

Travelling to the University of South Wales Independently

To make your travel arrangements to the University as easy as possible, we can organise arrival services for when you first land in the UK. These services are available throughout the year from Cardiff International Airport (CWL) and Heathrow Airport (LHR), London.

Cardiff Airport is the closest airport to the University, which is why we always recommend it.

However, if you choose to travel to the University independently, the following pages will assist your arrival in the UK.

Arriving in the UK by sea

From continental Europe – You will normally need to travel from ports to London to connect with the coach and rail services to Cardiff or Newport. The main coach station in London is Victoria, and the main train station serving Cardiff/Newport is Paddington.

From Ireland – There is a ferry service from Cork to Swansea, and regular bus and train services from Swansea to Cardiff and Newport.

For coach enquiries contact:

+44 (0)8717818181

www.nationalexpress.com

For rail enquiries contact:

+44 (0)8457484950

www.nationalrail.co.uk

If you choose this option, you will have to arrange your own bus travel and follow the directions to your chosen campus from Cardiff or Newport City Centre.

How to travel from Bristol Airport to Newport and Cardiff

Bristol Airport offers the Bristol International Flyer shuttle bus. It connects from Bristol Temple Meads train station and Bristol bus station to the airport. It takes 30 minutes and you just pay on boarding (approx. £9 return). You can check the timetable via the Bristol airport website but currently there is no bus between 22.45 and 05.15, so you will need to plan alternative transport during these times (or be prepared for a long wait at the airport). It is very easy to get a bus or coach to Cardiff or Newport from Bristol, just ask at a station or check the times and fares online through Traveline or phone 0870 608 2 608.

National Express currently run a service between Bristol Airport and Newport City Centre (for Newport City campuses) or the 3 stops in Cardiff (for Cardiff//Treforest campuses) – and at around £6 for a one way ticket, this has now made Bristol a much easier travel option for our International students. If you choose this option, you will have to arrange your own bus travel and follow the directions to your chosen campus from Cardiff or Newport City Centre. Further information on travel from Cardiff to other campuses is available in the downloadable guides on our website.

From Cardiff International Airport

The airport is located 12 miles outside Cardiff City Centre, and 20 miles from the University's Treforest campus. You can find up to date travel information on the airport website

Taxi

You can get a taxi directly from Cardiff airport to the University. This will cost approximately: £35 to the Treforest campus; £25 to Atrium (our Cardiff campus) and £50 to City Campus (Newport).

Cardiff Airport Taxis

Cardiff Airport Taxis offer a complimentary meet and greet service when you pay for a taxi from the airport to the University. To request this service you will need to contact them in advance of your arrival using the following contact details:

Email: info@cardiff-airport-taxis.co.uk

Telephone: +44 (0)29 20 350390

Fax: +44 (0)29 20 350220

You can also access their website using this [link](#) for further information.

Please note: This is a private transport company. The University does not endorse this or any other transport company. These details are given for information only.

Train

A rail link connects Cardiff International Airport (Rhoose) and Cardiff Central Station. Rhoose train station is one mile from the airport and a courtesy shuttle bus links the two. Trains run from Rhoose to Cardiff every hour. If you are travelling to the Treforest campus, you will need to catch a connection to Treforest station when you arrive at Cardiff Central station. If you are travelling to City campus, you will need to catch a connection to Newport train station.

ATRium, our Cardiff campus, is within walking distance of Cardiff Central train station. However, if you have a lot of luggage you may want to hire a taxi. The fare to the ATRium should be less than £5.

Bus

There is no direct bus link from Cardiff Airport to the University's Treforest or Newport campuses. You will need to catch a bus to Cardiff and then a train to Treforest or Newport. There are regular bus services from the airport to Cardiff Central Train station that cost approximately £5 and take

about 40 minutes.

You can find up to date bus information on the airport website and for details on travelling from the city centre to the other University campuses see below. The Cardiff campus is within walking distance from Cardiff Central bus station. However, if you have a lot of luggage you may want to order a taxi. The fare to the Cardiff campus should be less than £5.

You can contact Traveline on +44 (0)870 6082608 to find out exact departure times. For details on travelling from the city centre to the University (Treforest campus), see below. The Cardiff campus is within walking distance from Cardiff Central bus station. However, if you have a lot of luggage you may want to order a taxi. The fare to the Cardiff campus should be less than £5.

From Cardiff City Centre to City Campus (Newport)

From the city, you can take an Arriva Trains Wales train to Newport Station, which is near to the University. Trains run at least once or twice per hour. You should ask a worker at Cardiff Central train station to help you find the next train and platform. The fare to Newport station is approximately £5.50.

From Cardiff City Centre to the Treforest Campus

Depending on which stop your bus drops you at (Sophia Gardens, Cathays or The Kingsway), you will need to complete your journey to Treforest by either train or taxi. The Cathays National Express stop is opposite the Cathays train station, and we would recommend you take the train from here to Treforest.

For Sophia Gardens and the Kingsway stops, we would recommend you either take a taxi to Cardiff Central Train station (approximate cost £6 - £7) and continue your journey from there, or take a taxi from the bus stop to the Treforest Campus.

Train

From the city, you can take an Arriva Trains Wales train to Treforest Station, which is near to the University. Trains run approximately every 15 minutes and usually leave from platform six, heading for Treherbert, Merthyr Tydfil or Aberdare. Make sure you get off at Treforest Station (not Treforest Industrial Estate, which is one stop earlier). The fare to Treforest station is approximately £4. The

diagram below outlines the train route.

Cardiff Central > Cardiff Queen Street > Cathays > Llandaff > Radyr > Taffs Well > Treforest Industrial Estate > Treforest

Please ensure you download and travel with a campus map so that you know how to find your way to and around campus upon arrival.

By Taxi

Whether you arrive in Cardiff by rail or by coach there are always taxis available. There is a taxi rank just outside Sophia Gardens and Kingsway bus stops as well as at the railway station. The fare to the Treforest campus should be around £20—£25 depending on the time of day you arrive. You should agree the fare with the driver before beginning the journey.

Getting to the University by car

The AA Route Planner can be used to get detailed instructions on driving to the University from anywhere in the UK. Just enter the University address in the ‘Where do you want to go to?’ section. If you have a satellite navigation system (Satnav), you can use the postcode given for each campus as your destination point.

If you are travelling to Treforest campus (postcode: CF37 1DL) on the M4 exit at junction 32 and follow the A470 (north from Cardiff) towards Merthyr Tydfil. Take the A473 exit signposted Llantrisant and University. You will be able to see the University on the hill to your left as you approach the junction) and follow the road left until you reach the University.

If you will be based in accommodation in Cardiff, please check our website for detailed information and directions to ATRiuM Cardiff campus (postcode: CF24 2FN) and to your accommodation.

If you are travelling to City Campus Newport (postcode: NP20 2BP) on the M4 exit at junction 26, then at roundabout take the third exit onto the A4051 signposted Cwmbran/Newport/Caerleon. After approximately one mile at the Harlequin roundabout, take the second exit onto the A4042 then immediately branch right to merge onto the A4042. After approximately half a mile the City Campus will be on your left.

If you have questions at your point of arrival

If in doubt, take these travel instructions to a helpdesk in the airport, train or bus station where staff will be able to assist you.

You may find the following websites useful:

- [Bus enquiries- National Express](#)
- [Train enquiries- National Rail](#)
- [Arriva Trains Wales](#)
- [AA Route Planner](#)
- [Cardiff International Airport](#)

We wish you a safe journey!

On arrival at the University, please ensure you contact home to tell your family/ friends of your safe arrival in the UK. This is your responsibility and not the responsibility of the University