

THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

Bangor is a beautifully situated university with a gold-rating for 'outstanding education' and a high rate of student satisfaction that puts us in the top 10 in the UK. Come and see for yourself, and discover that our location - close to the sea and the mountains of Snowdonia - isn't the only thing that makes us special.

During our Open Day you can find out more about our degree courses, meet our students and staff, and find out more about what it's like to be a student here. You can visit academic departments, and view our student accommodation. Staff will be on hand to talk you through Graduate Careers, Student Finance, Scholarships and Bursaries, the UCAS system, and Student Support Services. We've also got specific information for mature students, and can help parents through the process, too.

To secure your place at an Open Day, simply register online, and an information pack will be sent out to you in the post. If you're considering your university choices, we'd highly recommend that you come and see what we're all about.

To book your place or find out more visit www.bangor.ac.uk/openday or call 01248 382005 / 382420

"I was very impressed with the tour around the sports facilities and the positive words each student had to say about the University and the city. I was also impressed with the wide range of clubs and societies and couldn't help feel excited at the prospect of attending Bangor.

JOEL, from Northern Ireland

"My advice to those applying would be – definitely come and visit. The Uni has a brilliant feel to it and is beautiful!"

MEGAN HIGGINS, from Surrey, studying English Literature and Creative Writing



Find out more about the Bangor student experience by visiting us on one of our Open Days.

WHEN ARE THE OPEN DAYS?

Open Days are held on the following days in 2018:

Saturday June 30 Saturday July 7 Sunday October 14 Sunday October 28 Saturday November 10

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

- Find out more about our degree courses
- · Meet staff and students
- Visit academic departments
- · View accommodation
- Get advice and guidance on topics such as Student Support Services, Graduate Careers, Student Finance, Scholarships and Bursaries

BOOK A PLACE

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"At Bangor we always do our best to go beyond normal expectations and provide a university experience that is as enjoyable as it is rewarding.

We provide first class services to our students, from financial guidance to career opportunities and from personal advice to academic support. We also pride ourselves on fostering a caring community that encourages personal endeavour and growth.

The quality of our teaching and research is world-class, attracting students and staff from around the globe. We are the only University in Wales to receive a Gold Award, the highest rating possible, in the national Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) which means our teaching is of the highest quality.

There are numerous opportunities for students to get involved in a wide variety of activities. The stunning mountains of Snowdonia and miles of coastline provide the backdrop to a university experience which cannot be beaten.

Bangor has recently invested millions of pounds in developing new academic and social facilities for students, making it an even more attractive place to study. This reflects our focus on providing an excellent education and all-round student-centred university experience."

Prof John G. Hughes President/Vice-Chancellor, Bangor University

THERE ARE NO LIMITS



TEF, the UK government's assessment of teaching quality, awarded us the highest recognition possible in 2017 with a Gold award. We are the **only** university in Wales to receive such an accolade, putting us side by side with the very best in the UK.

"Bangor has maintained a strong commitment to the delivery of high quality student experience for many decades. This Gold ranking reflects Bangor University's impressive performance in the UK government's first assessment of teaching quality in higher education, and we're delighted to receive such recognition."

Prof JOHN G. HUGHES
President/Vice-Chancellor



In the 2017 WhatUni Student Choice Awards, Bangor won the top award for Clubs & Societies in the UK. Our Courses & Lecturers were rated in the Top three and we were also placed 3rd in the overall University of the Year category.

The Times Higher Education
Student Experience Survey
placed Bangor within the top
15 universities in the UK for
student experience.



The 2017 NSS – which provides comprehensive feedback on the student experience at all UK universities – saw Bangor University achieve remarkable results across a range of disciplines and areas.

100%

Student satisfaction for 9 of our subject areas in the 2017 National Student Survey VOTED

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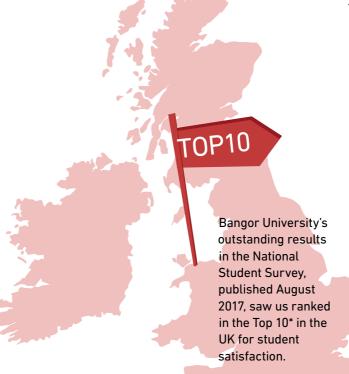
BEST REGION TO VISIT IN THE WORLD

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NORTH WALES

RANKED 1ST IN THE UK

Archaeology, Celtic Studies, Design Studies, French Studies, Iberian Studies, Journalism, Linguistics, Music, Philosophy







- * Excluding specialist institutions
- ** Excluding specialist institutions and single-submission universities

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THE PERFECT PLACE TO



Bangor offers a unique university experience. From our stunning location close to beautiful Snowdonia, to our 'Gold-rated' teaching, you'll find the ideal environment to unlock your potential and go beyond all expectations. With our well-equipped, modern accommodation and over 150 free Students' Union clubs and societies to join, the lifestyle we offer is as exceptional as the learning opportunities.

