

Glasgow has the largest grouping of economic and social historians in Scotland and offers one of the most varied and searching economic and social history degree programmes in the UK.



Choose Glasgow

Introduction

The University of Glasgow is rated as one of the top 100 universities in the world (*Times Higher Education QS World University Rankings*).

All of our students study for degrees that are recognised and respected by employers throughout the world, but we can guarantee you will receive a lot more besides. Some of the key benefits of student life at Glasgow are

Satisfied students

Our students report high levels of satisfaction with their studies. According to the independent National Student Survey, an impressive 90% of the University's final-year students rated themselves as satisfied with their course in 2009, well above the national average of 81%.

Flexible course choices

We offer more than 900 degree programme combinations and our flexible system allows you to study a broad range of subjects during your time at university and, in many cases, makes it possible to delay choosing specialist subjects until the end of second year.

Teaching based on research

Glasgow is a research-led university, which means that you will be taught by academics at the forefront of knowledge in their subject areas.

A student experience worth having

You will take away more than a degree from Glasgow. Over the last 550 years our students have built up a fantastic array of initiatives to keep you engaged, entertained and energised. The result is a student experience to be proud of. We have

- four award-winning student media teams
- over 100 clubs and societies
- two undergraduate student unions
- sporting facilities for all levels of fitness
- a study abroad and exchange programme that offers opportunities to study across the world as part of your undergraduate degree.

‘There is a real culture of discussion and debate – we are encouraged not only to attend the Economic & Social History seminar series, but also to contribute to it, which enhances your academic confidence.’

Campbell Wilson, Economic & Social History 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?

For further information on studying economic and social history please visit www.glasgow.ac.uk/economicsocialhistory.

Alternatively, you can contact us at:
tel +44 (0) 141 330 5992.



Economic & Social History

Degree: MA (SocSci)

Typical offer

Highers	AABB (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

Economic and social history is the study of the way societies change in their economic activities and social organisation. It is concerned with how people in the past lived and worked, and how this has affected the development of today's world. In modern times, economic and social changes have been more rapid than previously. At Glasgow we study economic and social forces from 1750 to the present day, both in Britain and internationally, and with an emphasis on the development of a wide range of transferable skills.

What can I expect in first year?

Level-1 is made up of two courses that are built around the key themes of:

- the workplace
- social order and conflict
- gender and the family
- migration and the community
- international economic relations.

The changes in all these areas are tracked from Britain, to Europe, and then to the rest of the world. We place national histories in an international perspective and rapid transitions against the background of long-term trends. In this way, you will be able to understand the experiences of your own society and economy more fully.

You will be introduced to major themes in history, including:

- sources of economic growth
- sources of social change
- the international transmission of social and economic trends.

Initially, Level-1 focuses on the advanced economies and societies of Britain, France, Germany, Japan and the USA and charts how these have changed from the 1750s onwards. Later, you will move onto the period of 1914 onwards, opening with the legacy of the First World War and the subsequent crises of the inter-war years.

What can I expect in second year?

In Level-2 you will study economic and social change in the UK from 1750 onwards. Again, this is covered by two courses, the first studying the period 1750-1914 and the second from 1914 to the present day.

The first course begins with the Industrial Revolution and deals with questions such as:

- why did the British economy grow so rapidly?
- what were the social consequences of change?

Attention then turns to the economic and social developments of the Victorian period. You will study:

- economic pre-eminence and relative decline
- the role of government
- the rise of trade unions
- leisure
- the changing position of women in society.

The second course analyses many of the same themes in the context of the UK's economic and social development in the 20th century. In particular, the impact of the two World Wars is considered, along with changes in inter-war Britain, the rise of the Welfare State and post-war economic decline.

What happens next?

Honours

If you successfully complete the courses in first and second years you may progress to study for an Honours degree. You can opt to study Economic & Social History on its own for a Single Honours degree or alongside another subject for a Joint Honours degree.

In your Honours years you will be able to choose from a wide range of options covering countries including Germany, Japan, USA, Eastern Europe, Scotland and the UK. These reflect the research expertise of the staff and allow the in-depth study of topics such as:

- economic policy
- social policy
- poverty
- gender history
- business history and the history of work
- medicine
- popular culture.

Other aspects of your Honours years will be:

- Core courses that encourage the development of skills in interpretation of texts and sources, and presentation of evidence and arguments through individual and group projects
- a dissertation on a subject of your choice (this is optional)
- a compulsory reading and study trip in year three.

Joint Honours combinations

You may study Economic & Social History with another subject at Honours level. Subjects which may be taken in combination with Economic & Social History include:

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| • Archaeology | • German |
| • Arts & Media Informatics | • Greek |
| • Business & Management | • History |
| • Business Economics | • Italian |
| • Celtic Civilisation | • Latin |
| • Celtic Studies | • Mathematics |
| • Central & East European Studies | • Music |
| • Comparative Literature | • Philosophy |
| • Computing Science | • Politics |
| • Economics | • Psychology |
| • English Literature | • Public Policy |
| • French | • Scottish History |
| • Gaelic | • Scottish Literature |
| • Geography | • Slavonic Studies |
| | • Sociology |
| | • Spanish |
| | • Theology & Religious Studies. |

What are my career prospects?

Our graduates are trained to express themselves logically and to speak confidently. They have learned how to handle and analyse information, to make independent judgements, and organise their time effectively. This means you will have a great deal of flexibility in your choice of employment. Our graduates have found employment in (amongst other things):

- management in industry, retailing, marketing and financial services
- central and local government
- the media and information technology
- teaching at all levels
- libraries, museums and archives
- social work and other personnel services.

Can I study abroad?

At Glasgow you can take advantage of a range of exciting opportunities to study abroad as part of your degree.

Courses you take overseas form an integral part of your degree without adding an extra year or semester.

The University holds a Study Abroad Fair every November. Information is also available on our website: www.glasgow.ac.uk/studying/exchange.

‘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

