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We have the best campus in Scotland according to the Times Higher Education Supplement.

With over two million books on 12 floors we have one of the best academic libraries in Europe.



We are the second greenest university in Europe, and among the top 15 in the world, according to environmental news and commentary magazine, Grist.



Our teaching quality is independently ranked as amongst the top ten in the UK.



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# University of Glasgow

## Department of Geographical & Earth Sciences



# Welcome to our World!

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# Welcome to the Department of Geographical & Earth Sciences



Study in a friendly Department that is rated excellent for teaching, and consistently achieves outstanding results in independent reviews of student satisfaction.

Join a Department where teaching is research-driven (and our research has recently been rated as being of international standard).

Learn in a Department that provides extensive training in field skills, and is situated close to spectacular countryside.

Live in a city world-famous for its friendliness and lively nightlife.



## Degrees

In addition to Geography and Earth Science, the Department provides a range of joint degrees, with other Sciences, Arts and Social Science subjects.



## International

Geography and Earth Science are taught from a global perspective by our multinational staff. Our students have the option to spend a year of their degree in an overseas university, and international students are very welcome.

## Careers

Our graduates have great success in gaining employment in a wide range of careers in the environment, science, geotechnical engineering, natural resources, research, teaching, finance and many others.

## Employability

Essential work skills are taught throughout all our courses, providing our graduates with excellent communication, team working, problem solving, project management, computing and interpersonal skills. Students also have the option of taking dedicated employability courses to enhance their career prospects.

## Outstanding Reviews

In the 2008 National Student Survey, student satisfaction was 98% in Geography and 100% in Earth Science.

Additionally, an independent assessment of the degree subjects in the UK universities places Glasgow 5th in the UK and the top University in Scotland as the place to study Geology/Earth Science. This ranking in the Good University Guide is largely based on teaching quality, graduate prospects, and research quality. The survey also shows that we have the highest percentage of graduates undertaking further study or graduate employment in the annual survey by HESA six months after graduation.

This result complements the outstanding ratings that the Department achieved in the 2007 National Student Survey where Geography graduates returned a satisfaction rate of 100%.



## Course Flexibility

Exceptional choice and flexibility are key features of the degree programmes at the University of Glasgow. Students only make their final choice of degree at the end of second year. Taking three subjects in first year, and two in second year, ensures that students make informed decisions based on a thorough understanding of the subjects.

Single and joint honours degrees in Geography can be studied in the Arts, Science and Social Science Faculties. Earth Science is available at Level 1 in all three as well, but may be studied at honours level only in Science. Transfer between faculties is possible at the end of Level 1 or 2.

## Student Societies

There are two very active student societies, GUESS and JOGSOK, which are run entirely by students for students, and organize a large number of social events.



## Highlights of our Courses

- 98-100% of our students were "satisfied" or "highly satisfied" with our courses in the 2008 National Student Survey
- dedicated small group teaching in labs and tutorials to support student learning
- student-led field research in the UK, Europe and Africa
- honours option courses linked to internationally-recognised research in Geography and Earth Science
- extensive "transferable skills" training, including excellent IT facilities
- a friendly Department with an "open door" policy towards student queries
- a range of joint degree are available.



## Research in the Department

Research is important to students at Glasgow as teaching is driven by research-active staff who are fully involved in the most-up-to date developments in Geography and Earth Science.

The Department has two very successful research groups:- Earth Surface Dynamics (ESDRG), and Human Geography (HGRG).

Members of the Earth Surface Dynamics Research Group (ESDRG) work on a wide range of topical and important science problems including quantifying the rates of uplift and erosion of mountain belts, understanding the triggers and effects of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, and assessing the impact of climate change on landscapes, our cities and the living world.

Much of HGRG's analyses concern whose decisions shape our world and how they are received by those places and peoples affected by them. This involves policy makers as well as members of specific groups, such as women, ethnic peoples or neighbourhood residents both in the UK and in the Global South. We are also interested in how places, peoples and the environment are perceived and acquire identities.

This research takes staff throughout Europe and farther afield to places including Africa, Antarctica, India, Australia and Japan.

## Entry requirements

Entry requirements vary depending on Faculty – in Science Faculty, Highers grades of BBBB (inc. 2 sciences) or ABC/BBB (inc. 3 sciences) or ABBB (inc. 1 science) are required, or A level grades of BCC (3 sciences), BBC (2 sciences), or BBB (1 science). For entry to the Faculty of Arts or Law, Business and Social Sciences, please consult the University prospectus - <http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/prospectus/>.



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