The Student Experience at a glance

- Over 10,000 students from all over the world make up Bangor's vibrant student community.
- Student support is a high priority at Bangor, with a range of services and programmes in place to help you make the most of your time at university. We can also prepare you for your future through our employability and enterprise services.
- A friendly, convenient and student-centred place to study, the location and surrounding area are also amongst the reasons why students choose Bangor.
- The size and nature of Bangor means our students settle in immediately, and enjoy the range of activities and the unique student lifestyle offered here.
- The cost of living in Bangor is lower than in other parts of the UK – and the University also offers extra help in the form of scholarships and bursaries worth over £3.4M.

The guarantee of accommodation for all first year students* - as well as the quality of the accommodation offered – is a major plus for those who study here.

*For full information about our Halls guarantee, go to:

A FRIENDLY CITY AN ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE

Bangor University goes beyond usual expectations to give students every opportunity to make the most of their time with us. You can explore more, literally, with beautiful surroundings right on your doorstep, and you can discover more about yourself with the wide range of student activities on offer.

A friendly, student-centred place

Many of our students choose Bangor because of the small and friendly nature of the University and the town.

With over 10,000 students from all over the world, Bangor offers an international university experience. The University is also situated within one of the most vibrant bilingual areas in the UK and both English and Welsh can be seen and heard in all aspects of life.

Most of our buildings and student residences are a short walk from the city centre with a variety of national chain stores and smaller local businesses.

The Students' Union, *Undeb Bangor*, provides much of the focus for student activities and entertainment. As a student here you can try something new, or to get together with people who have the same interests as you. A major plus at Bangor is that student membership of the Students' Union clubs and societies is free of charge, ensuring that all students can take part in the sport and activities offered.

Social life and entertainment

Academi, the official student nightclub, a 'safe space' club and provides a focus for the nighttime entertainment and general socialising. Academi also works alongside the Students' Union to organise one of the biggest events of the year – the annual Summer Ball which always provides amazing entertainment and activities.

Bar Uno, situated on the Ffriddoedd student village and Barlow's, on the St Mary's student villages are other popular venues for students.

The multi-million pound Pontio centre is the biggest arts and entertainment venue in north west Wales. The ambitious arts and innovation centre provides a social hub for students as well as an internationally significant centre for learning, innovation and the performing arts. In addition to providing a new base for the Students' Union, Pontio houses a theatre, studio theatre, cinema, lecture theatres, bar, café and kiosk. A full programme of events such as music, drama, aerial theatre, comedy, film and a range of other activities are held in the Pontio centre.

"Situated between the Snowdonia mountains and the Menai Strait, Bangor University is undoubtedly one of the most attractive places to study in Britain. It's friendly, too. Second and third year students act as peer guides welcoming in new first-years who merely have to apply in time to be guaranteed a room in halls."

Sunday Times University Guide

The best thing about living in Bangor is that there is always something to do. Whether it's an event at Bar Uno or Academi, a little shopping trip with your friends on the high street or a simple social night - you'll never run out of

EMILY GAUNT

From Surrey, studying Psychology

things to do or take part in!"

DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR I HEAR IT FROM

I like Bangor because it is a small, friendly city in an amazing location. I decided to study here because of the facilities and the so much to do in Bangor and the

ELEANORE HAYES

From Droitwich, studying Music

"Bangor is known for research excellence, and has many international connections - if you love the subject, and want the opportunity to meet professionals in whatever field you're interested in, then apply! And as far as 'outdoorsy' universities go, Bangor is about as good as you can get for location - it's just a great place to be."

GEORGE YATES From East studying Zoology



"I chose Bangor because it is a popular university for international students, which is an obvious plus for a language student.

It's in a nice location for moving away from home, being so close to Snowdon and the coast... I also really liked the size of Bangor because it reminded me of my home town.

