

University
of South
Wales

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PATHWAYS 2024/25



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

The International Foundation Programme offers an excellent opportunity to fully prepare students for undergraduate studies and life in the UK. It's designed to help international students develop their English language, academic skills and subject-specific knowledge. You will study alongside international students and you will be guided by academics, tutors and support staff who specialise in supporting our international students.

Level	Foundation – NQF Level 3	
Start dates	October and January	
Duration	2 terms (8 months)	3 terms (10 months)
Tuition fee	£11,500	£14,000
Mode of study	Full time - seminars, lectures, workshops, and tutorials	
Class hours per week	16-20 hours	
Maximum class size	18	
Assessment	Coursework, presentations, portfolios, projects and in-class tests	
GCSE/IGCSE	5 Passes 9 to 4 (48 UCAS points) from either 1 A Level and 1 AS or a minimum of 2 AS Level qualifications.	
Age requirements	17 – must turn 18 within 3 months of starting your pathway programme	
English Language Requirements	IELTS 5.0 (with no single element below 4.5) – (2-term IFP)	
	IELTS 4.5 (with no single element below 4.0) – you will need to complete an additional term of English before joining the International Foundation Programme (3-term IFP)	

- Build your intercultural skills and integrate with UK student life
- 6 subject-specific pathways, guaranteeing you entry to one of over 60 undergraduate degrees at the University of South Wales
- Study in a fully embedded Pathway College where you're part of the university campus from day one

Example Modules	
English Term (3 term programme only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language & Skills for Academic Study (0 credits)
Core Modules All modules are core and worth 20 credits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic English• Academic Language in Context• Applied Academic Skills• Research Project
Pathway Specific Modules All modules are worth 20 credits.	Applied Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical and Earth Sciences Fundamentals• Biological Sciences Fundamentals
	Business & Social Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Humanities & Social Science in Action• Management Fundamentals
	Computer Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Mathematics• Introduction to Computing and Coding
	Creative Industries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundations for the Creative Industries• Creative Project
	Engineering <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Mathematics• Introduction to Engineering Design and Problem Solving
	Sports Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management Fundamentals• Biological Sciences Fundamentals

To progress onto the first year of your chosen undergraduate degree you must achieve a minimum of at least 40% in each module.



WHY USW?



Top 15 UK University for graduate start-ups in 2019/20 (HESA, 2021)



USW welcomes 2,500 international students from over 180 countries



Over 170-year tradition of education dating back to 1841

If you are planning on studying at the University of South Wales but wanting to improve your academic and English language skills before undertaking an undergraduate degree, then our pathway programmes are perfect for you. All our programmes are designed to prepare you for your next steps in studying at a UK university.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE BUSINESS

The International Year One Business is a degree preparation programme for international students who want to study on one of the many undergraduate business degrees at the University of South Wales, but need additional support to gain direct entry into year two of their undergraduate degree.

Level	NQF Level 4 - Year one of an undergraduate degree
Start dates	October and January
Duration	3 terms (9 months)
Tuition fee	£14,950
Mode of study	Full time - seminars, lectures, workshops, and tutorials
Class hours per week	16-20 hours
Maximum class size	18
Assessment	Coursework, presentations, unseen exams and online tests

- Equivalent to year one of an undergraduate degree
- More support and teaching hours than year one of a traditional undergraduate degree
- Study modules that mirror those delivered on year one of the undergraduate degrees at the South Wales Business School
- Complete your degree in three years (four years with a work placement year)

Example Modules	
Core Modules All modules are worth 20 credits unless otherwise stated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Academic Skills (0 credits)• Business Entrepreneurship• Business in a Global Context• Organisational Behaviour• Principles of Marketing• Professional Enquiry• Supply Chain and Operation Management

To progress onto the second year of your chosen undergraduate degree you must achieve a pass mark minimum of of at least 40% in each module. For more information about our Pathway Programmes visit: qa.southwales.ac.uk/courses

STUDYING IN SOUTH WALES

South Wales has vibrant city life, culture, nightlife and music festivals, award-winning beaches, outdoor adventure, history and breathtaking countryside.

Cardiff is a popular student city that knows how to enjoy itself. From shopping to live sport to music, arts and history, there's something for everyone.

- Cardiff is one of the UK's most affordable and fastest-growing cities
- Cardiff is the 3rd greenest city in the UK
- Cardiff is the most cost-effective city for UK students. (NatWest Student Living Index, 2022)
- A major centre for TV and media production in the UK, with major production studios and the BBC on the doorstep
- The UK's first-ever music city with a thriving local and international music scene
- The purple flag has been awarded to the city of Cardiff for offering an entertaining, diverse, safe and enjoyable night out

TRAVEL TIMES TO CARDIFF:

London - 2 hours
Birmingham - 2 hours
Bristol - 50 minutes
Manchester - 3 hours



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