

# Key Takeaways

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## Guiding students in their UK university search

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We will cover factors that are important to consider when searching for the best fit university for you. We also talk about the University of Strathclyde's strengths and why you might want to consider us in your search. Searching for the right university might seem like a daunting task. There are lots of factors you might want to consider, and this will depend on if you are a high school student looking to pursue a Bachelor's degree, or a college student hoping to make that next step to a Master's.

### We break it down for you:

- University location, accessibility, environment.
- University's size, strengths and reputation.
- Degree duration and degree structure:

The US education system is modelled on the Scottish system, so 4-year flexible degrees with more breadth of study is offered in Scotland compared to the 3-year structure in the rest of the UK.

Master's degrees in the UK tend to be 1-year compared to those in the US and Europe, saving you time and money.

- Opportunities to develop and hone your practical skills through utilizing universities' industry links
- and the availability of placements.
- How to be proactive in your search and talk to the right people (US reps, academics and students).

Feel free to contact us to chat more about why the University of Strathclyde is right for you.



The University of Strathclyde could be the perfect setting for your studies. The university's academic strengths and excellent reputation culminated in winning THE UK University of the Year 2019.

The campus's superb setting in the heart of Glasgow, Scotland's biggest city, is the perfect student location for living, studying and travelling.

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### Making the most of the student experience at a UK university

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Coming to study in the UK is a fantastic experience that you will remember for a lifetime. Once you've received your offer to study, the next step is to prepare to make the most of your time in the UK. There are many ways to find out more about the student experience in the UK and help you prepare.

#### Some of them are:

- See university websites and social media, look at the British Council or UKCISA.org.uk.
- Get in touch and ask questions, connect with students or alumni to find out more about the city and institution you are coming to and get advice.
- See our international student blog, and the huge range of videos on YouTube, exploring student life with us in London.

Top tips are do your research, be proactive and don't be afraid to ask, but also just be flexible and open to all the new experiences that you'll encounter.

There will be a structure of academic support and many additional resources, from careers and development to student academic services, which will all help you adjust to UK student life and get the most from your time.

Check out your Student Union, where you'll be able to join societies and groups you're interested in, attend the International induction programme, and make the most of all the opportunities on offer.

Volunteering and gaining work experience are great ways to get a different view of the UK, and all of these are opportunities to meet new people and make friends to enjoy exploring the UK with!

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## What makes a successful creative portfolio?

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Deciding what to include (and what to lose) in an art and design portfolio can be tough. Follow our top tips to help you organize your work and create a portfolio that will stand out from the crowd. Your portfolio should show three key things:

**Your inspiration, your technical ability and your ideas development.**

It's important to document the development of your ideas from start to finish. Including images from your sketchbooks or photographs is a great way to do this.

We want to see your passion for the subject you are applying for. That means you should make sure the work you include is relevant to the course you want to do.

Even if you haven't studied the subject at school, including work from outside class shows your passion for the subject and that you are not afraid to experiment.

Don't forget the basics – some key considerations should be:

- Layout – keep it simple. Think about the order in which you want your work to be seen.
- Don't distract from the work itself - labelling should be minimal.
- Photography - make sure you photograph your work in good lighting and use high-quality images.
- Quality over quantity – your portfolio should reflect your best work. Avoid repeating similar images, so you have more chance to include a range of styles.



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Norwich University of the Arts is a specialist arts school in England, established in 1845. Our art, design and media-based degrees allow you to take on practical projects from day one.

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### Moving to the UK: Tips and Hacks

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UK universities are a great option for US students who want to specialize early in their chosen major, gain their undergrad or master's degree more quickly at a lower cost, and explore the UK, Ireland, and Europe while doing so.

**There are four UK nations: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.**

The first three make up mainland Great Britain, and Northern Ireland is geographically based on the island of Ireland, but politically and economically part of the UK.

UK undergraduate degrees normally take three years (except Scotland), while taught master's programs take just one year, rather than two in the US. It's possible to graduate from a UK university with both an undergrad and master's within four years.

It's usually cheaper for a US student to study in the UK than at a public, out of state college or a private college in the US.

