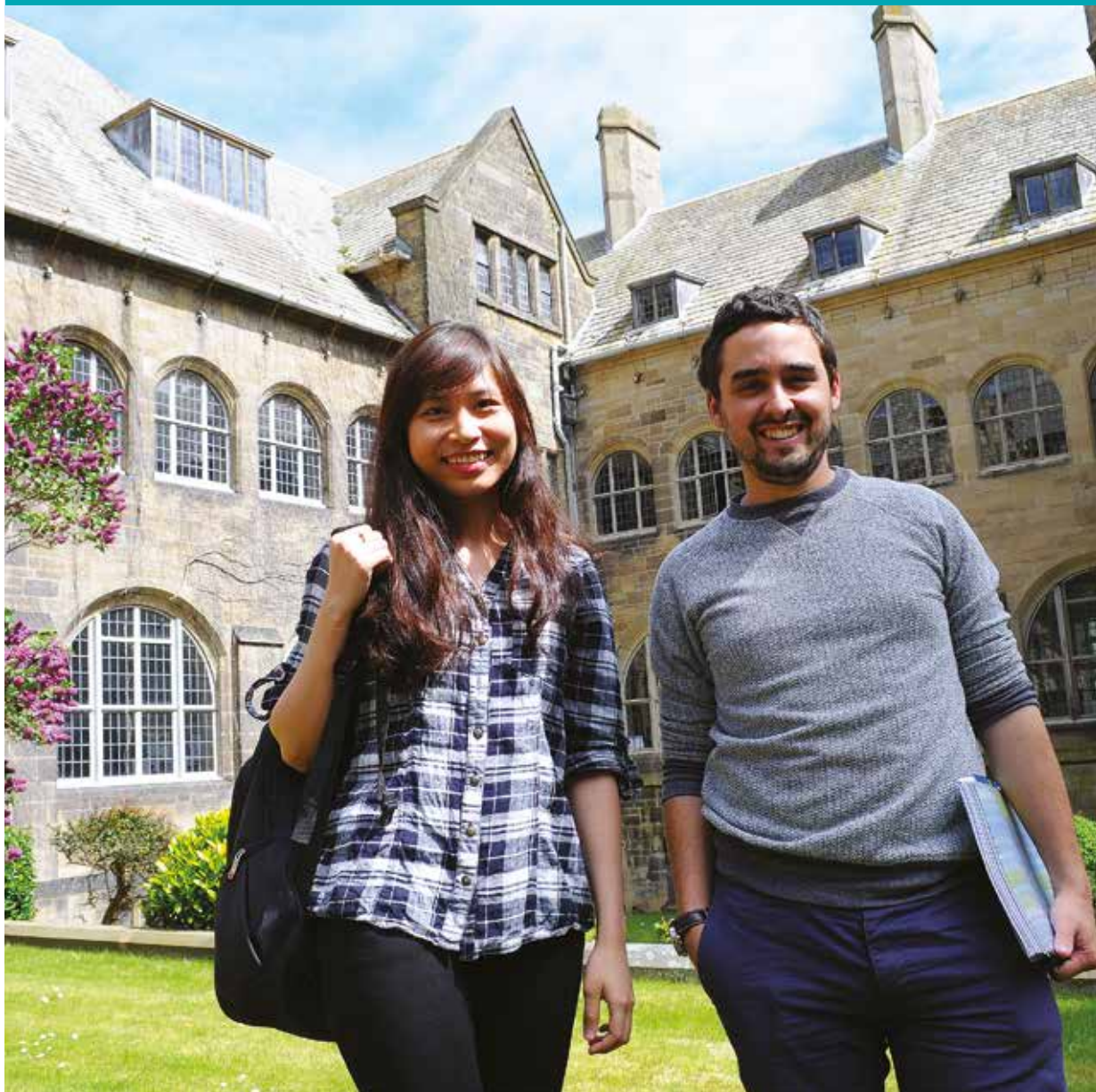


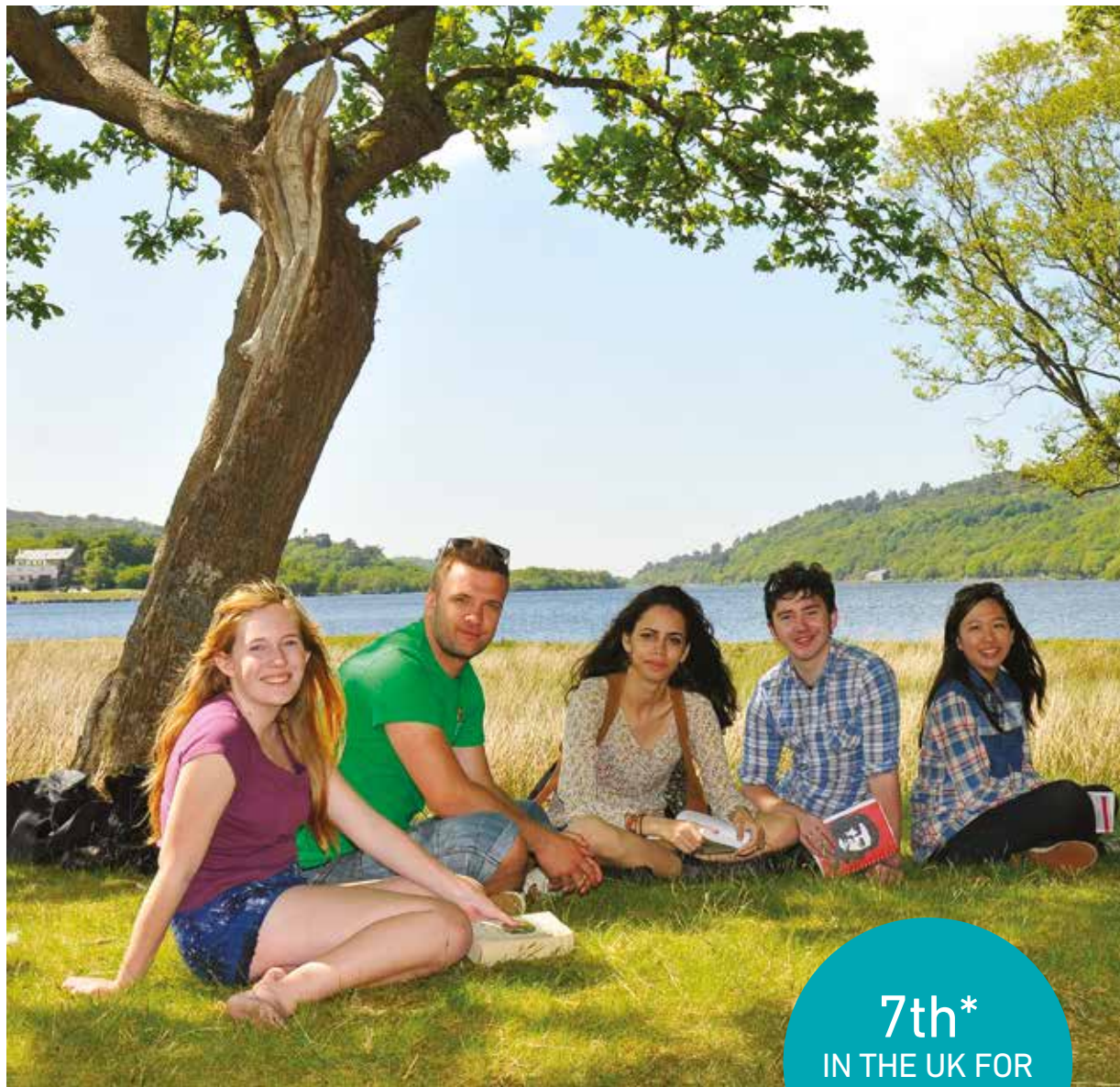
# A GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



PRIFYSGOL  
BANGOR  
UNIVERSITY







**7th\***  
IN THE UK FOR  
SATISFACTION

“Studying at Bangor has given me opportunities to make new friends, join exciting societies, study modules that I really enjoy and be part of a great University.”