Because lectures are in small groups, you get to know people much easier. I also spent a lot of my time at LangSoc (Language Society) events, it held lots of welcoming events in the first few weeks so it was easy to make friends on my course.

Pastoral care at Bangor is so much more helpful than I've seen anywhere else. I've never seen a lecturer or Personal Tutor turn down a student who asks for help, for personal or academic issues.

WILL HAKESLEY

From Worcestershire, studying German and Chinese with French

"It's great being with like-minded people who are interested in the same things as you. I love my course, especially the amount of research-based work. The best thing is how extremely helpful and supportive the tutors are. They are always willing to help and provide information and guidance on anything you ask for. My personal tutor has been amazing and so supportive - I am very fortunate to have such an understanding and caring personal tutor.

The best thing for me about living in Bangor is the city, the scenery and the size of it."

ZOE KIZILTAN

From Liverpool, studying Sport Science

"I chose to study here because the university is in a beautiful location and I when I visited on the Open Day, everyone was really friendly and welcoming. Also, I felt that the course was the best one that I had looked at

The course is very interesting and the lectures are really informative and enjoyable. The size of the lectures is really nice as they are fairly small.

Everyone here is really friendly and I have made such good friends both on my course and also with my flatmates.

The opportunities here are amazing, for example, all the outdoor sports you can take part in and also the international experience programmes offered."

GEORGINA GIPSON

From Essex, studying Sport, Heath and Exercise Science

'I came here on an Applicant Visit Day and the passion of the lecturers was inspiring and the accommodation was impressive. Being so close to the coast and Snowdonia National Park, this was the perfect setting for my course.

There's plenty of support for students with all types of needs. The Peer Guide system was great as it made it easy to make friends on the course. I found it very easy to settle in during Welcome Week. The events hosted on campus made it easy to engage with and meet other students.

There is a very active social scene with themed nights being held most night of the week. I am involved with the Dragons Cheerleading Society, BU Dance, VegSoc and GeoSoc. Being involved with volunteer groups and societies mean there are always opportunities to gain new skills."

From Conwy, studying Geography



"Wonderful position.
On one side are the mountains of the Snowdonia National Park, on the other side is the Menai Strait.
Bangor boasts the best university setting in the UK, with parts within 6 feet of the sea."

The Independent's A-Z of Universities and Higher Education Colleges





UNBEATABLE

A student city in scenic surroundings

There's no getting away from it - the location, the scenery and the surrounding area are amongst the reasons why many of our students swimming and if you fancy a trip further afield choose to come here. One thing's for sure, all this on your doorstep definitely adds a different dimension to student life.

The many attractions of Snowdonia and the coastline for sports enthusiasts are obvious - but even if you're not the outward-bound type there's still plenty to explore in the surrounding area. You can visit historical towns such as Beaumaris, Conwy and Caernarfon (all with their own castles) or scenic villages like Llanberis, Beddgelert and Betws y Coed.

The beaches on the nearby island of Anglesey are popular spots for sunbathing and to Ireland, then Holyhead's the departure point for day trips to Dublin.

Good road and rail connections along the north Wales coast mean you can easily visit the Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno, and even Chester and Liverpool for shopping trips or nights out further afield. Heading in the opposite direction, you'll find popular destinations such as Portmeirion and Abersoch on the Llŷn peninsula – which host well-known music festivals, Festival No. 6 and Glass Butter Beach.

"I fell in love with the scenery at Bangor it's the perfect setting for my course. Bangor has a good balance of traditional and modern buildings and its incredible location near the Menai Strait is second to none."

SUFYAAN NIAZI

From Cheshire, studying Environmental Conservation

WE'RE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Bangor University isn't just beautifully situated, it's conveniently located too. There are good road links to Bangor along the north Wales coast from the M56 and M6, and direct trains from London, Manchester, Crewe and Cardiff. The ferry service from nearby Holyhead to Ireland is also fast and frequent.

Once you're here:

- Most of the University buildings and halls of residences are within walking distance of the city centre.
- Most of our undergraduate courses are taught in Bangor.
- Some Healthcare Sciences courses are available at Bangor and at the Wrexham campus, or available only at the Bangor campus or at the Wrexham campus.
- Ocean Sciences is based on the nearby Isle of Anglesey - connected to the mainland by two bridges - the Menai Suspension Bridge and Britannia Bridge.





"What I like about Bangor is how close everything is together and it's all within a 10 minute walk. There's a good amount of supermarkets and high street stores and there are also so many amazing cafes."

