great Britain, is bordered by England to the south and east and the Irish Sea to the north and west. Spanning the length of the country, our universities offer a diverse range of locations and learning experiences from vibrant, world-class cities through to breathtaking mountains and coastal locations.

Wales enjoys some of the lowest living costs in Britain. Compared to many areas of the UK, Wales often has lower costs on items such as accommodation, travel, food, entertainment and shopping whilst enjoying the same high quality goods and services as the rest of the UK!

With sea surrounding the country on three sides, Wales is the only country in the world to have a complete coastal path. The landscape is perfect for all sorts of activities including walking, climbing, and cycling to all kinds of water-sports. Every town and city in Wales has abundant opportunities for individual and team sports, including the famous national sport - rugby! There is also a wide range of cultural and entertainment venues and

events - from theatres and galleries to pubs and clubs. Awe-inspiring landmarks also make the Welsh landscape very special. With over 600 castles - there are more here per square mile than anywhere else in the world - and six UNESCO world heritage sites, you're always within striking distance of our rich and varied cultural heritage.



ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

Aberystwyth was founded in 1872 as the first University institution in Wales. With a long tradition of academic excellence, it now has more than 10,000 students studying in a beautiful campus location overlooking Cardigan Bay.

Aberystwyth University offers world renowned teaching and research as well as an award winning student experience. According to the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey, Aberystwyth is fourth in the UK for teaching and learning, and in the Top 10 in the UK for academic facilities.

The 2014 REF reported that 95% of the research activity submitted by Aberystwyth University was of an internationally recognised standard or higher, with world leading research (4*) identified in all 17 of the Units of Assessment submitted.

Aberystwyth provides an inexpensive, safe and secure living environment with one of the lowest crime rates in the UK. In addition to this, the student experience is excellent, offering a lively social scene, in a diverse and friendly local population.

Seventeen academic departments offer a wide range of subjects for undergraduate and postgraduate study. Aberystwyth is particularly strong in International Politics – the first department of its kind in the world, founded in 1919 – also in Environmental Sciences; Agriculture and Biological Sciences; Theatre, Film and Television; Law and Criminology; Computer Science; History and Celtic Studies.



Amongst the top 200 Universities in the world for Agriculture, English, Geography and Politics

World QS University Rankings 2014

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BANGOR UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1884 and dedicated to academic excellence for more than 130 years, Bangor University is one of the oldest and most prestigious degree awarding institutions in Wales.

Situated between the mountains of Snowdonia and the sea, Bangor University boasts one of the most picturesque and safe environments to study in the whole of the United Kingdom. Consistently ranked as one of the most affordable cities in the UK, Bangor is easily accessible from the UK's major cities, being 1.5 hours from Manchester and Liverpool and 3.5 hours from London.

At Bangor, considerable investment is made into supporting each and every student. We have one of the largest peer guiding schemes in the UK to support new students, including free English language support for international students. Ranked Top-10 in the UK for quality of accommodation, our university halls offer guaranteed accommodation for new international students and a range of room options within easy walking distance of University buildings and the city centre. This contributed to Bangor being listed as a Top-100 'International' university in the world (THE 2015) and a Top-10 UK university for student satisfaction (National Student Survey 2014).



A top-100 International University in the World by Times Higher Education 2015 ranking.

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CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Cardiff Metropolitan is a modern university offering career focused courses. Our key values include international student support and satisfaction, research excellence and graduate employability. Your career starts here!

Cardiff Metropolitan is a modern university based in the heart of the Welsh Capital, Cardiff. The University is made up of five academic schools, offering a wide range of career focused courses in Art and Design, Business and Management, Education, Health Sciences and Sport. All schools have fantastic links to industry both in Wales and throughout the UK ensuring a consistently high graduate employability rate.

The University offers a perfect balance of an affordable education and internationally recognised quality, leading to our position as top modern university in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. The city of Cardiff is a friendly, safe and vibrant place to live. Our International Student Welfare Team are consistently rated as the top in the UK for student support, allowing you to focus on your studies and enjoy all that Cardiff, Wales and the rest of the UK has to offer.



