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To discover more about the University of South Wales, our partner colleges and the courses listed in this guide, contact the colleges or the University directly.

The College Merthyr Tydfil
Call: 01685 726 000
Visit: www.merthyr.ac.uk

Bridgend College
Call: 01656 302 302 extension 251
Visit: www.bridgend.ac.uk

Cardiff and Vale College
Call: 02920 250 250
Visit: www.cavc.ac.uk

Coleg y Cymoedd
Call: 01443 662 800
Visit: www.cymoedd.ac.uk

Coleg Gwent
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Visit: www.coleggwent.ac.uk

Gower College Swansea
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Visit: www.gcs.ac.uk

NPTC Group of Colleges
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Visit: www.nptcgroup.ac.uk

University of South Wales
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Search: University of South Wales

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STUDY A UNIVERSITY COURSE AT COLLEGE

With courses easily accessible at your local college, studying a university-level qualification could change your life and kick-start your dream career.

The University of South Wales works with partner colleges, so you can study our courses at college campuses local to you.

These include Bridgend College, Cardiff and Vale College, Coleg Gwent, The College Merthyr Tydfil, Coleg y Cymoedd, Gower College Swansea, and NPTC Group of Colleges.

This means you'll be a University of South Wales student and graduate with a university qualification, but study in a location convenient for you.

Whether you want to continue your studies or return to education, there are plenty of options available. For example, if you have work or family commitments, some courses offer the opportunity to study full or part-time. If you don't quite have the right qualifications for a full Honours degree, there will still be opportunities for you at your local college.

There is a range of qualifications on offer, including Foundation Degrees, HNCs and HNDs – take a look at our course list on pages 21 to 24.

Welsh students still benefit from financial support, so gaining a qualification may cost less than you think. Come along to an Open Event at your local college to chat about the course, and see the campuses and facilities for yourself – the events are listed on page 4.

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OPEN EVENTS

Events are held at colleges throughout the year, so you can see the campus where you're considering studying. It's your chance to ask questions, discover more about the course, view the facilities, get student money advice and find out what support is on offer. For some events, you'll need to book through the websites below.

The College Merthyr Tydfil

- **Tuesday 13 November 2018** | 4pm-7pm
- **Monday 21 January 2019** | 4pm-7pm
- **Wednesday 13 March 2019** | 4pm-7pm
- **Thursday 16 May 2019** | 4pm-7pm

Visit: **www.merthyr.ac.uk**

Bridgend College

- **Wednesday 14 November 2018** | 4.30pm-7pm (Bridgend and Pencoed campuses only)
- **Monday 14 January 2019** | 4.30pm-7pm (Bridgend and Pencoed campuses only)
- **Thursday 14 March 2019** | 4.30pm-7pm (Bridgend and Pencoed campuses only)
- **Saturday 18 May 2019** | 11am-3pm (Pencoed Campus only)

Visit: **www.bridgend.ac.uk**

Cardiff and Vale College

Open Evenings for all courses, including HE:

- **Wednesday 7 November 2018** | 4.30pm-7.30pm (Cardiff City Centre Campus only)
- **Thursday 8 November 2018** | 4.30pm-7.30pm (Barry Campus only)
- **Tuesday 5 February 2019** | 4.30pm-7.30pm (Barry Campus only)
- **Wednesday 6 February 2019** | 4.30pm-7.30pm (Cardiff City Centre Campus only)

Open Evening for HE courses only:

- **Wednesday 20 March 2019** | 4pm-7pm (Cardiff City Centre Campus only)

Visit: **www.cavc.ac.uk**

Coleg y Cymoedd

- **Saturday 20 October 2018** | 10am-1pm
- **Tuesday 20 November 2018** | 4.30pm-7.30pm
- **Saturday 19 January 2019** | 10am-1pm
- **Wednesday 13 March 2019** | 4.30pm-7.30pm
- **Saturday 6 April 2019** | 10am-1pm
- **Thursday 16 May 2019** | 4.30pm-7.30pm

Visit: **www.cymoedd.ac.uk**

Coleg Gwent

- **Wednesday 10 October 2018** | 1pm-4pm
- **Thursday 8 November 2018** | 5pm-7.30pm
- **Thursday 10 January 2019** | 1pm-4pm
- **Wednesday 6 February 2019** | 5pm-7.30pm
- **Saturday 23 March 2019** | 10am-1pm
- **Tuesday 30 April 2019** | 1pm-4pm
- **Wednesday 8 May 2019** | 5pm-7.30pm
- **Tuesday 25 June 2019** | 5pm-7.30pm

Visit: **www.coleggwent.ac.uk**

Gower College Swansea

- **Monday 12 November 2018** | 5.30pm-7.30pm (Gorseinon Campus)
- **Monday 19 November 2018** | 5.30pm-7.30pm (Tycoch Campus)
- **Tuesday 4 December 2018** | 5pm-7pm (Llwyn y Bryn Campus)
- **Monday 14 January 2019** | 5.30pm-7.30pm (Gorseinon Campus)
- **Monday 21 January 2019** | 5.30pm-7.30pm (Tycoch Campus)
- **Monday 11 March 2019** | 5.30pm-7.30pm (Gorseinon Campus)
- **Tuesday 12 March 2019** | 5pm-7pm (Llwyn y Bryn Campus)
- **Monday 18 March 2019** | 5.30pm-7.30pm (Tycoch Campus)

