Undergraduate studies in

Welsh and Celtic Studies
Welcome to the most established Welsh Department in Wales. Founded in 1875, Aberystwyth’s Department of Welsh and Celtic Studies has always led the way with innovative courses in language and literature, creative writing, Professional Welsh, translation studies and Celtic Studies.

In today’s devolved Wales, in which the Welsh language has official status, we prepare our graduates for a broader than ever range of careers and look forward to playing a crucial role in ensuring a million Welsh speakers by 2050.

The Department is close-knit yet outward looking and offers a supportive environment to all its students, from absolute beginners to confident and fluent speakers. Our students join us from all parts of Wales and the world which makes for dynamic exchanges, both academically and socially.

We are committed to delivering engaging courses that unlock your potential. The academic staff in our department are experienced and respected researchers and we produce world-class research that feeds directly into the courses we teach.

The broad research interests of our staff mean that Aberystwyth offers you a complete learning experience. Our innovative and stimulating courses encompass Welsh in the professional workplace, translation studies, contemporary poetry and fiction, literary criticism, creative writing, medieval literature, and women’s writing. We also specialise in Celtic Studies, and so our students can also choose to study Irish, Breton, and Scottish Gaelic language and literature. Further opportunities are available through exchange schemes with universities in Europe and North America. The choice is yours.


We complement lectures and seminars with innovative teaching techniques, group work, and electronic resources. For language students, we have pathways in Welsh and Irish that are tailored for students at all levels, and students can also study Scottish Gaelic and Breton.

Aberystwyth is located in the heart of mid Wales, and so our students, from beginners to fluent speakers, can use their language skills in the community as well as on the University campus. We also provide a dedicated Second Language Tutor, peer mentoring and regular informal meetings over coffee, and Aberystwyth’s Welsh Students’ Union, UMCA, brings Welsh speakers together in a wide range of social, sporting, musical, and charity events across the academic year.

Some of the highlights of the year include the popular quiz held during Welcome Week, the Christmas literary evening and annual literary magazine coordinated by our students.

To learn more about our Department and our courses, come along to an Open Day and discover for yourself why our students rated us 100% for overall satisfaction in this year’s NSS.

Dr Cathryn A. Charnell-White
Head of Department.

Important information
The programme information published in this brochure was correct at time of going to print (September 2021) and may be subject to change. Prospective students are advised to check the definitive programme information, including entry requirements, that is available on our website before making an application, to ensure that the programme meets their needs.
Celtic Studies

BA (Hons)

Aberystwyth is renowned for its dedicated exploration of the Celtic languages and their associated cultures, histories and literatures. Our four-year Celtic Studies degree will provide you with a unique opportunity to learn about Celtic languages and their cultures.

This is an English-medium course. The equivalent Welsh-medium course is Cymraeg a’r Ieithoedd Celtaidd (Q562).

The first year will enable you to consider the broad questions of identity, culture and literature, while introducing you to a modern Celtic language. In subsequent years you will concentrate on expanding and consolidating your knowledge of modern and historical Celtic languages, as well as the literature and culture of Celtic speakers from the earliest history to the present day.

Welsh and Irish remain at the core of our language provision, but the range of modules available allows you to explore other linguistic and literary interests such as Breton and the wider Celtic culture.

Opportunities for Celtic Studies students at Aberystwyth include:
- hearing and using Welsh in a Welsh-speaking community
- joining the only academic department in Britain that teaches all the living Celtic languages: Welsh, Irish, Scottish Gaelic and Breton
- an international and diverse academic community and stimulating research environment
- proximity to the resources of the National Library of Wales and the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies
- the ability to apply for a scholarship, courtesy of the Irish Government, to follow an intensive language course in Ireland.

Employability

Career opportunities include translation (including simultaneous translation), transcribing, journalism and broadcasting, publishing, copywriting, administration and management.

Core module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you may study on this course.

First year:
- Beginning Modern Welsh 1 & 2
- Introduction to the Literature of Gaelic Ireland
- Introduction to Welsh Literature
- The Celts: A Contested Legacy*

Second year:
- Cwrs Cymraeg Llafar (Learn Welsh summer school in August)
- Llynyddiaeth Gymraeg: Cyfres y Hanesydd
- Ysgrydennu Gymraeg Dinws
- Introduction to Modern Irish Language or Modern Irish Language and Literature for Non-Beginners.

