



University
of Glasgow

Public policy

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

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.

‘Glasgow is an exciting place, rich in culture, groaning with history, but most of all I found it to be welcoming.’

Laura Sayers graduated in 2001 and is a BBC Radio 1 producer

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?

You can find out more about studying public policy at www.glasgow.ac.uk/urbanstudies.

If you have any questions, please contact our Undergraduate Programme Director, email: s.deeley@socsci.gla.ac.uk.



Public Policy

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

Are you concerned about contemporary social problems such as:

- poverty
- unemployment
- homelessness
- drug misuse
- crime?

Are you worried about the environment?

Are you interested in how we might improve society?

If so, then public policy is the subject for you.

Public policy is the study of moral, political and policy issues. You could find yourself asking questions such as:

- should lone parents have to go out to work for welfare benefits?
- should cannabis be available on prescription?
- should we be free to buy and sell human body parts?

What can I expect in first year?

The first year course provides an introduction to key issues in UK social and public policy such as:

- the ideology of State intervention in welfare from a historical perspective
- the effects of the welfare state in Britain
- the concept of social justice
- criminal justice, disability, gender, the environment, and 'problem' estates.

What can I expect in second year?

The second year course aims to build on material outlined in the first year, introduce key concepts and principles and address important issues in public policy. You will examine:

- different ideologies such as collectivism, anti-collectivism, feminism, and greenism
- how policy is made

- how policy is delivered
- various case studies, which are all informed by our current research.

What happens next?

If you successfully complete the courses in first and second years you may progress to two further years of study for an Honours degree.

You can choose to study Public Policy on its own for a Single Honours degree or in combination with another subject for a Joint Honours degree.

There are four core courses for Single Honours students:

- Policy analysis and evaluation (either third or fourth year)
- Policy design and delivery (either third or fourth year)
- Social research and investigation (in third year)
- Dissertation (in fourth year).

Joint Honours students who wish to write their dissertation in an area of Public Policy must also take the course **Social research and investigation**.

Over the two Honours years you will also choose subjects from a diverse range of topics to suit your interests. These options include:

- Crime and safety
- Disability and society
- Health policy and health services
- Housing policy
- Urban policy
- Education for citizenship
- Active citizenship (includes a placement in a welfare agency)
- Ideological concepts and values
- Welfare ideologies
- Labour markets, work and welfare.

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

Joint Honours combinations

You may study Public Policy with another subject at Honours level. Subjects which may be taken in combination with Public Policy include:

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| • Arts & Media Informatics | • Film & Television Studies |
| • Business & Management | • Gaelic |
| • Business Economics | • Geography |
| • Celtic Civilisation | • German |
| • Celtic Studies | • Greek |
| • Central & East European Studies | • History of Art |
| • Classics (Classical Civilisation) | • Italian |
| • Computing Science | • Latin |
| • Economic & Social History | • Music |
| • Economics | • Physics |
| • English Language | • Politics |
| • English Literature | • Psychology |
| | • Russian |
| | • Slavonic Studies |
| | • Sociology |
| | • Spanish |
| | • Theatre Studies. |

What are my career prospects?

Public policy deals with vital issues for the future of this country, provides you with a challenging intellectual training and gives you the opportunity to develop skills that you can transfer to the workplace.

Our graduates pursue careers in:

- the public, private and voluntary sectors, including management and personnel in commerce and industry
- local and central government, especially housing and planning
- journalism
- social work
- teaching, especially Modern Studies
- health service administration.

‘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