ALEX THOMSON, from Walsall, studying History

\*excluding specialist institutions (2014 National Student Survey)



# Study somewhere special

There are lots of reasons to fall in love with Bangor, besides the excellent teaching, world-class research and top-rated student satisfaction. Situated in a stunning location close to the mountains and the sea, Bangor is a friendly, student-centred city – the ideal place to enjoy university life. The benefits of being a student at Bangor include:

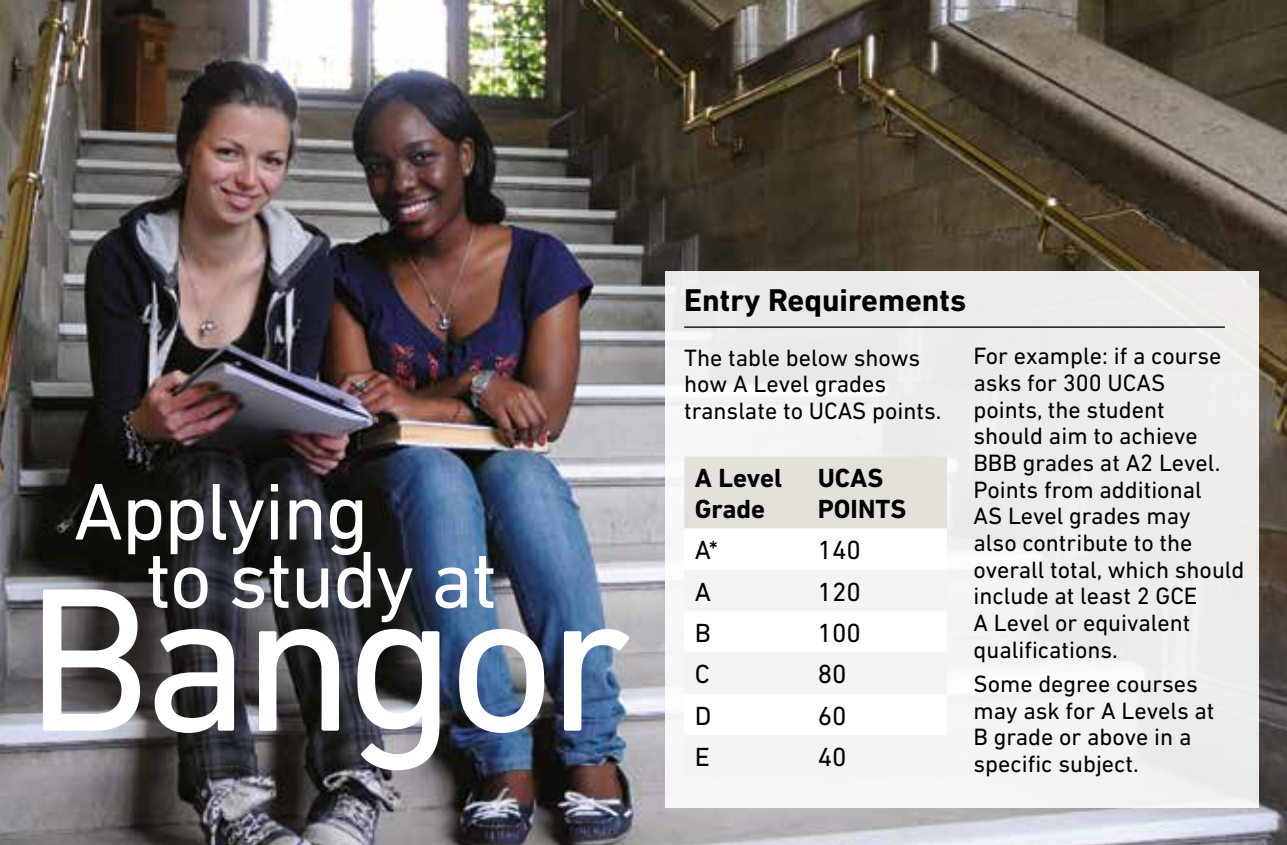
#### Academic Excellence

- Founded in 1884, Bangor University has a **long tradition of academic excellence**, and is ranked amongst the top 50 universities in the UK (*The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2015*)
- Bangor has been rated **top in Wales for teaching** (2014 National Student Survey)
- Bangor University’s research has been rated amongst the **top 40 in the UK** (excluding specialist institutions and single-submission universities) according to the latest assessment of research quality. The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 recognised that more than three-quarters of Bangor’s research is **either world-leading or internationally excellent**, ahead of the average for UK universities.
- Bangor has been rated within the **top 10 in the UK for courses and lecturers** (*What Uni? Student Choice Awards*).

#### Student Experience

- The 2014 National Student Survey results placed Bangor University **7th in the UK** (excluding specialist institutions) and **top in Wales** for student satisfaction
- Bangor University has been rated **within the top 20 universities in the UK for student experience** (*THE Student Experience Survey*)
- Stunning location, guaranteed accommodation, £3.7M in scholarships and bursaries, free membership of student clubs and societies, peer support scheme, free evening language classes, international experience programme and employability award scheme – it all makes for a **university experience that can’t be matched...**
- **On-going investment in facilities and support services** is further enhancing the Bangor student experience. An exciting new **Arts and Innovation Centre, new halls of residence, and improved sports facilities** are amongst recent developments.





# Applying to study at Bangor

### Entry Requirements

The table below shows how A Level grades translate to UCAS points.

A Level Grade	UCAS POINTS
A*	140
A	120
B	100
C	80
D	60
E	40