Third and final year:
- Optional modules, but there are specific modules for the Welsh and Irish pathways.
- Optional modules you may select to develop your specialist interests include:
  - Rhyddiaith y Dadeni
  - Y Cynfeirdd Diweddar
  - Y Gymraeg a'r Sector Cyfieithu
  - Y Cyfieithydd a'r Sector Cyfieithu
  - Llydaweg: Cyflwyniad.

You will also be able to choose from a wide range of optional modules each year on this course.

* also available partially or entirely through the medium of Welsh.

Key Facts

- **Degree type:** BA.
- **UCAS Code:** Q500.
- **Duration:** 4 years.
Cymraeg (Welsh) (First & Second Language)

BA (Hons)

By studying a degree in Welsh at Aberystwyth, you will be part of an established department that leads the sector in areas such as translation studies and Welsh in the professional workplace. The Department is home to a vibrant and enthusiastic community of students and researchers from Wales and beyond that share the aim of promoting a wider understanding of the Welsh language, its history, its literature and its place in the modern world.

This degree scheme includes Second Language and First Language pathways. Studying for the BA Welsh degree will give you the opportunity to improve your written and spoken Welsh, to study a comprehensive range of literature from all periods, and to deepen your understanding of the language and how it continues to evolve in a global environment.

This course is only available through the medium of Welsh. Opportunities for Welsh students at Aberystwyth include:

- the chance to compete for Irish Government Scholarships to follow an intensive language course in Ireland.
- studying Welsh in the professional workplace. The Department is home to a vibrant and enthusiastic community of students and researchers from Wales and beyond that share the aim of promoting a wider understanding of the Welsh language, its history, its literature and its place in the modern world.

Employability

Our graduates are employed across the private and public sectors in areas such as teaching, translation, administration, the media and publishing, social work, law, tourism, and the police. Welsh language legislation and the establishment of a Welsh Parliament have led to a growing demand for civil servants with a good command of the language.

Core module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you may study on this course.

First year:
- **First Language**
  - Cymraeg Llyfr a Cymraeg Llafar
  - Gloywi Iaith yr Ail Iaith
  - Y Gymraeg a'r Ieithoedd Celtaidd
- **Second Language**
  - Y Gymraeg yr Arthuraidd
  - Rhyddiaith Tri Chwarter Canrif, 1900-79
  - Y Gymraeg o'r 1900 Hid Heddiw.

Second year:
- **First Language**
  - Gloywi Iaith (first language)
  - Gloywi Iaith (second language)
- **Second Language**
  - Gloywi Iaith yr Ail Iaith

Final year:
- **First Language**
  - Gloywi Iaith (first language)
  - Gloywi Iaith (second language)
- **Second Language**

Optional modules you may select to develop your specialist interests include:

**First Language**
- **Cymraeg Llyfr a Chymraeg Llafar**
- **Llenyddiaeth Gymraeg**
- **Y Gymraeg a'r Ieithoedd Celtaidd**
- **Y Gymraeg yr Arthuraidd**
- **Rhyddiaith Tri Chwarter Canrif, 1900-79**
- **Y Gymraeg o'r 1900 Hid Heddiw.**

**Second Language**
- **Y Gymraeg yr Arthuraidd**
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For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

The English-medium equivalent course is Celtic Studies (Q500).

This course is designed to facilitate your linguistic development, and so you usually spend a semester of your third year at a university abroad. This experience gives you the opportunity to develop your language skills and your confidence, whilst also acquiring a life skill much admired by employers - the ability to live and work independently.

Opportunities for Welsh and the Celtic Languages students include:

- the chance to compete for Irish Government Scholarships to follow an intensive language course in Ireland.
- being part of the oldest Welsh and Celtic studies Department in Wales
- taking advantage of the Department’s established links with the world of work
- joining the only academic department in Britain that teaches all the living Celtic languages: Welsh, Irish, Scottish Gaelic and Breton
- benefiting from the close proximity of the National Library of Wales and the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies
- the chance to compete for Irish Government Scholarships to follow an intensive language course in Ireland.

Employability

Employers consistently tell us that a degree in Welsh and the Celtic Languages from Aberystwyth is a sign of high-level achievement. Our graduates are employed across the private and public sectors in areas such as teaching, translation, administration, the media and publishing, social work, law, tourism, the police, and the Civil Service.

