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Postgraduate, Professional and Research Guide 2021

STAY UPDATED

The wellbeing, health and safety of our students and staff is paramount to us.

We are committed to delivering our courses, research opportunities and other services as safely as possible. This guide contains information about the courses and facilities that USW intends to offer in 2021/2022 and adheres to the University Quality Assurance processes and government guidelines as they currently stand for study in 2021/22.

Due to the ongoing nature of the Covid-19 pandemic the information in this guide may be subject to change in order to comply with any government guidelines that apply at the date of study. At the date of publication, some of the courses and facilities set out in this guide are operating in an amended way due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Up to date details about how our courses and facilities are currently affected can be found at **www.southwales.ac.uk**. There are links to more information on blended learning and how facilities are impacted by the pandemic and government guidelines throughout this guide. We aim to keep you updated on changes, and will reissue the guide should we consider this to be reasonably necessary.

Our world is changing at an intense pace. It is our job to equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience to maximise their future opportunities. Our courses are developed with the professional bodies and organisations who employ our graduates. We teach in unique learning environments that simulate the workplace. Working in collaboration with industry, our research tackles some of the biggest global challenges, from energy and health to cyber security. USW will broaden your horizons, teach you new ways of looking at the world, and springboard you into a new career or research field. **Professor Julie Lydon OBE** Vice-Chancellor

VISIT USW

Your future awaits, take the next steps and change your tomorrow.

Postgraduate Online Open Days

You can now visit us at a Postgraduate Online Open Day – the ideal way to experience what it's like to study at USW. Through virtual software and videos, you can explore the campus, find your perfect course, speak to academics and hear about our students' experiences.

We're looking forward to welcoming you back onto our campuses as soon as possible so you can find out more about our courses and meet staff and students in person. Find out more, browse dates and book your place, visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/postgrad

International agents

If you're not based in the UK, you can discuss your study options with our international agents. We have agents in countries all over the world. Contact your agent: www.southwales.ac.uk/international

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Thousands of students choose to study a postgraduate course with USW each year. Our quality courses, expert teaching staff and excellent employability records make us a top choice.

Expert teaching

Many of our lecturers are at the forefront of their field, producing world-leading research and contributing to advances within their area of expertise. Our research informs our courses, so students are taught the latest thinking. Read more on page 32.

Career success

USW Careers works hard to make you successful. Students are supported with careers advice, CV clinics, work experience, networking opportunities and more. Working with over 3,500 organisations worldwide, from the BBC to John Lewis, we connect you to employers. Read more on page 14.

Outstanding support

We care about our students, so you can be assured we have your every need covered, from our Disability Service to our confidential Wellbeing Service. There is plenty of learning support on offer, with a library on each campus and plenty of resources and services available online. Read more on page 10.

Flexible courses

Many of our students are returning to learning, and fit postgraduate study around work and family. We take a realistic approach to learning and offer many courses part-time or through distance learning. Read our course index starting on page 39.

Distance learning

We are proud of the digital content we produce for those students studying through distance learning and the support provided by our academics. Our blended learning approach combines virtual and on-campus delivery. Students are taught using a variety of methods, from online seminars and live lectures, to green screen presentations and discussion boards. Students are supported by lecturers, as well as librarians, student support services and the wider USW family. Visit our website to read our students' experiences.

World-leading and internationally excellent research

(REF2014)

60 sports teams

Over

We work with over 3,500 organisations

24th
in the
Stonewall
Workplace
Equality Index

from 200 countries

20% DISCOUNT

on postgraduate courses for USW alumni*

^{*}Terms and conditions apply. Please visit our website for full details.

HOW TO APPLY

Register for an Open Event

Research finance options. including postgraduate loans

Contact us with further questions you may have

Apply for the course online: www.southwales.ac.uk/apply

Once you've applied, track your application online

We aim to respond to your application within five working days and may e-mail for further information*

If you have questions after you have applied, e-mail: admissions@southwales.ac.uk



APPLY TO USW

Making your application

Taught courses

Read our course index starting on page 39. Apply online: www.southwales.ac.uk/apply

Research courses

To apply for a research programme, contact the Graduate School.

E-mail: gradschool@southwales.ac.uk Visit: www.gradschool.southwales.ac.uk

Application assistance

UK students

E-mail: enquiries@southwales.ac.uk Call: 03455 760 599

International and EU students

E-mail: international@southwales.ac.uk

Call: +44 (0)1443 654 450

Considering your application

- We aim to respond in five working days
- If you apply for a professional course, or need an interview, it can take longer
- For closing dates and interview sessions, check your course page
- · To avoid delay, fully complete all sections and upload documents
- Check what documents are required on our course pages, under entry requirements
- If there are missing details we may e-mail you

After applying

- You will get an e-mail of acknowledgement
- You can track your application online
- We may e-mail for more information or documents
- A decision on applications will be sent by e-mail

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

MASTERS COURSES

You will need one of the following:

- A good Honours degree
- A recognised equivalent qualification
- A postgraduate diploma in a relevant subject
- There may be entry criteria specific to your course

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

You will need one of the following:

- A good Honours degree
- A recognised equivalent qualification
- There may be entry criteria specific to your course



Finance and funding are important when choosing whether to progress to postgraduate and professional study. At the University of South Wales, we offer specialist support and advice to help you.

Taught course tuition fees

Postgraduate tuition fees vary depending on where, how and what you study. For the latest information, check course details online:

www.southwales.ac.uk/courses

Part-time fees

Fees for part-time study are charged per module. Some postgraduate awards and professional courses are charged at a non-standard fee. For the latest information, you can check course details online:

www.southwales.ac.uk/courses

Managing fee payments

For UK and EU students, fees are usually payable on enrolment and can be paid online. You can also pay by card plan instalments. Visit:

payments.southwales.ac.uk

Research tuition fees

For details of tuition fees for research degree programmes, along with other fees for research students, visit:

www.southwales.ac.uk/researchdegree

ALUMNI DISCOUNT

USW alumni, including University of Glamorgan and University of Wales, Newport alumni, may be eligible for a 20% discount on many postgraduate taught courses enrolling in 2020-2021.