UK university education is focused on DEPTH rather than BREADTH of knowledge: this means there's no General Ed, and master's students don't have to take the GRE.

Most students have their own private room, and student experience is enhanced by active Student Unions and the close proximity of Europe for travel!

Most US students will need a visa, and a one-off annual fee gives you full access to the UK National Health Service for medical treatment during your studies



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Queen's University Belfast is a member of the UK's elite Russell Group (UK's Ivy League). Based in the warm and welcoming city of Belfast, the most affordable student city in the UK, Queen's offers the perfect balance of Irish culture and heritage and a prestigious UK education.

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## What makes a successful personal statement?

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Your personal statement is a key part of your university application. This is your opportunity to set yourself apart from thousands of other applicants, make a great impression and watch the offers roll in! We will cover what you should include and what to avoid.

### What's a personal statement?

The personal statement is a short essay to explain why you are a great candidate for the course and the university and forms an important part of your application alongside your grades.

The main objective of your personal statement is to demonstrate your enthusiasm for the subject area, what you have done in order to find out more about and engage with the subject already and what you want to do in the future.

Your personal statement will be read by admissions tutors deciding whether are a good 'fit' for the course and the institution and allows you to explain in your own words exactly why you want to study the course, your long standing passion for the subject area and your long term career goals.

A list of impressive grades is a great start – but your personal statement is your opportunity to set yourself apart from the other candidates.

Make it easy by breaking it down – a strong introduction, followed by an overview of your academic achievements and any relevant work experience, then explain your hobbies, interests and extracurricular activities before finally making a strong finish!



As with all UK universities, at Leeds Arts University we use personal statements to find out more about our applicants – what makes them tick, how suited are they to the course and the institution? This way we can ensure we are selecting the students best placed to succeed!

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## Making friends in the UK as an International Student

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The UK is a fantastic study destination, with over 500,000 international students enrolling in Universities across the UK each year. However, we know that the idea of making friends can seem tough. There's lots of great opportunities at Universities in the UK to make friends.

Universities in the UK often have a range of group chats on social media platforms including Facebook, which is a great way to get to know people on your course, or in your accommodation before you arrive?

You can also find lots of great content on YouTube created by international students on how they went about making friends and getting connected.

Once you arrive, it's always good to get to know the people you're sharing accommodation with, or those on your course. Try to remember, everybody is new and will often be trying to make new friends too.

Universities in the UK also have fantastic Students' Unions that often host social events, or where you can join a sports team or society.

It's also important to ensure you get connected with some key contacts and locations on your campus, and in your city. Getting to know your course staff team, and considering part time work are great ways to get connected and meet new people.

Also remember to introduce yourself to your accommodation services team, in-case you need any help in the future!



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LINCOLN

The University of Lincoln is top 20 in the UK for Student Experience according to the Good University Guide 2021. Lincoln is also home to Lincoln Students' Union, with over 150 sports teams and societies for you to join. To find out more, head to [Lincoln.ac.uk](http://Lincoln.ac.uk).

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## Differences between conservatoire and university study?

Sponsored by Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance

What is a 'conservatoire'? And what are the main differences between pursuing a performing arts degree at a UK university compared to a conservatoire? Here are top tips compiled by Ieva Lakute from the International Relations Office at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance.

### What is a conservatoire?

A conservatoire is a higher education institution that specializes in training performance artists. Teaching is generally less academic and much more vocational, with plenty of performance opportunities and

This helps to form a close-knit community between staff, students and alumni, fostering collaboration and connections, as well as friendships that last well beyond graduation and see students through into the professional world.

### 1:1 Teaching

Compared to universities, conservatoires focus on 1:1 teaching, led by expert staff who are still very active in their field. Professional musicians and other performers often teach at several conservatoires, as part of their 'portfolio career'.



### Performance Opportunities

Performance is an integral part of training at a conservatoire. Throughout the year, students typically undertake a range of performance opportunities, including solo performances, festivals, competitions, collaborative group projects, chamber music, and orchestral projects. Conservatoires provide students with practice rooms, performance spaces and links with the wider industry.