For example: if a course asks for 300 UCAS points, the student should aim to achieve BBB grades at A2 Level. Points from additional AS Level grades may also contribute to the overall total, which should include at least 2 GCE A Level or equivalent qualifications.

Some degree courses may ask for A Levels at B grade or above in a specific subject.



**AUGUST RESULTS HELPLINE**  
0800 0851818

## AT A GLANCE

- All applications to Bangor are made through UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service).
- We consider each application on its merit – assessing each applicant’s potential to succeed on and benefit from the course.
- When we receive the Application form from UCAS our Admissions Office at Bangor works closely with the relevant academic School to consider whether or not we can offer a place; such an offer is usually conditional on your son or daughter achieving certain grades in their forthcoming examinations.
- The Admissions Office then notifies UCAS of the offer details. UCAS in turn will officially inform your son or daughter of our decision.

## UCAS Applicant Open Days

- If your son or daughter has been offered a place at Bangor they’ll be invited to one of the **UCAS Applicant Open Days**.
- On a UCAS Applicant Open Day there will be the opportunity to: meet staff and students, have a tour of Bangor, see the various facilities and accommodation.
- The UCAS Applicant Open Days are usually held between December and April and parents and guardians are also welcome!
- Some academic Schools (e.g. Education, Healthcare Sciences) will also invite applicants to an interview.
- If the UCAS Applicant Open Day dates are not convenient, the general University-wide Open Day (held on two Saturdays in the autumn and two Saturdays in the summer) is another opportunity to visit. Alternatively, individual visits can be arranged e.g. during the school holidays.

### What happens next if your son or daughter has accepted our offer as his or her firm choice?

- If the offer is dependent on particular grades being achieved in the forthcoming exams, then the time surrounding exam results day is obviously an important one – we’d advise you to ensure that your summer holidays don’t clash with this day.
- If Bangor is your son or daughter’s **first choice** and they **have met the conditions** of our offer, then log on to UCAS Track to see if their place has been confirmed.
- If the **conditions of the offer have not been met** get in touch with our August Results Helpline (see number above). We may still be able to consider your son or daughter either for their initial choice or a place on a different course at Bangor may be offered.

