

Academi
Hywel Teifi


Prifysgol Abertawe
Swansea University

Why study through the medium of Welsh?



It's a competitive workplace! Give yourself the best opportunity - study through the medium of Welsh!

The best education

When you leave school or college, continuing to study through the medium of Welsh will give you the best education. There are opportunities for students who are confident and fluent in the language as well as opportunities for those who are less confident or are learners. There is something that will suit everyone: from degree courses which are completely through the medium of Welsh to courses where some modules are offered in Welsh, or in some departments it is possible to have Welsh language seminars and tutorials for modules which are mainly taught through the medium of English. You have a right to present coursework and sit exams through the medium of Welsh, even if you have chosen to complete courses through the medium of English. By continuing to study your course completely or partly through the medium of Welsh, you will develop your skills in two languages – Welsh and English – which will open doors for you when you leave the university.

The best teaching methods

A number of the latest teaching methods are used to teach Swansea University's Welsh-medium modules which include multimedia teaching materials, video conferencing, residential courses, hands-on sessions which are organised by professionals and online resources. These support more traditional learning methods such as attending lectures and the library. Swansea University has an excellent teaching space dedicated for Welsh-medium education, thanks to our partnership with the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. Through this dedicated space and the video-conferencing equipment housed within it, our students can follow Welsh-medium modules taught at other universities.

The best chance to get a job

The ability to speak Welsh is a huge advantage for anyone who is looking for work. The Welsh language has official status in Wales which means that a large number of employers in Wales are searching for bilingual graduates. The ability to speak Welsh is classed as an extra skill in the workplace, in Wales and beyond. Therefore, studying through the medium of Welsh or bilingually in Swansea University could help you when you are looking for work.



International opportunity

We are able to offer unique international experiences and work placements to students as International connections are all important to Swansea University. A number of our Welsh-medium lecturers are worldwide experts in their field.

Funding opportunities

Students who study courses or modules bilingually or completely through the medium of Welsh have an excellent opportunity to receive financial support. The majority of our courses are eligible for the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's scholarships and Welsh-medium scholarships and bursaries which are offered by the university. As well as this, remember; research shows that the average salaries of bilingual workers are generally higher than those of monolingual workers.

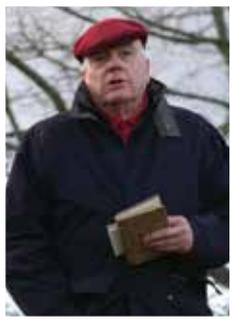
An opportunity to develop

Using your Welsh can lead to improving your education, your skills and your chance of finding a job, but don't forget about the opportunity that you have to personally develop by being a part of Swansea University's Welsh-language community. The ability to communicate in more than one language keeps the mind healthy as it helps you to become more creative, further develop your thinking skills and improve your mathematical skills.

*An opportunity too
good to waste!*



What is Academi Hywel Teifi?



Academi Hywel Teifi is a unique institute established by Swansea University in 2010 in memory of Professor Hywel Teifi Edwards, a former Professor of Welsh at the university and one of the nation's greats.

- it is a centre of excellence for studying the Welsh language, its literature and culture
- it promotes Welsh-medium teaching and research across the subjects offered by the university

- it works to ensure a more prominent place for the language in all aspects of the university's life and in south-west Wales

Whilst the Academi is home to a core team of staff, it also provides a community for all those offering Welsh-medium provision across the university and to the thousands of Welsh-speaking students on campus. Furthermore, the Swansea University Branch of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and the Learn Welsh - Swansea Bay Region team are situated within the Academi.

