CARDIFF UNIVERSITY

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
FACT SHEET
2017-2018

ABOUT CARDIFF

The University	We are an ambitious and innovative university with a bold and strategic vision located in a beautiful and thriving capital city. Our world-leading research was ranked 5th amongst UK universities in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework for quality. We provide an educationally outstanding experience for our students. With more than 30,000 students and over 4,000 international students we are the 12th largest university in the UK.
The City	Cardiff is the capital and largest city in Wales and the tenth largest city in the United Kingdom. Its rich culture has a diverse range of influences from the Romans and Normans of antiquity to the industrial revolution and the coal industry – which transformed Cardiff from a small town into a thriving, international city.
Climate	Cardiff's climate is characterised by mild weather. Average temperatures in the winter months (December to February) are between 2 and 8°C and during the summer months, (June to August) temperatures can very between 11 and 22°C.
Travel	Cardiff is easily accessible and conveniently located. The Central railway station is Wales' largest and most popular station within 2 hours reach from the heart of London and Birmingham.

CONTACT

Name of University	Cardiff University
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Student Exchange related Website	www.cardiff.ac.uk/studyabroad
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Autumn Semester

Orientation Period	25th – 29th September 2017
Class begins	2nd October 2017
Class (Exams) ends	26th January 2018* there is the possibility of alternative assessments for Autumn semester only students, meaning students can return home before the Christmas break.

Spring Semester

Orientation Period	22nd – 26th January 2018
Class begins	29th January 2018
Class (Exams) ends	15th June 2018

ADMISSION

Application Deadline	30th April (for Autumn) and 31st October (for Spring)
Academic Requirement	GPA 3.0 or above
Minimum Language Requirement	6.5 IELTS (Waived for native speakers)
How to apply	Online, at http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/study-abroad/how-to-apply.html
Application Documents required to be submitted	Academic transcript, Academic reference
Duration of study at host university	One semester or one academic year

MAJOR AND COURSE REGISTRATION

Level of Study	Undergraduate
Available Areas of Study	University wide
Semester Course Load	60 credits per semester
Restrictions	Dentistry, Healthcare Sciences, Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy
Website Link to find Classes Online	www.cardiff.ac.uk/studyabroad

ACCOMMODATION

Dorm room or other on-campus housing guaranteed?	We endeavour to house students in university accommodation and will provide housing support to all students.
Types and Fees	On-campus single occupancy bedroom. Fees range from £1500 - £2500 per semester
Housing Application Deadline	1st August (Autumn/Full year), 1st December (Spring)
Application Form	Available online via students login to Cardiff University SIMS system
During long vacation, can students stay in their accommodation?	Yes, subject to availability
Possibility for Home Stay?	No

VISA PROCEDURES

Visa Requirements	Tier 4 Student visa for full year students, Short-term Study Visa for semester only students
Visa Procedure	Depends on nationality – Some students must apply in advance. Full guidance will be provided
Eligibility to work	Tier 4 – yes, Short-term Study - no

OTHERS

Insurance required? If yes, please specify the content.	Not required, but recommended. See: http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/coming-to-cardiff.html for further information
Airport Pick-up Service	Yes, in Autumn semester: www.cardiff.ac.uk/international/arrivals
Vaccinations required? If yes, please specify the content.	See http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/coming-to-cardiff.html for full information