2015-16 Academic Year
Swansea University - Fast Fact Sheet for Students

Description:	• Swansea University is a research led university, founded in 1920 • Situated in Swansea, South Wales, the University is set across the road from Swansea Bay in the grounds of the beautiful Singleton Park and is a 10 minute walk from the modern city centre. It is also just a few miles away from the beautiful unspoilt cliffs and beaches of the Gower Peninsula. • As of September 2015, Swansea University will establish itself as a dual campus university, when the brand new Bay Campus opens. The Bay Campus is an impressive site which will be home to the College of Engineering and the School of Management, central support services for students studying on that campus, a state of the art library and resource centre, the students' union, facilities and meeting rooms and an impressive great hall will house an auditorium for 800, lecture theatres and a cafe offering magnificent views across the Swansea bay towards Gower and Baglan Bay. There will be extensive catering provision throughout the campus to include cafes, bars and a restaurant, retail units include a mini market, laundrette and cash points. All of this will be in addition to recreational sporting facilities and a beach, for all to enjoy. All classes for engineering and management will be taught at the Bay Campus for new and continuing students. All classes for our other Colleges (Arts & Humanities, Human & Health, Medicine, Science, and Law) will be taught on the existing Singleton Park campus. The study abroad team in the International Development Office will be based on the Singleton Park Campus, but will also have a regular presence at the Bay Campus. • The University has a strong campus-based student community with many clubs and societies. Please visit the following link: www.**swansea-union**.co.uk/ • Swansea has excellent transport links to Cardiff, London and other major UK cities. • Swansea has around 15,921 students and 2,510 staff.
Academic Calendar:	Details of term & semester dates can be viewed on the following link to the University website: http://www.swansea.ac.uk/the-university/world-class/termandsemesterdates/ - **The University reserves the right to change term dates up until the start of each session.**
Language of instruction:	English
Exchange Duration:	One semester or one academic year
Semester Load:	60 credits per semester. Most modules are 10, 15 or 20 credits.
Courses Available:	• The University offers a wide range of modules in diverse subject areas from the following colleges: The College of Arts and Humanities; The School of Management; School of Law; The College of Engineering; The College of Science and The College of Human & Health Sciences. • Please visit for a list of modules: https://intranet.swan.ac.uk/catalogue/
Restrictions/ Considerations:	• Please note that students who choose to study classes within the College of Engineering or the School of Management will be studying at the Bay Campus. If students choose these modules along with modules from other academic departments then they will have to travel between the two sites. Please make your students are aware that travel time is an important factor to think about when choosing modules as they will need to give themselves plenty of time to travel between the sites. Classes start on the hour at both campuses so students will need to understand that it is not possible to attend a 10am lecture on the Singleton Park campus followed by an 11 am lecture on the Bay Campus as travel time will need to be allowed for. • Students are encouraged to select Year 1 (HE level 4) or Year 2 (HE level 5) modules. However it is possible to enrol on Year 3 (HE level 6) modules if students have a sound background in that subject area but please note that there are no re-sit opportunities for Year 3 modules. • **Do not select level M modules as these are graduate modules and are not open to visiting/exchange students** • Some modules are not available to exchange/visiting students, please see the

	module catalogue for more information: https://intranet.swan.ac.uk/catalogue/ • Please note that modules with TB1+TB2 are for the full academic year, so these modules are not available to students studying for one semester • **Biosciences offer a limited number of places to exchange students in the US and outside of Europe, we cannot therefore guarantee that your students will be accepted onto their modules** • **Strict restrictions for Business Modules – ERASMUS students on exchange links outside of Business & Economics will not be allowed to enrol in Business and Economics modules** • **Due to timetabling, module capacity and other restrictions it will not be possible to confirm your final module selection until you arrive and enrol at Swansea University.**
Special Programmes for Exchange & Visiting Students:	Pre-sessional courses taught over a 2 week period. Visit http://www.swan.ac.uk/international/visiting-and-exchange/pre-sessional/ for more detailed information on both programmes • British Culture & Politics since 1945 – This course is worth 10 credits (3 US credits or 5 ECTS). The cost for this programme is £500 excluding accommodation. • Intensive English Language and Study Skills – This course aims to develop English Language and study skills; Introduce students to British life and culture and familiarise students with the British academic environment before starting the study programme. The cost of the programme is £450 excluding accommodation – **see the above website for further information**

Visa:	• You cannot apply for your Visa until 3 months before the start of your studies at Swansea
	• EU students do not need a Visa to study at Swansea
	• Students from outside of the EU will require a Visa to be able to do any of the following:
	  ○ Study here for an academic year
	  ○ Work whilst in the UK
	  ○ Do voluntary work whilst in the UK
	  ○ Undertake an internship whilst in the UK

How to Apply:	• Please complete the application form that you Study Abroad Office has provided you with. Make sure to complete all sections of the application and include the following:
	  ➢ Biographical pages of your passport
	  ➢ Most recent copy of your academic transcript on University letterhead or University stamped
	  ➢ Two passport size photographs with your full name written on the back

Admission Requirements:	• You will need to be in good academic standing to be able to study at Swansea University and you are required to submit a recent academic transcript with the admission form. • The Visa required for international students outside the EU demands that proficiency in the English language is required. A minimum IELTS score of 6.0 is required with a minimum of 5.5 in each part of the test. • For students coming from the EU, proof of proficiency in the English language is not required however, a level B2 is recommended. • **Acceptance does not guarantee your provisional module selection. You can confirm your final module selection once you have arrived and are enrolled at Swansea University.**
Application Deadlines:	Completed applications forms for the Full Academic Year or Semester 1 should be received by 15th May 2015. Application forms for Semester 2 should be received by 30th October 2015.
Housing and Meals:	All visiting and exchange students will receive help in finding accommodation from Residential Services. Places are available in University Residences as well as University managed flats and houses in Swansea. **Only when you have been accepted** to Swansea, can you apply for university housing online. To apply or for more information, please visit: http://www.swansea.ac.uk/accommodation/applying-for-accommodation/visitingexchangestudents/
Insurance:	Insurance is usually provided by your home university. Please see your Study Abroad Office for advice.

Meet & Greet Service from Heathrow Airport, Terminal 3 **ONLY** –	Please note that details for this service have not yet been finalised, however information can be found on: http://www.swansea.ac.uk/international/students/enrolment/arrival/ And further information on how to apply on: http://www2.swan.ac.uk/forms/meet_greet.asp
Orientation:	The International Welcome & Orientation meetings will take place on 21st September 2015 for Full-Year and Semester 1 students, and 29th January 2016 for Semester 2 students. Please see your admission letter for information on arrival, or visit: http://www.swansea.ac.uk/international/visiting-and-exchange/frequently-asked-questions/
Transcripts	Final Official transcripts will be sent out in July at the end of the academic year. Semester 1 students will receive an interim transcript in March.
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