Cymraeg a’r leithoedd Celtaidd

(Welsh and the Celtic Languages)

BA (Hons)

Studying Welsh and the Celtic Languages at Aberystwyth provides you with an opportunity to learn Irish, Scottish Gaelic or Breton alongside Welsh. This Welsh-medium course will help you gain a deeper understanding of the Celtic languages and their literatures (past and present), and of their cultural and creative dynamics.

This course is designed to facilitate your linguistic development, and so you usually spend a semester of your third year at a university abroad. This experience gives you the opportunity to develop your language skills and your confidence, whilst also acquiring a life skill much admired by employers - the ability to live and work independently.

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Core module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you may study on this course.

First year:
- **First Language**
  - Cymraeg Llyfr a Chymraeg Llafar
  - Gloywi Iaith yr Ail Iaith
  - Y Gymraeg a'r Ieithoedd Celtaidd
- **Second Language**
  - Y Gymraeg yr Arthuraidd
  - Rhyddiaith Tri Chwarter Canrif, 1900-79
  - Y Gymraeg o'r 1900 Hid Heddiw.

Second year:
- **First Language**
  - Gloywi Iaith (first language)
  - Gloywi Iaith (second language)
- **Second Language**
  - Gloywi Iaith yr Ail Iaith

Final year:
- **First Language**
  - Gloywi Iaith (first language)
  - Gloywi Iaith (second language)
- **Second Language**

Optional modules you may select to develop your specialist interests include:

**First Language**
- **Cymraeg Llyfr a Chymraeg Llafar**
- **Llenyddiaeth Gymraeg**
- **Y Gymraeg a'r Ieithoedd Celtaidd**
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- **Y Gymraeg o'r 1900 Hid Heddiw.**

For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.
Cymraeg Proffesiynol (Professional Welsh)

We understand the importance of providing our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in a professional bilingual workplace. Aberystwyth is the home of Professional Welsh, and this sector-leading scheme is popular with students and employers who seek a ‘gold standard’ in Welsh.

Cymraeg Proffesiynol hones skills that will enable you to use the Welsh language confidently in professional contexts as varied as Welsh government, journalism, the media, and the publishing industry. We also offer you the opportunity to apply these skills through work experience in one of 30 institutions and businesses in the public and private sector, enabling crucial networking opportunities.

This course is only available through the medium of Welsh.

Our bespoke core modules introduce a range of essential skills writing reports and press releases, taking minutes and simultaneous translation, adaptation for radio/television/film, copy-editing, and adapting texts from other languages. You can also study a wide range of optional modules that focus on language, literature or creative writing, or you can add another language to your professional CV by studying Irish, Scottish Gaelic or Breton.

Opportunities for Cymraeg Proffesiynol students at Aberystwyth include:
- having the support of a designated lecturer in Professional Welsh on the first scheme of its kind in Wales
- being part of a department that has many well-established working links with private businesses and public-sector institutions who can help you make valuable contacts in the world of work
- our proximity to the National Library of Wales, with its invaluable resources
- the opportunity to study another Celtic language alongside Welsh: Irish, Scottish Gaelic or Breton.

Employability
Career opportunities include translation (including simultaneous translation); transcription; journalism and broadcast media; publishing; copywriting; administration and management.

Key Facts

- **Degree type:** BA.
- **UCAS Code:** Q5P0.
- **Duration:** 3 years.
Cymraeg y Gweithle Proffesiynol
(Professional Welsh in the Workplace)

BA (Hons)
The innovative course, Welsh in the professional workplace, is available to study as part of a Joint Honours BA course with Accounting and Finance (Q554) or Business and Management (Q551).

By studying a degree in Welsh at Aberystwyth, you will be part of an established department that leads the sector in areas such as translation studies and Welsh in the professional workplace. The Department is home to a vibrant and enthusiastic community of students and researchers from Wales and beyond that share the aim of promoting a wider understanding of the Welsh language, its history, its literature and its place in the modern world.

On this four-year course for Welsh beginners, you will have an opportunity to improve your written and spoken Welsh, to study a comprehensive range of literature from all periods, and deepen your understanding of the language and how it continues to evolve in a global environment.

Employability

Employers consistently tell us that a degree in Welsh from Aberystwyth is a sign of high-level achievement, and there is evidence of an impressive demand for our graduates in a range of professions. Our graduates are employed across the private and public sectors in areas such as teaching, translation, administration, the media and publishing, social work, law, tourism and the police. In addition, Welsh-language legislation and the establishment of a Welsh Parliament have led to a growing demand for civil servants with a good command of the language.

