

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 other 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.

Pre-Masters (FHEQ Level 6) Health Science Overview	
Semester One Modules	
ILS006 Interactive Learning Skills and Communication (ILSC)	<p>This module has been designed to benchmark and satisfy the progression criteria with regard to student communication and learning skills competency. Focus is put on the relevant transferable and portable skills of effective and professional communication.</p> <p>The course utilizes a number of practical activities to allow candidates to achieve these essential skills, students will be introduced to techniques and strategies to manage speech anxiety; enhance grammar and vocabulary, think critically under pressure; research, package and deliver logical and persuasive communication both orally and in a variety of written formats; summarise; and become an effective listener; understand cultural and gender differences; and work effectively in a team and as an individual.</p>
ICT006 ICT Skills	<p>This module provides students with a comprehensive understanding of current ICT practices. Students will gain the skills to equip them in the use of common productivity and content management software programmes, in the context of mobile technology, home appliances and entertainment. This module also emphasises the use of Microsoft Windows packages including PowerPoint, Excel and Word as a platform for further study.</p> <p>The module will include practical sessions to explore digital communication through PowerPoint, Word and Excel and there will be an emphasis on using ICT applications effectively.</p>
PMH1001E Health Science Study Skills	<p>This module has been designed to be delivered in conjunction with one substantive health related science module that make up the health related science-specific semester of the Pre-Masters in Health Related Science. This consists of Health Science (PMH1002) and contains core elements which seek to deliver the fundamental aspects of studying health related science within the UK and the wider global context. The module is designed to be delivered concurrently with the Interactive Learning Skills and Communication and ICT Skills modules.</p> <p>In preparation for further study of aspects of health science, the programme aims to provide an appreciation of the knowledge and skills required to study and eventually apply the health science environment to all public and private domains.</p> <p>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 health-related context are developed and encouraged.</p> <p>This module seeks to provide the subject-specific communication skills and aims to develop the language and interpersonal skills essential for academic study and professional work in the area of Health and Social Care.</p>

	<p>It will also enable students to employ learning strategies and information literacy techniques necessary for academic studies.</p>
<p>PMH1002 Health Science</p>	<p>This module has been designed to be delivered in conjunction with two substantive health related science modules that make up the health related science-specific semester of the Pre-Masters in Health Related Science. The module is designed to be delivered concurrently with the Interactive Learning Skills and Communication, Health Science Study Skills and ICT Skills modules.</p> <p>In preparation for further study of aspects of health science, the programme aims to provide an appreciation of the knowledge and skills required to study and eventually apply the health science environment to all public and private domains.</p> <p>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 health-related context are developed and encouraged.</p> <p>This module aims to give a) an overview of the development of health and social care, and the welfare state in the UK (b) to introduce students to the theories, methods and concepts of social science, and (c) to encourage critical and independent thinking.</p> <p>It will consider both local and global health care systems from political and historical perspectives. This will include a consideration of the causes and possible solutions for health inequalities.</p> <p>The module is structured to ensure the <u>active</u> participation of the students, and to this end they will be required to undertake tasks such as the reading and critical appraisal of texts, independent research and informal group presentations.</p>