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International Politics**

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### Important information

The programme information published in this brochure was correct at time of going to print (November 2020) 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.

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# Welcome

## Welcome to the world's first Department of International Politics.

The study of International Politics is indispensable for understanding a rapidly changing world. In a time of political and ideological uncertainty, social and economic transformation and increasingly diverse forms of conflict and violence, everyone has a stake in how these crucial global challenges are confronted. The Department's teaching and research remain true to its founding ideals: to seek greater security, peace and justice in a disordered world.

A vibrant student community, working together with a dedicated staff of leading researchers and teachers, provides a dynamic environment in which to study international politics across all levels from the local to the global. As a student in the Department you will be well placed to gain a deep, diverse understanding of these challenges and how we can manage them in the coming decades.

You will explore the big questions and concepts of our time, such as the changing distribution of power, conflict, security, democracy, populism and authoritarianism, climate change, inequality and sustainable development, ethics, gender and human rights.

The Department's learning environment welcomes staff and students from all over the world, creating a lively interactive

community that makes a vital contribution to the department's innovative research that underpins new developments in the discipline. The department is renowned for providing excellence in teaching and research, demonstrated by both its position as a top-ten department for research in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework and its position as seventh in the UK for satisfaction with teaching in the subject of Politics (Guardian League Table 2019). Aberystwyth University was also named University of the Year for teaching quality by The Sunday Times Good University Guide in both 2018 and 2019.

Our degree schemes provide an outstanding education and excellent preparation for a successful career. Some of our graduates embark on politics-related professions such as those found in the civil service, local and national government, international organisations, non-profit and NGO sectors, and the armed forces. Other graduates pursue positions in journalism, the financial sector, the legal profession, business, and teaching.

So if you are interested in exploring the challenges facing international politics, do come and study it in the home of the discipline.

All of us in the Department of International Politics look forward to welcoming you in our Department.

# Student Profiles



My name is Sarah Lehmkuehler, I am 20 years old, originally from Bochum in Germany and I am a Third Year Student in the Department of International Politics. In July 2019, I will be graduating with a BA International Politics and International History. When I was deciding which university to go to more than 3 years ago now, I first picked Aberystwyth due to it having a good reputation and being by the sea. I was not my first choice amongst the universities I had selected, but that changed once I came to Aber for an applicant visiting day. The friendliness of students and staff instantly made me feel right at home, and the sample lecture was exciting and informative. Having much preferred this experience to other open days I went to, I made Aber my first choice and have not regretted it since. The same feeling of community I got during my visiting day has been a constant throughout my three years in Aber, making settling in easy.

This does not only apply to the student community, but also to the department, as lecturers are always willing to help out with any questions a student could have about their modules and assignments – especially the dissertation.

Teaching in the large range of modules on offer has been of a constantly high quality and very engaging, especially in seminars, which give more room for discussion. Modules I would definitely recommend are for example "Spies at War", "Russian Intelligence from Lenin to Putin" and "NATO: From Cold War to Hybrid War", as all of them are not only taught well, but in a way that sparks the student's curiosity and makes you want to learn more about the topic in your own time.

However, studying in Aber means much more than just staying within your department. With a wide range of clubs and societies on offer, there is a community for everyone and many friendships waiting to be made. Having been part of the Basketball Team for all of my time here and having coached them for two years now, a personal highlight of my time here was definitely this year's Varsity against Bangor Uni – to see the community come together and cheer your team on is simply an amazing feeling.

After my graduation I will be leaving Aber and gaining some new experiences while studying for a Master's Degree elsewhere, however with the range of expertise on offer in the department I might very well return to study for a PhD afterwards!

# Research within the Department of International Politics

International Politics at Aberystwyth is renowned not only for its teaching but also for its research activities. For almost 20 years it has been a leading research department in the UK and globally. Aber Interpol is well known around the globe as a place where exciting new understandings of national, international and global challenges are being developed.

From analyses of humanitarian intervention to the future of EU security, from study of new forms of global harm to imagining new planetary politics, from study of military history to the study of latest challenges in nuclear proliferation and intelligence gathering, from analyses of the role of Britain in a changing world to understanding the role of Wales in the world, the department's world-leading research expertise has been at the forefront of developing new thinking and new policy practices.

