Your arrival checklist

Before you arrive

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☐ Apply for a visa
☐ Arrange your accommodation
☐ Plan your journey to Bangor
☐ Plan your budget
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When you arrive

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☐ Register at the University
☐ Register with the Police
☐ Find accommodation
☐ Open your bank account
☐ Get your timetable
☐ Register with a doctor
☐ Find out about clubs & societies
☐ Find out about the Library and University services
☐ Learn to use Bangor website and your IT account
☐ Ask us any questions you have

Need help?

If you are uncertain about what to do, have any worries in the first few weeks of term or if you want advice before you come to Bangor, we will be very happy to help you.

International Student Support Office

Email: internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0) 1248 38 2882

For full updated information you should regularly visit the website:
www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support

www.facebook.com/bangorinternationalsupport
Pre-arrival Advice

Important advice to prepare you for your studies, including information on travel, visas and accommodation.

Arriving in Bangor

Information for your first few weeks in Bangor and details of Orientation in our 2014-15 Programme.

Student Life at Bangor University

All you need to know about student life in Bangor. Practical information, including work, local amenities, Bangor University services and local places of interest.

After Your Studies at Bangor

How we keep in touch with you once you leave Bangor and practical things to remember before you leave.
Hello and Welcome

I was delighted to learn that you will soon be joining us at Bangor University. You will be arriving here with students from all over the world and you will be sure of a very warm welcome.

Founded in 1884, Bangor University has an established tradition of excellence across a broad range of academic disciplines. We are now building on this tradition by ensuring that Bangor’s students have the best possible quality of teaching and research supervision from highly qualified academic staff, who are involved in leading-edge, international research programmes. We have long experience of welcoming international students to Bangor and we will do all that we can to support you in your studies.

I am therefore confident that your stay at Bangor will prove to be academically rewarding. In addition, your social life will be enriched by the opportunities to make friends from many different backgrounds within a small, friendly city.

The University has close links with the local community and plays an important part in the social and cultural life of the region. Also, the countryside around Bangor is exceptionally beautiful and the mountains and the sea will offer you a wide range of outdoor pursuits to choose from.

I now look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you personally to Bangor.

Professor John G. Hughes
Vice-Chancellor
International Student Support Team

The International Student Support Team provides advice and guidance on a range of issues, including:

• Employment Regulations
• General Welfare Issues
• Travelling Abroad
• Living & Studying in Bangor
• Immigration
• Visa Applications
• Health Care
• Financial Matters

We also arrange trips and events for international students throughout the year, This includes Diwali, Thanksgiving, Chinese New Year, a traditional Welsh dance night and an international gala as well as regular visits to local attractions plus trips to Liverpool and Manchester.

Contact Details

E-mail: internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk
Telephone: +44 (0) 1248 38 2882
Web: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support

www.facebook.com/bangorinternationalsupport
Pre-arrival information

After accepting your offer there are lots of things that you should prepare before coming to Bangor: you will need to apply for accommodation, apply for your visa, even decide what clothes to bring! You will find it useful to make these arrangements before you leave home.

Organise your tuition fee payments
You will need to pay a £2,000 deposit on your tuition fees in order to receive your CAS letter from Bangor University. You can pay online using the Pay to Study online payment system, by credit card or bank transfer. You can also receive a discount of £350 if you pay your tuition fees in full before 1st September 2014.

To pay your tuition fees, go to: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/alreadyapplied and click on ‘Pay your deposit’.

Apply for a visa
To apply for a visa you must have your CAS letter and be able to show that you have sufficient funds to study in the UK.

You will receive your CAS letter once you have:

• Accepted your offer
• Paid your tuition fee deposit
• Met any conditions of your offer to study at Bangor University (i.e. you have ‘unconditional firm’ status)

You will need to show that you have enough money to pay tuition fees for your first year of study as well as your living costs (or ‘maintenance’). You must provide: either personal bank statements showing the required amount of money has been in your account for a minimum of 28 days; or, if you have financial sponsorship, a letter from your sponsor confirming that they will cover your living costs, as well as tuition fees.

Living costs are calculated at £820 per month. New students must show living costs for each month of their course for a maximum of nine months.

Therefore a student on a 12-month (or longer) course would need to show £7,380 in their account, in addition to any outstanding course fees. If you have ‘established presence’*, you will only have to show two months’ living costs in your account—a total of £1,640. For London centre students the amounts are slightly different: £1020 per month, £9180 for a 12-month (or longer course) and £2040 for those with established presence.

*You have ‘established presence’ if you have either completed a course of study lasting at least six months during your most recent permission to stay in the UK or you are applying to continue studying on a single course in the UK, of which you have completed at least six months.

To find out where and how to apply for a Tier 4 (General) visa to study in the UK from your country, please visit the UK Visa and Immigration website: www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa and also have a look at our useful visa guide: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/student-visa.php

Arrange accommodation
Undergraduate international students are guaranteed a place in University accommodation for their first year of study provided that they make an application for a room before 31st July 2014.

If you make an application after this date we will still try to find you a room but cannot guarantee that your application will be successful.

