

Cardiff University

Exchange Programme
2023 - 2024

About Cardiff



Capital of Wales



Located two hours
from London

- Voted 2nd best
Students' Union in
the UK.*

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. Cardiff is a research-intensive university providing an educationally outstanding experience for our students. With more than 30,000 students and over 8,000 international students we are the 9th largest university in the UK in terms of student numbers.

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.

Students can take a look at our campus through our [Virtual Interactive Tour](#).

Climate

Cardiff's climate is characterised by mild weather. Temperatures in the winter months (December to February) are an average high of 8°C and low of 2°C. During the summer months, (June to August) temperatures can vary with an average high of 22°C and low of 11°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 33,500
- There are over 8,400 international students from more than 130 countries at Cardiff University
- Cardiff's Students' Union has over 200 sports clubs & societies to choose from



*Established in 1883,
Cardiff University is a
member of the elite
Russell Group top 24 UK
research-led universities.*

Academic Calendar

Autumn Semester

Orientation Period	25 September 2023 - 29 September 2023
Classes begin	2 October 2023
Class (Exams) ends	26 January 2024*

Spring Semester

	22 January 2024 - 26 January 2024
	29 January 2024
	14 June 2024

Full Academic Calendar: [Available online.](#)

*There is the possibility of alternative assessments for autumn semester only students, meaning students can return home before the Christmas break. These modules are titled Study Abroad or Exchange in the catalogue.

Admission

	Autumn	Spring
Nomination Deadline	14th April (TBC)	29th September (TBC)
Application Deadline	28th April (TBC)	13th October (TBC)
Academic Requirements	Students must be of good academic standing and have completed 1 year of continuous study at their home institution before participating in the exchange.	
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
Transcripts:	Transcripts are released to partner Universities after students give their consent via a Transcript Release Form.
Restrictions:	

- Dentistry, Healthcare Sciences, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, Architecture.
- Very limited spaces in Psychology. Further details can be found on our webpage here.
- 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.
- Biosciences and Law - year-long only.
- Chemistry - mainly year-long study.

Global Opportunities

Webpages:

<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/international/study-abroad-in-cardiff>



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Blogs by incoming exchange students



GO@cardiff.ac.uk



"The university and the city of Cardiff have so many experiences to offer. This is truly a special place to study and live, and I couldn't recommend it enough!"

- Dana, 2019/20 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 currently range from approximately £4300 - £7000 per year. Fees for 2023/24 will be confirmed online in May 2023.

Housing Application Deadline:

Application deadlines can vary - end of July (Autumn/Full year), beginning of November (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](#)

Visa Procedures

(Information is general and subject to change)

Visa Requirements:

Full year students - [Student Visa](#)

Semester only students - [Standard Visitor Route](#)

Visa Procedure:

Depends on visa and nationality. Some students must apply in advance. Full guidance will be provided after acceptance. Student Route visa - Yes (restrictions apply)

Eligibility to Work:

Visitor Visa - No

Medical Insurance :

If coming to the UK for more than six months (Student Route 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](#)

COVID 19: All information on this fact sheet is subject to change. We will endeavour to keep you updated on any changes to our programme.





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