This cutting-edge research expertise at Aberystwyth influences the teaching at the department. Staff are encouraged to teach on the latest research findings in their varied fields of expertise and students thus benefit directly from the latest research developments.

And important new research of course is also produced by the students! Students graduating from our PhD programme for example have won numerous national and international prizes for their research theses. Undergraduate students and Masters students too contribute to research intensity at Aberystwyth through their own research work on their dissertations and participation in research seminars and events.

In sum, the department is a vibrant environment to study and to explore new ideas. Each year we host dozens of talks by world-leading experts and opinion formers which students, staff as well as local citizens regularly attend. And we host a number of exciting research centers, such as the Centre on the International Politics of Knowledge, the David Davies Memorial Institute, the Centre for Intelligence and International Security Studies and the Planetary Challenges and Politics Centre.

At Aberystwyth Interpol you will be at the center of latest thinking, exploring and testing of new ideas on international politics!



# Our Degree Schemes

- > BA (Hons) International Relations
- > BA (Hons) International Relations and Climate Change
- > BA (Hons) International Relations and Global Development
- > BA (Hons) Strategy, Intelligence and Military History
- > BA (Hons) Politics
- > BA (Hons) Strategic Intelligence and Security

For detailed online information on our degree schemes, please visit [www.aber.ac.uk/en/interpol](http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/interpol)

# International Relations

## BA (Hons)

With the relative decline of the West, the emergence of new powers, and the increasingly complex and intertwined nature of local, national, regional, international and global challenges, international politics (i.e. politics between states) is entering a new, fascinating and turbulent era. This degree scheme draws on several subjects - politics, history, philosophy, law, geography and sociology - to understand the various dimensions of international politics and its on-going transitions. You will study the concepts, practices, policies, histories and actors that make up international politics as a discipline, and explore the ways in which all these factors are undergoing radical transformation in the twenty-first century.

Students who study International Relations at Aberystwyth will:

- engage with debates about how politics works in a global age, who are the key actors (states, NGOs, international organisations, multinational corporations), what are the significant challenges and what are the prospects for cooperation and conflict
- learn to see and analyse the world from a variety of perspectives (such as realism, liberalism, Marxism, post-colonialism, or feminism) and understand why each one identifies such different solutions to political problems
- apply these concepts and theories about international politics to empirical case studies that illustrate the complex nature of regional, national and international policy-making
- acquire unique insights into international negotiations through participating in real-world crisis scenarios.

## Modules

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

### First year:

- Exploring the International: Central Concepts and Core Skills\*
- Behind the Headlines\*.

### Second year:

- International Relations: Perspectives and Debates\*.

### Third year:

- Dissertation\*.

On each year of the degree, and especially in the second and third years, you'll study several optional modules. These may include:

- US Foreign Policy
- International State building
- Justice Order and Human Rights
- International Relations: Perspectives and Debates
- Economic Diplomacy and Leadership
- Fear, Cooperation and Trust in World Politics
- Contemporary Latin America

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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



Degree type: BA.



UCAS Code: L241.



Duration: 3 years.  
4 year options are available (see page 12)

# International Relations and Climate Change

BA (Hons)

The planet is facing a climate emergency. Climate change is the most significant and complex challenge to human social, political and economic systems. International politics is key to understanding this complexity and confronting this global crisis. From the individual to the global level action is urgently required. While individual contributions and efforts to save our planet are important, without local, national, regional and global cooperation and coordination the damage to our climate, environment and ecological systems cannot be slowed, let alone reversed. Without states, international organisations, NGOs and social movements working together this existential global challenge cannot be effectively tackled.

What are the obstacles to such cooperation? What possibilities are there to overcome them? These questions are at the heart of this innovative, incisive and intellectually stimulating degree scheme. The course provides a thorough and critical understanding of the interconnectedness of politics and international relations, climate change, the environment and natural resources, inequality and development, and cooperation and conflict. In particular, this programme focuses on evaluating the nature of the climate emergency, its political, economic, social and ecological impacts, and the political, social, economic and human responses to it.