### What happens next if Bangor is your son or daughter’s insurance choice?

- We realise that they are holding another University’s offer as their first choice.
- If he/she does **not meet their conditions, but have met our conditions** they will automatically be placed at Bangor as part of the UCAS Admissions Process and confirmation of his/her place will be sent to them direct from UCAS a few days after results day.

### When a place at Bangor has been confirmed:

- Official confirmation of our decision will be sent from UCAS along with a registration pack that will include a Welcome Week Diary and other useful information about starting life as a student in Bangor.





# Applying for a place in Halls

TOP 10-RATED ACCOMMODATION

(WHAT UNI? STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS)

## AT A GLANCE

- **As soon as applications for accommodation are open** your son or daughter will be sent an e-mail inviting them to make an application.
- All applications are made online and all information is available at: [www.bangor.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/accommodation)
- Your son or daughter will be able to state their preference for the type of hall accommodation they would like and this should be submitted **as soon as possible**. Check [www.bangor.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/accommodation) for full details.
- Most applications are processed after the August examination results and your son or daughter will be **informed during August or early September of their halls allocation**.
- **Everything is carried out by e-mail**. If your son or daughter is unable to access their e-mail for any reason you should ensure that you are able to access it on their behalf.
- Once the student is offered a room they will have **7 days** in which to make their reply and pay their accommodation deposit of £300.

“The halls are amazing, spacious and warm. The Ffriddoedd Site is great, with Bar Uno and the convenience store, and just five minutes from the supermarket! The support of Wardens, Senior Wardens and Security on site is a big reassurance also.”

MICHAEL DAVID OWEN, studying History with Archaeology

# Student Fees and Finance



## AT A GLANCE

- As a full-time undergraduate student there are two main costs to meet: **tuition fees and living costs**
- No up-front tuition fees – **payment is deferred** until after students graduate
- Means-tested, non-repayable **grants** are available for students from the UK
- UK students can apply for a **Living Cost Loan** to help cover living costs (for accommodation, food, books, clothes, travel)
- Bangor University **scholarships and bursary** awards are available to provide extra financial help (see page 8)
- For the most up to date information, go to: [www.bangor.ac.uk/studentfinance](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/studentfinance)

## FEES AND LOANS

We advise you to seek the latest information on fees and loans. More information is available on these websites:

For students from England: [www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)

For students from Wales: [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)

For students from Scotland: [www.saas.gov.uk](http://www.saas.gov.uk)

For students from Northern Ireland: [www.studentfinancenir.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk)

Students from the rest of the EU should go to [www.direct.gov.uk/uni](http://www.direct.gov.uk/uni) or contact the EU Customer Services Team which offers advice to EU students about student finance in the UK: [EU\\_Team@slc.co.uk](mailto:EU_Team@slc.co.uk)

You can also contact the Bangor University's **Money Support Unit**:  
Tel: 01248 383566/383637  
E-mail: [moneysupport@bangor.ac.uk](mailto:moneysupport@bangor.ac.uk)

# Scholarships and Bursaries

**£3.7M**  
WORTH OF  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
& BURSARIES



## AT A GLANCE

- **Bangor Bursaries** provides additional support for those from lower income families and means **you could receive up to £4,500 in extra financial help.**
- **Start-up bursaries of £1,000** are available for those entering the University from care or those who were homeless immediately prior to starting their studies.
- There are **approximately 40 Merit Scholarships of up to £3,000 available** to those who excel in the University's annual Entrance Scholarships examinations. Please check [www.bangor.ac.uk/bursaries](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/bursaries) for details of how to apply and the closing date.
- **Sports Scholarships worth up to a maximum of £3,000 per year** are available in a scheme developed to recognise sporting potential and develop sporting excellence.
- There are also a number of trust fund scholarships, several scholarships awarded by local authorities in Wales and subject specific scholarships.
- For the latest information on all of the above, go to: [www.bangor.ac.uk/bursaries](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/bursaries)