Please do not wait until you have received your visa before making your application and apply for a room as soon as you are invited to do so.
When you make an application for accommodation you will need to pay a £300 application fee. This fee is refundable providing you tell The Halls Office that you do not want a room before 6th September 2014.

Postgraduate international students may also apply for a room in University accommodation. If you make your application before 31st July and your offer of a place to study becomes Unconditional Firm (UF) before 7th August, we will guarantee to find you a room in Hall. If you apply after 31st July, or if your place to study is made UF after 7th August, we will try our best to find you a room but there is no guarantee.

For information about applying for a room in University accommodation, go to: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/alreadyapplied and click on ‘Apply for your accommodation’.

More details of University Halls are available at: www.bangor.ac.uk/accommodation

Private accommodation
If you will be staying in private accommodation in Bangor, the Student Housing Office can help you find a room after you arrive: www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices/studenthousing

It is advised that you do not pay any money or sign a contract before you arrive in Bangor and see the property first.

Important: Students who intend to live in private accommodation should ensure that they have accommodation for at least the first two or three nights after arriving in Bangor. This is because it may not be possible to move into private accommodation immediately.

The Student Housing Office can provide a list of hotels in the area by email if required. It is recommended that students arrive at least a few days before registration to allow enough time to find private accommodation.

Please note that the standard price of private accommodation in Bangor varies but an average rent for a room in a shared property will be approximately £75-80 per week plus bills. The Housing Office has an online search facility for privately rented accommodation, where you can search a database of available properties. This facility is called Studentpad and can be accessed via www.bangorstudentpad.co.uk/accommodation

Plan your journey
We offer an Airport Pick-Up service for international students arriving at Manchester Airport on Wednesday 17th September 2014, in mid-January, in April and throughout the summer months. The charge for this service is £10 in September, and then £20 at all other times. To book your place you need to follow these steps:

• Confirm your travel plans. Please check our webpage for available pick-up times.
• Make a payment via our Online Shop.
• Complete the Airport Pick-up booking form and submit it.
• Receive a booking confirmation email.

For further information and to access the booking form and payment instructions please visit http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/airportpickup

If you will not be travelling on these dates, please read the ‘How to Get to Bangor’ information page on our website for advice: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/documents/HowtogettoBangor.pdf

If you will be arriving in Bangor out of university working hours and you have arranged to stay in University Halls of Residence, please go to the Security Lodge on Ffriddoedd Site (no. 30 on map) to collect your key. If you have not arranged to stay in Halls of Residence but need assistance when you arrive out of university working hours, please go to Reception in Main Arts Building on College Road (no. 51 on map).
**Plan your budget**
Overseas students will need approximately £5,500—£7,250 during one academic year to pay for living costs such as accommodation and food. More detailed information can be found on living costs in the UK on our website: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/cost_living

**Get packing**
Before travelling, please ensure that you have the following documents with you in your hand luggage:

- Valid passport or identity card
- Visa (if required)
- Acceptance letter/CAS letter from the University

Please also remember to bring:

- Receipts for any tuition or accommodation fee payments
- Cash in GBP. (If you will not be able to access your home bank account in the UK, you should bring enough cash or traveller’s cheques for at least two weeks as you will not be able to open a bank account instantly. We recommend that you have access to approximately £500 in your first weeks in Bangor.)
- Electrical adapters
- Warm and waterproof clothing
- If you are staying in University accommodation, check with the Halls Office to see what supplies you will need to bring (e.g. bedding).

We have arranged a shopping trip during Orientation for international students to go to a local supermarket to buy essential supplies (food, cooking equipment, etc.). For more information, see the Orientation Programme on pages 10 & 11.

**Health**
UK Visas and Immigration has screening rules for tuberculosis. Nationals from certain countries must have a chest X-ray before being granted a visa for more than six months. To see if your country is on the list, go to: www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa

If you will be studying in the UK for more than six months as a non-EEA student, you are likely to be eligible for NHS treatment. Please note that the UK government just introduced a health surcharge to be paid by non-EEA students when making an immigration application. The details of this charge were not available at the time of this handbook going to print so please check our webpage for the latest information. If you will be studying in the UK for six months or less, make sure you arrange suitable medical insurance as you will not qualify for free National Health Service treatment. To see if you are eligible and find out more about student healthcare, please visit the following webpage: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/healthcare

If you are an EEA national, make sure that you apply for a European Health Insurance Card before you come to Bangor. This will provide you with access to state-provided healthcare and is a requirement of your stay in the UK. For more information, please visit: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559&langId=en

**Tell us about any disabilities**
The Disability Team at Bangor University will be able to assist you if you tell us about any disabilities that you have. Please email: disabilityservice@bangor.ac.uk
You can also find some useful information at www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices/disability

**Check out useful websites**
For all the information you need about student life in Bangor, have a look at the International Student Support Team’s website:
The British Council has created a number of brochures aimed at giving information to international students coming to study in the UK, including obtaining a visa, preparing for coming to the UK and settling in safely once arrived. See the following web page for a full list of their brochures (‘First Steps’ is particularly useful for new international students):
www.britishcouncil.org/eumd-immigration.htm

You could also try this fantastic interactive learning tool, which will help you find out about different aspects of academic life in the UK and the skills needed for effective study:
www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk

Facebook is one of the most popular social networking sites in the UK. Students often use it to communicate with each other and plan events. Visit the below link to see our page:
www.facebook.com/bangorinternationalsupport
you can use this page to communicate with us and other students before coming to Bangor as well as during your studies. Do not worry if you cannot access Facebook in your home country. It is easy to set up an account once you arrive in the UK.

