

International Transfer

Aberystwyth University,
Wales UK

Study at Brookdale Community
College with the intent of
transferring in the third
year to Aberystwyth
University, Wales



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Introduction

Brookdale Community College have teamed up with our academic partners, Aberystwyth University in Wales, UK to offer Brookdale students an opportunity to transfer internationally to complete your Bachelor degree abroad.

The information which follows is to introduce you to the idea and lay out some of the main points for consideration. Should you decide to pursue a transfer there will be assistance available on many of the issues which are touched on here for introductory purposes.

Your contacts

For more information about this opportunity:

Your contact at Brookdale Community College is:

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Position: International Officer for the Americas

Degree Programmes Available

Brookdale Community College

Students enrolled in the following BCC programmes are eligible for application to transfer to AU to study towards an honours degree:

AA or AS Business Administration

AA Humanities, English Option

AA Humanities, English Option or
AA Humanities, Creative Writing Option

AA Humanities, Creative Writing Option

AA Humanities, Media Studies Option

AFA Studio Arts

Aberystwyth University

Eligible transfer students who are accepted by AU will have the choice to enrol for the second year study in AU on any of the following programmes:

BSc Business & Management

BA English Literature

BA English & Creative Writing

BA Creative Writing

BA Media Communication

BA Fine Arts

Qualifying for Transfer

For each major, the modules (courses) listed are those that are transferable to Aberystwyth. Students should select the number of courses needed to fulfil the career course requirements of the respective Brookdale degree programme.

ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF ART

Students must achieve a grade of B- (2.67) or above in the modules chosen from the following list to be eligible for transfer to the chosen degree scheme at AU School of Art. Successful completion of the History of Art modules is compulsory (ARTH 106 and ARTH 107).

ARTS 111	Drawing I
ARTS 112	Drawing II
ARTS 121	2D Design
ARTS 122	Color Theory
ARTS 123	3D Design
ARTS 213	Figure Drawing
ARTS 231	Painting I
ARTS 232	Painting II
ARTS 235	Watercolor
ARTS 295	Special Project - ART
ARTC 141	Digital Paint I
ARTC 142	Digital Paint II
PHTY 111	Photography I
ARTH 107	History of Art: Renaissance to Contemporary
ARTH 106	History of Art: Ancient through medieval

ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS SCHOOL

Students must achieve a grade of B (3.0) or above in the modules chosen from the following list to be eligible for transfer to the AU Business School.

BUSI 105	Introduction to Business
BUSI 205	Principle of Management
ECON 105	Macro Economics
ACCT 101	Principles of Accounting 1
ACCT 102	Principles of Accounting 2
MRKT 101	Introduction to Marketing
ECON 225	Business Statistics
MATH 156	Mathematics for Management and the Social Sciences

Any Additional Mathematics modules as requested by Brookdale.

ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURE AND
CREATIVE ARTS

Students must achieve a grade of B (3.0) or above in the modules chosen from the following list to be eligible for transfer to the AU Institute of languages, Literature and Creative Arts.

English Literature

ENGL150	Afro American Literature
ENGL158	Introduction to Literature
ENGL175	Woman as Author
ENGL206	Approaches to Literary Studies
ENGL224	Fiction Writing Workshop
ENGL229	Representing Gender
ENGL235	World Literature 1
ENGL236	World Literature 2
ENGL245	American Literature I
ENGL246	American Literature II
ENGL266	Young Adult Literature
ENGL275	Shakespeare's Plays
ENGL295	Special Project
THTR105	Theatre Appreciation

English and Creative Writing

ENGL150	Afro American Literature
ENGL158	Introduction to Literature
ENGL175	Woman as Author
ENGL206	Approaches to Literary Studies
ENGL221	Creative Writing
ENGL223	Poetry Writing Workshop
ENGL224	Fiction Writing Workshop
ENGL228	Screenwriting Basics Workshop
ENGL229	Representing Gender
ENGL231	British Literature I
ENGL232	British Literature II
ENGL235	World Literature 1
ENGL236	World Literature 2
ENGL266	Young Adult Literature
ENGL275	Shakespeare's Plays
ENGL295	Special Project
THTR105	Theatre Appreciation

