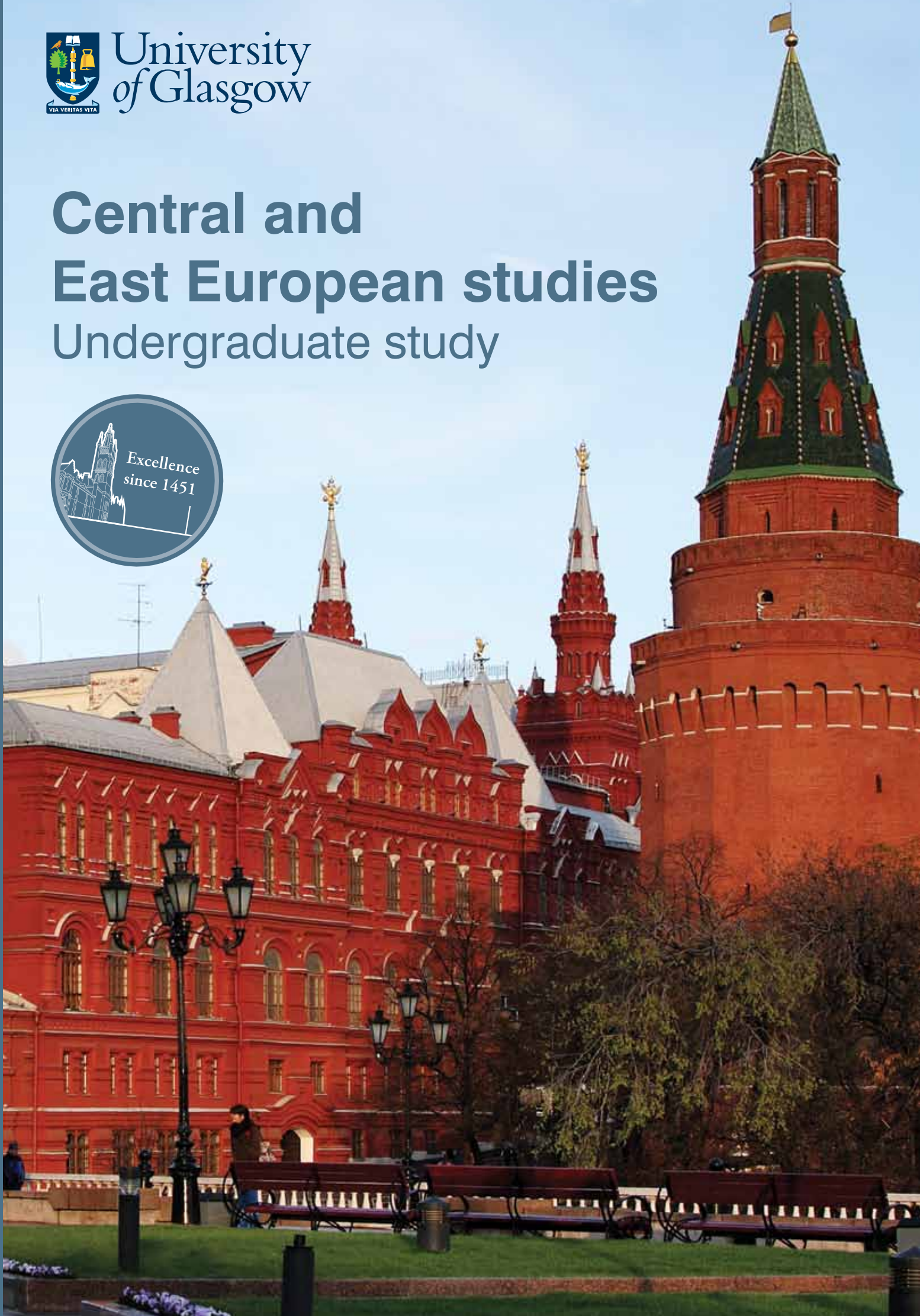




University
of Glasgow

Central and East European studies

Undergraduate study



Founded in 1451, the University of Glasgow has inspired thinkers from the father of economics, Adam Smith, to the pioneer of television, John Logie Baird.



Choose Glasgow

Introduction

Ever since the Russian Revolution communism in Russia and Eastern Europe has been a fascinating subject for study. With the break-up of the Soviet Union and the emergence of independent states in Central and Eastern Europe the subject has taken on a new and vital importance. What happens in the region has an important bearing on the shape of the world in the 21st century. Glasgow leads the way in this important subject.

