University of South Wales

online programmes in partnership with UNICAF
There are lots of reasons why so many EU and international students choose the University of South Wales including Quality Courses, Employment Success and Award Winning Student Support, so there’s no better time to study at the University of South Wales!
UNICAF has partnered with the University of South Wales to offer online a variety of business, health and education degree programmes.

The University of South Wales was formed in 2013 by the merger of the University of Glamorgan and the University of Wales, Newport. Both of these institutions have come together to create the University of South Wales, one of the largest in the UK, offering more opportunities and better prospects for students.

The University leads the agenda across a number of industries with Faculties including:

- Business and Society
- Computing, Engineering and Science
- Creative Industries
- Life Sciences and Education

The University of South Wales offers a distinctive advantage for students: where technology helps to simulate the real-world work environment, they learn by doing. Students also benefit from the growing reputation of USW as a major university for jobs and employers. The University’s partnership with employers makes the University of South Wales a major contributor to the success of our graduates and their employers.

The University of South Wales has campuses throughout South Wales, in Pontypridd, Newport and Cardiff. The University is investing heavily in its campuses with state of the art facilities for the professionals of the future. The campuses have excellent transport links and flexible study options, so it’s easy to fit part-time or higher-level study around existing commitments.
About the Partnership

UNICAF is the leading online platform in sub-Saharan Africa with a physical presence in 9 countries including a number of branch campuses.

UNICAF addresses an under-served part of the higher education market, through an affordable and flexible learning model. UNICAF enables students in different locations around the world to earn quality degrees from reputable universities, like the University of South Wales, through online learning, thereby helping partner institutions extend their reach and further their mission.

The UNICAF Scholarship Programme is one of the most generous in the world today, and helps eligible students, who face financial hardship, pursue advanced academic studies and earn internationally recognised qualifications.
Online learning has revolutionised higher education because of the many significant advantages it offers. As an online student, you are able to learn at your own pace, studying wherever and whenever it is convenient for you.

The UNICAF Virtual Learning Environment, a state-of-the-art, very easy to navigate digital platform, connects you night and day with study material, and a well equipped e-library facilitates the delivery of assignments and the communication with tutors, administrators and fellow classmates. All that you need is a reliable connection to the Internet.

Your UNICAF student adviser will guide you through the entire process well in advance and will support you every step of the way, from first contact to graduation.
• Your classes will take place in an online environment. You can log in at any time, at your convenience. Once online, you will communicate with your instructors and fellow students, read assigned texts, access digital materials, post assignments and comment on other students’ assignments. While you’re required to log in at least on two separate days each week, you will, of course, benefit greatly from regular and more frequent attendance.

• Your online course experience will take place via the UNICAF Virtual Learning Environment, designed to facilitate optimal learning. In addition to the educational platform you will utilize to communicate with faculty and fellow students, you will also have access to e-textbooks offering you the capability to highlight, annotate, create bookmarks, search, download and self-assess.

• Similar to a campus classroom, the VLE facilitates extensive participation and interaction with faculty and fellow students. You will also use the online forum to communicate with advisers, teaching assistants and instructional specialists.

• Once you have successfully completed your degree, you will be eligible to participate in the traditional graduation ceremony at the University of South Wales campus in the UK. The University’s annual graduation ceremony takes place in autumn.

• Module sequences start each month, so you can enrol and begin your studies immediately, bringing you one step closer to graduation.

• You will take one module at a time. This advanced learning method, designed for adults, allows you to concentrate your entire focus on one subject area before moving onto the next, while also allowing you to earn your degree in an accelerated time frame.

• The degree you earn will hold the same value, acceptance and credibility as any equivalent degree earned in a traditional campus environment.
USW Degree Programmes offered through UNICAF

- BA (Hons) Business Studies (Top-up degree)
- MBA – Master of Business Administration
- MA Education (Innovation in Learning and Teaching)
- MSc Psychology
- MSc Public Health
- LLM Laws
What you will study

During this one year ‘top up’ course you will examine core aspects of business, such as business strategy and communication, whilst also getting the chance to conduct a real investigation into a business problem, which allows you to apply your business acumen to a real life scenario.

Modules Offered

- Business Communication
- Business Research
- International Business
- Business Strategy
- International Culture and Communications
- Ethics and Sustainability - Theory and Practice
This challenging and dynamic MBA programme is aimed at current or aspiring managers, and focuses on helping them solve real life business problems. It is designed for professionals, who wish to make a strategic difference to the organisations in which they operate.

The MBA programme introduces innovative business theories within a practical context. You will learn how to integrate cutting-edge research and practice across all key business areas, in both the private and public sector, to achieve business transformation.

**Educational Aims**

- Develop the knowledge and skills necessary for successful strategic leadership performance
- Enhance the ability to source, analyse and critically appraise all types of business data and practices
- Develop flexible strategies to satisfy diverse stakeholder and partner demands
- Develop skills of entrepreneurial leadership such as creativity, innovation, collaboration, risk taking
The MA Education (Innovation in Learning and Teaching) is a flexible programme, designed to meet the professional needs of individual learners. Students will have the opportunity to engage critically with the theories and practices of education, with a view to applying learning to practice.

**Educational Aims**
- Identify, design and carry out research activities, which include opportunities for considerable self-direction
- Contribute to the body of knowledge and understanding, which is relevant to education
This unique course encourages sophisticated and critical appraisal of current key debates in applied psychology. Upon completion of this course students will be able to demonstrate a critical evaluation of psychology’s contribution to human performance and well-being in different applied contexts, and also develop advanced research skills in applied psychology.

This course applies to a broad range of sectors and is designed for anyone wishing to understand more about the underpinning psychological research and mechanisms for employees, organisations and business practices.