Opportunities for Welsh students at Aberystwyth include:
• being taught by specialists in Welsh language and literature who are all active in research and have extensive teaching experience
• living and studying in one of the heartlands of the Welsh language, with the option to stay in the refurbished Pantycelyn hall of residence which opened in September 2020
• the opportunity to learn another Celtic language alongside Welsh if they wish: Irish, Scottish Gaelic or Breton
• a wide range of modules: language, literature, critical, professional and creative
• access to the National Library of Wales - a stone's throw away from our Penglais Campus - and its unrivalled collection of literary, audio and visual resources.

Key Facts

Duration: 4 years

Core module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you may study on this course.

First year:
• Fundamentals of Accounting and Finance *
• Cymraeg Llyfr a Chymraeg Llafar
• Yr Iaith a'r Siocdeunan
• Understanding the Economy

Second year:
• Cymraeg y Gweithle Proffesiynol
• Rheolaeth Marchnata
• Rheolaeth Adnoddau Dynol *
• Corporate Finance and Financial Markets
• Intermediate Management Accounting

Final year:
• Glyweithio yr Ail Iaith
• Optional modules you may select to develop your specialist interests include
  • Y Cyrhdeithas Dwblwr
  • Rhydadaeth Tri Chwarter Canrif, 1900-79
  • The Celtic Languages
  • Traddodiad Benywaidd? Merched a Barddoniaeth

Employability

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Key Facts

Duration: 3 years

Core module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you may study on this course.

First year:
• Beginning Modern Welsh 1 & 2
• Introduction to Welsh Literature.

Second year:
• Traol yr Iaith
• Y Gwyddeleg Modern: Cyflwyniad.
• Y Gymraeg y Gweithle Proffesiynol.

Third year:
• Cymraeg Llyfr a Chymraeg Llafar
• Cymraeg y Gweithle Proffesiynol.

Optional modules you may select to develop your specialist interests include
• Rhydadaeth Odaeni
• Y Cyrhdeithas Dwblwr
• Y Gwyddeleg Modern: Cyflwyniad
• Y Gwyddeleg Modern: Cyflwyniad

Key Facts

Duration: 4 years

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• Introduction to Welsh Literature.

Second year:
• Traol yr Iaith
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Employability

For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.
Ysgrifennu Creadigol a’r Diwydiant Cyhoeddi
(Creative Writing and the Publishing Industry)

BA (Hons)
The Creative Writing and the Publishing Industry degree at Aberystwyth University is a dynamic and unique course. Taught through the medium of Welsh, it will give you a detailed understanding of the field.

You will have the opportunity to try your hand at many different creative forms, from poetry to short stories, from micro fiction to epistolary literature, and in so doing develop the ability to use them purposefully during the creative process. In addition, you will be introduced to the broad world of the publishing industry in Wales and beyond, with particular emphasis on publishing houses and key agencies such as Literature Wales and the Books Council of Wales.

Writing creatively is a key skill that enriches all our lives. In Aberystwyth, you will have the opportunity to develop and refine your creative writing in a Department that has a long tradition of leading in this field.

Opportunities for Ysgrifennu Creadigol a’r Diwydiant Cyhoeddi students at Aberystwyth include:
• being taught by academic staff who are active researchers and specialists in their respective fields, including creative translation, editing, proof reading and publishing
• benefitting from strong links with publishers and local literary bodies in Wales and beyond, eg Literature Wales and the Books Council of Wales
• being able to undertake a relevant work placement, for example, with an editor or an editorial service, a publishing house or independent publisher
• being able to learn another Celtic language as well as Welsh – Irish, Scottish Gaelic or Breton.

Employability
By the end of the course, you will have high-level creative, research and communication skills and the ability to think critically, and will be ready for a career in the broader writing and publishing industry.

Key Facts

Degree type: BA
UCAS Code: W840
Duration: 3 years

Core module list
Below is an indicative list of modules that you may study on this course.

First year:
• Cyflwyniad i Ysgrifennu Creadigol
• Sgiliau Astudio Iaith a Llên
• Cymraeg Llyfr a Chymraeg Llafar
• Ysgrifennu Cymraeg Graenus.

Second year:
• Gweithdai Ysgrifennu Creadigol
• Gloywi Iaith.