Visit: **www.gcs.ac.uk**

NPTC Group of Colleges

- **Tuesday 15 January 2019** | 4.30pm-7.30pm (Llandarcy Academy of Sport)
- **Wednesday 16 January 2019** | 4.30pm-7.30pm (Afan College and Brecon Beacons College)
- **Thursday 17 January 2019** | 4.30pm-7.30pm (Neath College and Newtown College)

Visit: **www.nptcgroup.ac.uk**

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

The Student Recruitment Team at the University of South Wales is available to advise and support potential students who are interested in studying one of our University courses at a local partner college.

The team is also on hand to support our higher education students currently studying at a partner college, to help identify progression opportunities.

If you have any questions about studying a University of South Wales higher education course at a college or the progression opportunities available, please get in touch with us:

E-mail: **schoolsandcolleges@southwales.ac.uk**
Call: **0345 576 0751***
*Calls are charged at a local call rate.

USW Open Days

If you're thinking about studying at a University of South Wales campus, come to an Open Day.

For dates in 2018 and 2019, visit:
www.southwales.ac.uk/opendays

STUDY A COURSE AT COLLEGE

If you want an exciting career doing something you love, study a university course with us. There are endless benefits of choosing to study from the comfort of your local college.

1 Courses on your doorstep

Imagine the time and money you could save by studying locally. You could continue working, juggle family life, care for a loved one, play sport for your local team or stay closer to your friends. Take a look at our course list on pages 21 to 24.

2 Friendly and supportive

Colleges cater for learners of all ages, so whether you're returning to learning as a mature student, or continuing from school or college, you'll find a welcoming environment. Class sizes tend to be smaller with specialist support on offer. You'll even have a University Link Officer and access to talks from our Progression Assistant.

3 Accessible university qualifications

If you don't have the entry requirements to go straight on to a full Honours degree, you could study an HNC, HND or Foundation Degree at college. You could then progress to a full degree to gain an even higher qualification, either at college or at the University of South Wales. Our partner colleges also offer Access to Higher Education courses if you don't have formal qualifications. Find out about the different levels of study on page 15.

4 Impressive facilities and resources

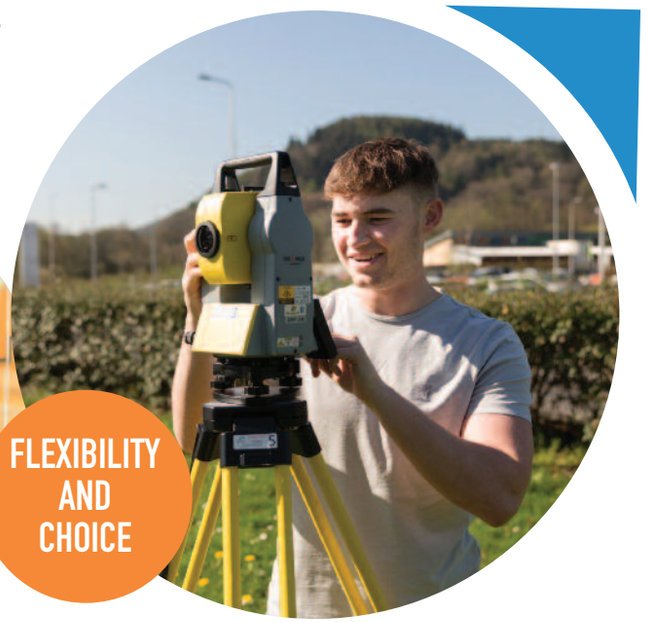
Many of our partner colleges have benefitted from huge investment over the past few years, and they boast impressive facilities and teaching spaces. You'll also have access to University resources, such as our libraries, careers service and Students' Union.

5 Flexibility and choice

There are options to study full or part-time in many subjects. Some courses are delivered during the day and others in the evening, making it easy to fit study around your life.

6 An exciting career

A higher education qualification can mean better job prospects and rewarding careers. Many courses even include a work placement, which can look great on your CV. You can also take part in our unique Grad Edge Award, which helps develop your employability skills. Read more on page 11.



FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE

IMPRESSIVE FACILITIES

ACCESSIBLE UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATIONS

HANNAH MORENO

"The college route is so versatile! It means that people from all walks of life can achieve things they didn't think were possible. I have people in my class from all backgrounds, all cultures and ages, and we're all learning together in a supportive and convenient setting, and at the end of it all we'll all have a degree, which some of us never dreamed possible."