**Educational Aims**

- Sophisticated and critical awareness of key theories and methods in applied psychology
- Deep critical understanding of how psychology can be applied in real-world contexts
- Advanced knowledge of research methods and statistics in applied psychology
- Ability to appraise the efficacy of different interventions to promote psychological well-being and performance
- Application of psychological research methods to a novel research topic
The MSc Public Health programme aims to train professionals who can lead and implement change in the public health sector across the world.

This postgraduate management course facilitates the development of public health practitioners by training them on how to negotiate, plan, implement and evaluate policy and practice initiatives. It also addresses wide-ranging public health issues, which arise in diverse cultures, settings and environments.

**Educational Aims**

- Critical understanding of how quantitative/qualitative research methods and epidemiological investigations are used to create and interpret public health knowledge and data

- Creativity and innovation in tackling and solving public health related problems in diverse populations

- Independent design, assessment and evaluation of intervention strategies for the promotion of health, or the prevention of disease

- In-depth knowledge and development of advanced skills to enable graduates to take leading roles in the public health sector
The University of South Wales LLM programme offers a flexible approach to postgraduate study, allowing students to tailor their Master's programme to suit their specific needs and career aspirations. They can explore a broad range of legal subjects, including commercial law, international trade law, competition law, employment law and intellectual property law.

**Educational Aims**

- Provide engagement with theoretical and current issues of debate on topical, cutting edge areas of concern
- Develop advanced legal knowledge to provide for rigorous analysis of key areas of contemporary law and practice
- Develop the skills needed to deal with the legal rules relating to the relevant area of law, and the ability to analyse and critique those rules in a practical and academic context
- Place study material in appropriate conceptual frameworks, using a range of academic disciplines and insights
- Develop the skills needed to use a range of legal and policy documents, including primary and secondary sources from the European Union, United Kingdom and other legal jurisdictions
- Develop research skills necessary for participation in projects or other professional tasks, which require the deployment of knowledge, comprehension, application, evaluation, analysis and synthesis in the relevant area of law
- Focus on contemporary and, possibly, controversial areas of law and policy development, in order to engage in informed debate
Admission Requirements

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Special Entry Requirements

Applicants who do not have English as their first language and/or have not received their education through the medium of the English language, must achieve an IELTS, (or equivalent), score of 5 and no element below 5 at the start of the programme. A good standard of spoken English and good interpersonal skills are a pre-requisite for all candidates.

Direct entry to this programme is possible for those candidates who hold recent, business related BTEC HND or equivalent qualifications, and wish to 'top-up' to a Bachelor degree, provided the learning outcomes of their programme of study correspond to those of the BA (Hons) Programme. Direct entry and other AP(E)L (approved prior and experiential learning) opportunities are considered on an individual basis. Details of such opportunities can be discussed with a student adviser.

* NOTE: By submitting a completed application form and the supporting documentation, the applicant declares that the information supplied on the form or otherwise, in connection with their application, is complete and correct, and that the giving of false or incomplete information, or submission of falsified or fraudulent qualifications/transcripts may lead to the refusal of the application, or suspension or expulsion from the Programme, without refund, if such fraudulent documentation is revealed subsequent to admission.
The University of South Wales offers rigorous academic programmes for high-potential professionals. The Office of Admissions takes into account all aspects of a candidate’s profile, (academic, professional and personal), aiming to admit all who are eligible for postgraduate education, show strong potential and determination for career success, and can contribute to a rewarding, collective educational experience.

**Academic Policies and Regulations**

**Admission requirements for the University of South Wales Master’s Degree Programmes include:**

- An accredited Bachelor degree. Some professional qualifications may also be acceptable. Extensive professional experience may also be considered for admission to the programme. Candidates should normally have at least two years of appropriate postgraduate work experience on admission.

- Proficiency in English. Candidates satisfy the language requirement if their first degree was taught in English. Otherwise, they need to present a GCSE score with a minimum grade of ‘C’, or IELTS with a score of 6.5, or a minimum grade of ‘C’ at the Master’s English Placement Test, which can be taken online. The University offers English language modules, at various levels, to help students reach the required standard for admission.

- Official transcripts from all universities or colleges and other post-secondary educational institutions attended, including trade schools. You may supply official electronic transcripts issued by a post-secondary institution directly to the University of South Wales online.

- Applicants with a non-business background can be admitted onto the business programmes but they may be required to take preparatory foundation modules.

- Personal Statement.

- Direct entry into specific levels of the Master’s programmes is possible for candidates who hold relevant Level 7 qualifications and wish to ‘top-up’ their diplomas to a Master’s degree, provided the learning outcomes of their award satisfy those of the equivalent levels of the Master’s programme to which they seek admission. Direct entry and other AP(E)L (approved prior and experiential learning) opportunities are considered on an individual basis. Details of such opportunities can be discussed with a student adviser.
Progression Routes to Bachelor and Master’s Degree Programmes

**Bachelor Programmes:**
Students with recent Level 5 qualifications, (Higher National Diploma for example), from approved awarding bodies, will be considered for transfer to the final stage of the BA programme and can earn their degree in one year.

**Master’s Programmes:**
Students with recent Level 7 qualifications, (post-graduate diploma for example), from approved awarding bodies, will be considered for transfer to the final stage of the Master’s programme they are applying for and can earn their degree in six months.

*Note: It is the applicant’s responsibility to check with their national Higher Education regulatory body that an online degree is recognized in their home country.

**Credit Transfer**
If you have successfully completed postgraduate or undergraduate study with an approved institution, you may be eligible to transfer your earned credits towards the credit requirements of a Bachelor or Master’s degree programme. This will allow you to earn your Bachelor or Master’s faster. The transferability of credits is subject to University of South Wales AP(E)L policies, and requires the submission of official transcripts.