Based in London, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance provides world-class training in dance, music and musical theatre. We have a rich, 148-year history of artistic risk-taking. We strive to develop our students' original artistic voice, instilling technical excellence and industry skills for a lifelong career in performing arts.

### Close-knit Community

Compared to most universities, conservatoires tend to have a smaller cohort of students. For example, at Trinity Laban there are roughly 1,200 students studying across Music, Dance or Musical Theatre.

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## Study Creative Performing Arts in the UK

Sponsored by Liverpool Hope University

Studying abroad in the UK is a fantastic opportunity for you to develop and define your specialism in the creative arts. Thorough research of the facilities, course content, and graduate prospects is essential within the application method, as well as preparation for the admissions process.

**Preparation is key to ensure that your application stands out.**

Volunteer work, practicing your skillset, and additional independent research are just the small but necessary steps you can take to enhancing your application.

Also ensure you take note of the additional entry requirements. For example, you may need to participate in an audition, or complete a portfolio detailing your specialist skills. Alongside academic preparation, it's important to consider International course fees, and ensure that your current grades and qualifications match up to the institution's requirements.

Choosing a Creative Arts degree course also opens the opportunity for potential scholarships or tuition fee discounts, so be sure to fully consider applying for any that are relevant to you.

If you're curious about life as a student in a UK Creative Arts course, aim to attend Open Days where possible, along with events related to your course choice and specialism.

To begin your UK University journey, reach out to the International Department of your institutions of interest, who will be able to advise you and guide you through the entire application process for studying abroad.



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Here at Liverpool Hope University, our award-winning Creative Campus gives you the opportunity to study a wide range of undergraduate subjects within the field of Creative and Performing Arts.

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## UCAS vs. Common App – Which one should I use?

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Jackie Christopher from Falmouth University will be explaining the three application systems: what you need to know before applying and which one is best suited for you.

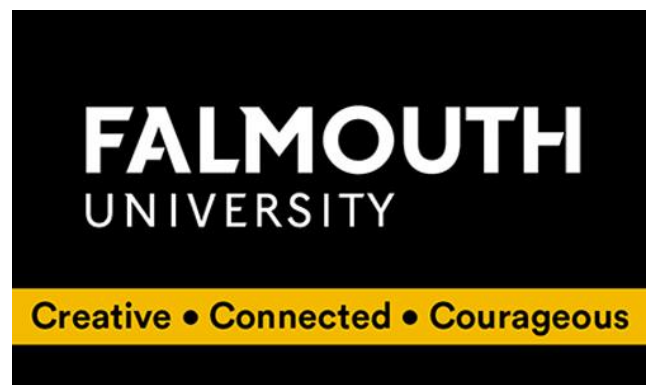
Comparing the two main centralized UK/US applications systems, UCAS and Common App, UCAS lists all UK universities and colleges, however you can only apply up to 5 choices. Common App only has 23 UK universities listed on their system but allows you to apply to many UK and US universities.

With most UK direct applications, depending on the university, they will advise to apply directly only if you know they are your first choice. However, there are some universities that will allow you to apply through their own online application in addition to other universities through UCAS. It's important to check before applying on what their policy is.

If you only want to apply to one or two universities in the UK with US universities, then CommonApp might be your best option.

If you are more interested in studying in the UK with a broader selection of choices, it's best to apply through UCAS and/or through Direct App's.

Whatever you choose to do, just make sure you only accept one UK university. All information is transmitted through UCAS and you could risk losing all offers if accepting to more than one.



Falmouth University is listed on UCAS and has their own free online direct application system. Students applying should be aware of which system is best to use before starting the application if they are applying to one or more UK universities.

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### Studying in Northern Ireland – A Student’s Perspective

Sponsored by Queen’s University Belfast

The UK is by far the most popular destination for US student choosing to study abroad. Every year, thousands choose to pursue their undergraduate degrees on the other side of the Atlantic – we had a quick chat with one to find out what it’s really like.

When students think of the UK, they usually think of London – but there’s so much more to discover across the four nations that make up the United Kingdom. We’re talking to you from Northern Ireland – the smallest of the four countries, but a little place with a giant spirit.

