

Swansea University:

What are your most popular courses?

We don't have a specific specialist subject that we are known for as we offer a wide variety of courses but our biggest courses are within Engineering, Management and the Healthcare courses. As a university we are proud to have the TEF Gold award which is the highest award for teaching excellence at UK Universities.

What courses do you offer?

We offer a huge range of courses with over 350 to choose from so we're sure we'll have something that will interest you. You can see our whole list of courses on our webpage here

<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/>

Students would like to know if you have courses in the following subject areas:

Drama, Engineering, Musical theatre, Coding/Website Design, Computing, Gaming Design, Art/Design, Design/Technology, Teaching, Film Making and Production, Pharmacology/Pharmaceuticals, astrophysics, veterinary, astrology, geography, architecture, nursing, medicine, business, chemistry.

Of the above, we offer courses in Engineering, Computer Science, Education (incl post graduate PGCE's), Media and Communication, Pharmacology and Pharmacy, Physics, Geography, Nursing, Graduate Entry Medicine (with several Undergraduate degrees that can prepare you for this course), Business and Chemistry. The best way to see what courses we offer is to browse our courses page on our website: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/>

For the nursing course, If you are a UK student who can commit to working in Wales for two years after graduating, you could get your tuition fees covered in full through the [NHS Wales Values and Standards of Behaviour](#) as well as maintenance funding of up to £4,491.

Is an AS grade a useful qualification?

AS grades are useful in deciding which subject areas you most enjoy. They can also provide you with extra UCAS points. However, most of our offers are based on three subjects, so it's important you concentrate on the three you most enjoy or the subjects you may need to study your degree. We also look at your other interests that might make you want to follow a certain path, so make sure you allow time to explore that too.

What grades on average do I need to get accepted?

The grades vary depending on which degree course you choose, they typically range from AAB-BBB. The reason we accept a range of grades is down to the fact that we take into account your other work/life experience and your personal statement. We do appreciate that these are difficult times and students are nervous about the grades they will obtain, Swansea University has always been flexible so please do reach out to our Admissions team if you have concerns.

We do offer all students a **guarantee** that you will be made a conditional offer for a course at Swansea University regardless of the grades that you are predicted – the following webpage gives more information: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/how-to-apply/guaranteed-offers/>

What are your facilities like?

We have fantastic teaching and recreational facilities at Swansea University. The easiest way to explore these is by visiting one of our Open Days. Your college will explain what facilities they have for your course, and you'll also be able to visit the excellent on-campus sports and recreation facilities that you can enjoy in your free time.

Our college facilities range depending on the course and what facilities and equipment are required. For example, in Engineering, we have a Flight Simulators, JetCat P120 Engine, and a Wind Tunnel amongst other things. In Science we have a Research vessel, a visualisation Suite, Centre for sustainable aquatic research amongst other things. In our human and health college, we have research laboratories, nursing practice suites, MRI Machines, a health and wellbeing academy which houses the osteopathic clinic which is open to the public. As mentioned, the best way to fully understand what facilities we have and what you'll need for your specific course is to visit us at an open day.

In general, what grades are required for Engineering courses at uni?

Grades can vary from course to course and from university to university. Our engineering grade requirements are AAB-BBB. The reason we accept a range of grades is down to the fact that we take into account your other work/life experience and your personal statement. We do appreciate that these are difficult times and students are nervous about the grades they will obtain, Swansea University has always been flexible so please do reach out to our Engineering Admissions team if you have concerns.

Our Engineering department also offer foundation year courses for all our engineering degrees which are useful for students who either do not meet the entry requirements for the degree course or are not sure what area of engineering to study.

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Which courses take up the most time? Which are the most demanding?

All university courses differ in structure. Some have much more contact time (time spent in lectures, seminars or tutorials) and some require much more independent study (reading, essay writing). It's important you find the course that sits well with the way you like to learn. You can find out more about this by speaking with our college staff at open days, or via email.

Is accommodation always available? What is the average cost?

We guarantee accommodation for all our undergraduates, you can apply if you have an offer to study here. It is first come first served for accommodation choice, so it is worth applying early to be sure you're where you want to be. The cost of accommodation at Swansea university varies from £90-£190 per week (for academic year 2020-2021), and the cost depends on which accommodation you choose.

What proportion of graduates get into employment (linked to their degree) with 6 months of graduating?

Swansea University has excellent career prospects, and we're in the Top 15 of the Complete University Guide rankings in 2021. The last survey told us that nearly 86% of graduates were in professional level employment or further study within 6 months of graduating.

Do you think it's going to be easier to get in to universities, if less people want to go because of the pandemic?

We have not yet found that fewer people wish to come to study at Swansea University, we are treating our intake of students in the same way as we do every other year. All of our degrees do require a level of academic ability which is why we require certain qualifications in order to get onto a course.

Are universities lowering offers because of the pandemic?

