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Cardiff and Vale College
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Higher Education Course Guide 2022/23



Welcome

to Cardiff and Vale College

This guide to Higher Education (HE) courses at Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC), contains all the information you need about studying our university level courses. CAVC offers a range of HE qualifications in partnership with expert universities in a wide range of subjects, from HNCs to PGCEs.

We pride ourselves on the exceptional support we offer our students and the personal approach to our teaching. The College is well placed to develop courses that meet the needs of employers in the region and our outstanding facilities provide real-world environments in order to fully prepare you for your future career.

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Why choose CAVC?

On Campus
and Online



Quality education

We are the first College in Wales to go through the Gateway Quality Review


– which means that you can be confident that your academic experience meets the quality standards expected of a university course. The College can also now award its own vocational Higher Education courses.

As the first and only Microsoft Showcase College in the country we are experts at

delivering high quality online learning so whatever happens, you continue to have a great experience and your learning continues.

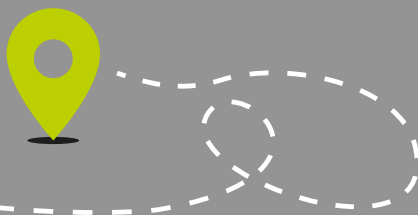


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Train for the career you want

Career-focused courses to boost your chances of securing your ideal career



Support for you

A key feature of our Higher Education programmes is the exceptional support we provide to students. We are passionate about providing dedicated and bespoke support services to help you make the most of your time here and to maximise your potential.



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Personalised teaching

The College offers a university experience with a difference – keeping class sizes small, with usually around 15 people each, to ensure a **high quality, supportive and personalised** teaching approach.

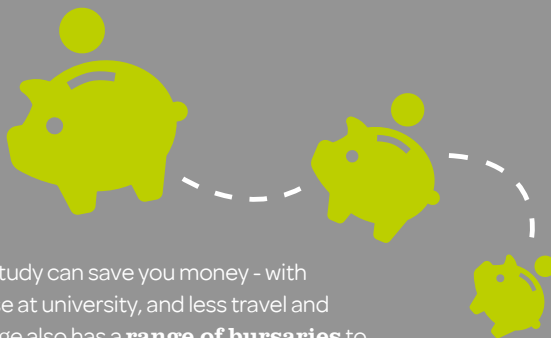


Professional and specialist teaching

We have specialist lecturers who are fully engaged with their industries and keep up with the latest trends and developments. Expertise comes from both the College and its partner universities.

Save money

Staying close to home while you study can save you money - with course fees often lower than those at university, and less travel and accommodation costs. The College also has a **range of bursaries** to support your studies – visit **www.cavc.ac.uk/highereducation** to find out more.



World-class facilities

You will have access to industry specific teaching rooms and dedicated facilities at all sites for Higher Education study. This includes a HE Centre at our landmark **£45m City Centre Campus**. You will also be able to access the facilities of the partner university.

Our sites



City Centre Campus

City Centre Campus is our main hub in the capital city. Just a five minute walk from Cardiff Central Train Station and a ten minute walk from the city centre, this campus includes six different buildings all within a few minutes' walk. Most of our university level courses are taught at this campus. The 16,000m² building in the Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone boasts 130 teaching rooms, including specialist labs, workshops, studios, IT suites, general teaching rooms and two vast learning and skills centres as well as a dedicated Higher Education area.

The campus offers an onsite fine-dining restaurant, spa and salon, coffee shop, convenience store, specialist strength and conditioning gym and refectory.

Within just a few minutes' walk of this building are several specialist facilities. For HE, these include:

CAVC Creative Arts Academy - our brand new dedicated space for art, design and creative courses - with vast studio space and specialist facilities.

CAVC Construction Training Centre - a specialist centre for construction trades and professions.





Cardiff International Sports Campus

With inspirational sporting facilities including a gym, fitness suites, 3G pitches, professional athletics track, classrooms and learning centre. Our Higher Education courses in sport are delivered here where students can study and train in a first class professional sporting environment.



Barry Campus

Our main hub in the Vale of Glamorgan. Several Higher Education courses are taught at this campus including, Childhood Studies and Public Services, Psychology, Computing among others.