Terms and conditions apply. For full eligibility details and to find out more, visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/money

Postgraduate funding

There may be financial support and funding available for students interested in postgraduate study for both taught and research courses, such as postgraduate student loans and grants. To find out what is available and up-to-date eligibility information, visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/money

Charities, trusts and foundations

Funding from charities, trusts and foundations can be limited. However, if you research potential funders and apply early, you may be able to access external awards to assist with fees and living costs. Our student money advisers can help you complete applications. Book an appointment:

www.southwales.ac.uk/money

Disabled Students' Allowances

If you have a disability, mental health condition or specific learning difficulty, you may be eligible to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs). Register with the Disability Service to find out more. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/disability

Research funding

If you are interested in a research degree, find out about loans, funding, funded studentships, tuition fees and how to apply, visit:

www.southwales.ac.uk/researchdegree

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OUTSTANDING STUDENT SUPPORT



Studying with us means you will never be short of support, as our services will care for your every need. Our award-winning student support team will help your time at University run smoothly.

Advice Zones

Our Advice Zones are your first point of contact, and offer advice and information regarding university life. They are located in our libraries, which are available across all campuses. Advice assistants will answer your queries and concerns, as well as book appointments and make referrals to our various support services. Visit:

www.southwales.ac.uk/advice

Disability Service

Whether you have a physical, sensory, mental health or unseen disability, our Disability Service will identify the support required. Students will have an individual support plan, and can get advice on Disabled Students' Allowances. Visit:

www.southwales.ac.uk/disability

Wellbeing Service

Our confidential Wellbeing Service offers support with health, mental health and counselling. It is available to all USW students and runs regular workshops, from coping with depression and anxiety, to mindfulness. Visit:

www.southwales.ac.uk/wellbeing

Health clinics

Students have access to our specialist nurse-led clinics, which are available on all campuses. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/health

Money advice

Our experienced Student Money Advice Team provides students with information, advice and guidance on options to fund their studies. Read more on page 7.

Careers support

Students are supported by USW Careers, with careers advice, CV clinics, work experience, networking opportunities and more. Working with over 3,500 organisations worldwide, from the BBC to John Lewis, we connect you to employers. Read more on page 14.

Progression advice

If you have difficulties while studying, our Progression Advice Team can help. They will listen to your concerns, identify areas where you may be struggling and help you take action through the support we have available. Visit:

progression.southwales.ac.uk

Student safety

South Wales is one of the safest places to study in the UK. We operate 24-hour CCTV and provide a free app SafeZone. The app gives emergency and non-emergency assistance, incident notifications, first aid calls and check-ins for lone working. Visit:

studentsafety.southwales.ac.uk

Equality, diversity and inclusion

USW is committed to equality for students from all backgrounds and communities. We run a diverse programme of equality events across all campuses and have Dignity Advisers, Trans Allies and a network of equality champions available to chat with students who have any concerns or issues. The University ranks 24th in the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index.

Graduate School

Our Graduate School is home to postgraduate research programmes and provides consistent, high-quality support for researchers. Read more on page 36.

International welcome

International students are offered a friendly face on arrival, and support and advice throughout their time at University through Immigration and International Student Advice (IISA). Read more on page 29.

Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy services are available to all students. They offer general advice and support, one-to-one confidential conversations, and advice on matters of religion and belief. They also arrange social events and opportunities for volunteering. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Accommodation

If you choose to live in Halls of Residence, our campus life coordinators will support you. If you have issues or questions, they will provide guidance and help you access support services. They also organise social events. Read more on page 17.

Acorns at USW

If you have childcare to consider, Acorns at USW is a new purpose-built nursery at USW Pontypridd. With indoor and outdoor play areas, the finest equipment, and experienced staff, this picturesque setting is perfect for the children of students and staff. Visit: www.acornsnurseries.co.uk

Academic support

Our Study Skill Centres mean postgraduate students can develop skills through workshops. These include academic writing skills, referencing, critical analysis and evaluation of sources, and effective presentation skills. Students are also able to book one-to-one appointments. Visit: **studyskills.southwales.ac.uk**

Library and student centre

We have libraries on each campus with social and quiet study areas, long opening hours and self-service facilities. Many resources are available online, including eBooks, eJournals and databases, checking your account, reserving books and booking consultations. We even have an 'Ask a Librarian' online chat service. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/library

IT provision and services

There are thousands of computers across our campuses in open access areas and teaching labs. Students are also able to borrow laptops if they prefer to work from home. We have long opening hours and a 24-hour open access lab, so you can study when it suits you. We even offer a dedicated customer support service to assist you during term-time. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/library

E-learning

Studying with us means you'll have access to the latest learning technologies and resources at all times. You'll experience your learning through UniLearn, which includes our virtual learning environment, Blackboard. It provides study materials in a range of formats, including text, audio, visual and multimedia.

UniLife

As a student with us you will have access to UniLife. This is our online portal to e-learning tools, your e-mail account and cloud storage. It also gives you access to USW's virtual services and the information you need while you're a student.

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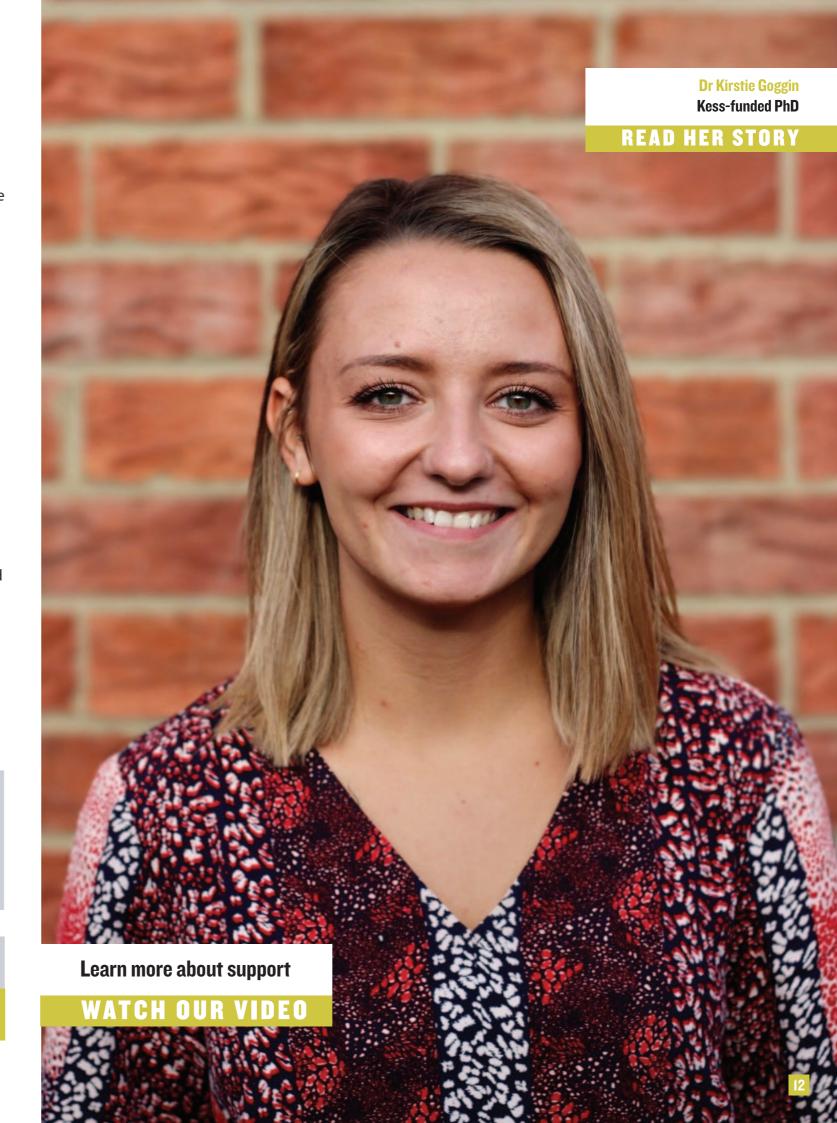
www.southwales.ac.uk/advice



