



The Language Centre at Glyndwr University

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Welcome to Glyndŵr University



Glyndŵr University is the youngest university in Wales - a new educational institution that champions the spirit of enterprise and an outward-facing philosophy. The university is the base for an exciting new era for Wrexham, Wales, the borderlands and the academic world.

Glyndŵr University strives to be a market led, student centred university of international significance that is open to all. We are proud to name our university after a man who cherished learning, loved his country, embraced an international outlook, and constantly demonstrated an inspiring and enterprising approach to life. His spirit lies at the heart of Glyndŵr University. Our aim is to make Glyndŵr a world-famous university that will make anyone connected with Wales justifiably proud.

Awarded university status in July 2008, the University has an annual turnover of around £40 million. Our vision of being an indispensable partner for global businesses has been achieved through the expert application of knowledge and research. This vision gives Glyndŵr University a different focus to others, focusing on the needs of industry rather than blue-sky research. This means that we are investing in areas that are highly relevant and are also able to use our findings to enhance our taught syllabus.

The University has an excellent employability record with 90% of all graduates going into full time employment or further study within six months of graduating. One of the reasons for this is that all undergraduate students take career development modules to support them in their career planning.

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Glyndwr University has a focus on building relationships both internally and externally to open up new communication channels and improve existing relationships. By working smarter, with a united approach across all areas of the University, we eradicate duplication of effort, reduce costs and maximize opportunity.

top reasons to come to Glyndŵr University

top

in the UK for student
satisfaction in psychology
*completeuniversityguide.com

1,000+

Partnerships with industry worldwide

94.7%

Employability rate for 10/11 UK and EU graduates*

*HESA Destination of Leavers survey 2010/11

rated top

University in Wales and 21st
in UK for graduate level jobs
Sunday Times University Guide 2013

official venue

of the Rugby League World Cup 2013
Glyndŵr University Racecourse Stadium



£10.2m

The University has invested into campus development in 2011-2012. Centre for the Creative Industries (£5m), Centre for the Child, Family and Society (£2m), Engineering Equipment (£500,000), Glyndŵr University Racecourse Stadium and Colliers Park Training Ground (£1.8m), The Centenary Club (£90,000)

new

Student bar
'The Centenary Club'

*Opened August 2012



North East Wales & Chester



Wrexham is located centrally within the UK so has excellent access to air, road and train links that allows it to be easily found. In the churchyard of St. Giles is the burial site of Elihu Yale, whose generosity led to the founding of Yale University in the US. The steeple on St. Giles Church (one of the seven wonders of Wales) is replicated on Yale University's campus. In recent years the town has been developed into something of a shopper's paradise, with new shopping areas being built to complement the original charm of the shopping arcades and produce markets. The countryside surrounding Wrexham is considered by many to be some of the most beautiful scenery in the world and is inhabited by historical features such as Erddig, once home to the Yorke family.

Cheshire is the largest county in the UK and as such is known for its variety of possible activities. The town centre is famed for the various representations of architecture. In fact, Chester is the only place in Britain to have maintained the tradition of regular midday proclamations at the High Cross; a tradition which has been continued since the Middle Ages.

Chester was originally formed as an ancient settlement by the Romans and evidence of them is still highly visible in the city. The walls surrounding the city were built to defend the inhabitants against attacks, hundreds of years ago and it is still possible to walk around them today. There is also a famous racecourse, where everyone dresses up for a day at the races. The spectacular Cathedral was originally built as a Saxon Minster, and then rebuilt as a Benedictine Abbey. There has been a church on this site for over 1,000 years. With spectacular examples of fourteenth century woodcarvings, stained glass, Norman arches and gothic columns, the Cloisters and Church form one of the most complete medieval monastic complexes in the country. It is a beautiful feature in an already scenic city.



Introduction to the Language Centre

The Language Centre was established at the University in 2007. Dr. Leila Luukko-Vinchenzo is the Head of the Centre, which has developed and expanded significantly since its foundation.

In its first year, the Centre catered for approximately 700 students and by 2012/13 that number had doubled. The continuously enhanced programme portfolio now includes courses lasting from a month to a year, for almost all levels, and with many start dates throughout the year.

The Language Centre also has extensive experience of training groups of English language teachers and lecturers from around the world. These Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses consist of improving participants' level of English whilst also providing them with a fresh insight into language teaching methodology.

