Cardiff University

Exchange Programme
2018 - 2019

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 was ranked the third best capital city in Europe in 2016 alongside Copenhagen and Stockholm. *

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.

*Quality of Life in European Cities Survey 2016, 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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*there is the possibility of alternative assessments for autumn semester only students, meaning students can return home before the Christmas break.

**Admission**

**Application Deadline:**

- Autumn: 30th April
- Spring: 30th October

**Academic Requirement:** GPA 3.0 or above

**Minimum Language Requirement:** 6.5 IELTS (Waived for native speakers)

**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
- A personal statement

**Duration of study at host university:**

- One semester or one academic year

**Major and Course Registration**

**Level of study:** Undergraduate

**Available Areas of Study:** University wide

**Semester Course Load:** 60 credits per semester

**Restrictions:** Dentistry, Healthcare Sciences, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy

**Website Link to find Classes Online:** Choosing your programme webpages
"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 students.

**Types and Fees:**

On-campus single occupancy bedroom. Fees range from £1500 - £2500 per semester.

**Housing Application Deadline:**

1st August (Autumn/Fullyear), 1st December (Spring).

**Application Form:**

Available online via students login to Cardiff University SIMS system.

**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**

**Visa Requirements:**

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

**Visa Procedure:**

Depends on nationality. Some students must apply in advance. Full guidance will be provided.

**Eligibility to Work:**

- Tier 4 visa - Yes
- Short-term Study visa - No

**Insurance:**

Insurance is not required but it is recommended. Click here for further information.