Students who study International Relations and Climate Change at Aberystwyth will:

- engage with and develop a distinct multidisciplinary approach to the international politics of climate change
- analyse the causes and consequence of climate change and environmental degradation, especially from the perspective of international politics
- reflect on ways that states and societies struggle with managing the planet’s resources and ecological systems and to develop effective political and societal solutions
- examine links between climate change and other global challenges such as conflict, migration, inequality and governance
- explore through simulations the experience of decision-making processes, negotiations and the politics surrounding contemporary climate governance.

## Modules

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

### First year:

- Exploring the International: Central Concepts and Core Skills\*
- Globalisation and Global Development\*
- Climate Change: Impacts, Perceptions, Adaptations
- The Science of Climate.

### Second year:

- The Governance of Climate Change: Simulation Module
- International Relations: Perspectives and Debates.

### Third year:

- Dissertation\*.


On each year of the degree, and especially in the second and third years, you’ll study several optional modules. These may include:

- International Politics in the Anthropocene
- People, Progress, Environment: Theories and Histories of Environmental Politics
- Refugee Simulation
- International Politics and Global Development
- Global Inequality and World Politics
- Contemporary Security: Theories and Threats

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see our current list on our website, or contact us.

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

 Degree type: BA.

 UCAS Code: FL72 (FL73 4 years)

 Duration: 3 years.

# International Relations and Global Development


BA (Hons)


On this degree, you will explore what international politics looks like when viewed from beyond the developed world. The scheme challenges the Western-centric grand narratives of international politics by studying the interconnectedness of the developed and developing powers, engaging with marginalised issues and voices, as well as exploring the emerging global powers in Latin America, South Asia and East Asia.

You will explore key issues such as colonialism, inequality, development, gender, identity, political economy, culture, race, religion, resistance and social movements. Throughout, you will be exploring different power relations from a diverse range of non-Eurocentric perspectives.

Students who study International Relations and Global Development at Aberystwyth will:

- engage with key debates about the ways that power and inequality operate at the local, regional and global levels and shape global development
- learn to analyse political issues such as governance, poverty, conflict, economic development, colonialism, capitalism, inequality, global health, and post-conflict reconstruction from the perspective of peoples, societies and states in the developing world
- reflect on the significance of factors such as class, race, gender, ideology, religion and nationalism on political decisions and actions taken by and about the developing world and emerging powers.

 Degree type: BA.

 UCAS Code: LL31.

## Modules

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

### First year:

- Exploring the International: Central Concepts and Core Skills\*
- Globalisation and Global Development\*.

### Second year:

- International Politics and Global Development.

### Third year:

- Dissertation\*.

On each year of the degree, and especially in the second and third years, you’ll study several optional modules. These may include:

- Global Inequality and World Politics
- The BRICS in World Politics
- Women and Global Development
- Global Health
- Religion and Politics in the Middle East
- Global Politics and the Refugee Regime

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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 Duration: 3 years.

# International Relations and Military History

## BA (Hons)

On this scheme you will study warfare as it has developed since the time of Napoleon in all its technological, military, social and cultural dimensions.

War and conflict have been central to international relations throughout human history. This scheme will introduce you to the evolution of key ideas and practices concerning the nature and conduct of war: the principles of war, the role of battle, the importance of leadership and the power of industry. Our modules focus on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, within the context of the international political world.

Students who study International Relations and Military History at Aberystwyth will:

- engage with key debates about the changing character of war and its impact on civilian populations, as well as on the variety of ways that scholars interpret military history
- learn to analyse militaries and military operations from a variety of perspectives, such as the role of leadership, the significance of strategic thought and the lessons that can be learned from battles and wars
- reflect on the relationship of wars and militaries with political institutions, economic issues and ideologies such as nationalism.

## Modules

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

### First year:

- Exploring the International: Central Concepts and Core Skills\*
- The Making of the Modern World: War, Peace and Revolution since 1789.

### Second year:

- Warfare after Waterloo: Military History 1815-1918.

### Third year:

- Dissertation\*.