Creative Writing

ENGL150	Afro American Literature
ENGL158	Introduction to Literature
ENGL175	Woman as Author
ENGL206	Approaches to Literary Studies
ENGL221	Creative Writing
ENGL223	Poetry Writing Workshop
ENGL224	Fiction Writing Workshop
ENGL228	Screenwriting Basics Workshop
ENGL229	Representing Gender
ENGL231	British Literature I
ENGL232	British Literature II

ENGL235	World Literature 1
ENGL236	World Literature 2
ENGL266	Young Adult Literature
ENGL275	Shakespeare's Plays
ENGL295	Special Project
THTR105	Theatre Appreciation

Media and Communication

CINE105	Film Appreciation
TEL115	TV: Aesthetics and Analysis
TEL121	TV Production
TEL224	Video Editing
COMM101	Communication
COMM102	Communication Media
DGMD101	Introduction to Digital Media

Registering your interest

To register your interest speak to an adviser at BCC who will help you complete a Notice of Intent to Transfer form. You will then be put in contact with Aberystwyth University staff who will be able to advise you further. Shortly before you transfer you will have to complete a full application form on receipt of which, if you have met all the necessary conditions as listed above, you will receive formal notification of your place at Aberystwyth University.

Why Aberystwyth University is our international partner

- UK university highly respected for teaching and research
- Top 4 in the UK for student satisfaction
- Safe & welcoming
- Accepts US financial aid
- Students of 119 nationalities
- Community College Scholarships

Pre-transfer orientation and support

- Visits to Brookdale Community College from Aberystwyth University staff and academics to meet with and advise you
- Online support via email
- Dedicated web page
- Facebook group
- Scheduled online chat
- Support from Brookdale transfer advisers.

Requirements for graduation once you have transferred

<https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/regulations/contents/modular-degrees/>

<https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/regulations/degree-criteria/> - see notes for Level 6



Funding and Costs

The tables below are a guide to current costs to give you some idea. You will receive details on the exact cost of your attendance during the process of preparing you for transfer.

Expenditure	Current Cost per annum
Tier 4 Student Visa cost	£322 (one off payment)
Healthcare surcharge – see notes	£150
Tuition Fees	£13000 – £14,500
Room (standard single room in a Residence [energy inclusive] for approx. 36 weeks)	£3,331 – £4,995
Living costs	£4000 – £5000

LIVING EXPENSES

The following table show examples of the kinds of costs incurred by an undergraduate staying at Aberystwyth. Remember, these will vary according to your lifestyle. Costs are calculated over the academic year, which is usually around 39 weeks. Please bear in mind that these are average costs. The residential costs at Aberystwyth are much lower than in some parts of the country. Travel costs within the town are low and general living costs are much cheaper.

Expenditure	Cost per annum
Room (standard single room in a Residence [energy inclusive] for approx. 36 weeks)	£3,331 – £4,995
Food (depending on taste)	~£1800
Social	£1170
Telephone Calls	£200
Extras	£390
Books, equipment, stationery	£100
Clothing	£200

TUITION FEES

Please make sure that you are aware of all the tuition loans, bursaries and scholarships available and their eligibility criteria by going to www.aber.ac.uk/en/undergrad/fees-finance.

You will be awarded a **Community College Partner Scholarship** of £2000 for the first year of your studies at Aberystwyth.