Ask us any questions you have
If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk

International Student Ambassadors
Starting university can be a daunting experience to say the least but for international students it doesn’t just mean leaving home. Students from over 85 different countries choose to study at Bangor and therefore have to leave their native homeland, their families and friends and move to a foreign country.

They not only have to adjust to a new culture and surroundings but in many cases face the challenge of adjusting to a new language. Bangor University strongly believes in looking after their students and making sure that everyone is made to feel welcome and settles in with ease. That’s why Bangor has over 30 International Student Ambassadors to support international students from the application process right up to their graduation day. For more information about the International Student Ambassadors, please see www.bangor.ac.uk/studentlife/features/ambassadors

Above: Monalisa, International Student Ambassador with a student at an Education fair in Nigeria
Arriving in Bangor

There are a few important things you must do during your first week in Bangor. You will need to register at the University, view your lecture timetable, open a bank account, and more. To help you, we have a Welcome Room for international students based at Rathbone Hall where you can ask any questions you may have.

Attend our Welcome Week and Orientation Events
The International Orientation programme and the general University Welcome Week gives new international students a chance to get to know Bangor, the University and other students. Go to page 10 to see our Orientation and Welcome Week Programme.

Registration
All new students must formally register centrally with the Academic Registry of the University.

For the academic session 2014/15, you will be able to do this on-line before the start of your course. Please see www.bangor.ac.uk/registration for full details. You will be notified by email or post when the system is available.

Please note that you will also need to bring proof of your identity to the University (original documents are required). Your documents will be checked during Orientation, so please ensure that you have these with you; failure to provide this documentation may result in delaying your university registration and access to university resources. Acceptable forms of ‘proof of identity’ can be found at www.bangor.ac.uk/registration/proof-of-identity

Once you have completed the online process, you will receive a ‘Confirmation of Registration’ email within 24 hours, and will then be able to access ‘MyBangor’ which will provide details of your academic timetable and other important information.

The Student Records team of the Academic Registry will be available to help if you have any problems, they can be contacted via email at student-admin@bangor.ac.uk or by telephone +44 (0)1248 388484.

Register with the Police
If registering with the police is one of the conditions of your stay in the UK (this should be written on your visa), you must do so within 7 days of first arriving in the UK. You must also notify the police within 7 days if your visa, address or circumstances change. If you are unsure, please come and see the International Student Support Team in Rathbone Hall. The following nationalities must register if noted on the visa:

- Afghanistan
- Algeria
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Belarus
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- Cuba
- Egypt
- Georgia
- Iran
- Holders of Stateless Documents
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Moldova
- Morocco
- North Korea
- Oman
- Palestine
- Peru
- Qatar
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- UAE
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan
- Yemen

There will be police drop-in sessions, during which you will be able to register with the police, on Thursday 18th September and Friday 19th September between 10am and 4:30pm, on the ground floor of Rathbone Hall (no. 70 on the map).

There will be further police drop-in sessions during the autumn term – more details will be available on arrival.
Open a bank account
International students are strongly advised to open a UK bank account. You may want to open an account at one of the following banks, all of which are located on Bangor High Street: Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds TSB, Natwest, Santander (Santander is also located at Main Arts Building on College Road (no. 51 on map)). You may be asked to provide some of the following documentation to open a bank account:

- Your passport (and visa, if applicable)
- Acceptance/CAS letter from Bangor University
- Certificate of student registration

Many banks will not allow you to open an account without your registration certificate and this could take up to a week following the start of your studies. It is therefore strongly recommended that you bring enough cash/travellers cheques with you to cover the first two weeks of your time at Bangor.

Get your timetable
Once you have registered your module choices, you can find your lecture timetable online by using the following link:
https://www.bangor.ac.uk/itservices/admin/timetable

Register with a doctor
There are several ‘doctors surgeries’ in Bangor. To register with a doctor, you must go to the surgery and ask to fill in a ‘new patient’ form. Many students choose to register at Bodnant Surgery on Menai Avenue as it is close to University Halls of Residence. (Between 78 and 79 on map). These forms will also be available in our Welcome Room during Orientation.

If you do not live close to Bodnant Surgery, you can find a list of other local GP surgeries online at www.wales.nhs.uk

The University’s Student Services department also has a nurse which can provide advice on a range of health matters. Further information is available at www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices/wellbeing

Find out about the Library/Bangor University services
Once you have registered, you will receive your student card, which will allow you to borrow up to 12 books for up to 2 weeks as an undergraduate student, up to 20 books for up to 2 weeks as a postgraduate taught student, and up to 25 books for up to 10 weeks as a research student.