Foundation Degree Performing Arts at Cardiff and Vale College

CHOICES ON YOUR DOORSTEP

OUR PARTNER COLLEGES

The College Merthyr Tydfil

The College Merthyr Tydfil offers a comprehensive range of university-level qualifications, from HNDs to Foundation Degrees. There are a range of subject areas to choose from, including Creative Industries, Business, Computing and IT, Care, and Sport. Over 400 higher education students study at the fantastic facilities each year, with excellent success rates. The facilities, along with high-quality teaching and learning, and excellent student support, ensure all learners achieve their maximum potential.

Bridgend College

Bridgend College was voted the best UK FE College at the 'WhatUni' Student Choice Awards 2018. The award was voted for entirely by students from across the UK who study university courses at local FE colleges. Whether students want to study full or part-time, the College has a dedicated team who offer advice and support throughout the academic year. There are over 750 students studying higher education courses in partnership with USW. Subject areas include Care, Childhood Studies and Education, Construction, Engineering and Science, Business and IT, Creative and Performing Arts, Animal Care, Horticulture and Countryside Management, Gardening and Landscaping, and Public Services.

Cardiff and Vale College

At Cardiff and Vale College, our students' opinions and feedback defines everything that we do. There are countless reasons to study higher education with us, and we think that these are what make us a unique provider of higher education courses and the best place to study towards your degree. We aim to enhance your progression opportunities and we have a range of courses on offer that include Business, IT, Health and Care, Teaching, Creative Industries, Public Services and much more.

Coleg y Cymoedd

Coleg y Cymoedd offers a range of higher education courses across campuses in Nantgarw, Rhondda, Ystrad Mynach and the new campus in Aberdare. Students can choose from a range of higher education courses, from HNCs and HNDs to Foundation Degrees and Honours degrees in a variety of areas. These include Business, Creative Production Arts, Costume Construction for Screen and Stage, Early Years Care and Education, Graphic Communication, and Information Communication Technology. The College benefits from excellent teaching and diverse learning programmes, and has flexible study with full and part-time learning available.

Coleg Gwent

Coleg Gwent is one of Wales' top performing colleges. We recognise that higher education is a sound investment in your future, whether you want to gain an edge in a fiercely competitive job market, enhance your promotion prospects or even chart a completely new career direction, we can help you achieve your ambitions. Delivering across five campuses, university study is made accessible for all across the boroughs of Monmouthshire, Torfaen, Blaenau Gwent, Newport and Caerphilly. To support your higher education course, the college has extremely well established links with employers and local business. When joining the college, you would be joining just under 750 University of South Wales students studying higher education courses at the college.

Gower College Swansea

Gower College Swansea is committed to providing high quality, vocationally relevant, higher education opportunities and growing the range of courses it offers. Supporting these developments, we have recently opened a bespoke HE Centre at the Tycoch Campus. This is specially designed for students on higher-level courses and comprises six new classrooms, a library and common room area. HE courses delivered in partnership with USW are offered in areas that include Business, Education, Criminology, Psychology, Science, and Humanities. Every year, we host a graduation ceremony where we formally congratulate our students who have successfully completed their higher education course with us.

NPTC Group of Colleges

NPTC Group of Colleges offers a range of courses in partnership with the University of South Wales at its campuses in Neath, Port Talbot, Brecon, Newtown and Llandarcy. We offer programmes in Business, Childhood Studies, Public Health, Vulnerable Adults, Substance Misuse, and Teaching-related areas. Our courses are planned to allow you to achieve your full potential and enhance your employment opportunities. You will be taught in small groups, allowing greater interaction and a more personal learning experience. At NPTC we pride ourselves on offering 'More than just an Education'.

University of South Wales

The University of South Wales is one of the largest universities in the UK, offering students excellent opportunities and prospects. Employability is at the heart of everything we do. We seek to ensure you'll be ready to start a successful career as soon as you graduate. Find out more about the University at: **www.southwales.ac.uk**

STUDENT LIFE

Support

If you choose to study with us, you could benefit from the impressive facilities and resources at the University of South Wales, as well as at your local college. There's also academic, personal and professional support available from our college partners and the University. This support and guidance ranges from disability and dyslexia support, to learning support, employability, and health and wellbeing. Many services can be accessed at the college where you're studying, or you can contact student services at the University of South Wales for advice. Visit: **www.southwales.ac.uk/advicecentres**

University services

As a University of South Wales student, you can access the online library and learning resources, and even become a member of the Students' Union. You will have a University Link Officer and have access to talks and advice from our University Progression Assistant. There will also be plenty of careers support and guidance from your college and the University. Read more about career support on the page opposite.

USW Sport

Even though you will study at your local college, you can still play for the University's sports teams in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) league competitions. There are 48 teams to choose from, including football, rugby, netball, tennis, swimming, golf, snow-sports and more. You will join the club and train and play from Pontypridd Campus, Treforest. To qualify you will need to be over 18 years old and studying at least 60 credits per year.

Welsh language

There are opportunities for students to practise, improve and use their Welsh skills while studying. Colleges often have bilingual or Welsh-medium activities, or you could join a Welsh club. You could study Welsh as a second language at a partner college, or at the University's Welsh for Adults centre. If you'd like to submit work through the medium of Welsh, a relevant lecturer will be identified where possible who will mark and assess your work, or arrangements can be made for your work to be translated into English. You may also want to consider a Welsh-medium placement for any work experience element of your course.

