



University of Wales Institute, Cardiff (UWIC)

If you decide to study at UWIC, then you have the opportunity to graduate from one of the UK's most respected modern universities. UWIC has consistently been listed as one of the highest ranking new universities in the UK. This success is not only a reflection of UWIC's teaching and research quality, but also of the high level of the support offered to students, the world-class library and computing provisions and our considerable investment into each and every one of our students. UWIC students benefit from the highly vocational nature of the courses and almost 100% of students find suitable employment within 6 months of graduating. UWIC has an established reputation for attracting students from across the world and with over 800 international students from 50 different countries, the University has a unique multi-cultural mix. However, because the University is still relatively small, the atmosphere is very friendly and our staff provides a supportive environment that is conducive to study.



Over the last fifty years, the Cardiff School of Education has become one of the largest teacher training institutions in the UK. Situated in a beautiful location overlooking the city, it has around 50 full-time academic staff and more than 1,000 students. It has established an enviable reputation for quality and nationally recognized excellence. In 2004, The School was awarded top marks for the effectiveness of its teaching, training and assessment by Estyn, the Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales.

CANTEACH COURSE OPTIONS

The Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)
- Primary and Secondary options
Full Degree and Study Abroad options available

The 36-week program runs from September to June.

The PGCE program is delivered in conjunction with 299 primary and 126 secondary schools in South Wales. The strength of this partnership is a feature of which the School is justly proud. During the program, students undertake extended teaching placements in two different secondary schools amounting to 120 days in all (broadly equivalent to two thirds of the program). During these placements, students are supported and assessed by designated mentors within the school. Quality assurance of work-based learning is undertaken at school level and through University tutor visits.

The School of Education is committed to teaching in small class sizes ideally of approximately 20-25 students. The small classes ensure that the students enjoy quality contact time with their tutors. Significant individual support from tutors is also available.

PGCE students spend four days each week in schools and one day at the University. This structure enables students to stay in regular contact with their peer group and tutors, provides opportunities for the integration of University and school-based experiences and encourages reflective practice.

Start dates/Orientation dates

Airport pick up service: September 11/12, 2008 (Heathrow Airport)
International Orientation: September 13/14, 2008
Academic year begins: September 15, 2008
(Dates to be confirmed)

Costs

Tuition: £8,800/year
Living expenses: £5,500/year

Geography/location

UWIC is in the heart of Europe's most exciting cities with first class sport, culture, entertainment and shopping facilities. Cardiff is friendly, affordable, and offers students a high standard of living at a relatively low cost. Cardiff has all the facilities and attractions of a large European capital city, but it remains small and intimate for students to quickly find their way around and make friends easily. Wales has a great deal of history with more castles per square mile than any other Western European country. It also has outstanding natural beauty with spectacular coastlines and rugged mountains.

Features

UWIC leads all UK universities in spending per student on facilities. As well as outstanding resources, education students at UWIC are supported by state of the art information and technology facilities, many of which are available to students 24 hours a day. Students also enjoy free and unlimited internet and email access. The Campus library also provides study facilities and learning materials relevant to the academic study area of education. UWIC is one of UK's leading centres for student sport offering excellent facilities and a variety of activities for everyone. All international students are guaranteed accommodation on campus with internet access, telephones and private bathroom.