This large site houses a huge range of facilities including The Glamorgan Suite restaurant; academi urbasba salon; specialist construction, building services and automotive workshops; a dedicated art and design floor and a wide range of teaching and learning spaces. There is also a busy canteen, shop and coffee shop on site for learners and plenty of on-site parking. Or just hop on a bus from Cardiff or the Vale and get dropped off just outside the campus gates.





International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT)

Our International Centre for Aerospace Training is a centre of excellence for aerospace right next to Cardiff Airport. This fantastic facility houses aerospace courses at all levels, including our Aircraft Engineering Degree programme delivered in partnership with Kingston University. Complete with aircraft hangar and several aircraft, ICAT offers a state-of-the-art specialist environment for anyone wishing to enter this industry.



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My ambition has always been to be an Aircraft Engineer, ever since I was in high school I knew it was the path I wanted to go down. I wanted to find the best direction to get there. I'm originally from London and there you wouldn't find as many aircraft maintenance training facilities.

That's why I'm here.

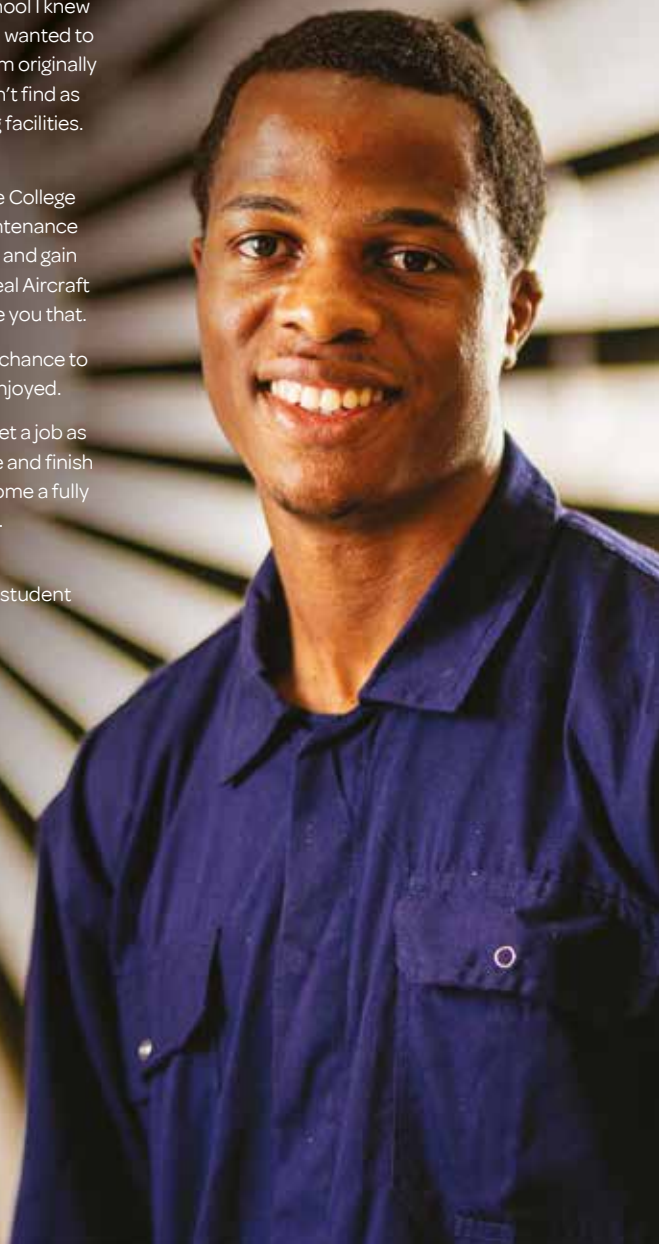
I chose to study at Cardiff and Vale College because it has a great aircraft maintenance facility where you can be hands on and gain experience of what it's like being a real Aircraft Engineer. Not many universities give you that.

Learning the theory and getting the chance to put it into practice I have really enjoyed.