Through various activities the Academi supports, increases and enriches Welsh-medium provision and research at Swansea University in order to ensure that the University's students experience the best of both worlds – **a Welsh and Welsh-language experience at a university which has multicultural and international connections which are second to none.**



Swansea University Scholarships

Excellence Scholarship £3000	✓	Who? All students who gain AAA in their A Level examinations (or equivalent)
Merit Scholarship £2000	✓	Who? All students who gain AAB in their A Level examinations (or equivalent)
Welsh-medium undergraduate scholarship 15 scholarships worth £300	✓	Who? Students (Levels 4-6) looking to study at least 40 credits through the medium of Welsh where opportunity exists
Welsh-medium undergraduate bursaries 8 bursaries worth £100	✓	Who? Students (Levels 4-6) who are studying at least 5 credits through the medium of Welsh in one semester
Main Scholarship Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol £3000	✓	Who? Students who study at least 66% of the course, that is 80 credits a year, through the medium of Welsh
Incentive Scholarship Y Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol £1500	✓	Who? Students who study at least 33% of the course, that is 40 credits a year, through the medium of Welsh
William Salesbury Scholarship £5000	✓	Who? Students who wish to study a University Course that is available entirely through the medium of Welsh

For more information and guidelines on how to apply, visit:
www.abertawe.ac.uk/academihywelteifi/ysgoloriaethau

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Swansea University's Branch of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol



Swansea University's branch of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol is located within Academi Hywel Teifi. Its main aim is to provide advice and support for students who study and socialize through the medium of Welsh and staff who provide Welsh-medium courses.

The University offers over 25 courses which are eligible for the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's Main Scholarship and over 40 courses which are eligible for the Incentive Scholarship. The University continues to develop its Welsh language provision in order to provide students with more choice when they study here.

The branch arranges a variety of activities throughout the year, including events for schools, welcome events for freshers, events for Welsh-speaking students, discussion forums, gigs and lots more!

Remember to become a member of the branch in order to take advantage of all the Welsh-medium opportunities that the Coleg Cymraeg and the University can offer you - membership is free!

Kayleigh Jones, 19, received the Main Scholarship from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol to study for a BSc in Mathematics and Welsh.

"I chose to study a BSc in Mathematics and Welsh because I couldn't decide between the two. In college, I loved Welsh and wanted to continue to develop my skills. However, I also found Maths interesting and I loved the challenge that comes with the subject. After completing a period of work experience in the University and attending a Welsh second language summer school and open days, I believed that Swansea was the place for me. The University staff are lovely and the location is perfect. I received the Main Scholarship from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and receiving this scholarship has opened many doors for me as employers value it. I have enjoyed my university experience so far. I have met lots of lovely people and I have grown as a person. I have also tried many new things such as blogging. University life can be challenging but it is a great experience and I am very grateful that I have been given the chance to study at Swansea."



Jeno Lewis, 19, received an Incentive Scholarship from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol to study for a BA in Geography.

"Last year, I was very lucky to receive an Incentive Scholarship from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. In receiving this scholarship, I feel that I have become part of a community and met many other people who are studying in Welsh, so it was a pleasure getting to know people who were in the same boat as me. The scholarship was very useful when I needed to invest in study materials, for example textbooks in addition to paying for everyday things like food and travel costs. I've enjoyed studying a part of my course through the medium of Welsh, and am looking forward to the next two years!"



Postgraduate scholarships

If you are considering continuing your studies after you graduate, the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol offers scholarships for students who wish to study masters courses – either completely or partly – through the medium of Welsh. Each of these scholarships is worth £1,500, and they are available to students who wish to study specific M level courses.

