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Cardiff and Vale College
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Higher Education Course Guide 2024/25



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?

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.



Train for the career you want

93% of our learners thought their HE experience at Cardiff and Vale College had helped prepare them for their future careers.

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 our students. In fact, CAVC scored 10% higher than the sector average for academic support and 14% higher for assessment and feedback (National Student Survey, 2023).



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.

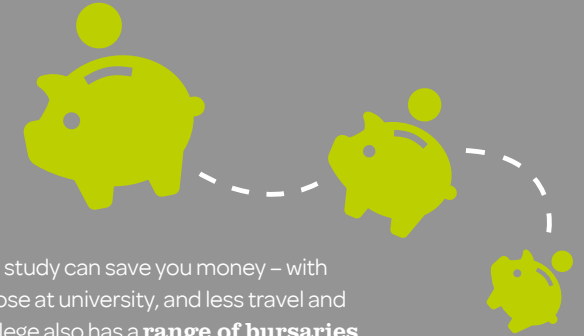


Professional and specialist teaching

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 cavc.ac.uk/en/he 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.

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

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

CAVC Creative Arts Academy – the main hub for our creative course provision. A new, dedicated space in Cardiff city centre with specialist facilities.

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





Barry Campus

Our main hub in the Vale of Glamorgan. Several of our Higher Education courses are taught at this campus.

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. There's 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.



Cardiff International Sports Campus

This campus features 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.





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.



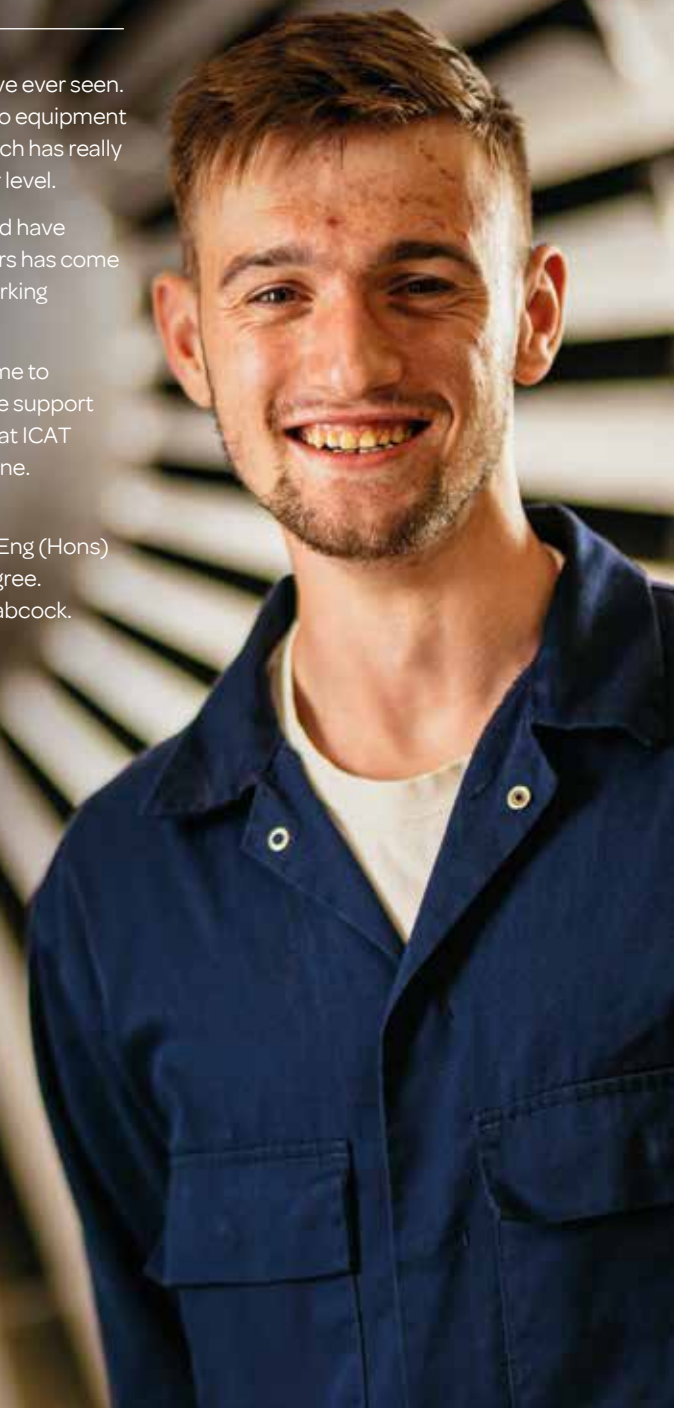
The facilities here are the best I've ever seen. Especially with all the upgrades to equipment over the last couple of years which has really taken them up to another level.