Tuition is carried out by our team of highly qualified and experienced lecturers, and many of our courses include excursions to local places of interest such as Chester and Liverpool, as well as the breath-taking scenery of North Wales.

We are proud to serve Glyndŵr University students and staff, the general public as well as corporate and commercial clients in and around Wrexham, North East Wales and beyond. In fact our English language programmes attract participants from across the world.

In our efforts to boost the learning of foreign languages, we joined Routes into Languages Cymru, a HEFCW funded initiative which aims to offer higher education support to schools in raising the uptake of foreign languages in education. The Centre also participates in a variety of events to raise awareness of learning languages.

Why study languages?

- Improve your CV and employability
- Learn to communicate with colleagues, clients and suppliers in other countries
- Develop your communication skills in both your own language and your foreign language
- Enhance your cultural knowledge and awareness
- Become part of the multilingual community

Why choose Glyndŵr University Language Centre?

Choose us for:

- Our highly experienced, qualified and enthusiastic staff
- Language classes at higher education level
- Our state-of-the-art language laboratory
- Content geared towards professional purposes
- Both a linguistic and cultural experience



Overview of our courses

Intensive English Language Course (IELC)

Our IELC programme has been designed to allow participants with some evidence of previous English language learning and academic qualifications to prepare for IELTS or other internationally-recognised English language qualifications for entry into undergraduate or postgraduate programmes at Glyndŵr University.

Courses are delivered full-time (25 hours of guided tuition a week) at three entry levels: pre-intermediate (IELTS 4.0 or lower), intermediate (IELTS 4.5/5.0) and upper intermediate (5.0/5.5).

Vocabulary and grammar are given equal importance, and there is a strong focus on listening and speaking skills in social and academic situations throughout the course. Reading and writing skills are honed progressively, and at higher levels they will be at the centre of learning. Advice and techniques necessary to prepare for internationally-recognised exams, such as IELTS, will form an integral part of the programme towards the end of each course.

Learning and teaching takes place in a seminar style environment, including sessions in the language laboratory and guided self-study in our Learning Resources Centre. The usual group size is 10-20 participants. Most learning resources are provided by the course organisers. Students' progress will be monitored closely by the experienced and caring programme team.

Students will enjoy the same support and facilities as all other students at Glyndŵr University. These range from welfare services, including healthcare provision and disability support, to a fitness centre and other recreational facilities

Foreign Languages

The Language Centre at Glyndŵr University offers a variety of foreign language courses. Our courses are ideal for those who wish to learn a foreign language for work, travel or pleasure.

The range of languages currently on offer are French, German and Spanish for complete beginners. Other languages can be arranged upon request.

Our courses focus on all four language skills in the following order: speaking, listening, reading and writing. They also pay particular attention to the culture of the country or countries in which the language is spoken.



Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for English Language Teachers

Our CPD courses are designed to meet the needs of non-native English teachers. Our highly-qualified and professional lecturers have experience of training teachers of all nationalities and mother tongues.

The course covers all four language skills with particular emphasis on improving communication skills. During the course, participants will have the chance to:

- upgrade their knowledge of English and its usage in today's multicultural UK society
- deepen their knowledge of language learning, teaching methodologies and assessment
- review learning resources, including CALL, VLE and digital media
- discuss developing their own course materials for use in their home countries
- observe and evaluate English classes taught by experienced language lecturers
- share their experiences as both language learners and language teachers
- learn more about British culture, including the UK education system

Towards the end of the course, participants will undertake assessment in all four skills at Advanced level. On successful completion, the University will award 40 UK Higher Education credits (20 ECTS) and a Glyndŵr University Certificate of Continuing Education. These credits may be used towards a Higher Education degree as appropriate.

English Language Programmes for Professionals

The English language has become the lingua franca in many different industries from business to science, engineering to the arts. In the world of work, non-native speakers increasingly need to improve their level of English to communicate with clients, break into new markets and compete on the international job market. Our English language programmes have been developed to help working professionals upgrade their English as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Key facts

- A perfect way for participants to improve their English in a short period of time
- Our courses aim to improve all four language skills – reading, writing, speaking and listening but can focus on one or more skills as required
- We provide participants with an insight into UK culture as well as improving their English language skills
- Participants have access to the virtual learning environment (Moodle) and language laboratory (Melissi)

We offer our course participants

- A personalised needs analysis and learning plan
- Initial language testing and regular progress reports during the course
- Tailor-made classes can be provided on a one-to-one or group basis
- End of course assessment and progress report
- A Glyndŵr University certificate upon successful completion of the course as appropriate
- Flexible content to suit their needs and interests
- Possible collaboration with other academic departments, visits to local businesses and excursions to nearby places of interest

Course delivery

Courses are delivered on a full time basis (25 hours /week) in small groups. All learning resources are provided by the course organisers. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend guided self-study sessions in our well-equipped language laboratory.