ACADEMIC, PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT
available from your college and the University

NPTC Group, Student Graduation

YOUR CAREER

Choosing to study a university course is an investment in your future. It can improve your career prospects, and for some jobs, it's an essential requirement. We want to help you succeed and achieve your full potential.

Our courses are designed in conjunction with employers. We believe work experience is invaluable, which is why our Foundation Degrees have work placement opportunities built in to them. This allows you to put theory into practice and looks great on your CV.

Employability

When you start one of our courses, there's plenty of careers help and guidance available, including:

- Guidance on CVs and job applications
- Help with interview preparation
- Advice on career choices or further study
- Work experience tips
- Support with job hunting
- Information on working and studying overseas
- Careers fairs, events and workshops

Grad Edge Award

This award is your chance to be recognised for developing the skills or attributes employers value when they search for graduate recruits. Getting involved during your studies will help give you a competitive edge and stand out from the crowd when you start job hunting. Visit: **www.southwales.ac.uk/gradedge**

Graduation

When you've successfully completed your Foundation Degree, HNC, HND, CertHE or Honours degree, you can attend a graduation ceremony. Students who study at Cardiff and Vale College, Coleg y Cymoedd, Coleg Gwent or The College Merthyr Tydfil are invited to a graduation ceremony at the University of South Wales. Those who study at Bridgend College, Gower College Swansea and NPTC Group of Colleges will be invited to a ceremony hosted by the College.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

JAYE WAKLEY

"When I finish this course, I feel I will be equipped to go into employment. A career development module has allowed me to create a CV and build a portfolio of work that is relevant for the creative industries. Our tutors have good industry links, so we have had the opportunity to work on live projects creating costumes for cast members for both screen and stage. We even got to work backstage with a wardrobe department creating costumes for the stage performance of *Madagascar*. This hands-on experience has been invaluable and has put me in good stead for future employment."

Jaye Wakley, Foundation Degree Costume Construction at Coleg y Cymoedd

LEWIS JONES

"I always wanted to go to university, but at the time I didn't do too well at school. After spending time with the reserves for the Armed Forces, I started to look at courses in my local college. I discovered that they offered university qualifications like HNDs and Foundation Degrees with a pathway to a full degree at the University of South Wales. It was refreshing to see that as I was mature applicant, they took into consideration my life and work experience. I've completed my second year on the HND Public Services and have just applied for the third year at USW so I can achieve the full BA Honours. The course has opened up so many opportunities for me while improving my confidence."

Lewis Jones, HND Public Services at Coleg Gwent

KATIE TREWEEKS

"After I left school I did not feel ready to go to university and didn't really know what I wanted to study. I spent some time in various jobs before deciding I wanted to pursue business and administration. I have just completed my first year of the Foundation Degree in Business Studies. The modules have been varied, which has given me a real insight into a wide range of aspects of the business sector. I have even surprised myself with my overall achievement this year. There is a good mix of students of different ages on the course. Everyone has something to contribute. I have really enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends along the way. Long term, I would like to progress to the top-up year and hopefully achieve the full BA with Honours."

Katie Treweeks, Foundation Degree Business Studies at The College Merthyr Tydfil

NATHAN ANTHONY

"My course has allowed me to sharpen my skills in filmmaking, giving me the opportunity to meet and connect with other filmmakers and industry professionals. The chance to work with other like-minded individuals has given me the confidence necessary to be a filmmaker, and allowed me to gain important contacts within the film industry.

I've been able to write, produce, direct and edit, making both fiction and documentary film and showing work to peers for constructive criticism that has helped me grow. The staff are supportive and knowledgeable, and the facilities and equipment first-class. The course has helped me learn what to do, and what not to do, when making film. It's given me incredible experience, across different projects and a work placement."

Nathan Anthony, Foundation Degree Film at Bridgend College

STUDENT FINANCE

A higher education course is an investment in your future. There are costs associated with learning, whether it's the time you invest or the tuition fees for your course. Financial assistance is available for higher education students, so studying may be more affordable than you first thought. Depending on your personal circumstances, you could be eligible for a range of grants, loans and allowances to help with tuition fees and living costs.

Course fees

For 2019-20, the University will charge £9,000 per year for full-time Honours degrees, Foundation Year and CertHE courses taught at USW campuses.

Students on a full-time Foundation Degree or HND taught at our partner colleges will be charged £7,500 per year.

At the time of print, student financial support in Wales has not been confirmed for 2019 entry. Before you apply, we recommend you check our website for the latest information on fees and student support. Visit:
www.southwales.ac.uk/money

Financial support is available via Student Finance Wales (for students living in Wales) or Student Finance England. Student finance information, along with how to apply and eligibility checkers, are available online at:
www.studentfinancewales.co.uk or **www.gov.uk**.
Search 'student finance' (for students living in England).