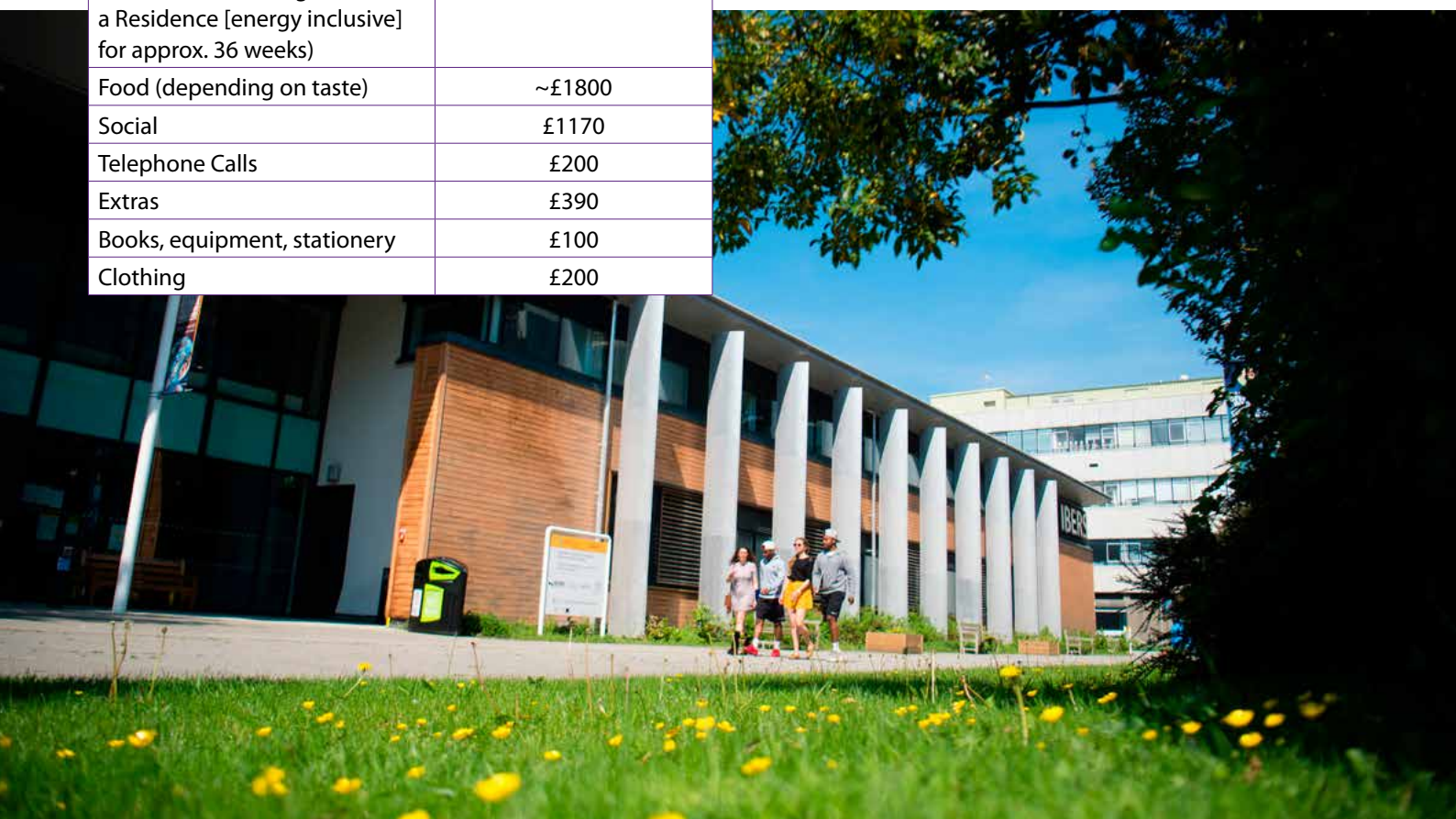
USING US FINANCIAL AID IN THE UK

Aberystwyth University is recognised as a Foreign School by the US Department of Education and holds a Title IV Agreement which means that you can use US financial aid to fund your studies at Aberystwyth University. You will need to have been offered a place by Aberystwyth University before starting your loan application.

Aberystwyth University will then be able to advise you on the estimated cost of attendance. You can borrow up to the value of your cost of attendance (COA) with a combination of Stafford Loan, Grad Plus or Parent Plus and private loan.

As in the US, the first step in applying for a Federal loan is to complete your FAFSA online to establish your eligibility. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov

Further advice is available on the steps involved at <https://studentloans.gov>



Health Care

Am I entitled to free medical treatment in the UK?

The UK Government has introduced a surcharge to cover National Health Service treatment costs for International students. Details of who is entitled to free hospital treatment can be found here: www.ukcisa.org.uk/Information--Advice/Living-in-the-UK/Health-and-healthcare

If you are entitled to NHS treatment the following services will be free of charge:

- medicine you require on prescription - this is free in Wales (but not throughout the UK)
- consulting a doctor/General Practitioner (GP) and most other GP services (e.g. visiting a doctors' surgery/clinic)
- treatment in a hospital (both emergency and non-emergency treatment)

You are likely to pay for:

- some GP services (e.g. vaccinations for travel and getting a sickness certificate)
- dental treatment
- optical treatment
- any illness or conditions which existed before you arrived in the UK

In the UK, non-emergencies are dealt with in a surgery by a doctor known as a General Practitioner (GP). You do not pay to register with or to consult with a doctor. GP appointments are short - only five or ten minutes, but your GP will refer you to a consultant - an expert - if you need extra or special treatment, like an operation. You will receive more information on how to register with a GP when you arrive in Aberystwyth.