We at Swansea aren't lowering our offers due to the pandemic, but if you are concerned about grades, its best to speak with your course staff so they can answer your questions. All of our degrees do require a level of academic ability which is why we require certain qualifications in order to get onto a course.

Would I be able to maintain my gaming life outside of university, as I'm part of a successful E-sports Fortnite team?

You can keep your hobbies going throughout university, and we encourage students to balance out their social and academic life at university. Swansea University has an E-sports society that focus on competitive gaming.

What %/hours is lectures/independent work on average? How many hours do you spend studying on average?

Contact hours vary hugely between courses and between universities. Its best to speak with the course staff to get a better understanding of lecture, seminar and tutorial hours and how much independent study is given (readings, essays etc).

If someone had a criminal record, would it affect their chances of completing a degree?

It really depends on what the details are. UCAS do not collect this info now, so it will not affect an offer being made, but post offer we write to all applicants requesting information on any convictions, they are then considered on a case by case basis. A number of factors will be taken into consideration including safety of other students and likelihood of securing a job after the course in that field. You can read our policy here <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/admissions/criminal-record-guidance/>

What is your student satisfaction rate?

Swansea University is currently ranked 6th in the UK for Student Satisfaction, with 89% of students saying they are satisfied with their course overall (compared to the UK average of 83%).

What GCSE grades do I need to be accepted into University?

We would like you to have a C grade in Mathematics and English, however if you are concerned about this we suggest you speak to the course staff to see what support is available to you.

Do Universities automatically think better of a student that studied in a private school rather than a state school?

No, students from all backgrounds are assessed individually based on their UCAS form, personal statement and/or interview. At Swansea University, we value each person in their own right and put a lot of focus not just on academic ability but also on whether the student will buy into the Swansea culture. We encourage our students to get involved in extra-curricular activities such as sport and societies as this enables them to have a more rounded experience at university and fully embrace their new lifestyle. We would encourage you to attend an open day (whether that's physical or virtual at the moment) and speak to current students who are studying at the moment. This will give you a sense of all the different students that we currently have and their backgrounds.

What makes your university different from others?

Swansea University is a research-led university that has been making a difference since 1920. Our location means that you are minutes away from the beach and city centre. We have the TEF gold award for teaching excellence which is the highest award for teaching excellence in UK universities,

fantastic career prospects (Top 15 for career prospects – Complete University Guide 2021) and are one of the best UK cities for nightlife and affordability.

At Swansea we place a lot of focus on not just your studies and ensuring you leave us with a great degree that will lead onto fantastic job opportunities but also your experience whilst you are with us. Our student union puts a lot of effort into organising large scale events for students through-out the year and ensuring that students voices are heard. We have also a dedicated wellbeing service for students to support you throughout your time with us – whether that's with exam stress coping mechanisms to disability support to mental wellbeing support. We really do care for all our students. Please see our wellbeing page for more information on the various support services that we have in place: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/wellbeing/>

Is there any way you can make your application more appealing to have a higher chance of getting accepted?

There are many factors to a good application. You need to make sure you have the right qualifications and grades for your degree, a strong personal statement, a good reference from your school or college, knowledge of and commitment to your subject and a good attitude to learning and personal development. Make sure you leave enough time to write your personal statement, knowing that it may need a few drafts before it is ready to be submitted.

Please visit our website for help with your personal statement as our colleges do give advice for specific courses that you are applying for. Just search the specific college part of the website for 'personal statements' and an array of resources will come up for you: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/>

Is having top grades and no work experience better or worse than having mediocre grades and lots of work experience?

Universities like to see your commitment to your subject, so good grades are one way of showing that. However, relevant work experience that shows your commitment to learning and development is extremely valuable. At Swansea University we like students who can contribute to the wider life that we offer, use your personal statement to show us your personality and how you will be an asset to our student cohort.

How far away is your university from my school?

Swansea is around a four hour drive from Chesterfield. There is also the option to travel by train.

Do you think it is beneficial to get a job whilst you are at university? Does it affect your student loan if you have a part time job?

Jobs at university can be a great way to build your confidence and employability for when you graduate, as well as to learn key skills that you can transfer for your future career. Swansea University Employment Zone has some useful information about part time work while you study and can help you find the right role for you. A part time job at university will not affect your student loan.

We do also offer part time work for students as part of the student union and also the student ambassador scheme. The ambassador scheme is a great job to have as you can pick and choose your hours to ensure it does not affect your studies.

<https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/sea>

Links:

- UG Homepage: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/>
- Course pages: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/courses/>

- Keeping in Touch link: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/study/keep-in-touch/> for reminders for open days, subject webinars, mini taster lectures etc.
- UG Prospectus: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate-prospectus/> This is online. You can order hard copies from this link.
- Virtual Tour: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/virtual-tour-stand-alone/>
- Scholarships and Bursaries Page: <https://www.swansea.ac.uk/undergraduate/scholarships/>

Videos:

- Welcome to Swansea University video <https://vimeo.com/427357932/c274915d33>
- Swansea University YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SwanseaUniVideo>