



# University of South Wales (USW)

## Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI)

### Erasmus/Exchange Fact Sheet

### Incoming students 2020-2021



University of South Wales Contact Details	Main address	<b>University of South Wales</b> Llantwit Road PONTYPRIDD CF37 IDL United Kingdom
	Erasmus code	UK PONTYPR 02
	Faculty of Creative Industries address and location	<b>University of South Wales</b> Faculty of Creative Industries (FCI) Cardiff Campus (the ATRIUM) 86-88 Adam Street CARDIFF CF24 2FN United Kingdom <a href="http://www.southwales.ac.uk/">http://www.southwales.ac.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.4790014,-3.1706513,17z">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.4790014,-3.1706513,17z</a>  All Faculty of Creative Industries courses available to exchange students are based in Cardiff.
	Coordinator for incoming and outgoing exchange students for the Faculty of Creative Industries	<b>FCI Erasmus/Exchange Coordinator</b> Dr Marta Minier marta.minier@southwales.ac.uk +44 (0)1443 668548  <b>Administrative Contact</b> cardiffadmin@southwales.ac.uk

Academic calendar	Academic year	The academic year is split into three terms (autumn, spring and summer). FCI courses are timetabled over a full academic year and the start and finish dates of individual modules within the courses vary. For convenience, we often use the word 'semester' when talking about half-year exchanges, but the university as a whole does not officially divide the year this way.
	Length of stay available	We prefer to offer exchange opportunities over a full academic year. The availability of half-year placements is limited by the timetable, which can change from year to year. We will check module availability at the nomination stage but in some subject areas it may not be possible to accommodate half-year exchanges.

	<b>Full year</b>	<p><b>Period enrolled: 21st September 2020 – 4th June 2021</b></p> <p>Students are expected to attend <b>Erasmus/Exchange induction sessions</b> in the week commencing <b>13th September 2020</b>, which is before the start of term. It is recommended that students join the International Welcome Week activities at other times that week (see below), although this is optional.</p> <p>Summer vacation ends: 20th September 2020  Christmas vacation: 12th December 2020 – 3rd January 2021  Easter vacation: 27th March – 18th April 2021</p>
	<b>Semester 1 only</b>	<p><b>Period enrolled: 21st September 2020 – 21st December 2020</b></p> <p>Students are expected to attend <b>Erasmus/Exchange induction sessions</b> in the week commencing <b>13th September 2020</b>, which is before the start of term. It is recommended that students join the International Welcome Week activities at other times that week (see below), although this is optional.</p> <p>Summer vacation ends: 20th September 2020  Christmas vacation: 12th December 2020 – 3rd January 2021</p> <p>If the modules being studied have an assessment submission date after the enrolment period, this must be discussed with the course leader as soon as possible to ensure the work can be completed.</p>
	<b>Semester 2 only</b>	<p><b>Period enrolled: 4th January 2021* – 4th June 2021</b></p> <p>* A later start date may apply if all the modules being studied start later. This is usually around the third week of term.</p> <p>Easter vacation: 27th March – 18th April 2021</p>
	<b>Course registration</b>	<p>EU students can enrol online from approximately one month before arrival. Non-EU students cannot enrol until after a visa/passport check at USW. <a href="https://registry.southwales.ac.uk/online-enrolment/how-to-enrol/">https://registry.southwales.ac.uk/online-enrolment/how-to-enrol/</a></p>
	<b>Orientation</b>	<p>The university organises an International Welcome Week before the start of term in September, and holds another event in February. <a href="https://www.southwales.ac.uk/international/visas-and-pre-arrival/welcome-week/">https://www.southwales.ac.uk/international/visas-and-pre-arrival/welcome-week/</a></p>
	<b>Exams</b>	<p>Most FCI modules do not have exams, but there are exam periods in January/February and May. Assessment methods are listed in the module descriptors at <a href="https://icis.southwales.ac.uk">https://icis.southwales.ac.uk</a>.</p>