There are a number of reasons why you should choose to study Central & East European Studies

- Staff teaching on the Central & East European Studies (CEES) undergraduate programme at Glasgow are among the top researchers in the field. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (2008) their research output was ranked top in Scotland for European Studies and 85% of their research was rated 'international', 'internationally excellent' or 'world leading'. This means that you will be taught by academics who are considered to be producing research of international importance.
- The University acts as a hub for a Government-funded Centre of Excellence for Russian, Central & East European Studies which brings together expertise and learning support from eight UK universities and a range of partner institutions in Russia, Central and Eastern Europe. This means that there is a wide variety of cultural, social and academic events taking place all through the year and you will be able to take part in these.
- The University of Glasgow has an excellent reputation as one of the three main centres of Central & East European Studies in the UK and produces one of the leading journals focused on the study of this region: *Europe-Asia Studies*. Its unique Russian and East European Library collection has been designated as a resource of national importance.
- You will have the opportunity to combine your study with one of six Central/East European languages (Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Czech, Polish or Russian).

‘The emphasis is very much on interdisciplinary study, and I can’t think of any other degree that would enable you to combine aspects of political science, history, sociology, linguistics and cultural studies, all within the same degree.’

David McNeill, CEES student

Our campus

The University’s compact main campus combines grand historical buildings with up-to-the-minute facilities. It’s centred on a neo-gothic building with a spire offering breathtaking views across the city.

Come and visit us

Open Day

www.glasgow.ac.uk/openday

In June and September we hold an Open Day to allow you, your family and teachers to visit us on campus and see a little of the city.

Open Day allows you to speak to academic staff, find out more about courses, tour the facilities, visit student accommodation and see for yourself what life would be like as a student at Glasgow. If you have a long way to travel you can also stay in one of our student residences.

Alternative visiting arrangements

Open Day is the best way for you to get a comprehensive picture of what being a student here would be like. However, if for any reason you can't make it on that date, then we will be able to make alternative arrangements.

To find out more visit:
www.glasgow.ac.uk/afternoonvisits.

Applicants' Visit Day

At Glasgow we go the extra mile. If you receive an offer of a place at Glasgow, we will invite you to visit us before making your final decision. Applicants' Visit Day usually takes place in March. Details will be sent to you together with your offer of a place.

Where can I find out more?

If you have any questions about our degree programmes, please contact Claire Anderson, tel +44 (0) 141 330 6461, email: c.anderson@lbs.gla.ac.uk. Alternatively, you may consult the course information displayed on our website: www.glasgow.ac.uk/cees.



‘I always knew I wanted to study Eastern Europe, and so it was a clear path through to Honours level. I love the variety of modules we can study in CEES, from the Russian Revolution right through to the post-Soviet era.’

Sarah Harrison, CEES student

www.glasgow.ac.uk/cees

Central & East European Studies

Degree: MA (SocSci), MA

Typical offer

Highers AAB (first sitting)
AAAB (two sittings)

A-levels AAB (first sitting)
AAA (two sittings)

IB 34 points

For entry requirements visit www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/entryrequirements

This degree programme studies the history, economics, politics and sociology of the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, including the new member states of the European Union, Russia and other former Soviet Union Republics. Primarily, these countries are:

- Russia
- the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania)
- Poland
- the Czech Republic
- Slovakia
- Hungary
- the Central Asian States.

At all levels, our teaching of Central & East European Studies is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops and small group tutorials.

What can I expect in first year?

In Level-1 you will study the collapse of the tsarist Russian and Habsburg Empires and the subsequent emergence and expansion of the Soviet system after 1917. You will explore:

- the origin, nature and consequences of communism
- the ideologies and cultures of the communist period
- civil society and opposition to the party/state
- the reasons for the collapse of Communism Central & Eastern Europe during 1989-1991.

What can I expect in second year?

In Level-2 you will chart developments in the societies of the region from 1989 to the present day. This will include:

- processes of economic, political and territorial change
- aspects of social and cultural identity and diversity
- migration
- the role of the media.

You will examine the impact of the end of the Soviet Union, on the development of ‘transition’ ideologies, the emergence of civil society, and the integration of the region into European and international organisations such as the European Union.

What happens next?

Honours

If you successfully complete the Level-2 Central & East European Studies course, you may move on to study for an Honours degree in years 3 and 4.

You can choose to study Central & East European Studies as either a Single Honours degree or as part of a Joint Honours degree.

If you choose to do Single Honours you will have to complete the class **Social science and humanities research methods in Russian, Central and East European studies – theory and practice** in year 3 and write a dissertation in year 4. You will also choose eight additional Honours options over the two years.

If you do Joint Honours you will choose up to six Honours options, one of which can be your dissertation, in Central & East European Studies, and up to six additional options in your other subject area.

Each of our courses utilises key historical and contemporary readings and frequently draws on the particular lecturer’s own research expertise and publications.