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READ THE LATEST UPDATES





Studying a postgraduate course can lead to a successful tomorrow. USW Careers helps you boost your CV, network with employers and even start your own business.

Networking

Networking is an essential part of your postgraduate career development. We work with over 3,500 employers and organisations worldwide. We are proud of our career networking events and the relationships we have built with companies.

Careers Fairs

We organise fairs throughout the year to help you explore work experience and job opportunities, both locally and internationally. In October we hold a Part-time Jobs Fair and Experience Works Fair, and in November we hold our Opportunities Fair.

Grad Edge Award

Our students know how to sell their skills to future employers. By graduation, USW Careers will help you develop commercial awareness, communication, digital literacy, innovation and enterprise, leadership and project management.

Student Enterprise

Our students can get training, support and funding to start a business or to freelance. We hold business advice surgeries, networking, workshops and guest lectures from entrepreneurs. Students can even pitch ideas to experts to access funding and feedback.

ACCESS USW CAREERS

- Careers advice appointments
- Phone and Skype appointments
- CV clinics
- LinkedIn labs
- Work experience and volunteering
- Networking opportunities
- Career coaching
- Motivational talks

Enactus USW

Supported by the South Wales Business School and Student Enterprise, Enactus is an international student-led organisation. It has over 72,000 members in 37 countries. It arranges development opportunities, trips, training weekends and competitions.

GO Wales

USW is a partner in the ESF-funded GO Wales Achieve Through Work Experience programme. This supports eligible students who have barriers in accessing work experience.

Cardiff Capital Region Graduate Scheme

USW is a strategic partner on a new internship scheme to link graduates with businesses in Cardiff. Interns get paid graduate-level employment, a new professional network and a fully funded qualification.

Partnerships

We work with over 3,500 employers including:

- Admiral
 - ral Hugh James
- Amazon
- John Lewis

NHS Wales

- BBCBT
- Next
- Capital Law
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Deloitte
- South Wales Police
- GE Aviation
- Tata Steel
- Hilton
- Welsh Government

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USWcareers



Studying with us is part of a lifelong connection. The benefits of being a USW student extend beyond your qualification and last longer than your course.

Join a global community

On graduation, you'll become a life-long member of the alumni network. A global community of more than 250,000 alumni, and a ready-made network of potential contacts. Building on the friendships you made, you can establish lifelong connections.

ALUMNI DISCOUNT

USW alumni, including University of Glamorgan and University of Wales, Newport alumni, may be eligible for a 20% discount on many postgraduate taught courses enrolling in 2020-2021.

Terms and conditions apply. For full eligibility details and to find out more, visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/money

The alumni network

Benefits and support includes:

- Free use of USW Careers
- Discounted access to libraries
- Access our sport facilities
- Invitations to networking events and reunions
- Join alumni groups
- Volunteer as a mentor
- Support our student community
- Updates from our alumni magazine, monthly e-bulletin and website

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OUR ALUMNI

Mark Smith Group Chief Technology Officer

L'Oreal

Catrin Dingle HR Director - UK and Ireland

AkzoNobel

Steve Rudderham Head Of Global Business Services

Grammy Award Winner

Dr Michael Howlett, Music Producer

HSBC Canada

Kim Hallwood **Head of Corporate Sustainability**

English Institute of Sport

Nigel Walker OBE, National Director and former Olympian and Wales rugby player

BBC Wales

Roger Crothers, Head of Technology

American Association of Independent Music

Dr Richard James Burgess President and CEO

Rolls-Royce Aerospace

Dr Ian Riggs Civil Aerospace Group Quality Executive

The Football Association of Wales

Dr David Adams Technical Director



Cardiff is the UK's fastest growing major city and a great place to live and study. Right in the city centre, our campus is the perfect location for creative industries students.

Study in the capital

Well known as a city for culture and entertainment, Cardiff is a major centre for TV and media production in the UK. There are plenty of music and performance spaces across the city too. Cardiff has been declared the UK's first ever music city, which will further develop its music scene and international profile.

Discover Cardiff

- Live sport: take in the atmosphere on match day
- Spillers Records: oldest record store in the world
- National Museum Wales: enjoy free exhibitions
- Cardiff Bay: where Cardiff meets the sea
- **Arcades:** get lost in the bars, cafes and shops