Additional help

Once you've completed your University course at your local college, you may decide to top-up to a full-time Honours degree at one of the University's campuses. If you do, you may be eligible for further financial support through Student Finance Wales, as well as a bursary. The Progression Bursary can help towards your travel, living and study costs. For up-to-date information and terms and conditions, visit:
www.southwales.ac.uk/progression-bursary

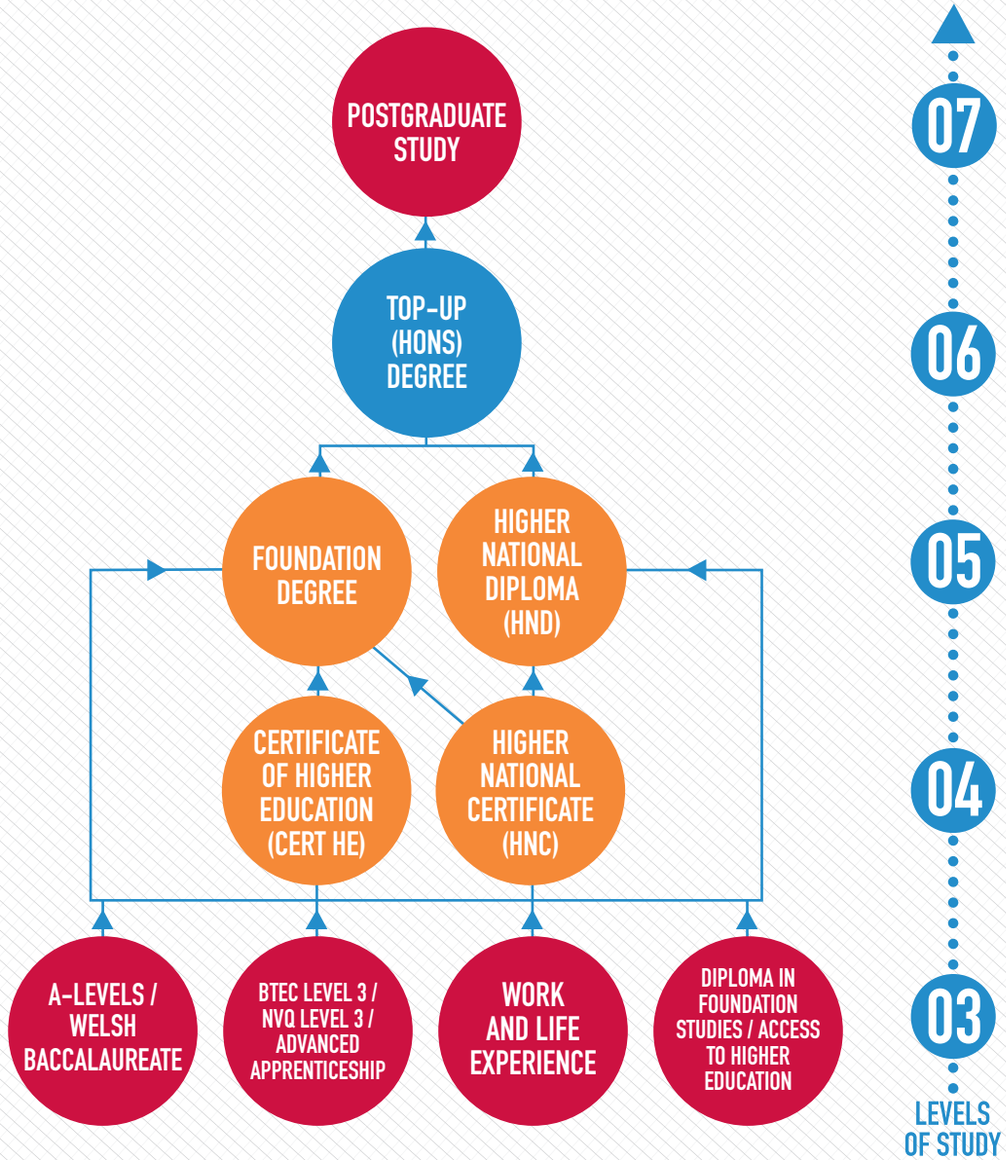
Additional costs

As well as paying for books and electronic essentials, there may be additional costs for some courses. This could include field trips, art supplies or studio time. Be sure to ask about these costs at an Open Event.

You could be eligible for
GRANTS, LOANS AND ALLOWANCES
to help you with tuition fees and living costs

WHERE NEXT?

We offer university courses at our partner colleges starting at Level 4, with opportuntities to progress to Honours degrees and postgraduate study at the University of South Wales. We consider all applications individually, so if you don't have the necessary qualifications, we look at your work and life experience too.



Confused with the different terms?
See our glossary on page 20.

WHERE NEXT?

Each of our HND and Foundation Degree programmes has at least one guaranteed progression route to allow you to top-up your qualification to a full Honours degree within your chosen field.

To achieve an Honours degree you'll study a total of 360 credits, typically over three years full-time. To top-up your HND or Foundation Degree to a BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons), this will normally involve an extra year studying 120 credits full-time (or the part-time equivalent). You'll usually need to attend a University of South Wales campus for level 6 study, although selected top-up courses are also available at our partner colleges. Top-up routes vary from course to course. To find out your options, contact the University of South Wales's Student Recruitment team, whose contact details can be found on page 5.