Everything I have learnt and have worked for over the last few years has come together and now I'm working in my dream job.

The College has helped me to achieve my ambitions and the support I've had from the lecturers at ICAT has been second to none.

Harri Stallard

Graduated with a First-class BEng (Hons)
Aircraft Engineering degree.
Now working full-time at Babcock.



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: cavc.ac.uk/en/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've really enjoyed my time here at Cardiff and Vale College. I've been able to work on a lot of live projects, where industry professionals come in with a brief for us to work on that same day.

Small class sizes mean that my individual ambitions and aspirations are recognised, so the teaching staff can aid and assist me in reaching my goals. Here we're taught that our classmates will be each other's contacts in the industry, not our competitors.

If you are someone who enjoys learning about design and getting their hands dirty with practical projects, then this is the course for you.

India Lloyd-Evans

Foundation Degree in Product Design



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

University of
South Wales
Prifysgol
De Cymru

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



Prifysgol Cymru
Y Drindod Dewi Sant
University of Wales
Trinity Saint David

Kingston
University
London



UNIVERSITY OF
WEST LONDON
The Career University

Quality Assurance

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Adolygwyd gan ASA
QAA Reviewed
Asiantaeth Sicrhau
Ansawdd Addysg Uwch
Quality Assurance Agency
for Higher Education

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I decided to study for my BSc after completing a BTEC at the College. I spoke with my tutors, who were really supportive, and they told me about the HE options here.

I'm really enjoying this course. I'm learning a lot and I've even had the chance to participate in a WorldSkills event, competing with other students at colleges and universities from all over the world!

If you are considering studying at Cardiff and Vale College, I would say go for it! I have had fantastic support throughout. The experience that I've had at the College has been absolutely amazing, and the people that I've met have been incredible.

Ellie Mitchell

BSc (Hons) Cyber Security



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), BMus (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)

CAVC offers both these qualifications in Post-compulsory Education and Training (including through the medium of Welsh) to enable you to gain a nationally recognised qualification to teach in the post-compulsory sector.



Because of different chapters in my life I left school, went to college then straight into work. But teaching was still my passion, so one day I thought 'let's just go for it!'.

I chose Cardiff and Vale College because it's got a good reputation and it's local and easily accessible to me. The staff have been absolutely brilliant. The support has been fantastic and the teaching is second to none. This course has really helped me: pushing me and developing my skills.

I'd recommend studying at Cardiff and Vale College. The application process is really simple and there are people here to help you all the way.

Muhammad Faiz Azman

PGCE



Our courses

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

Business and IT

BSc (Hons) Cyber Security
HND Business
HND Computing

Teaching and Early Years

FD Healthcare Play Specialism
Professional Certificate (ProfCE) in Post Compulsory Education and Training (PcET)
PGCE with Welsh
Professional Graduate Certificate (PgCE) Post Compulsory Education and Training (PcET)

Health, Care and Social Sciences

HNC in Health Care Practice
HE Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care
HNC in Social and Community Work
FD Healthcare Play Specialism
FD Psychology
HND Complementary Healthcare (Practitioner Status)

Creative Arts

FD Graphic Communication
BA (Hons) Electronic Music Production (top up)
BMus (Hons) Performance & Recording (top up)
DipHE Performance & Recording
DipHE Electronic Music Production
FD Game Art & Design
FD Product Design
HNC Technical Make Up Artistry, TV, Film & Theatre

Engineering, Construction and The Built Environment

BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering
BEng (Hons) Aviation Engineering (top up)
HNC Aeronautical Engineering
HND Aeronautical Engineering
HNC/D Construction & Built Environment Pathways:
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Management
- Quantity Surveying
HNC Engineering

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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I really enjoyed both the academic and practical elements of my course. I love being outdoors, so it was great to have the opportunity to go on an excursion with my class and undertake work out in the field.

In the past, I've struggled with my dyslexia, but I was able to access the Skills Centre and the tutors were really supportive throughout my course. A highlight was when the Welsh Ambulance Service gave a presentation to our class. They then gave us an opportunity to gain some valuable work experience as a Community First Responder.

The College provided me with all the skills and knowledge I needed to succeed in my new role as a Combat Medical Technician.

Bethan Thomas

HND in Public and Emergency Services



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 cavc.ac.uk/en/he 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.

Open Evenings

We run Open Evenings throughout the year across all of our campuses. For dates and booking information: cavc.ac.uk/openevenings