In addition to your local GP, the Student Wellness Centre can support you with free professional health management. Advice is available about: stress, anxiety and mental health issues, prescriptions, sexual health, diet, smoking cessation and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Dental treatment

Although dental treatment is available on the NHS, it is not always free. You may receive a dental health check-up without being charged but additional dental treatment will be payable depending on individual circumstances.

You may be worried about how you will manage your money while you are in the UK. Aberystwyth University offers support to students who are struggling. For more information on money management please visit: www.aber.ac.uk/en/student-finance/money-management

Where will I Live?

Aberystwyth University has a wide range of accommodation situated within easy reach of the campus.

Each residence is a vibrant community with its own distinctive character, offering you a safe and secure environment in which to socialise, study and relax.

Catered residences

All catered accommodation provides single or shared study bedrooms, with shared bathroom facilities.

Catered residents benefit from the use of our award winning restaurants, and access to kitchenettes in which you can prepare basic meals and snacks.

Self-catered residences

This accommodation is arranged in either flats or individual houses to accommodate between 2 and 10 people, with fully fitted kitchens to offer you the independence to cater for yourself. All self-catered residences (apart from our en-suite accommodation) offer shared facilities including bathroom (toilets, wash basins, showers and/or baths). To see costs of accommodation, please go to

www.aber.ac.uk/en/accommodation

Private Accommodation

There are plenty of shared houses and flats in Aberystwyth let by private landlords to students. Occasionally you may find a room in a house that you would share with the landlord/lady. For further information please visit:

www.aber.ac.uk/en/accommodation/private-sector

Travelling to Aberystwyth

There are good rail links to Aberystwyth from all the major UK airports. The majority of students coming to Aberystwyth arrive at Birmingham International Airport, which has the advantage of having a direct train service to Aberystwyth. Many others arrive at other major UK airports such as Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton, Stansted, Manchester and Cardiff. For further information on arrival including information on how to travel from major UK ports and airports to Aberystwyth click here:

www.aber.ac.uk/en/maps-travel/further-travel

Academic Study at Aberystwyth University

The medium in which a subject is taught varies between academic departments. This section provides a brief explanation of different types of classes you might encounter:

Lecture

This is a large class (sometimes over 100 students), that lasts for forty five minutes. The lecturer will give a general overview of a topic in the form of a presentation and you will need to take notes. There is usually little opportunity to ask questions during lectures.

Seminar

This is a small class of around 15 students or fewer and typically requires a lot of student interaction. The lecturer will normally notify you of a topic for discussion in advance and sometimes a group of students will prepare a short presentation. The aim is for the students to analyse the topic through discussion and learn from other students. Reasoned argument is encouraged; don't be afraid to speak out, to challenge others, (including the lecturer) and contribute your ideas. Seminars are more common in arts and humanities.

Tutorial

This is a meeting between a tutor and an individual student or small group of students. It can include discussions and student presentations related to a particular topic if it is a small class. If it is a one-to-one meeting between you and your tutor, it will be an opportunity for you to discuss the progress of your work, and to tell the tutor about any problems you are having with a topic or with study methods.

Practical work

On many courses you will have practical workshops, e.g. in laboratories, intended to give you practical application of the theories studied. This is more common in the sciences.

Independent study

University study in the UK is aimed at encouraging a high level of independence and self-directed study. This means that you will be given guidance and help, but you will be expected to do a great amount of work on your own. This requires lots of self-motivation. You will be expected to learn key skills such as critical analysis and problem-solving and develop your own ideas.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment methods vary from one school to another, but they include:

- written examination; normally essays rather than multiple choice questions
- course work, including written essays, reports and dissertations
- group work projects
- presentation to a seminar
- practical assessments

Undergraduate courses generally include a mixture of essays, projects, presentations and practical assessments.

What do the grades 1st, 2:1, 2:2 and 3rd mean for assignments?

These are classes of degree. The highest grade is a 1st (or over 70%) and is roughly equivalent to an 'A' grade in other countries' Universities. This is followed by 2:1 (ranging between 60% and 69%), 2:2 (between 50% and 59%) and 3rd (40% - 49%). A 2:1 is considered a good grade and a 1st is usually very difficult to obtain.