Bangor libraries also have electronic resources, study areas, computer rooms, wi-fi spots and printing/photocopying facilities. The Library Service has arranged several library tours to offer international students important information about how to use the library. To find out about these tours and to book a place to attend, please go to the International Welcome Room during Welcome Week and speak to a volunteer.

www.bangor.ac.uk/library

The Bangor University IT Services department is located in Deiniol Library. They provide a range of services to students, including special deals on student software purchases, printing and binding facilities and an IT advisory service.

www.bangor.ac.uk/library

Questions?
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the International Student Support Team. You can visit us in the Rathbone Building on College Road (no. 70 on map) or email us at: internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk.
Things you must do as a Bangor student

Go crabbing on Beaumaris pier
Visit Conwy castle
Shopping in Chester
Climb Snowdon

Visit Bangor cathedral
Catch a show or film at Pontio
Take the Llandudno tram to the top of the Great Orme
Visit Ireland by ferry
International Registration & Orientation Programme

Wednesday 17th September to Saturday 20th September

We look forward to welcoming you to Bangor and have put in place a programme where you will have an opportunity to meet other students, and teaching staff, at the University. You will also be able to complete your registration and collect information on many aspects of studying and living in Bangor.

Wednesday 17th September

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<td>Bar Uno Café open for refreshments and luggage storage</td>
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<td>Walking Tours/Supermarket Trips</td>
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<td>From 7.00pm</td>
<td>Welcome Event &amp; Party (&amp; Meet your Halls Warden)</td>
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<td>Welcome Breakfast Reception – an opportunity to meet other students &amp; collect information from staff.</td>
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<td>Online Enrolment/ID Checking/ Fee payment – complete your registration and collect your student ID Cards. Police Registration (if applicable)</td>
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<td>Information Session. Advice on:</td>
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<td>11.30am</td>
<td>Information Session: Navigating the University web pages</td>
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<td>12.00pm</td>
<td>Meet the International Student Ambassadors – get any question answered!</td>
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### Library Tours

We will be arranging library tours for international students during welcome week. The tours will be at the Main Library (Main Arts Building) and Deiniol Library and will give information on searching for books and paper journals, photocopying and printing, study areas and computer rooms, and other library resources that are available. Please visit the below link for dates and times or ask the team in the Welcome room.

[www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/welcome_week_programme](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/welcome_week_programme)

For further information and advice on all aspects of living in Bangor, and the support provided by the University, please go to: [http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/)

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<td>Bus tour of local area</td>
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<td>Presentation on the history of Bangor/places</td>
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<td>Library Tours &amp; IT provision</td>
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<td>University Students Union – what’s on offer from the Union</td>
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<td>University Student Services – support for students at Bangor (including: finding work, study support, finances, accommodation)</td>
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<td>12.45pm-2pm</td>
<td>Welcome Lunch (with College/school staff)</td>
<td>Powis Hall, Main Arts, College Road</td>
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Central University Welcome Week Programme 2014 – International Students
Saturday 20th September to Saturday 27th September

This welcome week programme runs in parallel to the central welcome week programme for ALL new students at the University. Please check the University web pages and the relevant Welcome Week Diary. For any more information please see the International Support web pages - www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support

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<td><a href="http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/airportpickup">http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/airportpickup</a> for more information and to book your place.</td>
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<td>All Day</td>
<td>Various events welcoming new students:</td>
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<td>Bar Uno Café open for food &amp; drink</td>
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<td>Students Union fun activities</td>
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<td>11am - 4pm</td>
<td>House-Hunting Day (private/off campus)</td>
<td>Student Housing Office, Rathbone Hall</td>
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**Sunday 21st September**

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<td>12noon - 2pm</td>
<td>International Student supermarket trip</td>
<td>Meet outside Bar Uno, Ffriddoedd site</td>
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<td>International Student Welcome Room, open daily</td>
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<td>3.30pm</td>
<td>Information and Advice session for new International Students</td>
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<td>Walking Tour of Bangor for International Students</td>
<td>Meet outside main entrance, Main Arts Building</td>
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<td>2.30pm</td>
<td>Studying in the UK: your questions answered (learn more about study methods in the UK)</td>
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<td>Information and Advice session for new international students (repeat of Monday’s session)</td>
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<td>Bus Tour of Bangor and area for international &amp; home students. See our International web pages for ticket information.</td>
<td>Meet outside Main Arts entrance, College Road</td>
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<td>10.00am</td>
<td>Bus Tour of Snowdonia National Park (Tickets to be purchased from the International Support Office, Rathbone Hall)</td>
<td>Meet outside Main Arts Building</td>
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Studying in the UK – Orientation event

Depending on what course you are studying, and at what level, the teaching methods you experience in the UK may be slightly different to those you have encountered before in your home country. Assessment methods may also be different to what you are used to.

We have therefore organised a Teaching & Learning Orientation session on Tuesday 23rd of September at 2.30pm – Lecture Rom 3, Main Arts Building. More details at: http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/documents/StudyingintheUK.pdf
Student Life at Bangor University

Whether you are at university, at home, ‘out and about’ or at work, this section tells you all you need to know about student life in Bangor

Semester Dates

Here are the semester and vacation dates for the 2014/15 academic year:

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<td>Return &amp; Assessment</td>
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<td>26th January 2015 (8 weeks)</td>
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<td>Vacation</td>
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<td>Return</td>
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<td>Assessment</td>
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An important note on attendance

Residency: It is expected that full-time students at Bangor University will normally live in Bangor or in the immediate vicinity. All students must provide an up to date address and contact telephone number while studying at the University.