Course Content

Vocabulary and grammar are given equal importance, and there is a strong focus on listening and speaking skills in professional situations throughout the course. Reading and writing skills are honed progressively, and at higher levels they will be at the centre of learning. Language specific to participants' needs and areas of interest will be taught throughout the programme.

Minimum Age: 18 years

Duration: Flexible, ranging from 1 to 4 weeks

Class sizes: Flexible, ranging from 1- 15 participants

Summer school

This four-week intensive English language and cultural studies programme offers participants 25 hours a week of guided learning opportunities at intermediate, upper intermediate and advanced levels of English.

The Summer School is for students of any first language other than English who are looking for a short but intensive experience of studying in Wales. Participants will be introduced to British culture and society through a tailored course of academic tuition, educational trips to the nearby cities of Liverpool and Chester, and excursions to the most picturesque and historic sites of North Wales and the North West of England. We have many pre-planned activities on offer, but participants are also free to use their own initiative to engage in city life by visiting museums, galleries, shops, pubs... until they wish to return to Wrexham by a train/bus of their choice.

Social events and weekend trips are included in the course package and will take place according to the schedule. We plan to continue our successful country evenings where participants can put their newly improved language skills to good use by introducing their country and its culture to their international friends on the course. Our film evenings also offer popular entertainment with a cultural touch; and we can make recommendations for those wishing to enjoy nightlife in Wrexham, nearby Chester, or even further afield!

Scheduled transfers from/to Manchester airport are included in the programme fees as appropriate. Staff from the International Office and the Language Centre will support you during your stay in Wrexham. 24-hour emergency numbers will ensure that you will always have somebody to call for help or advice if needed. You will also be advised on free time activities as well as on individual plans and visits.

In-sessional Academic English

The Language Centre provides an established in-sessional Academic English programme to all International and European students enrolled at Glyndŵr University.

The subject-specific programme, running concurrently with the students' core modules, has been designed to enhance students' linguistic and academic skills, as well as ease their adjustment to British culture in general and to UK Higher Education in particular. It has been proven that students' success in their studies is clearly enhanced by this supporting module which students are encouraged to attend regularly.

Tuition is provided by experienced and highly qualified language lecturers. Traditional areas such as academic speaking, writing, listening and reading are covered alongside subject specific vocabulary, grammar and current UK related and international issues.



Pre-sessional English courses

International students who require additional English language skills prior to their course at Glyndŵr University will find the pre-sessional programme useful for both linguistic and academic purposes.

The programmes run from July to September on the Plas Coch Site, Wrexham campus, and are delivered by staff who are highly experienced in providing these intensive academic courses.



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Irregular Verbs

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Tense	Past Participle
am	am	was	been
be	being	was	been
begin	beginning	began	begun
bring	bringing	brought	brought
buy	buying	bought	bought
catch	catching	caught	caught
choose	choosing	chose	chosen
climb	climbing	climbed	climbed
come	coming	came	come
cost	costing	cost	cost
cut	cutting	cut	cut
do	doing	did	done
draw	drawing	drew	drawn
drive	driving	drove	driven
eat	eating	ate	eaten
fall	falling	fell	fallen
fight	fighting	fought	fought
find	finding	found	found
fly	flying	flew	flown
forget	forgetting	forgot	forgot
freeze	freezing	froze	frozen
get	getting	got	got
give	giving	gave	given
go	going	went	gone
grow	growing	grew	grown
hang	hanging	hung	hung
have	having	had	had
hear	hearing	heard	heard
hide	hiding	hid	hidden
hit	hitting	hit	hit
hold	holding	held	held
hurt	hurting	hurt	hurt
keep	keeping	kept	kept
know	knowing	knew	known
lay	laying	laid	laid
lead	leading	led	led
learn	learning	learned	learned
leave	leaving	left	left
lend	lending	lent	lent
let	letting	let	let
lie	lying	lay	lain
live	living	lived	lived
lose	losing	lost	lost
love	loving	loved	loved
make	making	made	made
mean	meaning	meant	meant
meet	meeting	met	met
move	moving	moved	moved
open	opening	opened	opened
pay	paying	paid	paid
put	putting	put	put
read	reading	read	read
ride	riding	rode	ridden
ring	ringing	rang	rung
run	running	ran	run
say	saying	said	said
see	seeing	saw	seen
send	sending	sent	sent
set	setting	set	set
sit	sitting	sat	sat
sleep	sleeping	slept	slept
stand	standing	stood	stood
stop	stopping	stopped	stopped
swim	swimming	swam	swum
take	taking	took	taken
teach	teaching	taught	taught
tell	telling	told	told
throw	throwing	threw	thrown
turn	turning	turned	turned
use	using	used	used
wake	waking	woke	woken
walk	walking	walked	walked
wear	wearing	wore	worn
win	winning	won	won
write	writing	wrote	written