My plans once I leave CAVC are to get a job as an Aircraft Mechanic, get experience and finish my B1 license modules so I can become a fully licensed Aircraft Engineer.

Andrew Kakeeto

BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering student



Support we provide:

Financial advice

There is a range of financial support available from Student Finance Wales for both full and part-time students, with loans to cover the tuition fees and a mix of grant and loan for living costs.

Detailed information can be found on our website and your eligibility will depend on your personal circumstances and your chosen course. Our Customer Service Team includes specialist advisors who can offer more information and guidance in this area.

Contact us for full details or you can also visit studentfinancewales.co.uk

Welsh provision and support

CAVC is proud to be Welsh.

We are committed to ensuring learners continue to use and develop their Welsh skills and provide opportunities to do this as well as submit work and be assessed in Welsh.



Careers

Our Careers and Ideas Team offers advice and guidance with job applications, work experience opportunities and progression to further study.

Support for learners with additional learning needs

Our specialist team is dedicated to supporting learners through their course with specialist support for learning difficulties or physical disabilities including dyslexia, dyspraxia, visual/hearing impairment, mobility issues, ADHD, autism and serious illness.

Higher Education students can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance. Find out more by visiting: www.cavc.ac.uk/hesupport. You can apply for the Disabled Students' Allowance before or during your course although we recommend that you do so as soon as possible as it can take some time to get everything in place.

Counselling support

Our professional counselling team are on site to support students.

International students

Our experienced team can assist with student visas, accommodation options, health care, travel and many other aspects of life in Cardiff and the UK.

For more information email:
international@cavc.ac.uk



I chose CAVC because it was closer to home, easily accessible to where I live and the facilities seemed really good. The thing I enjoy most about my course is the fact that I've met a diverse group of people. Having a smaller class size has definitely made the experience better for myself. You have more feedback, there's a lot more interaction between yourself and the tutors.

CAVC has helped me achieve my future career goals, I think the tutors especially have been excellent in guiding us. They share information with us and help with looking at different job opportunities in the sector that we can access after we've qualified.

Lisa Tawton

Foundation Degree Health and Social Care
Management student



Our partners

We work in partnership with a number of expert universities in Wales and England to deliver Higher Education qualifications. So although you will be studying at Cardiff and Vale College – you will graduate with a university qualification from one of our expert partner universities.

Our partner universities:



Cardiff
Metropolitan
University

Prifysgol
Metropolitan
Caerdydd



Cardiff and
Vale College is
a collaborative
partner of the
University of
South Wales

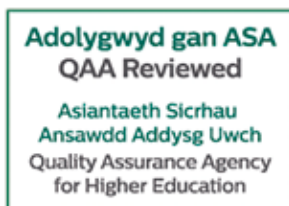


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The **Career** University

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The teaching was amazing I just felt very supported.

There was always that 1:1 tutoring that I really needed when I didn't have much confidence.

The facilities of the College were excellent, every year we had new technology and equipment we could explore, I felt my skills were really developing from that.

After I finished at CAVC I wanted to teach so I went off to do a PGCE and then I did my placement here. The staff supported me to achieve my goal to become a lecturer.

Aaron Leslie

Foundation Degree Product Design Graduate,
now Product Design Lecturer



What is the right course for me?

Below is a guide to the different types of Higher Education courses and qualifications offered at CAVC.

Foundation Degree (FD)*

Foundation Degrees are studied over two years, full-time (approx. three years part-time) and provide a stand-alone qualification but also offer progression opportunities for further study. A Foundation Degree carries the same weight as two thirds of a bachelor's degree. Upon successful completion of a Foundation Degree, you have the opportunity to 'top-up' to a full degree with one of our partner universities.

Foundation Degrees combine academic and work-based learning and are intended to equip you with skills and knowledge relevant to industry.

Higher National Diplomas (HNDs)

A work-related qualification that will advance your career, give you practical skills and lead to higher study. HNDs take two years to complete full-time and are Level 5 qualifications that are highly valued by employers. HNDs combine academic and hands-on practical and vocational learning that will develop the skills you need for the workplace.