Academic Courses and Modules	Number of credits taken in one academic year	120 USW credits (= 60 ECTS credits)
	Number of credits taken for one semester	60 USW credits (= 30 ECTS credits)
	Subject areas open to exchange students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animation and Games</li> <li>• Design and Communication</li> <li>• Drama, Dance and Performance</li> <li>• Fashion</li> <li>• Film and Visual Effects</li> <li>• Journalism and Media</li> <li>• Music and Sound</li> <li>• Photography</li> </ul>
	Modules available to exchange students	<p>We prefer exchange students to join the same set pathways as our students (i.e. to take modules from within a single year of a single course)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ University of South Wales students are enrolled on a three-year degree <b>course</b> e.g. BA Illustration, which is made up of several <b>modules</b> e.g. DI2S02 Illustration for Literature. Each module is worth either 20, 40 or 60 USW <b>credits</b>. Courses are listed at <a href="http://courses.southwales.ac.uk/courses/">http://courses.southwales.ac.uk/courses/</a></li> <li>○ Exchange students normally study modules from the second year, although this can vary depending on experience.</li> </ul> <p>Module descriptors are at <a href="https://icis.southwales.ac.uk/">https://icis.southwales.ac.uk/</a>. Search by course initially (please note FdA and FdSc courses are not available to exchange students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Level 4 = first year undergraduate</li> <li>○ Level 5 = second year undergraduate</li> <li>○ Level 6 = third year undergraduate</li> <li>○ Level 7 = masters (postgraduate)</li> </ul> <p>Modules are subject to availability and suitability. Module availability is subject to change until the timetable is confirmed in late summer. Students should liaise with the course leader and exchange coordinator to agree suitable available modules.</p>
	Learning agreement	This is a form detailing the modules to be studied. It must be completed by the student and exchange coordinators of both universities before enrolment.
	Results	<p>Results are confirmed by the university's assessment boards which take place in June. All results are <b>provisional</b> until our results day in late June, including results for students who leave in December. Please consider in advance whether this timing may cause a problem with transferring credit to your institution.</p> <p>Transcripts of <b>confirmed</b> results will be issued to students after our graduation ceremonies in July. Online results (provisional or confirmed depending on the time of year) are available to the student for the duration of stay and for 120 days after the end of their studies.</p>

<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Accommodation on campus</b>	Halls of residence run by USW are at our Treforest campus (a 20-minute train ride from Cardiff). Halls of residence near the Cardiff campus are run by private companies. Our accommodation office has information on both at <a href="https://www.southwales.ac.uk/student-life/accommodation/">https://www.southwales.ac.uk/student-life/accommodation/</a> Please note private halls may not offer rooms for one semester (single-semester rooms are more likely to be available in January). Costs: <a href="http://www.southwales.ac.uk/accommodation/accommodation-costs/">http://www.southwales.ac.uk/accommodation/accommodation-costs/</a>
	<b>Private accommodation off campus</b>	For more information contact the accommodation office. Approximate costs are at: <a href="http://www.southwales.ac.uk/accommodation/accommodation-costs/">http://www.southwales.ac.uk/accommodation/accommodation-costs/</a>
	<b>Cardiff campus dining options</b>	There are food outlets on campus and many more in the local area. Campus accommodation is self-catering.

<b>Student Life</b>	<b>Contact / assistance for airport pickup</b>	<a href="http://international.southwales.ac.uk/pre-departure/international-arrival-services/arrival-service/">http://international.southwales.ac.uk/pre-departure/international-arrival-services/arrival-service/</a>
	<b>Public transportation</b>	<a href="#">National Rail enquiries</a> <a href="#">Local bus service</a> <a href="https://uk.megabus.com/cardiff.aspx">https://uk.megabus.com/cardiff.aspx</a> <a href="#">National bus service</a>
	<b>Assistance for students with adjustment needs/mental health issues</b>	The Advice Zone offers help with disability/dyslexia, counselling and mental wellbeing <a href="https://advice.southwales.ac.uk/">https://advice.southwales.ac.uk/</a>
	<b>Field trips and/or other organised activities for international students</b>	International Welcome Week – September and February <a href="https://www.southwales.ac.uk/international/visas-and-pre-arrival/welcome-week/">https://www.southwales.ac.uk/international/visas-and-pre-arrival/welcome-week/</a>
	<b>Healthcare and insurance</b>	You will need to register with a local (NHS) doctor's surgery to receive any medical treatment. Information is available on UniLife, the online student portal. International students should check with the surgery to see if they have to pay. See UK Council for International Student Affairs (link below). Note that regulations for Wales may be different from the rest of the UK. Students are advised to take out travel and medical insurance.

<b>Links</b>	There is a lot of useful information for international students (not specific to exchange students) at <a href="https://www.southwales.ac.uk/international/">https://www.southwales.ac.uk/international/</a>  Our International Office recommends the UK Council for International Student Affairs website <a href="http://www.ukcisa.org.uk">http://www.ukcisa.org.uk</a>
--------------	--