

**Study abroad**

Many Glasgow students complete part of their degree in another country. Courses taken overseas through our exchange programme form part of your degree without adding an extra year or semester, and there are many additional benefits:

- gain a new perspective on your studies
- develop a more international outlook
- travel to new and amazing places
- make friends from all over the world
- enhance your CV and develop skills that will make you stand out
- receive support and recognition through the programme
- no additional tuition fees at the overseas university.

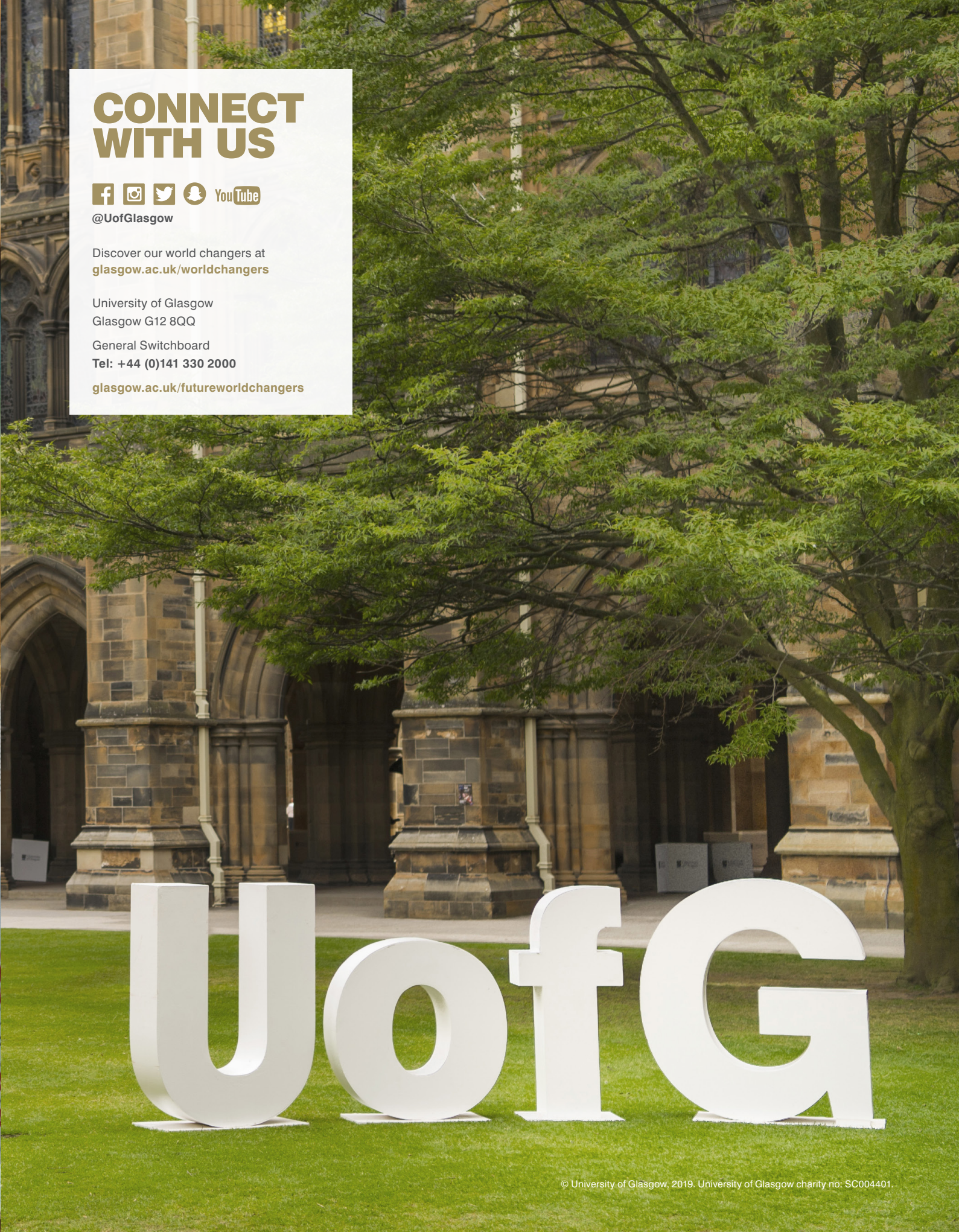
**A great first career step**

You will find that the knowledge and abilities you acquire while studying at Glasgow open the door to a wide range of exciting and fulfilling careers. By the end of your degree you will have developed employability skills which are valued by employers worldwide, including:

- ability to work to deadlines
- analytical ability
- communication skills
- creativity
- critical evaluation
- flexible approach to learning
- logical thinking
- research skills
- self-organisation
- teamwork.

There are many career paths open to social science graduates. Employment opportunities range from small businesses to multinational companies in the private sector; to charities, education, government and international organisations across the public and not-for-profit sectors. In addition, many of our students also pursue further study, professional qualifications, teaching, lecturing and research roles.

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# MA (SOCIAL SCIENCES) DEGREE PROGRAMME

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IN THE WORLD  
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THE RUSSELL  
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GLASGOW  
IS THE  
WORLD'S  
FRIENDLIEST  
CITY  
(ROUGH GUIDES)

FOUR-YEAR  
DEGREE  
PROGRAMMES  
OFFERING  
FLEXIBILITY  
& CHOICE

THE FOURTH  
OLDEST  
ENGLISH-  
SPEAKING  
UNIVERSITY  
IN THE WORLD

250+ CLUBS  
AND SOCIETIES

Visit us

Our Open Days give you the chance to chat to our friendly staff and students, attend subject-specific presentations, visit our student residences and explore our beautiful campuses.