On each year of the degree, and especially in the second and third years, you'll study several optional modules. These may include:

- A Military History of the United States
- Arab-Israeli Wars
- A Century of Conflict: Global Warfare from 1918-2018
- Military History Campaign study
- War Crimes
- Churchill's Wars: From the Age of Empire to the Cold War
- The Second World War in Europe

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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# Politics

## BA (Hons)

Politics at Aberystwyth will develop your understanding of political regimes and systems, political actors and governments, and processes of political decision-making. You will also get the opportunity to learn about key political concepts and how they are contested in contemporary politics: power, democracy, freedom, inequality, rights, citizenship, representation and legitimacy.

Modules will introduce you to current political debates such as the future of the UK after Brexit, dilemmas of modern migration, the rise of populist nationalism, and the future of democracy. There is also a strong emphasis on studying politics from a comparative perspective. The exploration of different political forces and relationships will draw on examples from the practice of politics in different parts of the world, and you can therefore develop your knowledge of politics in the UK, Europe, North and Latin America, Russia and Asia. Throughout the scheme, you'll be discussing different arguments, rival theories and alternative explanations, as well as building up the analytical skills that are so important in the workplace.

Students who study Politics at Aberystwyth will:

- critically engage with key debates about fundamental issues of politics, such as good government, the nature of the state, justice and rights, and the rule of law
- learn to use the tools of political science to analyse the forms that politics and government take in different states and societies, from liberal and social democracies through to autocratic and authoritarian regimes
- reflect on the ways that states and societies practically address the political problems surrounding, for example, access to and the distribution of limited resources, the balance between order and justice, liberty and security, rights and opportunities, and between power at the local, national and international level.

## Modules

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

### First year:

- Exploring the International: Central Concepts and Core Skills\*
- Politics in the 21st Century\*.

### Second year:

- People and Power: Understanding Comparative Politics Today\*.

### Third year:

- Dissertation\*.

On each year of the degree, and especially in the second and third years, you'll study several optional modules. These may include:

- UK Politics
- Nationalism in Theory and Practice
- Gender and sexuality in the Americas,
- Politics in Russia
- European Union Politics
- US Politics Past and Present
- Populists politics

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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# Strategy, Intelligence and Security

BA (Hons)

In an increasingly interconnected, contested and complex world, international actors face a range of security challenges. These include inter and intra-state conflict, international terrorism, cyber threats, nuclear proliferation, global health pandemics, transnational crime, population displacement, natural disasters, and climate change. You will draw on ideas from strategic, intelligence and security studies to understand and analyse these challenges from different perspectives and explore innovative and holistic responses to them.

You will explore the complexities of how intelligence is gathered and assessed before it is disseminated to decision-makers and examine how this process and its products influence responses to security threats. You will also get an opportunity to evaluate the importance of information, secrecy, and surveillance while considering the ethical, moral and legal implications that arise from engaging in intelligence activities through historical case studies.

Modules on strategic studies will enable you to situate intelligence dilemmas within the framework of the key strategic concepts that shape our understanding of war and peace. Through an examination of the nature and character of war, you will learn how various actors, technology, geography, and ideology bring about change or create continuity within the international system.

Modules on security studies will enable you to identify and understand the range of threats, risks, and challenges to international, national and individual security.

Students who study Strategy, Intelligence and Security at Aberystwyth will:

- analyse a multitude of threats, risks and challenges affecting the global, regional, national, societal and individual levels
- explore the multi-faceted nature of global challenges by adopting strategic, intelligence and security perspectives
- apply historical and theoretical insights to real-life case studies in order to understand the nature of contemporary strategic, intelligence and security challenges in international politics
- develop analytical and problem-solving abilities through strategic gaming and role-plays that simulate real-world decision-making.

## Modules

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

### First year:

- Exploring the International: Central Concepts and Core Skills\*
- War, Strategy and Intelligence.

### Second year:

- Strategy, Intelligence and Security in International Politics.

### Third year:

- Dissertation\*.

On each year of the degree, and especially in the second and third years, you'll study several optional modules. These may include:

- NATO: from Cold War to Hybrid War
- The Making of National Security Policy
- Spies at War
- Propaganda and Secret Intelligence
- Russian Intelligence from Lenin to Putin
- Terrorism and Counter Terrorism

...to name but a few. For more details on the optional modules available, see the current list on our website, or contact us.