Upon completion of your HND, Foundation Degree or Honours degree you'll be able to attend a graduation ceremony. For graduation details please see page 11.

Your relationship with the University doesn't have to end when you finish your degree. There are many postgraduate and professional courses that will help you progress in your chosen profession. There are also opportunities to progress at your college too, with PgCE/PcET teaching qualifications available at each college.

CONTACT US TO FIND OUT YOUR OPTIONS

THERE ARE
OPPORTUNITIES
TO PROGRESS IN
YOUR CHOSEN FIELD

James studied Foundation Degree Business Studies at Coleg y Cymoedd and graduated this year with BA (Hons) Business Studies from the University of South Wales.

JAMES EVANS

"I left school straight after A-levels and started a modern apprenticeship as a Customer Service Engineer with my current employers, Openreach. I had been employed by the company for about 12 years as an Operations Manager when I wanted to progress to further roles within the company. I had undertaken some short career-related courses, but felt a higher education course would be more suitable in the long term. After researching, I found the perfect course in my local college, Coleg y Cymoedd. I was able to study the Foundation Degree Business Studies part-time. This meant that I could fit studying around my full-time job and family. The lecturers really appreciated my background, in that I hadn't studied for a long time and that I had other commitments such as a job and family. They made a real effort to support me through my studies.

After I completed the Foundation Degree, I progressed to the University of South Wales to study the top-up year for the BA (Hons) Business Studies. It's been a long but worthwhile journey. I have now had the opportunity to progress to other roles at work, where I am currently on secondment as a Senior Operations Manager.

I would really recommend studying in this way as it offers a good balance to continue working, studying and having a family. You do have to be prepared to put in the effort to balance everything, but it is manageable."

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES

The University of South Wales has campuses throughout the region, in Pontypridd, Cardiff and Newport. If you choose to top-up your qualification to an Honours degree with us, here's some of what you can expect to find.

Pontypridd Campus

USW Pontypridd is made up of two sites: Treforest and Glyntaff. Here, you'll find everything you need in one place – your classes, the library, cafes and bars, and friends to spend time with. Our students say they love the community atmosphere on campus. Subject areas taught at Pontypridd include accounting, business, computing, engineering, health, humanities, law, psychology, science and sport.

Cardiff Campus

USW Cardiff is right in the city centre – the perfect home for our creative industries students. We've just finished a new phase of investment to provide even more specialist facilities for our courses in animation and games, design, drama and performance, fashion, film and VFX, journalism and media, music, and photography. You'll also find study spaces, the library and the SU – all in one impressive building.

Newport Campus

USW Newport is in the heart of the city, overlooking the River Usk. It's one of the University's most iconic buildings and is home to a wide range of subject areas, so you'll benefit from studying in a diverse atmosphere. Newport is where you can study business, counselling, hotel and hospitality management, social work, working with children and families, and youth and community work.

DISCOVER MORE

APPLY

Entry requirements

Applications to all courses in this guide will be considered on an individual basis. Typical entry requirements are detailed below, but if you don't meet the criteria then your work and life experience can be taken into consideration.

Combinations of the qualifications below are acceptable and other qualifications not listed may also be accepted, such as NVQ Level 3, CACHE Diploma, NNEB, or OCN and OCR Level 3.

If you're not sure if you meet the entry requirements, please contact your chosen college. Typical entry requirements for HNCs, HNDs and Foundation Degrees:

- A relevant BTEC Level 3 profile of Merit/Pass or Pass/Pass/Pass; or
- DD at A-level; or
- DE at A-level plus C in Welsh Baccalaureate; or
- Access to HE where you have achieved a Pass Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits (all passes).

Additionally, you will need GCSE passes at grade C or above in three subjects to include Mathematics and English Language (or equivalent).

If you decide to progress to a BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) top-up course, you would usually need to pass an HND or Foundation Degree in the same or related subject.

For all partner college courses:

- You may be required to undertake a test in literacy, numeracy and/or science
- For certain courses an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be required (additional costs apply)
- Some professions will require a GCSE grade B in certain subjects
- Any additional criteria are listed on individual course pages on partner college websites.

How to apply

Please check the application preference with your local college. You may be asked to apply via UCAS **www.ucas.com**. Some colleges will process direct applications that are made in person or online.

For further information and advice on how to apply, please contact your chosen college directly. Contact details can be found on page 2.

Mature students with relevant industry experience who do not meet the academic qualifications will be considered on an individual basis.

GLOSSARY

To help you understand some of the terms in this brochure, here's what they mean:

Foundation Degree
This is a qualification in its own right and you will attend a graduation ceremony after completion. It provides you with skills relevant to industry. Study is combined with employment-based learning, so you learn in the workplace as well as the classroom. On successful completion you will have the option to progress to a top-up degree qualification.