Open Days

If you're interested in visiting the University before you apply for a specific programme, we'd be happy to welcome you to one of our Open Days held in June, September and October.

Offer Holders' Day

Once you have applied to and received an offer from the University, you will get another chance to visit us on our Offer Holders' Day in the spring.

Campus tours

You are welcome to join one of our campus tours at any time during the year.

Plan your own visit

You are welcome to visit the University at a time that suits you, to gather information and see the sights of our beautiful campus in your own time.

How to apply

If you're seeking full-time study you must apply through the Universities' & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) or call on 0371 468 0468 or +44 330 3330 230 if you live outside of the UK.

Ask a student

Chat to one of our current students about what life is like at Glasgow [glasgow.ac.uk/askastudent](http://glasgow.ac.uk/askastudent)

# MA (SOCIAL SCIENCES)

WE ARE JUSTLY PROUD OF OUR RECOGNISED TEACHING AND RESEARCH RECORD ACROSS ALL THE SOCIAL SCIENCES SUBJECTS AND WANT YOU TO BENEFIT FROM THIS EXCELLENCE.

What is social science?

According to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) a 'social science is in its broadest sense, the study of society and the manner in which people behave and influence the world around us. Social science tells us about the world beyond our immediate experience, and can help explain how our own society works – from the causes of unemployment or what helps economic growth, to how and why people vote, or what makes people happy. It provides vital information for governments and policymakers, local authorities, non-governmental organisations and others.'

At the University of Glasgow you will benefit from our world-leading research and teaching in social sciences. Our courses explore the key social, legal, economic, educational and political questions of the day. If you study here, you will benefit from our strong network of national and international collaborative links and be able to choose from a range of subjects taught by academics considered leaders in their fields.

What can I study?

You can choose between a wide range of core social sciences subjects:

- Business & Management
- Central & East European Studies
- Economic & Social History
- Economics
- Geography
- International Relations
- Politics
- Psychology
- Social & Public Policy
- Sociology.

Although your interest is likely to be in social science subjects, you can choose to take an arts or science subject too!

Why Glasgow?

An Honours degree at Glasgow offers you the flexibility to study a range of subjects in your first two years, giving you a breadth of experience before deciding what subjects you would like to specialise in for your final degree. If you choose to specialise in one subject, you will study on a Single Honours degree and if you choose to specialise in two subjects, you will study on a Joint Honours degree.

The flexible degree structure

Many of our students take advantage of our flexible degree structure. You will benefit from this system – whether you know exactly what subjects you want to study, or you need a little more time to work it out.

It lets you try out up to four subjects over your first two years before you make a final decision at the end of your second year about the subjects you want to specialise in at Honours level.

Throughout the four years of an Honours degree, the first two years are wide ranging and broaden your learning; the last two allow you to deepen your learning by letting you focus more on your developing interests.

How does it work?

In first year you normally choose Level-1 courses in three different subjects. In second year you normally go on with at least two of your Level-1 subjects at Level-2, and introduce another subject at Level-1.

At the end of the second year you will normally progress to the Honours years of the degree, although you can finish your studies at the end of third year with an MA in Social Sciences Ordinary degree.

MA (Social Sciences): example of a typical plan of a Single Honours degree

Two pre-Honours years

**Year 1**  
Choose three Level-1 courses. Maximum flexibility comes from choosing three subjects, any one of which could be continued as a Single Honours degree in Social Sciences.

POLITICS LEVEL 1	+	ECONOMICS LEVEL 1	+	SOCIOLOGY LEVEL 1
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**Year 2**  
Choose two Level-2 courses. These are carried forward from two Level-1 courses. This preserves two possible Single Honours paths which continues flexibility. Choose a fourth Level-1 course to assist breadth.

POLITICS LEVEL 2	+	ECONOMICS LEVEL 2	+	ECONOMICS & SOCIAL HISTORY LEVEL 1
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Two Honours years

**Year 3 – Junior Honours**  
Choose two Honours paths, both together will lead to a Joint (not Single) Honours degree. Flexibility and breadth of degree now gives way to depth.

ECONOMICS LEVELS 3
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**Year 4 – Senior Honours**  
At the end of your final Honours year graduate with an MA (Social Sciences) degree with Joint (not Single) Honours.

ECONOMICS LEVELS 4
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MA (Social Sciences): example of a typical plan of a Joint Honours degree

Two pre-Honours years

**Year 1**  
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POLITICS LEVEL 1	+	PSYCHOLOGY LEVEL 1	+	ECONOMICS LEVEL 1
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**Year 2**  
Choose two Level-2 courses. These are carried forward from two Level-1 courses. This preserves two possible Single Honours paths which continues flexibility. Choose a fourth Level-1 course to assist breadth.

POLITICS LEVEL 2	+	PSYCHOLOGY LEVEL 2	+	SOCIOLOGY LEVEL 1
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POLITICS LEVELS 3	+	PSYCHOLOGY LEVELS 3
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**Year 4 – Senior Honours**  
At the end of your final Honours year graduate with an MA (Social Sciences) degree with Joint (not Single) Honours.

POLITICS LEVELS 4	+	PSYCHOLOGY LEVELS 4
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