Honours options reflect a wide range of subject areas and topics that relate to Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia as well as the wider Central and East European region. These include:

- economic and social history
- modern political history
- security and international relations
- civil society and the state
- cultural politics and social change
- identities and nationalism
- the environment
- European integration
- society, culture and languages of the region.

For a full list of options visit the Honours section at www.glasgow.ac.uk/cees.

Can I study abroad?

At Glasgow you can take advantage of a range of opportunities to study abroad as part of your degree. We have a wide range of links with universities around the world that have courses relating to Central and Eastern Europe, including universities in the Baltic and Central European regions. Courses you take overseas form an integral part of your degree without adding an extra year or semester. For more information, visit www.glasgow.ac.uk/studying/exchange.

Joint Honours combinations

You can choose to study Central & East European Studies with another subject at Honours level. Subjects which may be taken in combination with Central & East European Studies include:

- Archaeology
- Business Economics
- Business & Management
- Celtic Civilisation
- Celtic Studies
- Classics (Classical Civilisation)
- Comparative Literature
- Computing Science
- Economics
- Economic & Social History
- English Literature
- French
- Gaelic
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- History of Art
- Italian
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Russian
- Scottish History
- Scottish Literature
- Slavonic Studies
- Sociology.

What are my career prospects?

Graduates have developed careers with a host of UK and international companies and bodies, including:

- the European Commission
- the Foreign and Commonwealth Office
- local government
- Non-Governmental Organisations (both UK-based and international)
- teaching and education services
- journalism
- human resources and administration
- the business community (developing trading links with the Central and East European region)
- further postgraduate study and research (leading to academic careers in many cases).

Opportunities also exist in the ever-expanding world of information technology. What is more, the recent historic eastward enlargements of the EU and NATO and the prospect of further enlargements incorporating even more states from the former Soviet Union have increased greatly the demand for Central and East European specialists. You could be one of the people supplying the world with information about the exciting events in the region.

‘Scotland at its artsy, riotous, high-octane, good-time best.’

Lonely Planet



City of Glasgow

What is it like living and studying in Glasgow?

Named as one of the world’s top ten cities by independent travel guide *Lonely Planet*, Glasgow attracts the largest student population in Scotland. The city’s reputation for friendliness means that wherever you come from, you’ll soon treat it as your second home.

Music and nightlife

In an average week Glasgow hosts 123 bands, 72 classical composers, 49 choirs, 38 orchestras and 21 jazz bands. Renowned for discovering acts from Franz Ferdinand to Primal Scream, the city has fantastic venues for live music including King Tut’s Wah Wah Hut – voted UK’s best live venue by listeners of Radio 1 three years in a row.

More than 700 bars, pubs and nightclubs mean no two nights in Glasgow are the same. Whether you’re after a record-breaking 100-foot long bar where everyone can be a barfly (the Horseshoe), or a pub with a log fire, stuffed stags’ heads and kilted staff that’s as appealing as it is unpronounceable (Uisge Beatha), Glasgow has a venue to suit. Dance until you drop at the Subclub, or travel back to 1920s America at the Vegas clubnight on the Renfrew Ferry, it’s up to you.

Festivals

At least one festival every month of the year shows Glasgow loves to celebrate. Some of our favourites include Glasgow International Comedy Festival, Celtic Connections folk music festival, Glasgay, Piping Live!, Glasgow Film Festival and Aye Write!, the city’s book festival.

Culture

The city of Glasgow owns one of the richest collections in Europe, displayed in 13 museums and art galleries – and admission is free. You are spoilt for choice, with the city’s famous Burrell collection vying for attention beside Scotland’s most visited attraction, the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, located next door to the University.

Sport

The city will host the Commonwealth Games in 2014. Across the world people know Glasgow as home of Celtic and Rangers football clubs, but with no fewer than 27 public fitness centres including swimming pools, running tracks, 11-a-side pitches and tennis courts, you’re guaranteed to find something to get involved with, whatever your level of fitness.

Campus culture

Are you craving cosy campus living or do you prefer big city excitement. Whichever is your style, you’ll be impressed by the University’s excellent location in the compact West End. Just two miles from the city centre, with great bus and underground links, the West End has a reputation as the bohemian, trendy and cosmopolitan quarter of Glasgow.

What our students say

‘Glasgow is such a diverse and vibrant city with lots to offer and a great social scene with a fantastic range of bars, clubs and music venues.’

Alexander Hutchison

‘I chose Glasgow because compared to the other cities I visited it just seemed like a much more lively place. I think the high student population makes it a very young city.’

Elizabeth Ritz

‘The campus at Glasgow is unbelievably beautiful. It’s hard to believe sometimes when walking down busy Byres Road and turning into University Avenue, that this Hogwarts is situated right in the heart of the West End.’

Beverley Simpson

‘Glasgow is very vibrant. The West End is like the village within the city.’

Sarah Gibson