Based on the island of Ireland, but also inside the UK, we offer the opportunity to get a world-class education and have a world renowned welcome and lifestyle.

You can take undergraduate degrees here in 3 years – and students get to declare their major at application, which means no general education on the curriculum.

We have hundreds of majors to choose from, from International Relations and Conflicts Studies, to Marine Biology and Environment Management. At Queen’s University Belfast, we have 25,000 students from over 100 different countries, so you can come and be part of a diverse, vibrant student body.

Studying in Northern Ireland is a life-changing experience – the only risk is that you’ll never want to leave!



Queen’s University Belfast is the number 1 ranked University in Northern Ireland, and part of the UK’s elite Russell Group (our equivalent of the Ivy League).

As well as the unrivalled student experience and lifestyle, you’re assured of a world-class education and delivered by internationally renowned professors and academics.

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### Study in Wales – An Affordable Academic Adventure Awaits

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Wales has 8 universities, so there's sure to be one to suit you. From the bustling capital city of Cardiff to the mountains of Snowdonia in north Wales, our campuses offer fun, safety, support, housing, and academic excellence equal to a US degree.

#### Find out more!

With 8 world-class universities, shorter degrees that are equal to US degrees, excellent employability and great internships and work experiences, Wales is the UK destination for your college and graduate school studies.

Here, Maggie Parke (Wales alum from the US and current Study in Wales rep) describes how it works, how to apply, how to pay for it, the quality of her academics, and the brilliant quality of life.

She came for the location- stunning castles, mountains, close proximity to Ireland, London, Scotland and Europe, easy travel back to the US, but at a fraction of the cost!

She stayed for the academics- 3-year bachelor's, 1-year master's and 3-year PhDs that are equal to US degrees with a lot of opportunity for Independence in excellent academic settings.

All this awaits you when you study in Wales – the affordable academic adventure!



Study in Wales represents the 8 independent universities in Wales.

Dr Maggie Parke, USA Market Manager, helps clarify the opportunities, processes, and hopefully will inspire you to look to Wales for your next degree.

Set yourself apart from the crowd, while growing personally and academically in a stunning, adventurous setting.

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### How to develop your student's legal careers in the UK?

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Here at the University of Birmingham Law School, we support students into international legal careers at top firms around the world. We provide specialized advice, guidance and support for students looking to get a head start in the legal profession.

In the UK, Law is an undergraduate degree, and here at the University of Birmingham we are seeing sustained growth in the number of students from the US gaining a qualifying law degree and entering the legal profession much sooner and cheaper than their US equivalents.

The University of Birmingham offers opportunities to study cutting edge academic legal theory alongside practical professional legal education with real-life clients.

Our awarding-winning Centre for Professional Legal Education and Research (CEPLER) provides the opportunity to learn from international law firms about what they look for in new recruits, gain experience as a legal professional as part of our award-winning Pro Bono Group and so much more.

Whether you are looking to practice law in New York, London, Singapore, or around the globe, the University of Birmingham can help you achieve your goals.



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As a Global Top 100 University (QS 2021 rankings) Birmingham has been challenging and developing great minds for more than a century.

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## An Introduction to Studying Engineering in the UK

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Study a subject that is integral to the future of our planet, and one that gives you a greater understanding of applying scientific knowledge to practical problems within the world in which we live.

- Flexibility
- Options
- History
- Facilities
- Contacts
- Entry requirements

The Faculty Science and Engineering today comprises nine academic Departments, each with a powerful legacy of research and teaching success, and an interdisciplinary, collaborative approach to their areas of expertise.

With some of the highest quality staff and facilities and a broad spread of academic subjects, we are competing with the best universities in the world.



The University of Manchester

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## Prepare your audition for Creative Arts and Performance Courses

Sponsored by Solent University, Southampton

Maggie Tarver, Course Leader for Acting and Performance at Solent University delivers an Auditions Masterclass explaining what makes an audition piece stand out from the competition and everything you need to know to ensure yours does!

**When submitting an Audition there are some top tips below you should consider:**

**Showcase attitude:** Universities are looking for students who display a willingness to learn, develop and take some risks within themselves to make themselves stand out.