MEGAN BRADLEY

From Cheshire, studying Accounting & Economics





MINUTES FROM BANGOR TO LIVERPOOL BY CAR



MINUTES FROM **BANGOR TO MANCHESTER** BY CAR



MINUTES FROM **BANGOR TO BIRMINGHAM** BY CAR



MINUTES FROM **BANGOR TO** LONDON BY TRAIN

Frequent ferries from nearby HOLYHEAD to IRELAND



Good road links to Bangor along the north Wales coast from the M56 & M6



Much of your social life at Bangor University will revolve around the Students' Union, which provides services, support, activities and entertainment for students. With over 150 clubs and societies to choose from, and ample volunteering opportunities, it's not hard to see why the Students' Union plays a vital part in many students' lives here

What is it and what does it do?

The Students' Union, Undeb Bangor, represents students on all matters. A separate entity from the University, the Union strives to get the best for you and create a unique student experience. Run by Sabbatical Officers - students who have been elected in a cross-campus ballot – the Union is there for every student in Bangor, be they undergraduate, postgraduate, international, mature or part-time.

The Students' Union exists to promote your welfare and interests, and to provide a channel of communication between you and the University. It also co-ordinates the Course Rep system, where individual students are elected as Course Representatives to represent the views of their fellow students and provide feedback on a particular module or course.

Experience some Serendipity

The Students' Union, Undeb Bangor, also plays a key role in helping you to settle in to university life, with a range of events and activities planned to welcome new students during Welcome Week. One of the most popular events of this week is the Welcome Week Fair - which is called Serendipity. The two-day event showcases all the Students' Union's activities, and gives you a chance to get involved in anything from societies and sports teams, to volunteering projects. As well as signing up for various activities, Serendipity provides an opportunity for you to find information on other aspects of student life such as banking, insurance, and Student Services.

Work in the Community

You could also join with other students to work for the benefit of the local community through Student Volunteering Bangor. This is a student-led charity that's involved with projects e.g. with the young and the elderly, and the environment. Student Volunteering Bangor has over 1,500 members, and volunteers currently contribute a over 750 hours each week to various community projects. By giving their time to assist members of the local community, they are improving the lives of those they help while also developing new skills and friendships.

The skills and experience you gain through volunteering will be attractive to employers, and you can gain accreditation for your involvement with Student Volunteering Bangor through the Bangor Employability Award (see page 39) or through 'Millennium Volunteers'.

ADVENTUROUS

SPIRIS

"The best thing about Bangor is all the amazing Clubs and Societies available which are a great way of meeting new people and making great friends."

DYLAN HANNIGAN

From Hackney, studying Business Studies





ROBERT BROWN, from Hampshire, studying Environmental Science

"The social life is very good with

various clubs putting on socials

and events throughout the year.

Mountain-walking Society, the

Horticultural Society, Organic

Garden Society and Farm Society."

Geographical Society, the

I am a member of the

"The best thing about being a student at Bangor is the balanced mix between academic and social life. The free membership of clubs and societies mean that you can easily balance the workload with fun."

SIÂN MUPHY, from Gosport, Hampshire, studying History with Journalism

TOP IN THE UK FOR CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Your time at university provides an ideal opportunity to try out a new activity for the first time with like-minded people. We've been rated top in the UK for Clubs & Societies at the 2017 *WhatUni* Awards and student membership of over 150 Students' Union Clubs & Societies is free of charge.

Held at the start of the academic year, the annual Fair, Serendipity, will give you an opportunity to find out more about the Students' Union's activities. The various student run clubs and societies cover a range of hobbies, sports and other interests – from Archaeology and Drama to Scouts and War Gaming. You'll also find some that will complement your academic studies, such as the Law Society, the Geographical Society, and Endeavour, the Ocean Sciences Society. If you can't find a club or society that appeals to you, then you can easily set one up with the help of the Union.

Student Societies at Bangor include:

Afro-Caribbean, Art Society, Biomedical, Brass Band, Chess, Christian Union, Comedy, DJ, Guides & Scouts (BUGS), Herpetology, Islamic, Japanese, Jazz, Korean, Law, Medieval Re-enactment, Music Operatic and Dramatic (SODA), Photographic, Psychology, ROSTRA (Amateur Dramatics), Seren (English Language Newspaper), Sci-Fi, Sewing, LGBTQ+, War Gaming & Role Playing.

