

## **Studying at ICWS, Swansea**

### **Where is Swansea?**

- Swansea is located in South Wales, on the coast.
- It's about an hour from Wales' capital city, Cardiff and about 3 hours by train from London.
- There are regular bus and train services between Swansea and Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

### **Where in Swansea is ICWS?**

ICWS is located on the seafront campus of Swansea University, overlooking Swansea Bay and the Gower Peninsula — the first place to be designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) by Natural England on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government.

### **What is Swansea like?**

- Swansea is the second-largest city in Wales and the area around the city includes beautiful beaches and countryside.
- The city itself has a population of almost a quarter of a million people. It is a cosmopolitan city with a vibrant mix of nationalities and cultures.
- It is becoming well known around the world because of its football team, Swansea City, who are in the UK Premiership and play clubs such as Manchester United and Chelsea at their football stadium, the Liberty Stadium.

### **Why do people choose to live and study in Swansea?**

- Lots of people choose Swansea because it is surrounded by beautiful countryside and beaches, but also has the facilities of a city; Swansea offers an excellent array of entertainment such as a wide choice of shopping, as well as theatres, museums, music venues, castles etc.
- Many students are attracted to a city that excels in sport, especially football, being home to Premier League Football Club, Swansea City FC.
- The beaches offer fantastic leisure opportunities where you can walk, relax, go swimming or even surf – in fact the Swansea area has some of the UK's best surfing beaches.
- Others choose Swansea because it is only 3 hours away from London, but is a much cheaper area to live in.
- Of course Swansea University has an excellent academic reputation and provides an excellent campus for its students. The University is right next to Swansea beach – which for some people is a big attraction!

### **How much will it cost me to live in Swansea?**

- Swansea is a very affordable city to study and live in.
- Accommodation costs vary depending on what sort of property you want to live in - you can choose to live in a shared house with others students or in a flat on your own, but the latter will cost more per month.
- ICWS can help you to find accommodation that will suit your budget.

- As well as your tuition costs you will need a minimum budget of £550 per month to cover your rent and day to day costs
- Think about how you will fund your everyday living – will you be sponsored? If so will they provide you a termly or monthly allowance? Or do you have savings that you will use to cover your expenses?

### **Is ICWS part of Swansea University?**

ICWS is an affiliate College of Swansea University, working in Partnership with them.

As a student of ICWS you will be taught and have full access to all of the University and College facilities that are available on the campus of Swansea University.

### **Why do people choose ICWS?**

- ICWS classes are usually quite small in size (max 35 in your first semester) and so offer a more personalised learning experience.
- ICWS is tailored to the needs of international students and also provides a full student support service including help with accommodation and welfare

### **What facilities are there at Swansea University?**

Swansea University offers excellent academic and leisure facilities for its students. All of the following are on the campus site:

- An excellent library, open 24 hours in exam periods!
- Media services – IT Labs and printing facilities
- A wide range of cafes, restaurants and coffee shops across campus –
- A Post Office, clothing shop and even a Supermarket!
- Medical centre & dentist
- An arts centre showing theatre, dance and films
- An Olympic sized swimming pool
- Sports village with various astro and grass pitches, tennis courts, gym & athletics track.

### **Will I graduate with a Swansea University degree?**

When you successfully complete your stages of study at ICWS you will then continue your studies at Swansea University where you will be able to complete your degree and graduate! Your degree will be from Swansea University.

### **Why will a degree in the UK help me in the future?**

Once you have graduated you will probably be looking to go home and find a job. Your degree at Swansea University will hopefully help you to get a better job with better prospects. Having a degree will hopefully mean that you can obtain; better job security; a more rewarding, challenging job; status and prestige; a higher salary. Of course a good job in the future will help secure your future for you and your family.

