

General Information

Study at WEST

The IFC programme gives you the chance to learn from native English teachers and regularly practise your language outside the classroom. During the programme, you can gain the confidence to use English in daily life and also to achieve a Cambridge certificate recognising your abilities.

The community environment at WEST gives you the opportunity to mix with English-speaking students and staff, and share life together.

Every week our course has 15 hours of English lessons. These include English language coursebook lessons and exam preparation, as well as lessons in Christian Studies and British Culture. In addition to this, there are Bible Overview classes for all students (2 hours per week). A limited number of private tutoring sessions are available for students who are interested in additional language help.

Theology modules are provided for those with a higher level of English language ability. Christian Doctrine gives an introduction to theology, World Mission helps equip you for world evangelisation and Welfare and Support in Church and Society gives an insight into the influence of the Christian worldview in history and today. Only two of these modules are available in each semester (includes Bible Overview).

Your entry level should be B1 or B2 (IELTS 4-6), which will be confirmed by our testing.

- Lower level: Start in our B1 (pre-intermediate) class, and if this level is successfully achieved, proceed to our B2 (upper-intermediate) class.
- Higher level: Start in our B2 class, and if this level is successfully achieved, proceed to IELTS preparation classes for advanced students.
- Students who wish to proceed to undergraduate studies at WEST must be ready to start in the B2 (intermediate) class, and after successfully completing the first six months, will have a further six months IELTS preparation to achieve a 6.5 score. If this is achieved, students may be accepted onto our full degree programme.

Community

As a student on the IFC at WEST, you will benefit from:

- a welcoming and safe campus environment with on-campus accommodation offered to all new IFC students
- an active programme to help you become familiar with European culture and the local environment
- regular morning worship and times of fellowship for spiritual growth
- opportunities to get involved with and serve local churches and mission organisations

As part of our vibrant international community, you will be able to enjoy WEST's attractive grounds – as well as main meals prepared by our highly-regarded resident chef. College amenities include a fully-stocked theological library, Christian bookshop, study spaces, I.T. facilities, lounges, self-catering kitchens, laundry facilities and a games hut. The student community regularly organises social events such as movie nights, games nights and 'friendly' football matches.

Location

Places of outstanding natural beauty, including both coastal and mountain scenery, as well as ancient castles, museums etc. are within easy reach. WEST is located in peaceful surroundings on the edge of the South Wales town of Bridgend. The School is only ten minutes by car from sandy beaches, and a twenty-minute car or train journey from both Cardiff, the capital of Wales, and the city of Swansea. Cardiff International Airport is easily accessible, while excellent rail and motorway connections mean that London is just two and a half hours away.

Studying on the IFC at WEST provides a fantastic opportunity to improve your English, make friends from many countries and study the Bible together in a supportive Christian environment.