Full list at: www.undebbangor.com



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Sport plays an important part in student life at Bangor University. An active Athletic Union comprising around 55 teams and clubs, extensive sports and recreation facilities, and Bangor's location all contribute to this. We also provide free membership of student clubs and societies, helping to ensure that all students are able to participate in the range of sports on offer.





Sports Facilities

The University's main Sports Centre, Canolfan Brailsford, is situated in the heart of the main student village. Completely refurbished in 2014 with a new functional training area added in two storey gym, including 50 cardiovascular stations, a full range of Hammer Strength plate loaded resistance equipment and a separate 9-platform Olympic and functional training area. outdoor games. Canolfan Brailsford is also home to two sports halls, an aerobics studio, cycling studio, multi-route climbing and bouldering wall and four squash courts. Next to Canolfan Brailsford is the Dome – a dedicated indoor tennis and netball facility.

Outdoor facilities include a range of pitches for football (two floodlit), rugby, American football. Quidditch. Ultimate and a floodlit synthetic pitch for hockey. The Treborth outdoor pitches and athletics track are located in an area of outstanding natural beauty with views across the Menai Strait to Anglesey.

The University is a partner (with Bangor City football club) in a third-generation, long pile all weather pitch located adjacent to our Sports Science and Education campus. This is used for student fixtures as well as club training throughout the week.

At our Normal Site there are two recently refurbished sports halls used by University sports clubs and teams, including an armoury for fencing and indoor archery facilities. At the St 2017, Canolfan Brailsford has a state-of-the-art Mary's student village, a fitness room is provided for residents. St Mary's residents can also enjoy outdoor recreation with a multi-use games area with facilities for football, basketball and

> In the Snowdonia National Park, we work in partnership with Snowdonia Watersports, an outdoor activity base on the shores of Llyn Padarn. Snowdonia Watersports provides a base for the University rowning programme as well as other water- and mountain-based clubs. Snowdonia Watersports is also the base for some of the University's outdoor education programmes and modules.

In Bangor itself, there is a 25-metre swimming pool with high diving facilities. Other local facilities used by University clubs include the National Mountain Centre (Plas-y-Brenin), and Plas Menai, the Sport Wales National Outdoor Centre.

Sports Scholarships

The University supports students with sporting ability by offering a number of Sports Scholarships, worth up to £3,000 a year. The Sports Scholarship awards aim to develop sporting potential and are open to students studying for any degree.



"The best thing is definitely being so close to a multitude of outdoor activities... You can go for a walk in the mountains in the morning and a surf at the beach in the afternoon! Outside of my lectures I enjoy running, biking, skating, surfing, reading, swimming and going to the gym."

SIMON BURT

From Halifax, studying **Environmental Conservation**





If you are already interested in outdoor pursuits you will be spoilt for choice by the full range of opportunities available right on our doorstep, from climbing and hillwalking to paragliding and water sports.

Athletic Union

The Athletic Union is the part of the Students' Union that looks after its sporting activities. There are currently over 55 teams and clubs at Bangor, ranging from rugby and football to octopush and trampolining. Bangor's unique location also means that there are many clubs that make the most of the area's mountains, lakes, rivers and coastline.

The range of sports on offer means you have the opportunity to try something new, as well as carry on with a sport that you already participate in. Each club is welcoming and friendly, with many social events alongside the sporting activities.

Sports Clubs at Bangor

American Football, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball (men, women and wheelchair), Boxing, Canoeing, Canoe Polo, Cheerleaders, Cricket, Cycling Club, Dance, Fencing, Football (men and women), Gaelic Football (men and women), Gymnastics, Golf, Handball, Hockey (men and women), Jiu-Jitsu, Judo, Ki-Aikido, Lacrosse, Mountaineering, Netball, Paintballing, Pole Fit, Quidditch, Rowing, Rugby League, Rugby Union (men and women), Sailing, Snooker and Pool, Snowsports, Squash, Sub-Agua, Surfing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Trampolining, Triathalon, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Wakeboarding, Water Polo and Windsurfing.

Full list at: www.undebbangor.com Other sports can be followed individually in the local area.

"If you come to Bangor, my advice would be to get out and join all the societies and make some great mates. Enjoy the outdoors! Bangor is probably the best university for getting involved in climbing, mountaineering etc."