Attendance: Students will be expected to attend ALL timetabled teaching sessions for their degree programme. As an international student, if you miss a succession of timetabled teaching sessions, your school will contact you to discuss why you have been absent. If the reasons for your unauthorised absences are not satisfactory, the University is obliged by UK law to inform the Home Office. This may have consequences for your student visa and your ability to continue studying in the UK.

Therefore, it is extremely important that you attend all of your timetabled teaching sessions and inform the school if you have any planned absences.

If you plan to be absent from the University at any point during your studies as a registered student, you must inform your school of any plans well in advance of your absence and ensure that your contact information is up to date.

Please remember that you must have a valid student visa sponsored by Bangor University for the whole duration of your university course. If you need help with your visa application, please contact the International Student Support Team.

For more information on monitoring attendance, please see:
www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/documents/AttendanceMonitoring.pdf
Bangor University Student Services Centre
Located in Neuadd Rathbone (no. 70 on map), Student Services deals with general welfare enquiries and specific enquiries on financial issues, counselling, student health, disability matters, finding work and accommodation.
www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support

The Students’ Union (SU)
Bangor Students’ Union (SU) (currently no. 79 on the map but will be moving to Pontio, number 48 on the map, in 2014/15 academic year, check Bangorstudents.com for updates) provides representation, information and entertainment to students. If you want to get to know other students, you can join one of the many SU sports clubs or societies.
www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices

Canolfan Braisford Sports Centre / Treborth Site
The University’s Canolfan Braisford Sports Centre (no. 18 on map) has a range of indoor gym and sports facilities as well as a floodlit synthetic pitch, tennis courts, two grass football pitches and a rugby pitch. Treborth Site has four full size football pitches, a pavilion and an eight-lane athletics track.
www.bangor.ac.uk/studyskills

Study Skills Centre
Bangor University’s Study Skills Centre (No. 70 on map) provides a drop-in advisory service for help with taking notes in lectures, planning and writing essays, oral presentations and preparing for exams and a drop-in advisory service offering help with Mathematics, Statistics and Numeracy and IT Study Skills sessions.
studyskills.bangor.ac.uk

English Language Centre for Overseas Students (ELCOS)
ELCOS (located in Neuadd Rathbone—no. 70 on map) provides a range of English language and study skills courses to overseas students at Bangor University and free language classes for their spouses and families.
www.elcos.bangor.ac.uk

The International Student Support Office
The International Student Support Office (located in Neuadd Rathbone—no. 70 on map) is able to offer you information relating to visas and other important issues during your time at Bangor University:
• Visa & immigration advice
• Social events and trips
• Advice for families
• General welfare matters

Peer Guides
Peer guides are current students who volunteer to help new students settle in to University life. Each academic school has its own peer guides and you are likely to see them out and about in bright T-Shirts during Welcome Week. You can ask them questions you may have about the University or living in Bangor such as where lecture rooms are or which shops are open late. Peer Guides and International Student Ambassadors (see page 6) are here to help, so ask them any questions you have!

PONTIO - Arts and Innovation Centre
Bangor’s new art and innovation centre Pontio (no. 48 on the map) will open its doors in autumn 2014. It will be home to a mid-scale theatre, a studio theatre, a cinema, design and innovation centre, Students’ Union, social learning spaces, bar, café and more!
For more information about the centre and the current programme, please see:
www.pontio.co.uk
At home in Bangor

TV Licence
Each address where a television (TV) is being used must have a TV Licence. Students living in Halls of Residence must have a TV Licence for individual bedrooms if they own a TV or watch live television via the internet. Using a television without a TV Licence is illegal and you can be fined up to £1,000 for doing so. The current cost for a TV Licence is £145.50 per year.

World tvlicensing.co.uk

Council Tax
Council tax is a tax collected by the local Council which contributes to local services such as rubbish collection, Police and Fire services. It is calculated based on the value of your property. **You will not need to pay council tax if you live in University Halls of Residence.** If you live in privately rented accommodation off campus, you will not need to pay council tax if:

- You and everyone else living in the property are full-time students
- You are a full-time student
  - AND you are living in the UK with your spouse and children, who are not from the European Economic Area
  - AND your spouse and children have been admitted to the UK as your dependants
  - AND no other non-student lives in your property

You may still receive a bill, but the bill should be for zero pounds. If you have received a bill which you think is wrong, please come and see us at the International Student Support Office.

Telephone and Internet Services
If you live in University Halls of Residence, you will benefit from access to free wi-fi. If you are living in private accommodation in Bangor and want a fast and reliable broadband service, you may need to install a home phone line.

Have a look at our website:
http://www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/welfare.php.en under the ‘Communications’ section for useful information.

