

## Studying in Wales

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# Considering Wales as a study destination?

**You won't be disappointed!**

From its metropolitan cities and small market towns, across its mountains and idyllic beaches, Wales offers international students a warm welcome and a unique and vibrant culture steeped in its 3,000 year old history.



# Why Choose Wales?

- Good choice of universities
- Wide variety of courses on offer
- Long established history of higher education provision
- International reputation for quality of education
- 3 year undergraduate degrees and 1 year Masters degrees
- Pleasant and stimulating environment for studies
- Post Study Work visa – international students studying for an UG or PG degree in Wales are permitted to work full time in the UK for 24 months after graduation



# Wales

•**Location:** Wales is in the west of Britain, mountainous and costal, it borders England to the east and surrounded by sea to the north, south and west. It is one of the 3 countries and 1 province that make up the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Part of the UK but with a cultural regional identity of its own

•**Size:** 20,732 square km (8,005 square miles)

•**Population:** 2.9 million. Average of 140 people per square km (361 people per square mile)

•**Language:** English is the language of education and business but some people also speak Welsh within their family and friends – will not be a barrier to international students



# The Welsh Flag



# Studying in Wales

- Over 5,300 different subjects on offer
- Over 100 new courses introduced in the last year
- Wales attracts over £900m of research funding
- Numbers of international students increased by 19.5% in 2009/10
- 100,000 University students - 11,300 international students from 110 countries
- Over 60 centres of excellence and specialisation for research



# Universities in Wales

- Aberystwyth University
  - Bangor University
  - Cardiff University
  - Glyndwr University
- Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama
  - Swansea Metropolitan University
  - Swansea University
- University of Glamorgan
- University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
  - University of Wales Newport
- University of Wales Trinity St David



For information about all of these universities please see the Wales International Consortium website:  
[www.walesinternationalconsortium.com](http://www.walesinternationalconsortium.com)

# 5,300 courses available including.....

Accounting and Finance  
Business and Management  
Computer Science  
Creative Industries  
Economics  
Engineering  
Law  
Mathematics  
Medicine and Healthcare Industries  
Psychology  
Politics and International Politics

**...and many, many more!!**



# Advantages of a Welsh education?

UK tradition, quality and innovation

## PLUS

- Focus on student support
- Safety and security
- Value for money



# A Focus on Student Support

## Wales offers international students:

- Pre-departure briefings
- Meet and Greet service at airports, train and bus stations
- Buddy Schemes with other students
- Welcome/Induction week
- International Student Support Officers
- International Student Careers Officers
- Personal Tutors
- Free English Language and Study Support
- Cultural and Social programmes



# Accommodation

Wales is known for offering students a very **high standard of living** but a relatively **low cost of living**. It is therefore a great choice for international students!!

There is a wide range of accommodation available and many accommodation options for international students including:

- **Halls of residence** - university owned accommodation; most provide en suite bathrooms and internet connection; fixed price for the year; includes bills; safe, secure and staffed 24 hours a day
- **Private** rented accommodation

Wherever you choose to study in Wales, there will be a good choice of accommodation on offer



# Value for Money

- UG Arts and Humanities: £6,400 - £9,600
- UG Science and Engineering: £7,500 - £12,300
- PG Arts and Humanities: £7,340 - £9,100
- PG Science and Engineering: £7,340 – £11,700
- MBA: £7,450 - £16,470
- International Foundation Programme: £3,650 - £8,800



# International student perceptions of Wales



**Surfing on the Gower**

*“I was attracted to studying in Wales by the warm Celtic environment and low cost of living. My favorite things about studying in Wales were the great cities and high standard of living.”* **Kumiko Imura, Staff Recruitment, Japan**

# International student perceptions of Wales



Mountain Biking above the Mawddach Estuary

*"The international contact with the Welsh culture brought benefits to my personality and my own understanding of the world. Not so many universities can offer you that!"*

**Luis Toruna-Plaza,**  
**Lawyer, Panama**



# International student perceptions of Wales

- **What do you like about Swansea?** It's next to the ocean. The weather is good and it is not too busy, unlike London. Also the people are friendly and kind here. It's good for study and the city life is good too.
- **Where did you live in your first year?** I stayed in the Student Village with other British students. The best thing about living with other students is I can improve my English and learn about different cultures .
- **What do you do when you're not studying?** I'm in the Snowboard Society; I am also Treasurer for Discovery Volunteering and was a Project Coordinator last year.
- **Have you had a job since you have been in Wales?** I am currently working at the Beach Café, which is good because I get a discount on surf boards! I decided to get a job for the experience. Most students in China don't get a job until they graduate; it is a different culture. I enjoy the fact that I can get a job and earn money, instead of getting it from my parents.



**Mark Shilin Wang, China**  
**BA Business & Economics, Swansea University**

Mark was the regional winner for Wales in the British Council International Student Awards

# Wales Quiz

Lets see how much you know about Wales!!



**Q:What percentage of Wales' land surface is designated as either National Park or an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?**

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 15%
- D. 25%



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**Q: The Millennium Stadium in Cardiff is the world's largest what?**

- A. Sports Stadium
- B. Alien launch pad
- C. Restaurant
- D. Statue



A: The Millennium Stadium in Cardiff is the world's largest what?

**A. Sports Stadium with a retractable roof**



**Q: How many castles are there in Wales?**

- A. 4
- B. 23
- C. 250
- D. 641



A: How many castles are there  
in Wales?

**D. 641**



**Q: The Welsh woman, Bessie Phillips Hughes, was the first ever woman to do what?**

- A. Fly around the world
- B. Walk from the tip of North Wales to the foot of South Wales
- C. Wear trousers
- D. Achieve a first class honours at degree level



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honours at degree level**



**Q: How many signers of the United States Declaration of Independence were Welsh or of Welsh descent?**

- A. One
- B. Four
- C. Six
- D. Nine



A: How many signers of the United States Declaration of Independence were Welsh or of Welsh descent?

**C. Six**



## To summarise the benefits:

- Quality Education associated with the UK
- Individual Attention
- Excellent value for money
- Safe, beautiful Environment
- Free UK health services
- Student discounts
- Part-time employment
- Work in the UK after graduation.



## To conclude:

- Wales is a **great place to study** and a great place to live. You'll have an opportunity to see the **stunning Welsh countryside** and the **dynamic cities** as well as be able to enjoy the **Welsh hospitality** and the **Welsh culture**. You will graduate not only with a **high quality degree**, but also with lots of very **precious memories** of places you've visited and friends you have made....



Thank you – Diolch yn fawr