Academic support

You may find the pace and level of academic work is different than what you have been used to when you start your course, but support is available within the University to help you improve your study skills.

Your personal tutor should be your first point of contact. Your personal tutor will be a member of teaching staff within your Department who will be able to help you if you have any academic, personal or health concerns that are affecting your studies.

You can also access online advice about improving your study skills and revision techniques at:

www.aber.ac.uk/en/student-support/study-skills

Help and Advice

Aberystwyth University has many sources of help for a variety of situations:

The Student Support Centre

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/student-support>

The Student Support Centre is a dedicated facility on campus to help students with any problems or questions. Within the Student Support Centre you will find many services; those that are not mentioned elsewhere in the guide are shown below:

International Student Support

www.aber.ac.uk/en/international/support

The International Student Adviser provides advice and support to International students on a wide range of issues, as well as providing specialised advice and help with applying for Tier 4 student visas: immigrationadvice@aber.ac.uk

The UK Council for International Student Affairs organisation (UKCISA) has a lot of useful advice and information, including fact sheets, for International students on their website www.ukcisa.org.uk

Counselling Service

www.aber.ac.uk/en/student-support/health/counselling

The Aberystwyth University Counselling service is part of the Student Wellness Centre situated within Student Support Services.

Disability and Dyslexia Service

www.aber.ac.uk/en/student-support/accessibility-advice-and-support/

For students with disabilities we can arrange note-taking services, adapted accommodation, and access to Green Card areas which are equipped with computers, special hardware, additional software and laptop access. We can offer you advice on enabling technology and special examination arrangements so that you can reach your full potential and get the good results you deserve.

Nightline

Nightline is the overnight student support line for Aberystwyth University. Nightline is a confidential and anonymous service; students do not have to tell us anything about themselves, not even their name. Nightline is run by trained students on behalf of all students at Aberystwyth.

Advice and Representation with the Students' Union

www.abersu.co.uk/representation

The Students' Union can try and help you with any issues you have. The Union is run by students for students, so they may understand your needs better than other forms of support in the University.

You can contact your Course Representative if you require academic representation. This can cover things to do with your course, studying and academic resources. These are students who are elected or selected through your departments to represent you on things relating to your degree.

There are also Halls Representatives (if you live in halls) and Community Representatives (if you live in town). They are here to represent students where they live - in town or in University halls. They're there to make your voice heard in matters related to your day-to-day life.

Religion and Faith

In the UK there is freedom to follow any religion and any faith. The largest faith community is Christian and there are good relationships between the major religions. The vibrant international community at the University offers great opportunities for meeting people of your own and other religions.

There is a wide range of religious organisations and places of worship in and around Aberystwyth. The Christian Union shows a map of places of Christian worship here:

www.aberchristianunion.org.uk/

The student Union has societies for many different religions such as Atheism, Catholicism, Christianity, Islam and Methodism. You can view these here:

www.abersu.co.uk/societies/societieslist/



Social Life

Aberystwyth is well known for having a wide range of popular clubs and societies.

The Students' Union

When you enrol at Aberystwyth University you also become a member of Aberystwyth Students' Union. The Union is run by students, for students and is dedicated to the social and welfare needs of all students on campus. The Union provides a huge range of services, from the 100+ clubs and societies to the dedicated Student Advice & Representation Centre, from student media and volunteering to nightclubs, bars and shops. You can join a society or even make your own! You can also get confidential impartial advice and support, from welfare to representation.

Student societies

Within the Union, there are over 70 cultural, social and political societies run by students for students. They provide the opportunity to try something new, almost every week. They offer a huge range of activities, from going on trips and holidays, making music, volunteering your time and energy for a worthy charity, to celebrating a national day or religious event and more.

During the first week of term there will be a Societies Fair in the Students' Union, which is an ideal opportunity to find out more about the societies and join those which interest you.

www.abersu.co.uk/societies/societieslist

International societies

There are many International Societies which reflect the multicultural environment of Aberystwyth University such as the Erasmus Society. These societies are ideal for combatting culture shock, as wherever in the world you have travelled

from, you are sure to find other students who share a common bond. Similarly, there are lots of religious societies that provide new students with the chance to worship and express their religious beliefs. If there is a particular culture or country you feel should be represented, you can always start one yourself by getting in touch with the Activities Officer:

www.abersu.co.uk/societies/start-up

Departmental societies

Most courses at University have a corresponding society. Whether you study Business or Geography, History or Biology, you will find a society in which you can meet fellow course-mates. Joining a course society gives you the opportunity to make new friends who are interested in the same area of study as you, and also the opportunity to share ideas and provide helpful advice. Whatever course you study, you can join any course society, so if you have an interest outside your degree, joining one can allow you to explore new subjects.

