



SWANSEA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY  
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## Swansea Metropolitan University (SMU)

achieved its status as an independent Higher Education Corporation in 1992 but its roots stretch back over 150 years. It is made up of the former Swansea College of Art, Swansea College of Technology and Swansea College of Education.

Swansea is Wales' second largest city and has a population of around 230,000. Swansea is located about 40 miles west of Cardiff and 199 miles west of London. There are excellent hourly rail and bus links to both cities and Cardiff Wales Airport is approximately 40 miles away. Swansea is a growing city with all the amenities you would want or need, combining restaurants, theatres, art galleries and nightlife. The Accommodation Officer also holds a substantial list of lodgings, and can supply students with details of nearby student accommodation. Students are taught by experienced and well qualified teaching staff with years of experience in business, commerce and the education environment.

At Swansea Metropolitan University, we are committed to building quality into everything we do. Every program is rigorously checked before it is allowed to start, making sure it reaches our exacting academic standards and is relevant to the world of work. Classrooms and lecture theatres are modern and up-to-date with some of the best teaching resources available.



### Geography/Location

The Gower Peninsula was the first part of Britain to be awarded the title of 'Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty' and will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of its designation as such in 2006. A new multi-million pound sports stadium for professional football and rugby was completed in early 2005 and a new National Maritime Museum for Wales opened its doors to the public in October 2005.

### Features

The Institute has recruited international students for many years and recognises the important contribution they make to the academic and social life at Swansea. The University prides itself on its reputation of being caring and supportive as well as providing high quality programs of study. Each year a civic welcome for our international students is hosted by the city and county of Swansea.



### CANTEACH COURSE OPTIONS

The Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)  
- Primary and Secondary options  
Full Degree and Study Abroad options available

The PGCE programs are 38 weeks long, of which around 18 weeks are spent in school.

The Primary PGCE course is designed to prepare students for a career in teaching either at Key Stage 2 (7-11 years) or in the early years (3-8 years) across the range of the primary curriculum.

The program has two main components: School-Based Experience and Campus-Based Studies

#### School-Based Experience

This will enable students to acquire knowledge of day-to-day life and work in schools and to develop the skills necessary for effective teaching. 4 periods of School-Based Experience totaling 18 weeks is offered to PGCE students at SMU.

Through these experiences in schools students should: acquire a first-hand knowledge and experience of pupils from a wide range of ages, abilities and interests in a variety of schools practice the organisation and management of pupils' learning across the whole primary curriculum gain some experience and understanding of schools as working institutions.

### Start Dates/Orientation Dates

Orientation: early September  
Term Start date: early September-December  
January-March; April-early July

### Costs

Tuition: PGCE - Primary and Secondary £8,500/year\*  
£200 full payment discount  
\*subject to change  
Accommodation: £2,500/year  
Living expenses: £5,000/year