Higher National Certificates (HNCs)

Higher National Certificates (HNCs) are Level 4 vocational qualifications. They take one year to complete full-time and are practical-based courses that can prepare you for either work after completion or studies at degree level.

Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)

A Diploma of Higher Education, like a HND, takes two years to complete full-time. They are both vocational courses and both carry the same credit value. The difference comes down to the method of assessment. A HND is mostly practical in the way it assesses students, whilst a DipHE follows a slightly more traditional assessment route.

Degree courses – BA (Hons), BSc (Hons), BEng (Hons)

Cardiff and Vale College offers some exciting full degree courses. These are delivered in partnership with a number of universities and equip you with a full degree qualification in your area of interest.



Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PgCE) / Professional Certificate in Education (ProfCE)

In partnership with the University of South Wales, CAVC offers both these qualifications in Post-compulsory Education and Training to enable you to gain a nationally recognised qualification to teach in the post-compulsory sector.



I'm Joseph, I'm 19 years old and I'm currently studying Foundation Degree Performing Arts.

I chose to attend CAVC because as an actor

I want to push myself and I felt going to this college I could experiment more to see how far I could go as a performer. My highlight has been working with all the different people and when we are given a script, how differently people see it and how I can take something from that. I think the tutors have been very encouraging, they've told us to go for it and be free. Don't hold back.

We've studied different types of performing like comedy, physical acting and voice acting.

I'm set on going on to USW and pursuing screen acting but I want to improve here and be fully prepared for the next step

Joseph Cohen

Foundation Degree Performing Arts student

Our courses

Below is a list of our Higher Education courses. To view full details including modules, locations, partners, fees and more, visit www.cavc.ac.uk/uni

Business and IT

BSc (Hons) Cyber Security
HND Business
HND Computing
HNC Hospitality Management

Teaching And Early Years

FD Education Learning & Development
BA (Hons) Education Learning & Development (top up)
ProfCE Post Compulsory Education and Training
PgCE Post Compulsory Education and Training

Creative Arts

FD Graphic Communication
BA (Hons) Electronic Music Production (top up)
DipHE Music Performance & Recording
DipHE Electronic Music Production
BMus(Hons) Music Performance & Recording (Top-up)
FD Performing Arts
FD Photography
FD Game Art & Design
FD Product Design
FD Contemporary Artist Designer
FD Film
HNC Technical Make Up Artistry, TV, Film & Theatre

Engineering, Construction and The Built Environment

BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering
HND Aeronautical Engineering
HNC/D Engineering
HNC/D Construction & Built Environment Pathways: Construction Civil Eng Surveying Building Services Eng

Health, Care and Social Sciences

FD Healthcare Play Specialism
FD Health & Social Care Management
FD Childhood Studies
FD Youth & Social Care
FD Psychology
HND Complementary Healthcare

Sport and Public Services

FD Sports Conditioning Rehabilitation and Massage
FD Applied Coaching & Analysis in Football Performance
HND Public & Emergency Services

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*Subject to validation



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After finishing my level 3 course at the College I enrolled on the BSc in Cyber Security at CAVC. I found out about the degree level course through my tutors, and thought it would be a really interesting path.

I've found the variation of units in my course really enjoyable, as part of this my assignments involve research which I enjoy as it's independent learning. My favourite thing about this course are the facilities which are available to us, and that we can access all the time.

After finishing this course I would like to progress on to a Masters in Digital Forensics, and then work with the police department to catch cyber criminals.

Heather Curtis-Rich

BSc (Hons) Cyber Security student

A blurred background image showing several graduates in black caps and gowns, some with green stoles, sitting at desks in a hall.

How to apply

Full-time

Applications for full-time courses must be made via UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). You can visit our website at www.cavc.ac.uk/uni for course details and links to the relevant UCAS webpages.

Part-time

You will need to apply directly to the College. You can do so by clicking 'Apply Now' on the relevant course information sheet on our website.

For more information visit cavc.ac.uk/apply or speak to one of our Student Services team via our Live Chat function on our website.

24/7 Virtual Open Day

Visit our Virtual Open Day. Anytime, any day, from anywhere! www.cavc.ac.uk/virtualopenday