Higher National Certificate (HNC) and Higher National Diploma (HND)
These work-related qualifications give you the skills to do a particular job. They are vocational, so are appealing to employers, and can count towards membership of professional bodies. They can lead you straight into a career, or you can progress to a Foundation Degree or Honours degree.

CertHE
A Certification of Higher Education (CertHE) is a Level 4 qualification awarded after one year of full-time higher education study.

DipHE
A Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) is a Level 5 qualification awarded after two years of full-time higher education study.

Higher Education (HE)
This is education for students over 18, who have completed further education (college or sixth form). Institutions such as universities and colleges provide higher education programmes.

Top-up degree
This is usually one extra year of full-time study or two years part-time. You would top-up from a foundation degree or equivalent, to a full Honours degree. Top-up courses are usually studied in the same or related subject as the Foundation Degree.

Honours degree
A course studied at university or a further education college. A full-time BA or BSc Honours degree will normally last three years and you'll study 360 credits.

UCAS
The abbreviated term for the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. UCAS processes applications to UK universities and colleges for undergraduate courses. Some of our partner colleges don't use UCAS and accept direct applications instead – contact the college directly for details.

Student Finance Wales
The funding body that will assess your financial support.

Tuition fees
These fees cover the cost of your study, and may vary depending on what and where you study. All eligible students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan, and will not pay this back until they are earning over a certain amount.

Bursary
Money provided towards the cost of studying that does not need to be paid back.

Course list

A list of USW courses available at our partner colleges and their progresion routes can be found on the opposite page. For full details, including course content, please visit each college's website listed on page 2.

✔ Bridgend College | Coleg Penybont
✔ Cardiff and Vale College | Coleg Caerdydd a'r Fro
✔ Coleg y Cymoedd
✔ Coleg Gwent
✔ The College Merthyr Tydfil | Y Coleg Merthyr Tudful
✔ Gower College Swansea | Coleg Gŵyr
✔ NPTC Group of Colleges | Grŵp Colegau NPTC

► Named progression route(s) available. All progression routes are available at a USW campus.
✔+ A direct progression route/top-up is available at the college and/or at a USW campus.
✔* Subject to validation/re-validation.

	Course | Cwrs	Available at | Ar gael yn						
	Foundation Degree Analytical and Forensic Sciences	✔			✔		✔	
►	BSc (Hons) Analytical and Forensic Science (Top-up)							
	Foundation Degree Animal Health and Welfare				✔			
►	BSc (Hons) Animal Health and Welfare (Top-up)				✔			
	Foundation Degree Art Practice					✔		
►	BA (Hons) Art Practice (Top-up)					✔*		
	Foundation Degree Business Studies		✔	✔	✔	✔		
►	BA (Hons) Business Studies (Top-up)					✔		
►	BA (Hons) International Business (Top-up)							
►	BA (Hons) Business and Marketing (Top-up)							
►	BA (Hons) Business and Accounting (Top-up)							
►	BA (Hons) Business and Finance (Top-up)							
►	BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management (Top-up)							
►	BA (Hons) Business and Supply Chain Management (Top-up)							
	Foundation Degree Childhood Studies	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔		✔
►	BSc (Hons) Childhood Studies (Top-up)							✔+
	Foundation Degree Community Health and Wellbeing	✔*			✔			
►	BSc (Hons) Community Health and Wellbeing (Top-up)							
►	BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care Management							
	Foundation Degree Costume Construction for Screen and Stage			✔				
►	BA (Hons) Costume Construction for Screen and Stage (Top-up)			✔				
	Foundation Degree Creative Industries (Popular Music Technology)	✔	✔		✔			
►	BA (Hons) Popular and Commercial Music							
	Foundation Degree Criminal Justice		✔*		✔*	✔*	✔	
►	BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice							
	Foundation Degree Early Years Care and Education			✔				
►	BA (Hons) Education, Learning and Development (Top-up)			✔+				
	Foundation Degree Education, Learning and Development			✔			✔	
►	BA (Hons) Education, Learning and Development (Top-up)	✔+	✔+	✔+				
	Foundation Degree Electrical and Electronic Engineering			✔				
►	BSc (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Top-up)							
	Foundation Degree English and History		✔		✔	✔	✔	
►	BA (Hons) English							
►	BA (Hons) History							
►	BA (Hons) English and History							