Final year:
• Y Golygydd a'r Diwydiant Cyhoeddi
• Portffolio Ysgrifennu Creadigol Annibynnol.

Optional modules you may select to develop your specialist interests include:
• Y Cyfieithydd a'r Sector Cyfieithu
• Portfolio Ysgrifennu Creadigol Annibynnol
• Y Cyfieithydd a'r Sector Cyfieithu
• Y Strydau a'r Llyfr
• Rhoddir a'i Ddeleni
• Pedwar Cainc y Mabinogi
• Cymraeg Ddoe a Heddiw: Cyflwyniad i Ieithyddiaeth.

For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

Subject Available with... Joint Honours
Irish Language and Literature Education QX59
Professional Welsh
Professional Welsh in the Workplace Accounting and Finance QN54
Business and Management QN51
Welsh Drama and Theatre Studies QV54
Education QX53
Film and Television Studies QWM6
Dawarediaeth LG75
History QV51
International Politics LGF5
Mathematics QQ15
Spanish QN54
Welsh History QV51
Astudiaethau Cyfieithu Proffesiynol
(Professional Translation Studies)

MA (Hons) Certificate Diploma

This course is taught through the medium of Welsh and uses Welsh and English as a specific language pairing. This dynamic postgraduate course looks at all aspects of the professional translator’s work in contemporary Wales. This course will prepare students for a career in the field of translation and will provide an insight into the translation industry as well as the opportunity to pursue individual interests and specialize in areas such as general translation, legislative translation, translation technology and simultaneous translation.

The course is not only aimed at current students. One of the main features of the course is that it also offers further training to those already working as translators and who wish to develop professionally and gain a further recognised qualification in the process.

The course therefore provides training and is suitable for students of all backgrounds, including translators who are already working within the industry or those who are eager to take the first steps towards a career in translation.

This course is suitable for:
• students who have recently graduated in a relevant subject
• individuals who wish to develop a career in translation
• experienced translators who wish to gain further qualifications, develop professionally or gain further specialisation in a particular aspect of translation.

Certificate / Diploma / MA

One of the main advantages of the course is that it offers a very flexible approach. Consequently, students may choose to study only for a Certificate qualification or they may choose to continue to complete a Diploma and then a full MA. Students may study part time or full time, and it is also possible to study individual modules only.

Key Facts

Degree type: MA.
UCAS Code: G576.
Duration: 1 year full time.
Student profiles

Anne Robbins
Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Course: Celtic Studies

The great thing about the course is… it’s absolutely everything I wanted to study all balled into one, as if it were made for me, and the class sizes are wonderfully small so you get to know your lecturers and peers and the material itself very well, very quickly.

The great thing about studying at Aberystwyth is… The area. Everything about this town (with the exception of the big hill!) is wonderful. The National Library is the most beautiful, glorious place I ever been… As soon as you arrive in Aberystwyth you feel as if you’ve come home.

Veronika Todorova
Bulgaria
Course: Celtic Studies

The course appealed to me because… it’s designed in a way that allows me to learn and explore everything about the Celtic culture from different perspectives including the learning of two new languages – Welsh and Irish.

The great thing about studying at Aberystwyth is… that it’s a quiet, beautiful place with magnificent views, kind people, an international community and vast resources of information concerning every possible area.

Jan Zajec
Course: Celtic Studies

The course appealed to me because… it offers a wide range of interesting modules that suit my interests in historical linguistics and philology. I also like the fact that it is possible to learn all the living Celtic languages at the Department.

The great thing about the course is… that it takes place in a Welsh-speaking environment. It is an amazing opportunity for students like me who have no previous knowledge of Welsh to be able to put their new gained knowledge into practice as soon as possible.

The great thing about studying at Aberystwyth… The support offered by the University staff is excellent and studying here is simply a fantastic experience.
Employability

With excellent communication skills in Welsh and an understanding of Welsh culture, you can expect to enjoy a wide variety of jobs.

The Welsh Language Act and the creation of the Welsh Assembly Government have created a huge demand for civil servants, administrators, translators, social workers, marketing officers, as well as teachers, writers, typographers, editors, proofreaders, publishers, journalists, and researchers and presenters in the Welsh media.

A degree in Welsh from Aberystwyth University prepares students for a wide range of rewarding employment opportunities in both the private and public sectors in Wales and beyond. The Department's employability rate speaks for itself: 100% of our graduates were in employment or further study six months after graduation (HESA 2018).