The Coleg Certificate in Welsh language skills

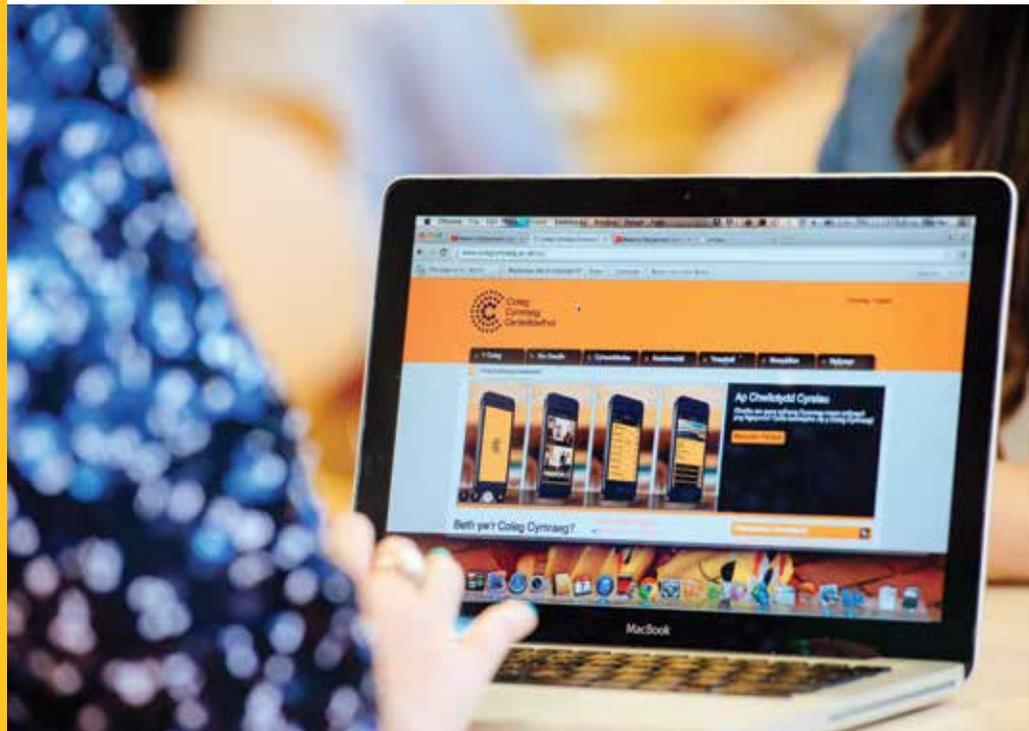
If you are studying at a Welsh University, how about taking advantage of the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol's Language Skills Certificate?

It's a chance to receive an extra certificate which shows future employers that you are confident and proficient in your written and oral Welsh language skills.

The College will arrange sessions at every university in order to prepare students to achieve the certificate and there are extra resources online.

You will need to complete a series of oral and written tasks before sitting an exam at your university in order to achieve this qualification.

Over 200 employers recognise the Certificate, including ITV Wales, The National Assembly for Wales, The Millennium Centre, National Resources Wales, and many more.



Lecturers

Swansea University takes pride in the Welsh-medium education which has been available at the university for decades, but following the appointment of a number of Welsh-medium lecturers sponsored by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol we have been able to offer either a new or an enriched provision through the medium of Welsh in the following fields:

Here are the subjects that are supported by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol at Swansea University:

- Biomedicine** - School of Medicine
- Engineering** - The College of Engineering
- French** - College of Arts and Humanities
- Geography** - College of Science
- History** - College of Arts and Humanities
- Media and Public Relations** - College of Arts and Humanities
- Medical Sciences** - School of Medicine
- Midwifery** - College of Human and Health Sciences
- Nursing** - College of Human and Health Sciences
- Physics** - College of Science
- Spanish** - College of Arts and Humanities
- Social Work** - College of Human and Health Sciences
- Welsh** - College of Arts and Humanities
- Zoology** - College of Science

Dr Rhian Meara Lecturer in Physical Geography College of Science

"This year, the Geography Department will continue to offer core and optional modules through the medium of Welsh, including tutorials, field work, mathematics, natural hazards and geology. The number of students who study through the medium of Welsh has increased yearly. Don't waste the opportunity you have - take an interest in the subject you're studying, read, research and work hard."



Dr Aled Isaac Lecturer in Physics College of Science

"I have been lecturing through the medium of Welsh at Swansea University for almost two years now, and the students have been very supportive, contributing to the development of the course. It is possible to study science through the medium of Welsh and succeed at the highest level."



Socialising

The Student's Union

Swansea University has a very active union. You can join a variety of societies and clubs, attend numerous events such as the yearly Summer Ball, and receive advice and support for free. The Student's Union's Welsh Affairs Officer ensures that the voice of the Welsh and Welsh-medium student body is heard.

Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg (The Welsh Society)

Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg (The Welsh Society) (or the 'Gym Gym' as it's called) provides students with a great opportunity to make new friends. The Gym Gym meets regularly as a society by arranging numerous social events through the medium of Welsh, such as rugby trips, gigs and pub crawls. Visit The Gym Gym's Facebook page to discover more- www.facebook.com/pages/Gym-Gym-Abertawe

Clwb Rygbi Tawe



"Clwb Rygbi Tawe is a Welsh language rugby club for first language, second language or students who are learning Welsh. We are entering our second year as a club, and are looking forward to the opportunity to prove ourselves once again against the other Welsh universities. The 7-a-side inter-collegiate tournament is always a highlight of our year, and training for that promises to be tough, but quite a bit of fun!"

Gwyn Aled Rennolf Clwb Rygbi Tawe President

www.swansea-union.co.uk/activities/club/17991



The Hoffi Coffi café

This is a café for Welsh speakers where you can relax with your friends and a cup of coffee. The Café is located in the library and events are regularly held here through the medium of Welsh. The café contains a mural featuring part of the poem written by Tudur Hallam, Professor of Welsh at the University, as a tribute to the late Professor Hywel Teifi Edwards.

Do you want to live with other Welsh language students?

Accommodation in Penmaen Hall at Singleton Campus is reserved for students who wish to live with other Welsh-language students. Similar opportunities are also available on the new Bay Campus.

"The Welsh Society is a group of Welsh speakers and learners who come together to socialise at a variety of events. As a committee, we organise nights out, pub crawls, quiz nights and inter-collegial trips with the other Welsh Universities. This year, members will have the opportunity to go to Edinburgh for a weekend to watch Wales play Scotland in the Six Nations Championship. The Welsh Society is a great place to make new friends, socialise in Welsh, and to make great memories."



Beatrice Young Y Gymdeithas Gymraeg President

Work experience, employability and international opportunities

A degree is important to ensure a good job, but employers look for far more than a degree when choosing which graduates to employ. Ensuring work experience and developing skills as you study and during the holidays will add to your ability to compete for jobs.

Academi Hywel Teifi has developed a new Welsh-medium module which is open to all Level 2 students, whatever their degree course. This module gives you an opportunity to take advantage of a Welsh-medium work experience placement in a field relevant to your degree, thereby developing crucial employability skills.

AHT200 WORK EXPERIENCE 20 CREDITS, SEMESTER 2

On this module you will spend a period of 10 days' work experience with an organisation, a charity, a business or a governmental institution in Wales. You will attend the placement one day a week throughout the term in order to develop employability skills and a comprehensive understanding of the world of work. There will also be lectures and seminars to improve your employability skills and enable you to make the most of your period of work experience, as well as preparing you to apply for jobs.

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Swansea Employability Academy (SEA)

Swansea University has founded a new academy, Swansea Employability Academy, to support students who wish to increase their employability skills. The Academy promotes new initiatives, demonstrates good practice, and provides opportunities which will enable you to improve your skills and record your attainments by using the Higher Education Record of Achievement. Two schemes offered are the Swansea Paid Internship Network (SPIN) and the Week of Work (WoW) Visit www.swansea.ac.uk/employability-academy for more information

International opportunities

Studying abroad schemes give you an opportunity to gain valuable interpersonal and transferable skills, such as organising and planning, joint working, problem-solving and communicating. These days employers recognise how important it is for graduates to have an understanding of international issues or other cultures, and they expect it. As a result, the University offers various opportunities for you to study abroad as part of your degree or to take advantage of one of the summer programmes available. Swansea University has links with more than 100 partner universities and organisations around the world.