Sports and sports clubs

There are currently just over 50 different sports clubs here at Aberystwyth, from sports you will be familiar with like football and rugby, to dance clubs, martial arts and water sports. Many of our teams compete on a national level with BUCS, which is the British Universities and College Sports Association. You may view a list of sport clubs here:

www.abersu.co.uk/sports/clublist

Working in the UK

As an adult student under Tier 4 (General), you are allowed to:

- do part-time work during term time (see below)
- do full-time work during vacations
- do a work placement as part of your course



Living in Aberystwyth

Aberystwyth is an excellent town in which to live and study. As the principal holiday resort and administrative centre of the west coast of Wales, it has a large choice of social and leisure activities available. The town is nestled between three hills and two beaches, and has its own castle, a steam railway, a pier and a harbour. The surrounding hills hold the visible remains of an Iron Age fort and also a monument to Wellington, and offer stunning views of Cardigan Bay. From Aberystwyth it is easy to explore the beautiful countryside of Wales and to go and visit England.

To find out more about the town and information about festivals and events in Aberystwyth, visit the Tourist Information website: www.discoverceredigion.co.uk/english/pages/default.aspx

Aberystwyth is a small town so you will find that you will be able to walk or cycle to most places. University Campus and Halls of Residence are within a short walk of one another. There are regular buses between Aberystwyth and all three University campuses.

SHOPPING

Aberystwyth town centre offers a huge variety of shopping with a range of indoor, outdoor, old, modern, high street and designer shops. Shops are usually open 09.00-17.30 Monday to Saturday, although some supermarkets are open from 08.00-22.00 and one or two places are open 24 hours. Most supermarkets are open also on Sundays from 10.00-16.00. Many large stores as well as small newsagents and grocery shops are also open for a shorter time on Sundays.

Aberystwyth is a beautiful town to live in and to be a student, and it is a popular UK holiday destination. It is a cosmopolitan town which we think you will feel safe and secure in. We have a superb history of offering one of the best student experiences in the country and we are confident that you will feel welcomed and like you are part of our diverse and friendly community. Aberystwyth offers you some of the best scenery and outdoor activities in Britain as well as the vibrant lifestyle of a busy market town.

THE HISTORY OF ABERYSTWYTH

The long-established history of Aberystwyth is clearly evident to all visitors, whether it is the Iron Age hill fort overlooking the town, the ruins of a castle destroyed in the English Civil War or the renaissance architecture of several popular pubs. The area was inhabited by humans as far back as the Mesolithic period when people used flint tools, and the nearby hill of Pen Dinas is topped by a large Iron Age hillfort. The recorded history of Aberystwyth dates from around 1109 when a Norman timber castle was

constructed just over a mile outside today's town centre. This was replaced in 1277 by a stone-built castle on a different site, whose remains may still be seen today on what is now known as Castle Hill, next to Old College on the seafront. In the same year a charter was granted to the settlement adjacent to the new castle, making it a free borough with a guild of merchants, a market and fairs, and so the town of Aberystwyth was born. When you are in the town centre you are able to see well preserved buildings that are 100s of years old. Today the name Aberystwyth is associated with the meaning 'Mouth of the River Ystwyth'.

There is plenty of wildlife to be seen in Aberystwyth, such as bottlenose dolphins, seals, red kites and bats.

PLACES TO VISIT IN ABERYSTWYTH

Aberystwyth Arts Centre is on the University campus. It hosts a theatre, concert hall, studio and cinema, as well as four gallery spaces, cafés, bars, and shops.

Aberystwyth Castle is one of the most iconic buildings in Aberystwyth and it can be easily found at the high point of the town centre dividing North Beach and South Beach. The castle dates back to 1277, although it now lies in ruins since it was razed by Parliamentarians in 1649. It now serves as an attractive place to sit and relax.

Aberystwyth Cliff Railway is a funicular, or cliff railway, which was opened in 1896 and it is part of Constitution Hill. When you complete your journey on the 778 feet (237 m) track you can have a meal in the restaurant at the top and you can enjoy the spectacular view. You may also be able to play ten pin bowling or you may look at the Victorian Camera Obscura.