**Demonstrate potential:** This could be in acting ability, or for courses such as Musical Theatre singing as well but we are not looking for perfection in this. Universities are looking for someone we can teach, train and develop.

**Prepare beforehand:** Read what will be expected of you at the audition; for example, for Acting and Performance you will be asked to audition two pieces- one contemporary and the other classical.

Study those monologues prior to delivering them at your audition and be sure that they contrast so that you are showing your best range and choose pieces that best show off the breadth and depth your skills and abilities.

**Be confident and believe in your abilities (enjoy it!):** spend time familiarising yourself with your audition and feel proud of it. Believe in yourself and your potential will shine through.

**Persevere if you do make a mistake:** Making an error or a mistake is not the end of the world, so if your audition is live please don't panic if something goes wrong.

Take a second to gather yourself and continue, it will show us you can deal with the pressure of things sometimes going wrong!

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## Postgraduate Opportunities at the Shakespeare Institute

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The Shakespeare Institute offers an unrivalled opportunity for the study of Shakespeare. We are based in Stratford-upon-Avon where he was born and died and just a short walk away from the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Although everything returns to Shakespeare, the research interests of its fellows have never been so exhilaratingly diverse.

Whether you're interested in Shakespeare and medicine, Asia or religion; textual editing; the wider corpus of Renaissance drama; or early modern literature in history, the Shakespeare Institute is the place for you.

It provides the ideal environment in which to explore the impact Shakespeare's work has had across four centuries of world culture.

The Institute also offers an environment in which students and staff are encouraged to be creative. Several staff are involved in major creative projects and are incorporating exciting new creative elements into their teaching. We want to bring the directors, actors, writers, arts administrators and teachers as well as the academics of the future to Stratford. And we want to bring Shakespeare to life in new ways in the here-and-now.

There is no research culture more vibrant than the Shakespeare Institute's. It is home to the Shakespeare Institute Players, and every week its historic rooms and gardens buzz with rarely played play readings, theatrical experiments and all sorts of other Shakespeare-inspired activity.



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The Shakespeare Institute enjoys close and developing relations with the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust. It has its own purpose-built world-class research library and plays host to the most prestigious international Shakespeare conference in the world, as well as to the biggest postgraduate conference in Shakespeare studies.

Are you considering developing your knowledge, or just follow your passion for Shakespeare? The Shakespeare Institute is the perfect place for you. Take our guided tour of the Institute by Professor Michael Dobson and our world leading team of academics and hear from our students as they share some of the opportunities to engage with the school.

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## Studying at a Welsh University

**Sponsored by Aberystwyth University**

Discover more about Aberystwyth University, a Welsh seaside university with plenty of opportunities. Learn everything about fees, funding, research and study opportunities and how we can make the most of your University experience in the UK.

Aberystwyth University is a Welsh university located right on the coast in the middle of Wales.

Our location gives us convenient travel links all across the UK while having a small-town experience for students. We offer affordable degrees in various subjects that are aimed at giving you experience to achieve a job or further education upon graduation.

The University has a thriving international student population giving students a cultural experience in not just the Welsh history and culture but also in understanding their fellow students culture.

We offer international students' accommodation at no extra cost if they choose to study with us and offer a wide range of scholarships.



Aberystwyth University is a historic University boasting the world's first International Politics programme and taking part in world renown research such over topics such as the Mars Rover and forensic analysis of medieval documents.

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## Study in South West Wales for the Experience of a Lifetime

Sponsored by University of Wales Trinity Saint David

We've been welcoming students from the USA to study on our campuses for many years. Whether it is for a semester abroad or for full Undergraduate or Graduate Programmes we look forward to welcoming you!

**Employers in the USA and around the world recognize the value of a UK education.**

By considering UK study you are making a considerable investment in your future and it is a decision that we take seriously.

We will make every effort to ensure that your experience as a student here will help you to develop your potential to the full.

We will provide you with a sound academic knowledge but we also believe that the rich diversity of cultural and social experiences that you will have as a student here will help you develop a range of personal and professional qualities as we believe that these are both equally important when choosing a university.