Course | Cwrs	Available at | Ar gael yn						
Foundation Degree Film	✔	✔			✔		
BA (Hons) Film							
Foundation Degree Games Art and Design		✔	✔*	✔			
BA (Hons) Game Art							
BA (Hons) Computer Games Design							
Foundation Degree Graphic Communication	✔			✔			
BA (Hons) Graphic Communication							
Foundation Degree Health and Social Care Management	✔	✔		✔	✔		
BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care Management							
Foundation Degree Illustration				✔			
BA (Hons) Illustration							
Foundation Degree Information Communication Technology			✔				
Year 2, BSc (Hons) Information Communication Technology							
Foundation Degree Media Production				✔			
BA (Hons) Media Production							
Foundation Degree Performing Arts	✔	✔		✔	✔		
BA (Hons) Theatre and Drama							
BA (Hons) Performing Arts							
Foundation Degree Photography		✔	✔	✔	✔		
BA (Hons) Photography							
Foundation Degree Psychology	✔*	✔		✔	✔	✔	
Year 2, Level 5 of BSc (Hons) Psychology							
Foundation Degree Public Health				✔*			
BSc (Hons) Public Health (subject to validation)							
Foundation Degree Retail Management				✔			
Please see progression routes for FD / HND Business Studies							
Foundation Degree Service Sector Management		✔		✔*			
BA (Hons) Business Studies (Top-up)							
Foundation Degree Sports Coaching and Development				✔	✔		
BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching and Development							
Foundation Degree Sustainable Construction and Surveying			✔				
BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management							
BSc (Hons) Project Management (Surveying)							
Foundation Degree Veterinary Nursing				✔			
BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing (Top-up)				✔			
Foundation Degree Youth and Social Care		✔		✔			
BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice and Youth Justice							
BA (Hons) Public Services							
BA (Hons) Youth Studies							
HNC Agriculture	✔						
HND Agriculture	✔+						
HNC Animal Studies	✔						
HND Animal Studies	✔+						

Course | Cwrs	Available at | Ar gael yn						
HNC Electrical and Electronic Engineering	✔		✔				
FD Electrical and Electronic Engineering			✔+				
HND Electrical and Electronic Engineering	✔+						
HNC Environmental Conservation Management	✔						
HND Environmental Conservation Management	✔+						
HNC Equine Studies	✔						
HND Equine Studies	✔+						
HNC Horticulture (Production and Design)	✔						
HND Horticulture (Production and Design)	✔+						
HNC Mechanical Engineering	✔						
HND Mechanical Engineering	✔+						
HNC Surveying			✔*				
BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying and Commercial Management							
BSc (Hons) Construction Project Management							
HND Agriculture	✔						
BA (Hons) Business Management (Agriculture and Environment) (Top-up)	✔+						
HND Animal Studies	✔						
BA (Hons) Business Management (Animal and Equine) (Top-up)	✔+						
HND Business and Accounting						✔	
BA (Hons) Business Studies (Top-up)						✔+*	
BA (Hons) International Business (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Marketing (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Accounting (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Finance (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Supply Chain Management (Top-up)							
HND Business Studies	✔			✔*	✔*		✔
BA (Hons) Business Studies (Top-up)					✔+		✔+
BA (Hons) International Business (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Marketing (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Accounting (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Finance (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Human Resource Management (Top-up)							
BA (Hons) Business and Supply Chain Management (Top-up)							
HND Computing		✔		✔	✔		
BSc (Hons) / MComp Computer Applications Development							
BSc (Hons) / MComp Information Communication Technology							
HND Creative Production Arts			✔				
BA (Hons) TV and Film: Hair, Make-up and Special Effects (Top-up)			✔+				
BA (Hons) TV and Film: Prop Making (Top-up)			✔+				
HND Electrical and Electronic Engineering	✔						
BSc (Hons) Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Top-Up)							

Course | Cwrs	Available at | Ar gael yn						
HND Environmental Conservation Management	✔						
BA (Hons) Business Management (Agriculture and Environment) (Top-up)	✔+*						
HND Equine Studies	✔						
BA (Hons) Business Management (Animal and Equine) (Top-up)	✔+*						
HND Horticulture (Production and Design)	✔						
BA (Hons) Business Management (Horticulture) (Top-up)	✔+*						
HND Information Communication Technology			✔				
BSc (Hons) / MComp Information Communication Technology							
HND Mechanical Engineering	✔						
BSc (Hons) Mechanical Engineering							
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering							
HND Public and Emergency Services	✔	✔		✔	✔*		
BA (Hons) Public Services							
Accounting: AAT Level 4 Diploma				✔	✔		
ACCA | CIMA | ICAEW							
Certificate of Higher Education Counselling Studies	✔*						
BA (Hons) Counselling and Therapeutic Practice							
Certificate of Higher Education Health and Social Care Management	✔						
FD Health and Social Care Management	✔+						
BSc (Hons) Community Health and Wellbeing							
BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care Management							
Certificate of Higher Education Legal Studies	✔		✔*	✔			
BA (Hons) Public Services							
BSc (Hons) Criminology and Criminal Justice							
LLB (Hons) Law (Accelerated Route)							
LLB (Hons) Legal Practice (Exempting)							
Certificate of Higher Education Substance Misuse				✔			✔
FD Community Health and Wellbeing				✔+			
FD Health and Social Care Management				✔+			
FD Psychology				✔+			
FD Public Health				✔+			
BN (Hons) Nursing							
BSc (Hons) Public Health							
Certificate of Higher Education Working with Vulnerable Adults							✔
FD Health and Social Care Management							
BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care Management							
Diploma of Higher Education Public Health							✔
BSc (Hons) Community Health and Wellbeing							
BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care Management							
Professional Certificate in Education (ProfCE) in Post Compulsory Education and Training (PcET)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PgCE) in Post Compulsory Education and Training (PcET)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