Local Transport
Buses
Bangor Bus Station is located on Garth Road in the city centre. Each bus route has a number, which is displayed at the bus stop and on the bus itself. You can plan your journey using the Traveline Cymru website: www.traveline-cymru.info. Student Saver and Multi-Journey tickets are available and can save you money. The local council also has a webpage giving details of bus services in the area: www.gwynedd.gov.uk

Trains
You can buy train tickets at the train station on Holyhead Road or online at either www.nationalrail.co.uk or www.thetrainline.com
Ticket prices tend to be cheaper if you book them in advance, but please note that these tickets are usually restricted to specific trains. You can also save 1/3 off rail travel if you are a full-time student by buying a Young Person’s Railcard.

www.railcard.co.uk

Coaches
National Express coaches depart from Bangor Bus Station on Garth Road and travel to a number of large cities throughout the country such as Manchester, Birmingham and London.

www.nationalexpress.com
Smoking
Smoking is prohibited in all public buildings and on public transport in the UK. Many buildings have outdoor designated smoking areas. At the University, smoking is not allowed in any of its buildings, including Halls of Residence. On University land, smoking is prohibited within five meters of any building and on some campuses there are further restrictions. Signs are displayed reminding staff and students of the non-smoking rule.

Driving in the UK
Driving on an international licence
For non-EEA nationals, if your driving licence was issued in a designated country, you may use it to drive in the UK for up to 12 months from the date you enter the country.

You have up to 5 years to exchange your licence for a UK driving licence (without having to take a test). The designated countries are Australia, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland and Zimbabwe.

If your driving licence was issued in any other country, you may use it to drive in the UK for up to 12 months from the date you enter the country. To continue driving, you must then apply for a UK provisional driving licence and pass a test to obtain a full UK driving licence. [www.dvla.co.uk](http://www.dvla.co.uk)

Legal obligations as a motorist...
Before you drive your own vehicle, you must have car insurance and road tax. All vehicles over three years old must pass an MOT test annually which confirms that the car is safe to drive.

British Police Officers regularly patrol roads to ensure that motorists are driving within the law. You are likely to incur strict penalties if you do not comply with driving legislation. The Police can confiscate your vehicle, fine you and ban you from driving in the UK. [www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring)

For more information visit: [http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/Study-work--more/Other-useful-information/Driving/](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk/International-Students/Study-work--more/Other-useful-information/Driving/)
Shopping in Bangor
Bangor has a variety of supermarkets that are conveniently located for students:

- Asda (Farrar Road)
- Morrisons (Holyhead Road)
- Marks & Spencer (Garth Road)
- Lidl (Caernarfon Road)
- Aldi (Deiniol Road)
- Tesco Extra (Caernarfon Road) open 24 hours

You can also buy groceries from specialist food shops such as Zam Zam Food (253 High Street), T2 Oriental Store (7a Holyhead Road), Oriental Grocery Food Store (25-27 Holyhead road) and G Williams and Son Butchers’ Shop (238 High Street), which sells both non-Halal and Halal meat.

Most shops selling general goods (clothes, books, mobile phones, pharmacy/beauty, electrical goods, etc.) are located on the High Street or on Caernarfon Road. Buses travel frequently from Bangor City Centre to Caernarfon Road.

Shop opening times in the UK vary across different types of shops. Many of the smaller stores are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday, while larger shops, e.g. supermarkets and clothing stores, stay open later and on Sundays. Most shops close on certain public holidays, such as Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.

University Eating Places
If you want somewhere to pop into for a quick coffee or snack, or a hearty lunch, we have a number of catering outlets onsite open to staff, students and visitors. There is also a small shop on Ffriddoedd Site where you can buy food, magazines and university merchandise. Visit: baruno.bangor.ac.uk/venues

Some High Street shops offer a 10-20% discount to students so remember to take your Bangor University student card shopping with you!
Working during your studies

Employment Regulations
Many students take up part-time work to help pay some of their living expenses. You are advised not to rely on finding part-time work in order to fund your studies in full because job vacancies are limited and the pay may be at ‘minimum wage’ rate. There are also strict regulations which stipulate the number of hours per week an international student can work:

EEA Nationals may usually work unrestricted hours in the UK without permission. There are however, some exceptions, e.g. Croatian nationals currently need to apply for a yellow registration certificate. For further advice and information please visit www.gov.uk/croatian-national/yellow-registration-certificate or email internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk

Students from outside the EEA will normally have a restriction on the amount of hours they are entitled to work and the type of work they can do. These restrictions will be written on the Entry Clearance visa in your passport or on your BRP visa card. A non-EEA national will usually be subject to the following restrictions:

- The student is usually limited to work no more than 20 hours per week during term time, (except where a placement is a necessary part of their studies and is undertaken with the education institution’s agreement)
- The student must not engage in business, self-employment or provide services as a professional sportsperson or entertainer.
- The student must not pursue a career by filling a permanent full-time vacancy.

If you are unsure whether you are entitled to work in the UK, please ask for further advice from the International Student Support Office by emailing: internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk

For more information on working in the UK, see the following web page:

Bangor University Careers & Employability Service
This service provides Bangor University students and graduates with resources and practical advice to do with working during and after their studies. They can help you with a range of services such as CV writing workshops, job searches and information about volunteering placements. For more information visit: www.bangor.ac.uk/careers
You can access their services for up to three years after you graduate from Bangor University.