Ceredigion Museum is a welcoming museum packed with exhibits that celebrate the art, history and community of Ceredigion County. The fascinating collection is housed in a beautiful Edwardian theatre.

The **National Library of Wales** offers access to books, maps, manuscripts, archives, pictures, photographs and electronic resources relating to Wales. As a copyright depository, it is entitled to receive a copy of every published work from the United Kingdom and Ireland. Visitors can attend one of the many exhibitions held in the library or they can relax in one of the cafés.

Parc Penglais is situated next to Aberystwyth University. The park is a combination of woodland and a disused quarry. Despite its small size there is a wide range of wildlife.

The Promenade is a pleasant, level, one and a half mile walk, stretching from Constitution Hill in the north to the harbour and the attractive new marina development in the south.

The **Vale of Rheidol Railway** was opened in 1902 to carry lead ore from the mines. It now carries tourists to the beauty spot of Devil's Bridge. It generally operates between Easter and the end of October with extra services during February Half Term and Santa Specials at Christmas.

Wales

Living in Wales will mean living in a country with a long history and a proud cultural heritage, which is home to one of the oldest living languages in Europe. About 3 million people live in Wales. The north of Wales is generally more rural and mountainous and the south is relatively more urban and industrialised. Mid Wales offers you the best combination of a beautiful environment combined with easy access to urban areas.

The landscape varies from the rolling hills of the south to the beautiful Pembrokeshire coastline to the west, the only marine nature reserve in Britain. If you hop on a train you can visit the north and the stunning mountains of Snowdonia. The landscape is dotted with historical towns and cities, from cosmopolitan Cardiff and Swansea to the Cathedral city of St Davids and the medieval town of Caernarfon.

Welsh Culture

Wales is famous for the Celtic Druids and many see it as home to the legendary King Arthur and the birth-place of Merlin. In more recent times, political devolution has seen Wales consolidate its international presence on an economic, political and cultural level. Wales has created famous bands such as Feeder, Catatonia, Stereophonics and Manic Street Preachers. Many famous people can lay claim to Welsh roots such as singers Tom Jones, Shirley Bassey and Charlotte Church and actors Sir Anthony Hopkins, Michael Sheen and Catherine Zeta Jones.

Welsh Sport

Rugby is the most popular sport in Wales and this is celebrated in Aberystwyth with annual rugby tournaments that attract thousands of people. The surrounding Welsh countryside lends itself to a wide range of activities, from hiking and rock climbing, to surfing and kayaking. These can be done in National Parks that are only a short journey from Aberystwyth.

The Welsh language

The Welsh language is over 2000 years old, and today it is spoken by just over 20% of the Welsh population. The country is officially bilingual, and all road signs and official business are conducted in both Welsh and English. There are also Welsh language books, newspapers, radio and television stations. Aberystwyth and the County of Ceredigion is a Welsh-speaking heartland, so you are likely to hear Welsh spoken in the streets and shops. English is spoken in all parts of Wales, so do not worry about communication.

Welsh Phrases

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| • Good morning | Bore da |
| • Good afternoon | Prynhawn da |
| • How are you? | Sut dych chi? |
| • Very good | Da iawn |
| • Thanks | Diolch |
| • Yes | Ie |
| • No | Na |
| • Cheers! | Iechyd da! |
| • Goodbye! | Hwyl fawr! |



Appendix: Visas

Most international students need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa. A Tier 4 (General) visa will allow you to enrol on a below-degree level course such as an English Language course, an Undergraduate, or Postgraduate degree course. You are allowed to work on a Tier 4 visa (limits apply).

www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa

When can I apply for my Tier 4 student visa?

You can apply for your Tier 4 student visa up to three months before the start date of your course. Applying for your visa is likely to take around two months.

To apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa you will need:

- Valid Passport with 6 months of validity left on it.
- Passport Photograph
- Your CAS number – CAS is a unique reference number e-mailed to you by Aberystwyth University after you have been accepted onto a course
- Finances – evidence that you have enough money to cover your course fees and monthly living costs.

If you are an American student who is applying for a US Federal loan, you will need to submit a "Notification of Student Loan" letter with your visa application. For more information please see: www.aber.ac.uk/en/postgrad/funding-fees/overseas/us-federal-loans