For further information about this scheme and other opportunities contact the University's International Development Office: studyabroad@swansea.ac.uk

Alun - MPhys Physics

"I was very lucky to have the opportunity to go to Ysgol Rhydywaun as part of the *Teaching Physics via a School Placement* module. Teaching is a career I'm seriously considering, so gaining experience in the field was vital for me before applying for a place on a PGCE course. The experience was challenging, but I'm extremely glad to have undertaken it, as it confirmed my desire to teach. Over the summer, I applied for a month's work placement with Academi Hywel Teifi working with the recruitment and marketing team. As a Physics student, this placement gave me experiences and opportunities to develop skills that were totally different to those I would have had on my course."



Megan - BA French and Spanish

"The two years I've already spent in Swansea have been amazing. I believe that I've developed as an individual over this period, with support from my department and the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol. I'm truly looking forward to my year abroad in Chile next year, so that I can utilise that which I have learnt over my time in Swansea, and I hope to gain a few new experiences too!"



Owain - BSc Geography

"During the course of my Geography degree I had the privilege of travelling to a variety of fantastic countries including Canada in my second year and the United States of America during my third. This has led to a number of fantastic experiences from watching the sunset in the Grand Canyon to seeing lively and exciting cities like Vancouver and Las Vegas. I can't thank the Geography department enough for all the unforgettable experiences I've had as a result of studying Geography at Swansea University."



Student Opinions



“The best thing about the Adult Nursing course is the variety of opportunities we are given from completing academic work to being on clinical practice. I have been out on placement twice this year and I've nurtured and maintained new skills during both. I am currently studying a part of the course through the medium of Welsh and I use the Welsh language daily during my clinical placements. The ability to speak Welsh has been a great advantage to me while following this course.”

Aled Bryn
BSc Adult Nursing

“My first year as a student in Swansea has been an unforgettable one. It's allowed me to make friends and great memories, learn more about the variety of subjects I have an interest in, and has given me countless opportunities. Since coming to the University, I have developed as an individual, getting familiar with the independence which comes with student life. As I'm studying Modern Languages, I will spend my third year abroad and I'm keen to make the most of this opportunity by learning more about the languages and cultures of the countries I'm studying.”

Becca
BA French and Spanish



“The main reasons behind coming to Swansea University were that I wanted to stay in Wales, and when I visited the city and the University on an open day, I felt a homely, friendly atmosphere. I was greatly surprised that the Welsh language provision was so strong here; as a physicist, I didn't expect that I would be able to study parts of my course in Welsh. Looking back, I'm sure that this is the main reason for me enjoying my time here so much, along with being a part of the Welsh Society. I enjoy living in an area where there is plenty to do outdoors, from cycling to Rhosili to playing rugby with the boys from Clwb Rygbi Tawe on the beach! I would recommend the University and the city to anyone.”

Twm
MPhys Physics



“I joined the Welsh Society during my first year at Swansea University and though I went to some of the events, I didn't feel confident enough to speak Welsh with those who spoke it as their mothertongue. Then, in my second year, I decided to try new things and I joined Clwb Rygbi Tawe, and the Welsh Society once again. I went to most of the events and in my opinion they were fundamental in the development of my studies and confidence. Both were a massive help to me and the people I met were great, and really supportive. I've also had the chance to travel around Wales and meet people from other areas which is a big help, as exposure is essential during linguistic studies. I couldn't have asked for a better experience. I'm very much looking forward greatly to my third year.”

Tom
BA Welsh



I decided to come to Swansea University following a visit day I attended where I received information regarding a new course that caught my attention. I intended to continue my studies through the medium of Welsh therefore I decided to follow the BA Media and Public Relations through the medium of Welsh. I am extremely happy with the course and I know I definitely made the right decision. I felt at home instantly once I moved here, as if I was a part of a small community because the staff within the Academi are kind and always ready to help with any problems or issues. This is a unique and new course and the opportunities I've received so far have been excellent.

Cerian
BA Media and Public Relations

“I was really interested in Law and the course is perfect for me as I am able to study parts of it through the medium of Welsh. Half of my seminars are taught in Welsh. The groups are smaller which is great because we receive more attention and help from the lecturers and the course moves quickly! Law is a course which helps individuals to develop a range of different skills from day one and these skills prepare you for the world of work.”

Gwennan
LLB Law



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