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2025/26

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WELCOME TO USW

The University of South Wales (USW) is one of the largest universities in the UK, offering a range of exciting courses designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed for a successful career.

TOP 35

UNIVERSITY FOR SATISFACTION WITH TEACHING

(Guardian University Guide, 2025)

TOP 10

IN THE UK AND TOP IN WALES FOR AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

(Guardian University Guide, 2025)

CARDIFF

IS THE SECOND MOST AFFORDABLE CITY IN THE UK

(NatWest Student Living Index, 2023)



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DISCOVER USW

Located in the heart of South Wales, USW offers students a perfect blend of city life and beautiful countryside. Our Pontypridd campus is just 20 minutes from Cardiff by train, and where most of our Pathway programmes will be taught, giving you the best of both worlds.

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PROGRESSION DEGREES AVAILABLE, MANY WITH ACCREDITATION AND PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

23RD

UNIVERSITY IN THE UK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND ETHICAL PERFORMANCE

(People & Planet University League Tables, 2024/25)

GLOBAL

COMMUNITY WITH OVER 4000 STUDENTS FROM OVER 100 COUNTRIES



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I like the University of South Wales; the students and academics are very nice, and the city is amazing as well. I love the green spaces here.

Arshad Mohamed Hakeem
International Foundation
Programme - Business
and Social Science,
Sri Lanka

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ACCOMMODATION

At USW, we offer quality accommodation to help you feel at home while studying. Living in halls of residence is a great way to meet new friends, with the added convenience of being close to the library, lectures, and the Students' Union, eliminating travel costs. You can also choose a privately rented house with other students. Our on-campus Halls at USW Pontypridd provide a friendly, community atmosphere that students love.

STUDENT SUPPORT

We understand that studying abroad can be challenging, which is why we provide comprehensive support services to ensure your academic and personal success.



Health and Wellbeing: USW offers comprehensive health and wellbeing services, including access to mental health support, counselling, and on-campus medical facilities to ensure you stay healthy and supported throughout your studies.



Academic and Careers Support: the university provides academic assistance through workshops, tutoring, and study skills sessions. Careers support includes personalised advice, job fairs, and internships to help you achieve your career goals.



Advice Zones: your go-to places for any queries or concerns. The friendly staff can help with everything from academic issues to personal challenges, offering guidance and support whenever you need it.



Religious and Disability Support: USW respects and supports students of all faiths and those with disabilities. The university offers multi-faith prayer rooms, religious societies, and tailored disability support services to ensure an inclusive environment.



Library Services: the university libraries provide extensive resources, including books, journals, and online databases. Study spaces and dedicated library staff are available to help you with research and academic needs.



Financial Advice: USW offers financial advice and support, including budgeting tips, guidance on scholarships and bursaries, and assistance with student loans to help you manage your finances effectively.

OUR PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

We offer a variety of pathway courses designed to help you transition smoothly into higher education.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Prepare for your UK undergraduate studies with our International Foundation Programme. Offering an excellent opportunity to adjust to life in the UK.

- **Build your intercultural skills** and integrate with UK student life
- **6 subject specific pathways**, guaranteeing you entry to one of over 50 undergraduate degrees
- **2 and 3 term course durations**, depending on your English language level

Our International Foundation Programme is available in the following subjects:

- **Applied Science**
- **Business and Social Science**
- **Computer Science**
- **Creative Industries**
- **Engineering**
- **Sports Science**

This course bridges the gap between secondary education and university, equipping you with essential academic skills and cultural insights for a successful transition to UK university life.

English language entry requirements:

- **2-Term IFP:** UKVI SELT IELTS 5.0 (with no single element below 4.5) or equivalent UKVI SELT
- **3-Term IFP:** UKVI SELT IELTS 4.5 (with no single element below 4.0) or equivalent UKVI SELT

Tuition fee 2025/2026:*

- 2-term – £12,500
- 3-term – £15,000

INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE

Our International Year One Business programme offers tailored support for international students aiming to pursue an undergraduate business degree. Gain the academic skills and confidence needed to progress smoothly into the second year of your chosen degree.

- **Progress** to the South Wales Business School
- **Study modules** that mirror those delivered by the Business School on the undergraduate year one
- **Complete your degree** in 3 years (4 years with a work placement year)

English language requirements:

- IELTS 5.5 (with no band below 5.5)

Modules:

- **Business Management**
- **Marketing**
- **Entrepreneurship**
- **Operations Management**
- **Organisational Behaviour**

Tuition fee 2025/2026:*

- £14,950



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*Tuition fees accurate as of April 2025

HOW TO APPLY



1 CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Check which pathway course is most suitable for you and the minimum grades for your progression course.

2 CONTACT US

If you would like more information, please contact us and our advisers will be able to discuss the details of your academic history and recommend the best Pathway programme for you.

4 COLLATE YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

To submit a successful application to the University of South Wales Pathway, you need to submit supporting materials. This will include a copy of your passport, references and current and previous UK visas.

5 DRAFT YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

Be sure to draft your personal statement carefully so that it reflects your choice of course and why you have chosen to apply for the University of South Wales Pathway.

3 START YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have decided on the course you want to apply for, click the 'Apply online' link on the course page to begin your online application.

6 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Submit your application along with your 6 supporting documents.



For more information visit: qa.southwales.ac.uk/apply

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We're here to help you every step of the way. Whether you have questions about our courses, application process, or student life, our dedicated team is ready to assist you.

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