

Swansea College

International – looking after You

Swansea College is recognised as one of the leading publicly funded Further Education Colleges in Wales with students from a vast range of countries studying programmes across the curriculum. It has been in operation as a Further Education College for 45 years although it has been in existence as a College for nearly 200 years.



Our commitment to the internationalisation of the curriculum and the student population has contributed to the growing reputation of our international operation. Our internationally recognised qualifications are delivered to the highest standards, contributing to our overall pass rate of 93%.

Swansea College is committed to constantly improving the International Student Experience and aims to offer an excellent educational, cultural and social experience. We offer first class student support and the services of a dedicated International Office with experienced staff available to offer a friendly helping hand.



Support services offered to international students include:

- Experienced International Office staff to provide professional advice and guidance from enquiry through to graduation
- Free airport collection when studying on a full time programme for at least 6 months
- Registration with a Doctor and Dentist
- Assistance with the opening of a bank account
- Assistance in finding part time work
- Assistance with arranging homestay or private accommodation
- Assistance with extending students visas
- Regular personal tutorials with a personal course tutor so there is always someone available to help with any academic or other issues along with regular progress reports
- Comprehensive careers and course progression advice to ensure that the course that you choose is the best for you and your future
- Excellent teaching and learning with access to extensive state of the art technology and learning facilities
- Spacious and well equipped class rooms, studios and laboratories
- Internationally recognised qualifications
- Additional English language support if required

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Accommodation

Our dedicated International Office staff can help you arrange your accommodation before you arrive and provide ongoing support during your stay here. There are two types of accommodation available to students coming to study at Swansea College.

If you are under 18 years of age then you must stay in homestay accommodation.

Homestay accommodation

Living in carefully vetted and risk assessed homestay accommodation as part of a family will give you the ideal opportunity to learn all about British family life and to practise your English at the same time. We find students who live in homestay accommodation improve their English the most.

You will have a single room in a comfortable home with breakfast and dinner provided seven days a week and lunch at the weekends. There may be other students living in the house but they will not be of the same nationality. Payment is made direct to your host family, by arrangement.

Please note that not all homestay families are made up of two parents with children. We have many friendly and experienced host families on our register of differing ages and backgrounds.

Costs

£98 per week (includes meals as detailed above) and a one off administration fee of £50.

If you would like us to arrange homestay accommodation for you prior to your arrival, please complete the enclosed form and return it to the International Office as soon as possible.

Renting a house or flat

If you are used to living independently, this may be the best choice for you. You can either share a house or flat with other students (either British or international) and be responsible for your own cooking, cleaning and payment of bills, or live on your own.

Most students in private-sector accommodation live in shared houses normally comprising of a number of single bedrooms (4 - 6 is typical), with kitchen, bathroom(s) and sometimes a sitting room. Houses let to students are almost always furnished. The standard and the type of equipment provided will vary from house to house as all furnishings are provided by the landlord.

Costs

Approximately £55 - £75 per week (in shared accommodation)

These costs do not include gas and electricity costs but usually include water rates. Please note that while we can help you to find rented accommodation, we have not inspected the properties and any agreement will be between you and the landlord, not the college. Please note that we will try to honour specific requests but we cannot offer any guarantees.