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## International Politics with Integrated Year in Industry/Year Abroad

In addition to our three year degree scheme in International Politics, we offer two exciting four-year degree schemes; International Politics with either an integrated year abroad or an integrated year in industry.

The degree in International Politics (with integrated study abroad) offers students the opportunity to study in one of our carefully selected partner Universities. You have two options for studying abroad, one route is the Erasmus + route which involves studying in one of our partnered European Universities and some financial incentives are awarded in the form of an Erasmus+ grant, or you could travel further afield on the University's International Exchange Programme.

The degree in International Politics (with integrated year in industry) offers students the opportunity to combine the study of international politics with a paid or voluntary work placement in an industry or with an organisation that is relevant to this degree. You will source and organise your work experience placement with the assistance of our Departmental staff and the University's careers team.

### Other Degree Scheme Combinations

We also have an exciting range of combined programmes with departments from across the University through our various Joint Honours and Major/Minor Honours options. Please visit our website for more information- [www.aber.ac.uk/en/interpol](http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/interpol).

## Studying through the medium of Welsh

The Department offers two specific Welsh-medium degree schemes: Gwleidyddiaeth Ryngwladol L255 and Gwleidyddiaeth L201. It is also possible to study modules through the medium of Welsh on any of our other degree schemes.

The Department's commitment is to ensure that students have the option of studying at least 80 credits a year through the medium of Welsh. In practice, this means that four of the six modules that students are expected to complete each year can be studied through the medium of Welsh. The Department also ensures that all Welsh speaking students are allocated a personal tutor and dissertation tutor who can speak the language.

Students are welcome to opt for the Welsh medium versions of modules every time, if that is their wish. However, it is also possible to be flexible and vary the medium of study from module to module. There is also flexibility in the language that can be used when completing assessed work. Students have the option of presenting their work through the medium of Welsh or English, regardless of the module's medium of instruction. These teaching arrangements mean that our Welsh-medium provision is open to students from a different range of Welsh language backgrounds.

Many of the Department's degree courses are eligible for Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol undergraduate scholarships. There are two different types of scholarship: the Main Scholarships are open to students who commit to study at least 80 credits (i.e. 4 modules) through the medium of Welsh each year, while the Incentive Scholarships are open to students who commit to studying at least 40 credits (i.e. 2 modules) through the medium of Welsh each year. For more information about these scholarships and for a list of the eligible degree schemes please see the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol website:

[www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/en/study/mediumofwelsh](http://www.colegcymraeg.ac.uk/en/study/mediumofwelsh)





## Crisis Games Simulations

The Department of International Politics was the first university in the UK to use crisis simulations to connect classroom learning with the real-world complexities of international politics. The Crisis Simulations are held once a year at Gregynog, near Newtown, which was the family home of Lord Davies, the founder of the Department of International Politics.

A crisis game is a political role-playing exercise or simulation. Students are given a crisis 'scenario' and allocated to one of several teams representing: national leaders, government departments, transnational corporations, NGOs, international organisations, paramilitary groups and media organisations. These teams simulate, as realistically as possible, the interactions of the participants in an international crisis. The aim of the exercise is to provide insight into the complexities of national and international politics and a greater appreciation of the difficulties faced by decision-makers when confronted with an international crisis.

The Crisis Games are among the most popular activities in the Department. During the course of the simulation students learn about aspects of international politics that cannot be taught in lectures and seminars and foster non-academic skills. They provide a more direct perspective on the decision-making processes under the pressures of a crisis situation.

Finally, the crisis games help you to develop and improve careers-oriented skills such as project management, diplomacy and negotiation; team-building and leadership, information management, problem-solving, public speaking, presentation, communication and media skills.

In recent years, the Crisis Games have been based on the humanitarian crises in Darfur, North Korea's nuclear weapons, Syrian civil war, US Presidential Elections, the Northern Ireland peace process, war between Russia and Georgia, NATO Operations in Afghanistan, environmental politics of the Arctic, and the UK's decision to leave the EU.

# Parliamentary and Assembly Placement Scheme

The House of Commons/Welsh Assembly Placement Scheme provides an exceptional opportunity for some second year students to obtain insight into the practice of politics. There are limited places, so students apply and attend a departmental interview. We select students who have proven that they are enthusiastic and passionate about the business of politics, can work hard and diligently under pressure, who have good interpersonal skills and who are capable of adapting quickly to working in this very different environment.