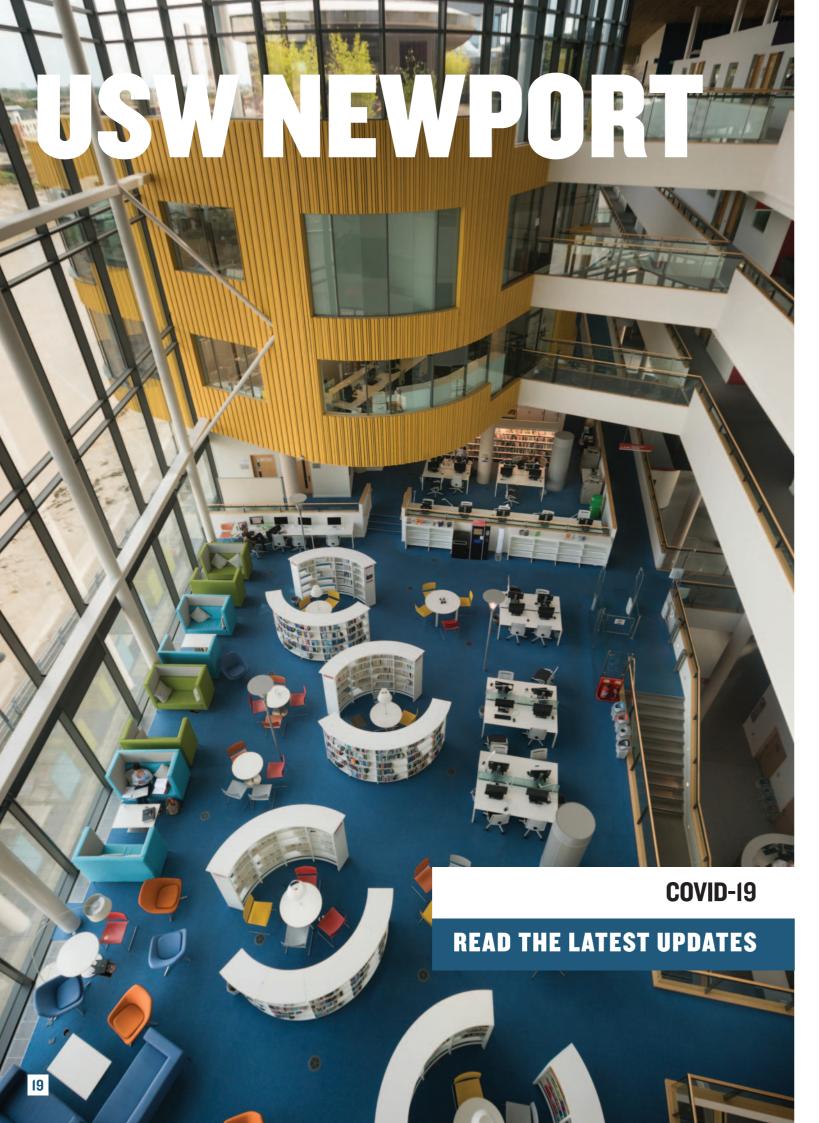
What you can study

- Animation and Games
- · Art and Design
- Film
- Journalism
- Music and Performance
- Photography

WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT USW CARDIFF

- City centre location
- Halls of Residence
- Dedicated study spaces
- Library and advice zone
- Students' Union





Newport is the gateway to Wales. It's a university city with a multicultural vibe and a rich history. Surrounded by business, it's the ideal place to study a professional course.

City location

USW Newport is a modern, iconic campus based in the heart of the city. It couldn't be in a better location, with Halls of Residence just down the road.

What you can study

- Accounting and Finance
- Business and Management
- Education
- Health Sciences
- Music Therapy
- Psychology, Psychotherapy and Counselling
- Public Services
- Youth Work

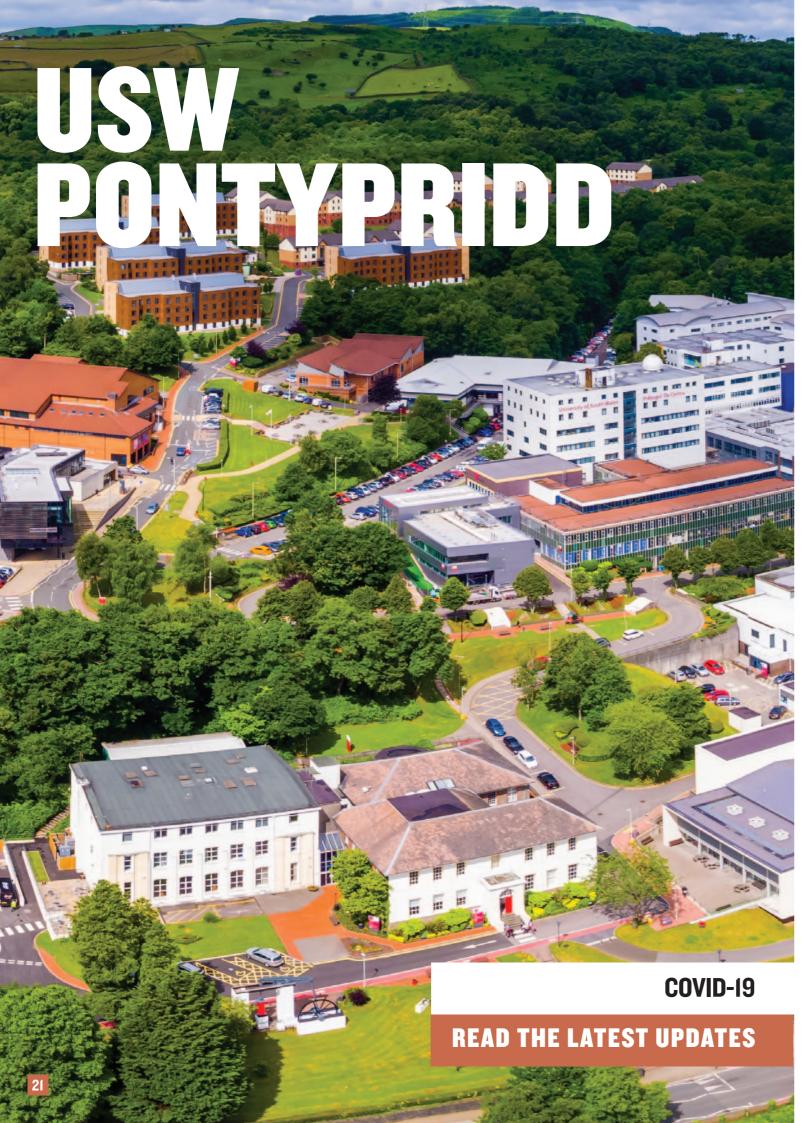
Discover Newport

- Independent bars and restaurants
- Friars Walk shopping centre opposite campus
- Rich live music scene
- Live sport and home to Newport Gwent Dragons
- Nearby parks and countryside
- Less than two hours from London

WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT USW NEWPORT

- Study in our most iconic building
- Library and advice zone
- Students' Union and social spaces
- Modern Halls of Residence





USW Pontypridd is based in the heart of south Wales, just 20 minutes from Cardiff by train. Surrounded by green, open spaces and fresh air, it's ideal for somewhere quieter to study.

Community atmosphere

Our largest campus spreads across two sites – Treforest and Glyntaff, which are a short walk from one another. Our students love the community feel and the wealth of services on site.