National Insurance
If you want to work in the UK, you must obtain a National Insurance (NI) Number in order to pay National Insurance contributions. To apply for this number, you must call 0845 6000 643. If you are required to attend an interview, you will be asked about your background and circumstances. You can get more information on National Insurance from the Careers & Employability Service (see above).

JobZone
JobZone is Bangor University’s vacancy database, advertising the following opportunities:

- Graduate jobs (local and national)
- Full-time, part-time, permanent and temporary jobs
- Work experience/internships
- Voluntary opportunities

To access the database, you need to register with the Careers & Employability Service (see above).
Make the most of your time in Bangor

Go on University trips and events
The International Student Support Team, and other departments, organise various trips and events throughout the year. These provide a great opportunity to meet other students and to find out more about the area. Events we offer include: celebrations of Diwali, Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving, an International Gala, a traditional Welsh dance evening, and much more! We also run local trips to allow you to get to know Bangor and the local area, historical tours, days out to Liverpool and Manchester, as well as overnight trips to Cardiff and Edinburgh!

For up-to-date information about the trips and events check our website and Facebook page: www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support www.facebook.com/bangorinternationalsupport

Your School, the Students’ Union and other departments also offer different trips and events, so keep an eye out for notices and posters around the campus.

Explore the local area
Although the University provides a range of organised trips and events throughout the year, we want to help you visit even more places by giving you information about ‘Do It Yourself’ trips, or “D.I.Y. Trips”, so you can go on your own adventures! The ‘D.I.Y. Trips’ webpage provides useful links, travel information and ideas about where you can visit and things to do.
www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/diytrips

For more information on places to go and things to see speak to your Peer Guide / International Student Ambassador / Students’ Union Rep / Course Rep / Hall Warden / Postgraduate Ambassador...Or better still, sign up to be one!

Postgraduate Students’ Forum
The Postgraduate Students’ Forum is the official representative group for postgraduate students at Bangor University. They voice postgraduate concerns and interests at various university groups. They also organise events throughout the year, including informal food and drink evenings. For more information, visit pgsf.bangor.ac.uk/

YOUR STUDENT ADVISORS

Students’ Union Representative
The ‘Reps’ (or Sabbatical Officers) are students who have chosen to take a year out and have been democratically elected in a cross-campus ballot to run your Students’ Union and represent you.
www.undeb.bangor.ac.uk/yourusu/sabbs.php.en

Hall Wardens
If you live in University accommodation, there will be a live-in warden available to support you at any time during your stay in Halls.
www.bangor.ac.uk/accommodation/halls/wardens

Course Reps
During the first few days of your course, your Course Coordinator will usually ask for a volunteer to represent and to help voice the opinion of the class.

Postgraduate Ambassadors:
Your School will introduce you to your Postgraduate Ambassadors.

Get involved with the ‘Learning Lounge’
The Learning Lounge is a series of free events to help all students make the most out of their time in Bangor. The events are informal, social and focused on personal development. The Learning Lounge aims to offer a diverse range of topics, with different hosts for each session. Topics will cover: new skills, personal development, general interest, current affairs and more...
www.bangor.ac.uk/learninglounge

Go to extra-curricular workshops
In addition to your course modules the University offer workshops for students

Study Skills Centre
studyskills.bangor.ac.uk

Academic Development Unit (Postgraduates):
www.bangor.ac.uk/adu/

English Language Centre for Overseas Students
www.elcos.bangor.ac.uk

Student Services
www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices/

IELTS
www.ielts.bangor.ac.uk
Bangor Employability Award (BEA)
The BEA is designed to help you develop your skills through the extra-curricular activities you choose to take part in throughout your university life. Whatever your interests, the BEA can help you understand how to promote yourself to an employer, and will also recognise those employability enhancing activities that you are already taking part in. All registered students are eligible to take part in the BEA, please contact the office for further information.
www.bangor.ac.uk/employability/FAQH

Volunteering, Internships and job opportunities
Volunteering, or having a part-time job, are great ways to meet people and experience British culture. Internships are a good route to get work experience. To find out how Bangor University can help you find a role to suit you, see www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/work_volunteering

Follow your Faith
Bangor caters for a variety of faiths. The Chaplaincy Team at Bangor University has representatives from local faith groups and offers activities open to all, irrespective of belief, race, gender, sexuality and politics.
www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices/faith

There are many churches and religious groups in and around Bangor. For a full list of churches and faith groups in the area, see:
www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices/faith/documents/WorshipinBangor30.05.12.pdf

A dedicated Quiet Room is available for drop-in use by students along with a bookable meeting room that is prioritised for faith-based activities. Both rooms are based in Rathbone Annexe (next to Rathbone Dining Hall) which also has toilets with ritual washing facilities.
Useful information about Bangor and the UK

Wales has its own native language, Welsh. It is spoken by around 20% of the population. Gwynedd, North Wales has the highest proportion of Welsh-speakers. Bangor University has its own bilingual policy, which requires service literature to be provided both in Welsh and English. Don’t be surprised to see public signs and notices in both Welsh and English.