**University of Wales**  
Trinity Saint David

Founded in 1822, UWTSD is Wales' oldest university. Although the setting is historic, and with nearly 200 years of academic learning, the thinking and teaching UWTSD's Lampeter Campus is inspiring and new.

The Swansea campuses have a reputation for innovative industry-led and career-driven programmes. Founded in 1848, the Carmarthen campus is a lively, friendly environment, centered on its original 1848 building.

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## Study Opportunities at Swansea University

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Swansea University is a research-led university that has been making a difference since 1920. The University community thrives on exploration and discovery and offers the right balance of excellent teaching and research, matched by an enviable quality of life.

Our stunning waterfront campuses make us a desirable location for students and staff from around the world, and our multicultural community provides a global perspective, enabling those who join us to develop skills and knowledge that set them on successful and enriching careers.

By studying at Swansea University you'll become part of a world-class research institution with grand ambitions. Not only will you receive an outstanding learning and teaching experience with a distinct emphasis on employability, but you'll also fall in love with the city.

Swansea University spans two stunning campuses at each end of Swansea's waterfront. From the Maritime Quarter and Uplands to nearby Mumbles, discover a city with plenty of charm and bags of character.

You can walk or cycle to most places in the city (and the coast for that matter) from the campuses. Our multicultural dual-campus provides lots of opportunities for students, staff and the community and the friendly and relaxed atmosphere is often characterized as the "Swansea experience".



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Excellent Employability, offering a comprehensive package of support and opportunities:

- Business start-up support and enterprise skills development,
- Subject specific employability weeks featuring networking events with industry experts, guest speakers and opportunities to get involved with live projects,
- Summer and short Programmes (cultural, study and work-based) making your CV stand out.

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# Key Takeaways

## Creative Industries at the University of South Wales

**Sponsored by the University of South Wales**

To be career-ready, it's important you learn about your chosen profession in the right environment. Our facilities emulate what happens in the industry, including green screen studios, motion capture suite, 3D printing labs, photography studios and editing and post-production suites.

Our graduates have skills that employers look for and can demonstrate these through their showreels, portfolios and games.

All students learn through a mixture of live competitions, projects and briefs, and are encouraged to undertake work experience as part of their course – anywhere in the world.

Our campus is in the heart of Cardiff 's creative industry and we see the city as our wider campus. This city centre location and our excellent links with industry provide an ideal launchpad for your career.

Well known as a city of culture and entertainment, the opportunities for creative industries students in Cardiff are endless. Cardiff is also a major centre for TV and media production in the UK. With major production studios and the BBC on the doorstep, you'll have the potential to reach people from around the globe.



At USW, we create graduates who are prepared for a successful career. Our courses offer work-related experience, reflect employer demands.

USW is also in the top 20 educational institutions in the world for 3D Animation and Games Design and Development, in the Rookies Global School Rankings 2020.

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# Key Takeaways

## How Bangor can give you the right study/fun balance?

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Bangor is a College that can give you so much more than just an education. Our amazing location opens the door to a world of adventure that is the icing on the cake to the TEF Gold standard teaching you will receive with us.

When I went to College to do my Masters, I wanted to choose a location that allowed me to study my field, essentially in the field.

You should ask yourself if you want to study say Ocean Sciences in a big city, or in University that sits between the Mountains of Snowdonia, and the Irish Sea.

Do you want to spend hours on a bus going on a field trip, or do you want to be able to arrive from your door to the castle in just 30 mins to learn about the history of this stunning place, while feeling the history alive around you?

We go to College to get an education, and that education should be amazing, enjoyable, and top quality; yet we also want to have an experience that matches that.

Bangor is a College that can do that, we can offer you TEF Gold standard teaching all set an environment that just screams adventure, discovery, and fun.

Now that's a study/fun balance! So when you look at a College, what do you want? Fun, Adventure, and Quality? Come join us at Bangor.



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Bangor University is located in Bangor, North Wales, nestled between the Mountains of Snowdonia, and the Irish Sea.

TEF Gold Standard teaching, amazingness on your doorstep just waiting to be explored, and easy connections to the UK, and the World: we can give you a fantastic study/fun balance!

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