Employability is embedded in the curriculum that we offer to all our students. We aim to nurture your critical, analytical and creative skills through our wide range of modules. Our modules will reinforce your written and spoken Welsh, and prepare you for the competitive job market by honing your ability to analyse, communicate and work with others. Through the module ‘Y Gymraeg yn y Gweithle’ (Welsh in the Workplace) we offer work experience with 30 institutions and companies of national and local standing. Furthermore, the innovative degree scheme Cymraeg Profesiynol (Professional Welsh) is now the standard qualification for prospective employers who are looking for competent bilingual employees - a number of our students have been offered full-time employment on the strength of their work placements.

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The Department of Welsh and Celtic Studies also participates in a scheme offered by the Careers Service over a period of three years that offers students guidance on practical aspects such as writing a CV and how to conduct oneself in an interview. Guest speakers from outside the University also come to give talks about the opportunities available for Welsh speakers in the workplace.

We also have another great advantage. Aberystwyth is home to many key institutions, not least of which is the National Library of Wales, one of only five copyright libraries in the UK that is a five-minute walk from the Department.

Research

The Department of Welsh and Celtic Studies is a research-led department specialising in the language and literature of Wales and the other Celtic countries: Ireland, Scotland and Brittany.

Our research on aspects of Welsh and Celtic Studies extends from the ancient period to the twenty-first century, and encompasses the following specialist fields:
- textual scholarship and editorial skills
- manuscript and literary culture
- translation and literary adaptation
- theory and practice, including medieval
- linguistics and philology
- critical theory, notably feminism and gender studies
- eco-criticism, reader response theory
- literary history and criticism
- creative writing
- biography and life writing
- women’s writing and literary culture
- literature of the landscape and the environment
- regional and national identity in early modern and contemporary Welsh literature and culture
- ‘four nations’ and ‘archipelagic’ literature;
- comparative Irish and Welsh literature.

We welcome applications from MPhil and PhD candidates.

Over the years the Department has received external grants for collaborative projects. These include:
- A transcript of the Welsh Law manuscript that escaped the 1858 Wynnstay fire
- Llenyddiaeth Cymru ac Ewrop (The literature of Wales and Europe)
- ‘Women’s Poetry in Ireland, Scotland and Wales 1400-1800’ (Leverhulme Trust)
- ‘Ghebiaeth Carneddog a Rhi o Gyfoedion’ (The Correspondence of Carneddog and some of his contemporaries).

In the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF2014) the Department maintained its reputation for research publications of world-leading and internationally excellent standard. 25% of the department’s publications were deemed world-leading (4*) and a further 30% was judged ‘internationally excellent (3)*’.

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Dr Bleddyn Owen Huws’ book on T H Parry-Williams was winner of the 2019 Ellis Gruffydd Memorial Award.

Dr Rhiannedd Jewell, winner of the 2018 Dibynn Medal and Ellis Gruffydd Memorial Award 2019 for her volume on Saunders Lewis’s literary translations.
Global opportunities

Aberystwyth’s Global Opportunities team offer an exciting range of options for you to go overseas as part of your degree: from short courses and volunteering opportunities in the summer, to a full semester or year abroad studying your chosen subject at one of our partner universities.

The University also offers a number of courses which include an integrated year studying abroad, enabling you to study at one of our European or international partner universities for one or two semesters during your third year, returning to Aberystwyth for your final year and graduation.

Reports have shown that students who study abroad are more attractive to employers and earn more than their peers. Take advantage of the opportunity of a lifetime while improving your critical skills by choosing to study abroad.

Language students
Students who study one or more languages at Aberystwyth spend an additional year studying or working abroad. Time spent abroad improves fluency and confidence in the languages chosen and immerses students in the host culture.
# How to apply

Once you’ve decided what course you want to study and where, you’ll be able to start the university application process. Here’s a brief overview of the process and our procedures here at Aberystwyth.

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<td><strong>The University will consider your offer</strong>&lt;br&gt;Top tip: Use UCAS Track to keep an eye on your application. At Aberystwyth we aim to make a decision within four weeks.</td>
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<td><strong>Results day</strong>&lt;br&gt;UCAS Track will confirm your offer of a place. If you’re not clear what the offer is, contact the university directly. Make sure you’re not on holiday on results day. If you don’t get the grades you’ve hoped for, you may want to consider entering Clearing.</td>
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