"I chose to study at Cardiff Met for so many reasons - the structure of my course, the reputation of the university, the atmosphere on campus and in the city."

Kieran Hodgkin, Cardiff Met Graduate

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CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1883, Cardiff University is ranked 5th in the UK for Research Excellence and is among the top 125 Universities in the world in the latest QS World Rankings.

Cardiff University is an international university with worldwide collaborations and international students from over 120 different countries. Cardiff is a member of the Russell Group of Britain's top 24 leading research universities.

The student population is drawn from a variety of backgrounds, with students attracted from throughout Wales, the rest of the UK and world-wide. International students comprise some 17 per cent of the total student population.

Lively, confident, safe, compact, affordable and cosmopolitan, Cardiff caters to all tastes, offering everything from the excitement of a vibrant city life to the peace and tranquility of the nearby coast and countryside.

Students benefit from the combination of a small, friendly, inexpensive city with the cultural and recreational amenities of an ambitious and progressive capital city.



Cardiff is one of Europe's youngest capital cities – small enough to be friendly and big enough to offer the best of living in a major city

The Complete University Guide 2015

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GLYNDŴR UNIVERSITY

We are a young, vibrant and friendly institution at the heart of north east Wales, striving to be student-centred, market-led, of International significance and open to all.

The main campus lies in the heart of north east Wales amidst some of the most beautiful scenery anywhere in Europe with Liverpool, Chester and Manchester all close by.

You will be learning in state-of-the-art facilities such as our £5million Centre for the Creative Industries and living in modern, comfortable accommodation tailored to your individual needs.

With more than 1500 international partners we are leading the world in elements of scientific research, with Computing, Engineering, Psychology and Communications all judged to have submitted world leading research in the Research Excellence framework 2014.

Students arriving at the University will have access to our Second Language Learning Centre, which offers an array of services including intensive courses in English.

Full support and guidance is available for all International students from application to enrolment and during your time with us. Our student support team are on hand to help you from the moment you apply to graduation and beyond. We provide a comprehensive welcome programme, including a free airport pick up service for new International students.



As well as courses leading to globally recognised qualifications and state-of-the-art facilities, Glyndwr University offers an unrivalled location with the best of both worlds – a vibrant city life and the great outdoors.

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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY IN WALES

The Open University in Wales (OU) is the UK's largest University and a world leader in providing part-time, flexible distance learning. Every year we help thousands of ordinary people achieve extraordinary things.

The Open University in Wales has around 200,000 students studying with us directly or through our partners. 20,000 of these live outside the UK, studying more than 450 modules across a range of subject areas.

The OU uses distance learning to offer flexible higher education to anyone who wants to benefit from it whether you live in the UK or elsewhere. This flexible approach suits the needs of individuals and employers and courses range from short online modules all the way through to the MBA and other master degrees.

The Open University Business School is the world's largest MBA provider with triple accreditation (AACSB, EQUIS, AMBA).

The Open University also offers a range of courses for free through our online learning platforms OpenLearn and OpenLearn Cymru (which offers free Welsh medium courses).

A vast majority of OU students are in employment while they study with us and many are sponsored by their employer. Wherever you are in the world you may be able to study directly with the OU or through one of our educational partners.



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The Open University in Wales has been at the top of the National Student Survey in Wales for student satisfaction for ten years running.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY

Swansea University's world leading research - 26th in the UK for Research Quality (REF 2014) - combined with our University of the Year status (WhatUni 2014), and long history of working with industry provides a world class education.

Swansea University is ranked 26th in the UK for Research Quality in the Research Excellence Framework 2014. The growth of the University over the last 10 years has outperformed both the UK higher education sector and Russell Group institutions for Research Income (+249%) and international student numbers (+117%). Between 2008 and 2014 we doubled the number of our academics recognised as world-leading - 90% of our research is rated as world leading or internationally excellent.