# TOP TIPS

- Visit [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) and the relevant finance websites listed on page 7 to get to grips with the application and finance processes.
- Applicants are advised to start their Personal Statement in good time (September of Year 13). Some degree courses will start the interview process as early as December for e.g. Nursing and Primary Teaching.
- Encourage your son or daughter to attend the UCAS Applicant Open Day and the University's general Open Day and to prepare questions for staff and current students before they visit.
- Make photocopies/several printouts of every form e.g. accommodation, UCAS, finance, personal statement etc. so you have them to hand if needed.
- Find out what financial support your son or daughter is entitled to as soon as possible and when they will receive it so they can plan their budget.
- Your son or daughter can apply for their tuition fee, living cost loan and grant at the same time on the Application for Student Finance (PN1) form. You are advised to request and complete the form as soon as it becomes available (January before the course starts).
- In Wales, the Application for Student Finance (PN1) form is available to complete online or download from [www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk). In England, you must go to the Student Finance England website: [www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk](http://www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk) to complete the form.
- Encourage your son or daughter to open a bank account before they start at university. The Money Advice Booklet (sent out in the registration pack) contains a budget planner – work through this with your son or daughter before Welcome Week starts.
- Ensure your son or daughter has some money in their account at the start of term in case their first loan payment is delayed for any reason.
- Disclosure of a disability, dyslexia or mental health difficulty at an early stage will assist us to start planning for any support requirements your son or daughter might have.
- Don't buy and bring too many pots, pans and cutlery for your son or daughter to use in Halls as they'll be able to share some things with other students in their flat. Anything they haven't got and find that they do need can be bought locally.
- There's more information for parents and guardians at [www.bangor.ac.uk/parents](http://www.bangor.ac.uk/parents). You or your son or daughter can also get an insight into student life at Bangor and the most up-to-date information about the University by following Bangor University on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.





**Bangor**  
there's  
nowhere like it



**RATED IN THE  
TOP 20 IN THE UK  
FOR STUDENT  
EXPERIENCE**

### Stunning Location & Friendly City

- A scenic and sporty location, close to the mountains and the sea
- Relax on beautiful beaches, explore stunning mountain trails or enjoy some of the student activities on offer
- A high proportion of our students are attracted here by the small and friendly nature of the University and the town
- Close by are the beaches of the island of Anglesey, the historical towns of Beaumaris, Conwy and Caernarfon (all with their own castles) and scenic villages like Llanberis, Beddgelert and Betws y Coed.

### The Bangor Experience

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- Bangor University has been rated within the **top 20 universities in the UK for student experience** (THE Student Experience Survey)
- Recognised in several student surveys as one of the **best places in the UK** to be a student and is consistently ranked as one of the most economical places to study
- The size of Bangor means it's easy to get to know people, and **our students settle in quickly**
- **Well-situated and well-equipped for all sports** – especially those involving the great outdoors
- There's no need to be sporty to study here though – many of our students just like the fact that Bangor is in such a **scenic location**, and that it tends to be **safer, cleaner and friendlier** than many larger places
- The **cost of living in Bangor is lower** than in other parts of the UK
- **Free membership** of around 150 Students' Union clubs and societies.

### Student Support

- Full range of **Student Services** including counselling, health surgeries, and money support
- A **Personal Tutor** for every student
- **Pioneering dyslexia support** – internationally known for our expertise
- The support from the **Disability Service** includes advice and guidance on a range of disability-related matters
- **Over £3.7M in bursaries and scholarships** available including up to £4,500 Bangor Bursaries for those from lower income families, £1,000 start-up bursaries for students from care and £3,000 sports scholarship
- One of the largest **Peer Guiding schemes** of any university
- The **Study Skills Centre** can provide help with the transition to university, as well as on-going support with academic progression
- The **study abroad option** gives students the international experience many employers are now looking for
- **Free evening language classes** for all students.

### Accommodation

- **Guaranteed accommodation** for all first year students who apply within the give timeframe (see page 6 for applying for a place in Halls)
- Accommodation at Bangor has been rated in the **top 10 in the UK for quality**
- Accommodation is within **walking distance of University buildings and city centre**
- Support includes Senior Wardens, a large team of Wardens and 24/7 Security Staff.

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