Discover Pontypridd

- Student community and social scene
- 20 minutes from Cardiff by train
- National Lido of Wales
- · Cities, mountains and beaches in easy reach

What you can study

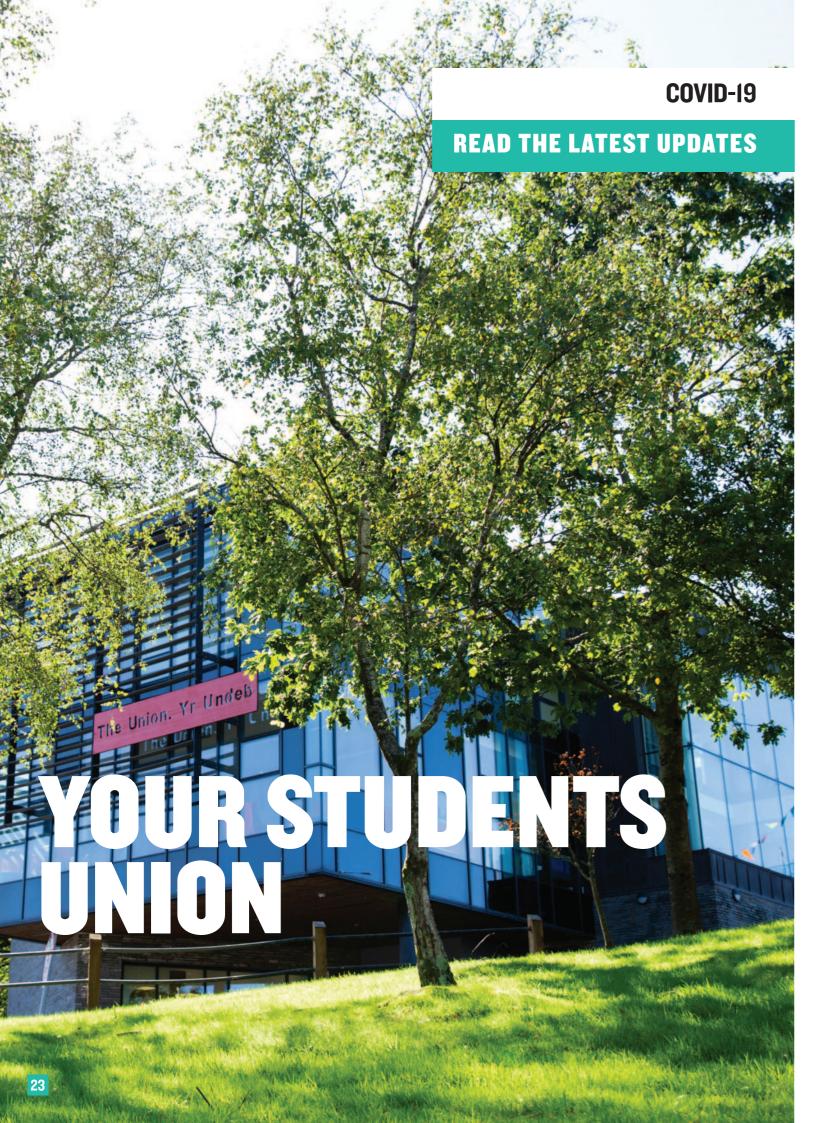
- Accounting and Finance
- Built Environment
- · Business and Management
- Computing
- Criminology
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Sciences
- Health Sciences

- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Policing
- Psychology
- Public Services
- Science
- Social Policy
- Sport

WHAT YOU'LL FIND AT USW PONTYPRIDD

- Halls of Residence on-campus
- Impressive Students' Union building
- Library and student centre
- Graduate School on-site
- Sport Centre with gym and classes
- USW Sport Park





The Students' Union ensures you have the best possible experience at USW. You can seek advice, join a club or society, have your voice heard and even look for part-time roles and volunteering.

Officers to represent you

We have four full-time officers who represent you for academic and welfare matters. We also have part-time student officers, including an officer for postgraduate students.

Welfare needs

Whether you want to socialise or just someone to talk to, the Students' Union will support you. We can help with financial, educational and even emotional concerns.

Help with employment

If you want extra money while you study, you can apply for jobs within the SU. The SU needs staff for lots of different roles, such as bar work or courier.

SOME OF OUR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES:

- LGBT+
- Cheerleading
- Film
- Rowing
- Climbing
- History

- Snowsports
- Debate
- Earth
- Cyber Security
- Dragon Media
- Music

Sport teams

Sport is a big part of the Students' Union. You can join a team and represent USW in the British Universities and Colleges Sports League. There are over 60 teams to choose from, including football, hockey and basketball. Read more on page 26.

Clubs and societies

If you join a club or society, you can get involved in all sorts of activities. These are run by students and help you meet like-minded people. From demonstrations and day trips, to hobbies and interests, our societies help you discover new talents or carry on existing hobbies.

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Whether you want to be part of a sports team or keep fit, our facilities are among the best in the UK. Students can represent USW in the BUCS league and train at USW Sport Park. Our students also have access to our on-campus sport centre and exclusive fitness deals.

Sport Centre

Our Sport Centre has around 40 fitness classes a week during term-time, from squash and Pilates to yoga and climbing. Students at USW Newport can enjoy reduced rates with Easy Gym, and those studying at USW Cardiff have exclusive deals with Pure Gym, The Marriott Hotel and Easy Gym. All are within walking distance of the campuses and offer reduced membership rates.

BUCS League

If you want to join a competitive sports team, we have 60 teams in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) programme. Everyone is welcome to join. Our rugby and football teams are popular with postgraduate students. Our BUCS men's football first team are number one in the UK. They are the only BUCS football team to win the league and cup completely unbeaten.

REPRESENT USW AT ONE OF THESE SPORTS:

- Cricket
- Basketball
- Football
- Lacrosse
- **Badminton**
- Rugby union
- Golf Netball
- Hockey
- Squash
- Volleyball Tennis
- Rugby league
- Futsal
- **Swimming**

Water polo

USW Sport Park

Playing in the BUCS League means you may train at USW Sport Park. This £18m world-class facility is so good professional teams regularly train here, from the Wales football team to the touring British Lions and New Zealand rugby squads. Facilities include:

- Full-size indoor 3G FIFA and IRB approved pitch
- Outdoor 3G FIFA and IRB approved floodlit pitch
- 30 acres of playing fields
- Floodlit rugby pitch
- Two floodlit football pitches
- · Five football pitches
- Multi-purpose pitch
- Floodlit scrummaging area
- 12 platform strength and conditioning room
- Notational analysis facilities

CONTACT US

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www.southwales.ac.uk/sport







HOW TO APPLY



After applying for your course, we will e-mail you to register for accommodation

2

You will complete an online application stating your preferences

3

We will send you a link so you can choose your own room

4

Late applicants can apply for remaining accommodation in August

5

You will receive confirmation of your room allocation

6

You will be able to move in from September

7

Students starting in February can contact our accommodation office for availability



ACCOMMODATION FOR YOU

Postgraduate-only accommodation

We offer accommodation exclusively for postgraduate and mature students, so you can live with like-minded people. You can study in a quiet atmosphere, with social events close by to unwind.