Average Temperature
Winter: 5—10°C, Summer: 15—25°C
The weather is quite unpredictable and a waterproof coat and warm shoes are a must in winter!

Measurements
In the UK, both metric and imperial measurements are used for describing weight, volume and length. (1 pint = 568 ml, 1 inch = 2.5 cm). You will find many conversion charts online to help you.

Electricity
Electricity sockets in the UK are usually for 3-pin plugs with a 13 amp fuse. It is a good idea to buy adapters for British plugs before travelling to the UK as they will not be available in all UK shops.

Mobile Phones
There are many phone shops in Bangor that provide services via the major operators (O2, Orange, Vodafone, 3), and you can either buy a phone on a contract or on ‘pay as you go’ basis. It is well worth shopping around for the best deal. You can also buy cheap phone/sim cards in local newsagents. Lebara and Lycamobile have cheaper tariffs for calling abroad.

Nurseries and Schools
Students with children under 4 years of age may wish to send their children to local nurseries. There is a charge for nursery care and fees vary between nurseries. A list of nurseries in Bangor can be found at:
www.daynurseries.co.uk/day_nursery_search_results.cfm/searchtown/Bangor
www.bangor.ac.uk/studentservices/childcare

Education is compulsory for all children resident in the UK between the ages of 4 and 16 years. Children who are in the UK as dependants of international students will be able to attend a state school free of charge. The Local Education Authority will provide school places in the catchment area where parents live. School places cannot be allocated until you have a permanent local address.

For students with children in local schools, teaching is undertaken bilingually – both in English and Welsh. Children will therefore, naturally, pick up some Welsh during their time in Bangor. As a result we have introduced free, fun Welsh classes for international parents. These one-hour, weekly classes teach basic conversational Welsh and are a great way to learn a little of the language in a fun atmosphere. For more information visit www.bangor.ac.uk/international/support/families.php.en

For further information about childcare please contact the International Student Support Office at internationalsupport@bangor.ac.uk or Gwynedd Local Education Authority main switchboard on 0044 1286 672255 or the department directly on 0044 1286 679904. Further information on schools in the Bangor area can be accessed via: www.gwynedd.gov.uk
To check timetables for trains across Britain and to buy tickets online visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

Megabus.com is another option for coach services travelling to and from most British cities. uk.megabus.com

Find out if you are permitted to drive in the UK by using Direct Gov’s interactive tool: search ‘motoring interactive tools’ on direct.gov.uk

www.traveline.info gives information on public transport in Britain. View bus timetables and plan your journey online or, if you are ever lost and don’t know how to get home, call 0871 200 22 33 to speak to a Traveline adviser.

Visit www.nationalexpress.com for coach services travelling to and from most British cities.

Railcard
A 16-25 Railcard saves 1/3 on train fares across Britain. You can also get a 16-25 railcard if you’re over 26 but in full-time education. Visit www.16-25railcard.co.uk or go to Bangor Train Station to buy yours.

Driving in the UK
Motorists in the UK drive on the left-hand side of the road and overtake on the right-hand side only. The speed limit is 70 miles per hour on motorways but varies on all other roads. It must be obeyed and you should always check speed limit signs when driving. Seatbelts and special car seats for children are a legal requirement. If you plan on driving in the UK, it is a good idea to read the Highway Code. As a motorist in the UK, you are legally obliged to buy valid car insurance, pay road tax, register your vehicle and obtain an MOT certificate (for vehicles over 3 years old).

Find out more... Visit www.wales.com and select ‘international’ to see if Wales has links with your Country
After your studies at Bangor

The end of your studies is not the end of your relationship with Bangor University. We hope that you have thoroughly enjoyed your time as an international student here, but don’t forget to continue to keep in touch with us, wherever you are in the world.

Bangor University Alumni
The Development and Alumni Relations Office at Bangor University aims to keep in touch with as many alumni as possible to keep you up-to-date on latest developments and events at the University after you leave. Whether you want to contact old classmates, organise reunions or send photos and memories of your time at Bangor, you can email the Development and Alumni Relations Office on alumni@bangor.ac.uk or join them online by searching for ‘Bangor Alumni’ on Facebook and LinkedIn.

The Development and Alumni Relations Office also recruits volunteers to become International Alumni Ambassadors who take pride in their association with Bangor University and would like to raise the profile of the University around the world. For further details about this opportunity, please visit www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/international

“Bangor University widened my career choices and provided me with a strong academic background.”

Anthony Albuquerque, Electronic Engineering graduate
We hope you enjoyed your time in Bangor!

Before you leave Bangor, don’t forget to...

• Provide us with student feedback. The University might request that you fill in a survey about your experiences of studying here. Each response is invaluable to us so please don’t forget to complete yours.

• Pay outstanding tuition fee payments to Bangor University. (Remember - you can’t graduate until you have paid your tuition fees in full.)

• Close your bank account

• Pay any outstanding utility bills

• Contact your landlord about leaving the property

• Dispose of unwanted items. (Donate your items to new students or to charity shops on the High Street.)

• Register with the Bangor University Development and Alumni Relations Office by visiting: www.bangor.ac.uk/alumni/keepintouch
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Useful Contacts

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