We are investing £522m in a new Bay Science and Innovation Campus, regarded as one of the top five knowledge economy projects within Europe. We are an international university with global reach - 16% of our students and 30% of all new staff are from overseas - and we have thriving international partnerships in the USA, Brazil, Europe, China, India and Africa.

We deliver an award-winning high-quality student experience demonstrated by being awarded WhatUni UK University of the Year in 2014.



Swansea University has joined the premier league of UK universities. The collaboration of academic and industry links provides for strength of applied knowledge and tremendous 'real-world' experience for our students.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES

The University of South Wales offers a friendly and academically challenging environment with an excellent reputation for teaching quality, state-of-the-art study facilities and supportive staff.

With more than 33,500 students from all over the world, the University of South Wales is one of the largest universities in the UK, offering students excellent opportunities and prospects for the future. Our size means we can offer an exceptional range of subjects and courses at every level – from Foundation Degree to PhD. Our 4,500 international students benefit from superb quality courses, facilities and support, as well as our growing reputation as a major university for jobs and employers.

The University has campuses throughout South Wales in Cardiff, Newport and Pontypridd. Our locations are safe and easily accessible. Students can enjoy everything the region has to offer from city life and culture to stunning beaches and breathtaking countryside.

The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Wales's conservatoire, is part of the University of South Wales Group.



ROYAL WELSH COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND DRAMA

RWCMD is based in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. As the National Conservatoire of Wales and one of the UK's leading drama schools, they provide specialist vocational training within technical theatre, design and performance.

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UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David has three main campuses in South West Wales - Carmarthen, Lampeter and Swansea - each offering a different kind of student experience, although each with the same small and friendly, community feel.

The University of Wales Trinity Saint David is educating nearly 27,000 learners including students from over 30 different countries. As the earliest established Higher Education institution in Wales (1822), and with HRH the Prince of Wales as our Royal Patron, we are proud of our long-standing reputation for providing higher education excellence in Wales.

International Students are attracted to the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David because of the high level of attention they receive throughout their academic studies.

We have fantastic campuses located across Wales. Experience the very best of Welsh culture within a city or rural setting, all surrounded by natural surroundings.

When you join UWTSD you become part of a learning network for life. Our graduates, alumni, links with business and international partnerships mean you have access to a vast network of contacts which will benefit you throughout your studies and into your future career.

Our award-winning Institute for Sustainable Practice and Resource Effectiveness (INSPIRE) ensures that Sustainable Development is central to your programme and the environment in which you'll work.



At the University of Wales Trinity Saint David we have a wide range of programmes which will provide you with a fantastic experience of British education.

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SUBJECT
AREAS

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GETTING TO WALES

Cardiff, Wales's capital city, is only two hours from London by train. Universities in South Wales are served by Cardiff Airport and are also in close proximity to Bristol Airport (1 hour) and London Heathrow (2 hours).

Universities in North Wales (Bangor and Glyndŵr) benefit from being less than two hours away from the transport hubs of Manchester and Liverpool, with Mid Wales (Aberystwyth) best served by Birmingham Airport.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for an undergraduate course in Wales, you can apply online through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). The online UCAS application process allows you to apply for up to five courses at the same or at different universities.

To study at postgraduate level in Wales you usually need to hold an undergraduate degree. However, in certain circumstances experience and other qualifications may be an acceptable equivalent. Universities manage their own applications for postgraduate study. Please check your chosen university's website for details.

VISAS

If you are a student from outside the European Union (EU) or outside the European Economic Area (EEA), you will be required to apply for a Tier 4 visa. The UK Government Home Office is the authority which manages visas and immigration for Wales. Please ensure you visit the UK Visas and Immigration website for up to date information on visa requirements.

LANGUAGE

If English is not your first language, your chosen university will require you to demonstrate your English language proficiency. Requirements range from successfully completing an academic qualification in an English speaking country to receiving an English qualification as part of your High School studies or passing an approved English language test.

Universities in Wales offer a variety of English language support schemes, including pre-sessional English language courses, which will help to improve your English and academic skills before you start your course.

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