JOHN JAMES MAHON

From Anglesey, studying Electronic Engineering

"A fifteen minute drive can find you in the hills or at a climbing wall... The scenery is unlike anywhere else and the atmosphere is incredible. I enjoy going out on

the hills, climbing and kayaking with my friends." JOSEPH PEPPARD From Somerset, studying Sport Science (Outdoor Activities)

FEEL AT IN OUR STUDENT ACCO



* For full information about our Halls guarantee, go to: www.bangor.ac.uk/hallsquarantee

The guarantee of accommodation for all first year students* – as well as the quality of our halls – is a major plus for those who study at Bangor University.

The opening of the £30M St Mary's student village increased the number of rooms available, as well as the accommodation options available to new and returning students.

Our halls of residence are well-equipped, spacious and modern. They're also within walking distance of the University, giving easy access to lecture halls and libraries.

The perfect place to live in comfort and develop strong bonds of friendship that can last a lifetime.

"Living on the Ffriddoedd site is great, it really feels like being part of a community."

FAYE BOYD

From Cheshire, studying Geography

LIVE IN SPACIOUS. **MODERN HALLS**

Why live in halls of residence?

As a university we encourage you to apply for a place in Halls of Residence, as living in halls provides the best introduction to university life. Halls are places to meet people from different backgrounds and cultures and to enjoy a real sense of community.

What type of accommodation is available?

All accommodation is self-catered, and kitchens are shared with fellow halls students making them a great place to socialise. All kitchens will have basic facilities such as cookers, fridges and freezers, kettles, microwaves and toasters. Students need to bring their own cutlery, pots, pans, crockery and iron.

Standard accommodation (shared facilities):

self-catered accommodation with private bedrooms and shared bathroom and kitchen facilities.

En-suite accommodation: self-catered en-suite rooms with a private shower and toilet in a more recently built residence.

Town Houses: the closest you can get to living in your own house - one front door, shared with friends. This option is great for groups and returning students.

Studios: a self-contained individual living space.

WELCOME TO THE CAMPUS

The student villages in Bangor are within walking distance of the city centre and most university departments. The accommodation is comfortable, convenient, and the ideal way to settle into campus life.

Ffriddoedd Village

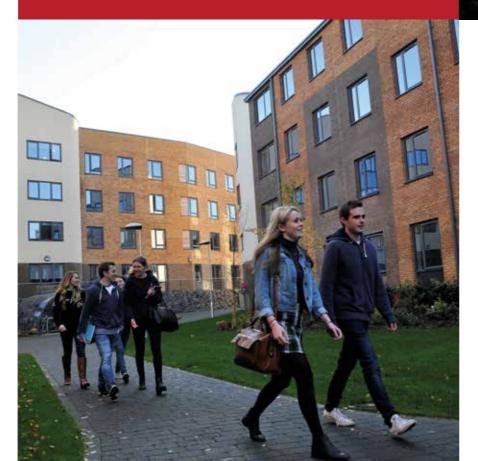
The largest accommodation site is in Upper Bangor, about 10 minutes walk from College Road, the Science buildings and the city centre. The Ffriddoedd student village has a shop, launderettes and student lounges. The rooms on this village are predominantly en-suite. Also in the village is Bar Uno, the student bar, serving meals and drinks through the day, and the Brailsford Centre, the University's sports and recreation centre.

St Mary's Village

St Mary's is ideally located for Bangor city centre and the range of shops on the High Street. This student village of 600 rooms opened in Autumn 2015, with the range of accommodation including en-suite rooms, studio apartments and townhouses. There is also a small bar, takeaway café and snack bar next to the student lounge, a shop, laundrette, PC learning lounge, fitness room, outdoor recreation and games area, and a mini cinema, performance and music space.

Please see our website for up-to-date information: www.bangor.ac.uk/accommodation





"I currently live in halls and it's great having everything you need so close to Uni. Being able to walk to lectures in under 10 minutes and living so close to friends – it's a really friendly environment that has a real community feel to it."

SHANNON VAUGHAN

From Manchester, studying Philosophy & Religion and English Literature.

"I lived in St Mary's in my first year and loved it... The living spaces were incredible and I loved the friendly atmosphere."

ADAM HEYWOOD

From Shropshire, studying Zoology with Conservation

My room has an amazing view of the on campus. I love going to Bar Uno after a late lecture and having great access to the Sports Centre!"

EMILY CORNELISSEN

From Manchester, studying Geography



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