Successful applicants are placed with an MP (House of Commons, Westminster) or an AM (Welsh Assembly, Cardiff) typically for a period of 4-6 weeks. Work undertaken may involve drafting reports and speeches, drafting press releases, working with Parliamentary committees, research projects, and assisting with constituency casework. Students have also been involved in election campaigning and responding to various political events. Departmental funding is available to help with costs.





# Student Societies and Events

**International Politics Society**

“Organising an array of academic and political activities, debates, social events, formal dinners and other events. The International Politics Society (IPS) at Aberystwyth are a group of students with a keen interest in, and diverse views on, local national and international affairs.”

**Interstate Journal of International Affairs**

is an undergraduate-run academic journal. It focuses on issues of international and current affairs, and it aims to allow students an opportunity to comment on and analyse world affairs in depth alongside contributions by academics and practitioners in the field. The journal allows students to develop their writing style for different audiences, publish work and become involved in the editing and managing of a publication. Today, Interstate publishes twice a year online and in print, and is available at the National Assembly for Wales.

**Aberystwyth Crisis Game and Model United Nations Society**

seeks to understand the workings of international crises and the UN system as well through political simulations. It runs simulation events during which students, representing different states, debate contemporary global issues as would happen in the UN or other international fora. Members of the society also participate in the annual Model UN events and can apply to go on UNA study trips.

# Studying Abroad Opportunities

The Department strongly encourages students to consider applying to study at a carefully selected university abroad for either one semester or a full academic year.

In fact, we think this is so useful to students studying international politics that we have launched our new **BA International Politics with a year studying abroad**. (see page 9) Credits earned from modules studied at your exchange institution will count towards your degree.

At Aberystwyth, you have two options of studying abroad, one route is the Erasmus + route which involves studying in one of our partnered European Universities and some financial incentives are awarded in the form of an Erasmus+ grant, or you could travel further afield on the University’s International Exchange Programme.

**Erasmus+**

**Finland**

- > University of Tampere

**France**

- > University of Strasbourg
- > University de Lille

**Germany**

- > Darmstadt University of Technology

**Netherlands**

- > Leiden University

**Norway**

- > Norwegian University of Life Sciences

**Poland**

- > University of Wroclaw

**Spain**

- > University of the Basque Country, Leioa

**Turkey**

- > Bilkent University, Ankara

## International Exchange Programme

**Australia**

- > Deakin University
- > Griffith University
- > Murdoch University
- > University New South Wales
- > University of Newcastle
- > Queens University of Charlotte
- > University of Alabama

**Hong Kong**

- > Hong Kong Baptist University

**Japan**

- > Rikkyo University

**Thailand**

- > Thammasat University

**Azerbaijan**

- > ADA University

**China**

- > University of Nottingham, Ningbo

**Canada**

- > Dalhousie University
- > McGill University
- > Thompson Rivers University
- > University of Guelph
- > University of Ottawa
- > University of Victoria

**USA:**

- > American University
- > Boise State University
- > Bowling Green State University
- > Carroll University
- > Purdue University
- > Queens University of Charlotte
- > University of Alabama
- > University of Georgia
- > University of Louisville
- > University of Montana
- > Utica College
- > Washington State University
- > Westminster College
- > Willamette University

# How to apply

Once you have 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.

## 1 Apply through UCAS.com

Deadline 15 January. Aberystwyth University institution code: A40.

TOP TIP: You'll be given a 10 digit UCAS ID number. Keep this to hand as you'll be asked for it many times.

## 2 The university will consider your offer

TOP TIP: Use UCAS Track to keep an eye on your application. At Aberystwyth we aim to make a decision within 4 weeks.

## 3 The offer will show on UCAS track

## 4 Decide where to go

Once you've received all your offers, you'll need to decide which university you want to go to, within a set time. This is when you'll need to note which universities will be your firm and insurance choices.

## 5 Accommodation

Once you've chosen your firm/insurance choice you'll be able to apply for your accommodation (April 1<sup>st</sup> onwards).

## 6 Results day

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.

## 7 Start packing!