Foundation (FHEQ Level 3) Studies in Law Overview	
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<b>HUM101 Mass Communication</b>	<p>This Mass Communications module aims to provide students with a structured introduction to the study of Humanities and related disciplines. It provides a variety of subjects and modes of study that enables understanding of the bodies of knowledge in this area. In encouraging students to develop analytical and problem solving skills – such as the ability to evaluate evidence, arguments and assumptions in order to reach sound judgements and communicate them effectively – Mass Communications creates the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills that are of relevance to a wide range of careers. In addition, the module offers an introduction to and context for some of the prevalent media forms specific to Britain today and a supportive academic and pastoral framework for students.</p>
<b>ICT003 Principles of ICT</b>	<p>This Principles of ICT module attempts to deliver an accurate snapshot of the state of ICT as it exists currently, as well as to equip the student with a useful set of skills in the use of common productivity software and Internet based applications. The module introduces candidates to the interesting challenges that ICT presents today and covers many anchor points that may serve as a bridge to their interests and lifestyles. These bridges include the technology in their mobile telephones, computing equipment, home appliances, motor vehicles, shopping, movies and entertainment software. Students shall obtain a good understanding of and ability to apply common applications (Ms Word, Excel and Power Point) to document creation, data collation and presentation whilst students will also be made aware of the benefits of using web based applications for information presentation and will be expected to use IT to communicate information effectively in a variety of forms. Students will learn to identify important considerations involved in the choice and maintenance of a computer system.</p>

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<p><b>Semester 2 modules</b></p>	
<p><b>LAW100 Legal Skills</b></p>	<p>This module has been designed to be delivered in conjunction with four substantive law modules that make up the law specific semester of the International Foundation in Law. These modules contain core elements which seek to deliver the fundamental aspects of studying the law within the UK and the wider global context. Legal Skills is an essential part of being a law student. The purpose of this module is to develop the skills that are required to be able to study effectively. The module will interlink with the other modules studied. It will provide the student with the knowledge and ability to utilise academic databases and journals through a series of tasks which will have direct relevance to the topics being studied in other modules. Through Legal Skills students will develop an in depth understanding of the English legal system and its sources of law. Students will concentrate not only on theoretical issues but will also consider the practical applications of what is being studied. One fundamental aspect of the course will be the ability to identify and discuss current affairs and their legal implications. Students will focus on how to analyse legal issues, consider the alternative arguments and be able to present the information in an appropriate format. Tasks will be varied and will require different skills to complete, from time management to the ability to work in groups and be able to present research both written and orally in an effective manner.</p>
<p><b>LAW101 English Legal System</b></p>	<p>This module provides an introduction to the legal infrastructure operating within the United Kingdom. It will discuss the basics of what the law seeks to achieve within a democracy, identification of the main classifications and sources of law, and detailed examination of the process of parliamentary and judicial law making. It will also discuss European influences since the UK's accession to the EU in 1972. In addition it will deliver a detailed study of the Human Rights Act 1998-which seeks to enhance the students' ability to apply law to a theoretical scenario.</p> <p>Finally it will discuss the main legal professions. In order to supplement the substantive content, each seminar contains a research task that the student should undertake prior to the weekly Research Method &amp; Skills session.</p>

<p><b>LAW102 Contract Law</b></p>	<p>In preparation for further study of aspects of the law, the programme aims to provide an appreciation of the knowledge and skills required to study and eventually practice the law. By encouraging candidates to impart this knowledge in an open class forum (small group tutorial presentations), the beginnings of professional organisation and presentation skills within a legal-facing context are developed and encouraged. This module seeks to provide an introduction to the basics of contract law within the UK. It presents a basic discussion concerning the formation principles governing offer, acceptance, consideration and the intention to create legal relations.</p> <p>Therein, it will also discuss the content of contracts, the incorporation of different terms and the common law and statutory controls on exclusion clauses as well as practical drafting techniques employed by contract lawyers. The common law remedy of damages for breach of contract will also be covered. In order to supplement the substantive content, each seminar contains a research task that the student should undertake prior to the weekly Research Method &amp; Skills session.</p>
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