Private rental

If you prefer to rent privately we can help. Search our database of local authority-registered landlords, visit: **www.southwalesstudentpad.co.uk**

Living at home

Many postgraduate students live at home and commute to university. As a USW student, you get a 34% discount on annual train tickets with Transport for Wales. Contact our Advice Zones for details.

Guaranteed international accommodation

We offer international students guaranteed accommodation for postgraduate study.* To be eligible, you must accept your offer to study and apply for accommodation by 30 June.

Easily accessible accommodation

We have rooms available for students who require additional facilities for a range of disabilities. We allocate these rooms depending on individual requirements. To discuss, contact our accommodation office.

Stay for the summer

Students can choose to live on campus during July and August to get a head-start on their studies. Rooms can be booked for any length of stay, subject to availability.

City living

With Pontypridd and Newport campuses only a train ride away, many postgraduate students live in Cardiff and commute. As a USW student, you get a 34% discount on annual train tickets with Transport for Wales. Contact our Advice Zones for details.

Social events

Whichever accommodation option you choose, you can take part in plenty of social events. The Students' Union runs events, and the accommodation office runs a Residents Life Programme. This helps students meet like-minded people through free social events such as quiz and film nights.

Visit us

You can view our accommodation at a Postgraduate Online Open Day or an Open Evening. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/postgrad

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The University of South Wales is proud to be a truly international community, with students from 200 countries across the globe.

Meet the team

We have team members and representatives based in countries all over the world. They can help with entry requirements, applications, scholarships, accommodation and even visa applications. Staff also regularly travel overseas to meet students. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/international

International student advice

If you are a national of a country outside the UK, you may need a visa to study. Our Immigration and International Student Advice team will support you during your visa application and throughout your time at University. For more information on the support we offer, read page 10.

Guaranteed accommodation

We offer international students guaranteed accommodation for postgraduate study.* To be eligible, you must accept your offer to study and apply for accommodation by 30 June.

Fees and scholarships

Course fees at the University of South Wales are competitively priced. The cost of living in the area is considerably lower than in other parts of the UK. We offer a range of scholarships worth up to £2,500 for postgraduate degree courses. We are also a Chevening Partner university and have welcomed Chevening scholars from all over the world. Visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/international-fees

A USW welcome

When you arrive in the UK, you can use our enhanced arrival service at Cardiff Airport or our meet and greet service at Heathrow. We also run an International Welcome Programme to help you make friends.

International English

The Centre for International English offers English language programmes at different levels. Courses help international students develop a range of skills, academically and socially. Visit:

www.southwales.ac.uk/international-english

Apply

To apply for a course, visit:

www.southwales.ac.uk/intapply. Once you have received an offer, we will advise you on accepting your place, pre-departure arrangements and accommodation.

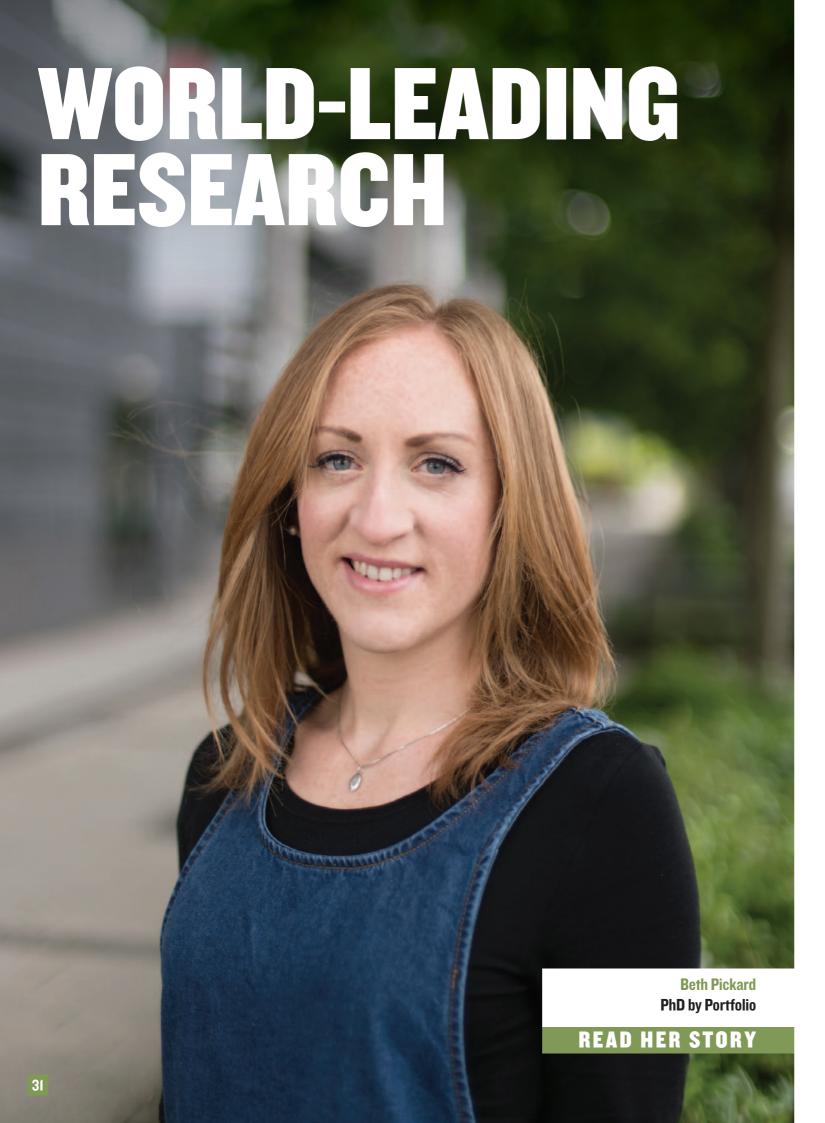
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USWinternational



Providing solutions to problems that affect society and the economy is what underpins research at USW.

Making a difference

We have more than 400 postgraduate research students. Working collaboratively across sectors, our researchers bring talent and expertise to help communities, businesses and policy makers make a difference to society. Our research makes a significant impact and informs our teaching.

Doctor of Counselling Psychology (**DPsych**)

This Professional Doctorate is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) and approved by the HCPC. Students complete 450 supervised clinical hours and are taught modules at Masters and Doctoral level. You will submit a thesis up to 50,000 words and defend your work orally.