NO FOOD
NO DRINKS

Our facilities



The language laboratory

Our state-of-the-art language laboratory comes equipped with 25 computers on which students can practise their listening and pronunciation skills using Melissi, software specifically designed for language learning. Students receive training on how to use the software during their first session and are given full guidance from a member of staff during each subsequent session.

Dedicated classroom in the Language Centre

The Language Centre has its own dedicated teaching room fitted with a projector, computer and flat screen television. Thanks to its flexible seating structure, many different types of sessions can take place in this classroom from multimedia language lessons to small group discussions.

Self-study resources

In addition to the language laboratory, students also have access to a range of self-study resources on Moodle and in our self-study library. These resources help transform our students into independent, self-motivated language learners.

Access to a wide range of seminar rooms and lecture theatres

Lectures and larger seminars usually take place in one of the university's many large seminar rooms or lecture theatres. All of our lecture theatres and seminar rooms have been refurbished to meet the needs of the modern language learner.





The Glyndwr University library

All Language Centre students have access to the wealth of resources available at The Glyndwr University library. Our friendly and well-informed library staff are on hand to provide students with any support and advice they may need while studying at the university. The library building also provides students with a calm environment in which to study.

Computing facilities

All enrolled students have access to the Glyndwr computer network. The university has a large number of dedicated IT suites located across the campus which are even open in the evening and at the weekend. Students also have access to wi-fi on the entire campus, including in student accommodation.

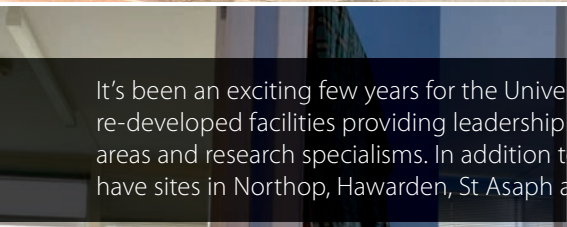


Your stay - Wrexham Village



This is our newest accommodation with the first block (John Neal) being completed in September 2010 and the second block (Erdig) in September 2011. It is our most luxurious and expensive accommodation so for the extra cost you get stunningly furnished bedroom, kitchen and lounge areas where quality and class come as standard.

- 323 high quality single rooms which are divided into 2 blocks.
- In these blocks, rooms are divided into flats (or pods) of 6/7/8 and have large shared kitchen and lounge areas with some of these lounge areas being fitted with a flat screen, Plasma TV.
- All of the rooms have En suite bathroom which includes a sink, mirror, shower and toilet.
- A limited amount of double rooms are also available.
- The Wrexham Village Accommodation Office is located in the John Neal block where a staff member of Wrexham Village Ltd can provide you with information and help you with any problems.
- Great emphasis has been placed on safety at Wrexham Village as there is currently widespread CCTV coverage and even more money being invested in additional CCTV cameras.
- A swipe card security system is in place for all access to Wrexham Village and there is 24 hour security staff coverage of the site.
- Laundry facilities can be found on site.
- Limited car parking is available at Wrexham Village with priority being given to those with disabilities or special needs.



It's been an exciting few years for the University. With a whole host of new and re-developed facilities providing leadership and support for specific industries, subject areas and research specialisms. In addition to our main campus in Wrexham, we also have sites in Northop, Hawarden, St Asaph and London.







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