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

This Professional Doctorate takes between four and six years part-time. You will complete taught elements at advanced level and supervised, independent research. You will demonstrate an original contribution and submit a thesis of up to 100,000 words, and defend your work orally.

USW IS A LEADER IN KEY AREAS OF RESEARCH:

- Sustainable energy
- Educational development Health
- Creative industries and the arts
- Mobile communications
- Cyber security Humanities
- Sports injury and performance
- New business incubation

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

PhD by Thesis

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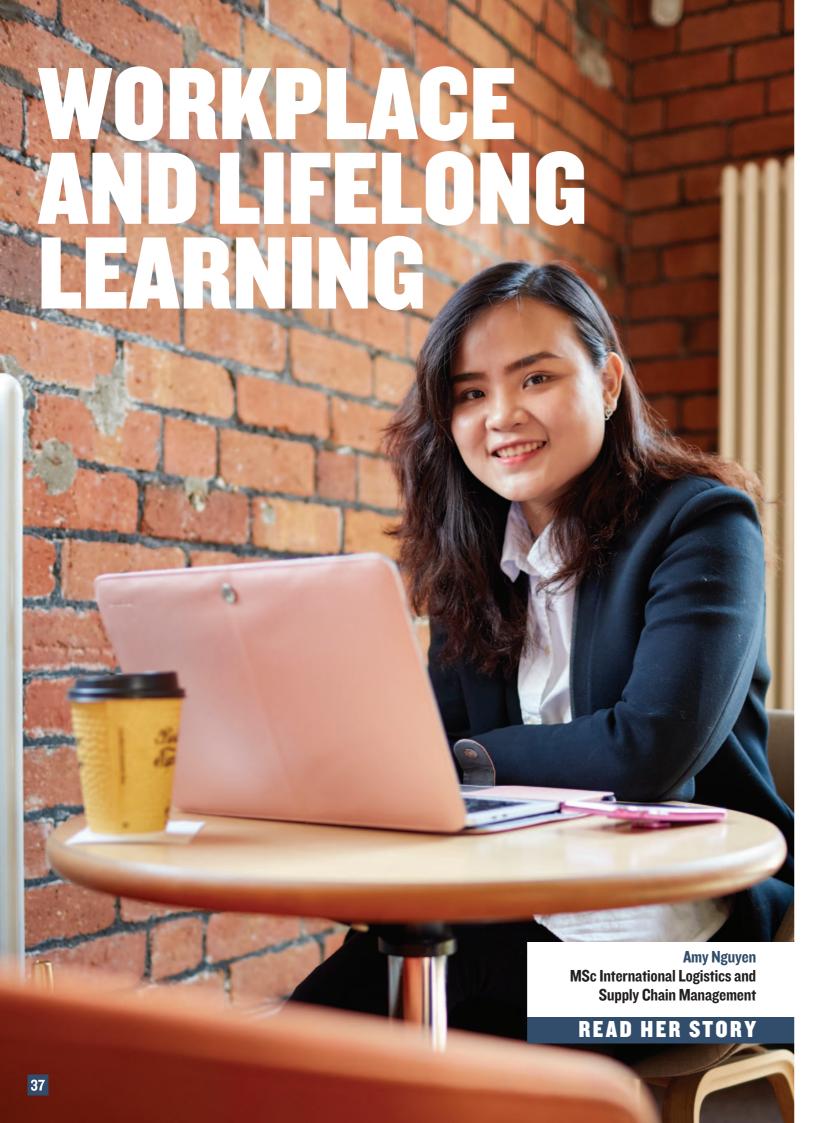
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COURSE	QUALIFICATION	CAMPUS	STUDY MODE	START DATE
Accounting and Finance				
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	ACCA	N	FT	Sept
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	ACCA	N	PT	Sept Jan
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)	ICAEW	N	PT	Sept Jan
Professional Accounting (with ACCA tuition)	MSc	N	FT PT	Sept Jan
Finance and Investment	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Forensic Audit and Accounting	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Animation and Games				
Animation	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Games Enterprise	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Art and Design				
Arts Practice (Arts, Health and Wellbeing)	MA	C	PT	Sept
Art Psychotherapy	MA	N	PT	Sept
Design Innovation	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Graphic Communication	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Built Environment				
Construction Project Management	MSc**	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Safety, Health and Environmental Management	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Business and Management				
Doctor of Business Administration	DBA	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Master of Business Administration*	MBA**	P	FT	Sept Feb
Master of Business Administration*	MBA**	N	PT	Sept
Master of Business Administration Global	MBA	P	FT	Sept Feb
Master of Business Administration Global — Supply Chain	MBA	P	FT	Sept Feb
Master of Business Administration Global — Marketing	MBA	P	FT	Sept Feb
Master of Business Administration Global — Human Resource Management	MBA	P	FT	Sept Feb
Master of Business Administration Global — Finance	MBA	P	FT	Sept Feb

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Business and Management (continued)				
Master of Business Administration Global — Entrepreneurship	MBA	P	FT	Sept Feb
Management*	MSc**	P	FT	Sept Feb
Engineering Management*	MSc**	P	FT	Sept Feb
Human Resource Management	MSc	P	FT	Sept Feb
Human Resource Management	MSc	N	PT	Sept
International Business and Enterprise*	MSc**	P	FT	Sept
Leadership and Management	MSc**	N	PT	Sept
Leadership in Healthcare	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Project Management	MSc	P	FT	Sept Feb
Marketing*	MSc**	P	FT	Sept Feb
Public Relations	MSc**	P	FT	Sept Feb
Strategic Leadership (Health and Social Care)	MSc	N	PT	Feb
Strategic Procurement Management	MSc	P	FT	Sept Feb
Strategic Procurement Management	MSc	N Dubai	PT	Sept
International Logistics and Supply Chain Management	MSc	P	FT	Sept Feb
International Logistics and Supply Chain Management	MSc	N Dubai	PT	Sept
CIPS Diploma in Procurement and Supply	CIPS Diploma	P	PT	Sept
CIPS Advanced Diploma in Procurement and Supply	CIPS Advanced Diploma	P	PT	Sept
CIPS Professional Diploma in Procurement and Supply	CIPS Professional Diploma	P	PT	Sept
Computing				
Computer Science	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Artificial Intelligence	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Data Science	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Cyber Security	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Computer Forensics	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Computer Systems Security	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Computing and Information Systems	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Criminology				
Crime and Justice	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Working with Adult and Young Offenders	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept

COURSE	QUALIFICATION	CAMPUS	STUDY MODE	START DATE
Education	•			
CAMH (Child and Adolescent Mental Health)	MA PgCert [†]	N	FT PT	Sept
Education (Innovation in Learning and Teaching)	MA PgCert [†]	N	FT PT	Sept
Further Professional Development for Returning and Supply Teachers	University Certificate	N	PT	March
Leadership and Management (Education)	MA PgCert*	N	FT PT	Sept
Postgraduate Certificate (PGCE) Post Compulsory Education and Training (PcET)	PGCE	N	FT PT	Sept
Professional Graduate Certificate (PgCE) Post Compulsory Education and Training (PcET)	PgCE	N	FT PT	Sept
Professional Certificate (ProfCE) Post Compulsory Education and Training (PcET)	ProfCE	N	FT PT	Sept
SEN/ALN (Autism)	MA PgCert [†]	N	FT PT	Sept
SEN/ALN (Additional Learning Needs)	MA PgCert [†]	N	FT PT	Sept
SEN/ALN (Specific Learning Difficulties)	PgDip	N	PT	Sept
Education (Innovation in Learning and Teaching)	PgCert	P	PT	Sept
Engineering				
Aeronautical Engineering	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Aviation Engineering and Management	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Civil and Structural Engineering	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Civil Engineering and Environmental Management	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Electronics and Information Technology	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Mechanical Engineering	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Mobile and Satellite Communications	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Professional Engineering	MSc	D	PT	Sept Feb
English				
English by Research	MA	P	FT PT	Jan Apr Oct
MPhil in Writing	MPhil	P	PT	Sept
Environmental Sciences				
Advanced Applied Field Geoscience	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Wildlife and Conservation Management	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Safety, Health and Environmental Management	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb

COURSE	QUALIFICATION	CAMPUS	STUDY MODE	START DATE
Film				
Film	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Film (Directing)	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Film (Documentary)	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Film (Editing)	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Film (Production Management)	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Film (Screenwriting)	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Film (Visual Effects)	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Health Sciences				
Acute Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Acute and Critical Care	PgCert BSc (Hons)	P	PT	Sept
Advanced Clinical Practitioner	MSc	P	PT	Sept
Advanced Practice	MSc	P	PT	Sept
Applied Health Economics	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Clinical Endodontics	MSc	P	PT	Sept
Clinical Psychiatry	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Community Health Studies (District Nursing) (Practice Nursing) (Community Children's Nursing)	MSc BSc (Hons)	P	PT	Sept
Cosmetic Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Dementia Studies	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Dermatology in Clinical Practice	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Diabetes	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Disaster Healthcare	MSc	D	PT	Aug
Education for Health Care Professionals	PgCert	P	PT	Sept
Endocrinology	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Gastroenterology	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Genomics Medicine and Healthcare	PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Genomic Medicine	PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Independent Prescribing	40 credit module	P	PT	Sept
Leadership in Healthcare	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept
Medical Education	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Medical Sciences	PgDip	P	FT	Sept

COURSE	QUALIFICATION	CAMPUS	STUDY MODE	START DATE
Health Sciences (continued)				
Nursing (Adult Health)	PgDip	P	FT	Sept
Nursing (Child Health)	PgDip	P	FT	Sept
Nursing (Learning Disabilities)	PgDip	P	FT	Sept
Nursing (Mental Health)	PgDip	P	FT	Sept
Obesity and Weight Management	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Pain Management	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Palliative Care	PgCert	D	PT	Sept
Preventative Cardiovascular Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Professional Practice	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Professional Practice (Healthcare Studies)	BSc (Hons)	P	PT	Sept
Professional Practice (Violence Reduction)	BSc (Hons)	N	PT	June
Public Health	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Renal Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Respiratory Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Return to Practice	40 credit module	D	PT	Sept March
Rheumatology	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Sexual and Reproductive Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting) (School Nursing)	MSc BSc (Hons)	P	FT PT	April
Sports and Exercise Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
History				
History by Research	MA	P	FT PT	Jan Apr Oct
Journalism				
Visual Journalism	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Law				
Legal Practice Course (PGDip in Legal Practice)	LPC	P	FT PT	Sept
Laws	LLM	P	FT PT	Sept Feb
Laws (International Commercial Law)	LLM	P	FT	Sept Feb
Legal Practice	LLM	P	FT	Sept

COURSE	QUALIFICATION	CAMPUS	STUDY MODE	START DATE
Mathematics				
Data Science	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Music and Performance				
Drama	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Music Engineering and Production	MSc	C	FT PT	Sept
Songwriting and Production	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Photography				
Documentary Photography	MA	C	FT PT	Sept
Policing				
International Security and Risk Management	MSc	DP	FT PT	Sept Feb
Professional Policing	MSc	D	FT PT	Sept Jan
Psychology, Psychotherapy and Counselling	g			
Clinical Psychology	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Cognitive Behavioural Psychotherapy	MSc PgDip	N	PT	Sept
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Skills	PgCert	N	PT	Sept
Counselling Psychology	DPsych	N	FT PT	Sept
Integrative Counselling and Psychotherapy	MA PgDip	N	PT	Sept
Counselling Skills	PgCert	N	PT	Sept
Behaviour Analysis and Therapy	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Behaviour Analysis Supervised Practice	PgDip	P	FT	Sept Feb
Consultative Supervision	MA	N	PT	Sept
Counselling Children and Young People	MA	N	PT	Sept
Integrative Counselling Skills	PgCert	N	PT	Sept
Music Therapy	MA	N	PT	Sept
Play Therapy	MSc	N	PT	Sept
Psychology by Research	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept

COURSE	QUALIFICATION	CAMPUS	STUDY MODE	START DATI
Religious Studies				
Buddhist Studies	MA	D	PT	Feb
Science				
Analytical and Forensic Science	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Applied Sciences	MRes	P	FT	Sept
Data Science	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Pharmaceutical Chemistry	MSc	P	FT	Sept
Social Policy				
Global Governance	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Health and Public Service Management	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Sport				
Advanced Coaching in Strength and Conditioning	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Advanced Performance Football Coaching	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Leadership in Sport	MA	P	FT PT	Sept Jan
Personal Development in Sport	PgCert	P	PT	Sept
Sports and Exercise Medicine	MSc PgDip	D	PT	Sept March
Sport, Health and Exercise Science	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Sports Coaching and Performance	MSc	P	FT PT	Sept
Youth Work				
Working for Children and Young People (Youth Work Initial Qualifying)	MA	N	FT PT	Sept

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