Geography
Undergraduate study
Come and visit us

Open days and student visits

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We offer many opportunities for you to visit us and find out about the University.

• **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.

• **Applicants’ Visit Day:** Once you have applied to and received an offer from the University, you will get another chance to visit us on our Applicants’ Visit Day in March.

• **Afternoon visits:** If you can’t make either of the above we will be running three afternoon visits throughout the course of 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.

Find out more about the Glasgow experience:

• Get our students’ views on campus life: www.glasgowgen.net

• Chat to one of our current students: www.glasgow.ac.uk/studentnetwork

• Email us direct: student.recruitment@glasgow.ac.uk

The Glasgow experience

The University of Glasgow is one of the world’s top universities. Since opening our doors over 550 years ago, we’ve dedicated our time to inspiring great minds throughout history, from the father of economics, Adam Smith, to the pioneer of television, John Logie Baird.

Here are just a few reasons why our students choose to join us:

• Established in 1451, fourth oldest University in the English-speaking world

• 23,000 students from 130 countries

• Member of the prestigious Russell Group of leading UK research universities

• 1st in the Russell Group for student satisfaction (International Student Barometer 2012)

• One of the UK’s top 3 best-value universities (Student Value for Money Report 2012)

• In the UK’s top 6 for career prospects (The Guardian University Guide 2013)

• Over 100 clubs and societies, from karate to student theatre

• Two student unions with GUU being voted UK Student Union of the Year

• One of the best libraries in Europe, open 361 days of the year from 7.15am–2am with 2.5 million print books and journals.

One of the world’s top 1% universities
Geography

Geography is the study of the surface of the Earth as the site of human living and working. It considers the variability in physical and human landscapes, along with the interrelationships commonly binding them together.

Programme structure

Year 1
Although many of our first-year students have studied geography at school or college before coming to university, you can start in first year as a novice to the subject. Our first-year course is designed to introduce you to a wide range of concerns and interests within both physical and human geography. The themes covered include a world of resources, an underdeveloped world, a world of changing environments, a shrinking world and a changing biosphere in a changing environment.

You will also study two other subjects of your choice in year 1 – www.glasgow.ac.uk/ug/aboutdegrees.

Year 2
Courses in your second year build on the foundations you have laid in first year in human geography and physical geography.

You will explore human and physical processes, examining environmental problems and their possible resolutions through policy, and you will be trained in statistical methods and laboratory analysis using a mixture of fieldwork and our own IT and physical geography laboratories.

You will also study one or two other subjects in year 2 – www.glasgow.ac.uk/ug/aboutdegrees.

Years 3 and 4
If you progress to Honours (years 3 and 4) you will study both core and optional courses. Core courses are related to advanced training methods such as computerised data analysis, modelling, geographical information systems, interviewing and interpretative methods.

Optional courses complement the core courses and allow you to build a programme around your particular topical interests.

The large number of options taught currently include Africa, Celtic geographies, coastal processes and forms, environmental hazards, fluvial processes, landscape and culture, geovisualisation, glacial processes, GIS, geographies of development, political ecologies and social geography. We also have regional research expertise in Africa, South-East Asia and Polar environments.

Special feature
If you intend to continue to Honours, you will attend a week’s residential field course to extend the field skills you are introduced to in first year. The main focuses of this field programme are group projects, data collection, problem solving and presentations.

Our international links
There are some opportunities to undertake dissertation fieldwork in organised visits overseas. In recent years, students have worked in Brazil, Iceland and Tanzania, among others.

Career prospects
Our recent Geography graduates have been employed as
• Coastal and rivers engineers, Glasgow
• Field studies tutor, Cumbria
• Environmental social researcher, Scottish Government
• Statistician, Scottish Government
• Investment manager, Liverpool
• Supply chain manager, BAE Systems
• Hydrographic surveyor, Aberdeen
• Teacher, Scotland
• Surveyor, Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board.

You may also be interested in
• Earth Science
• Environmental Stewardship (Dumfries Campus)

Degrees and UCAS codes
BSc (Hons) (F800) – four years; MA (Hons) (L702) – four years

Joint Honours
At Honours level, Geography can be taken as a Single Honours or Joint Honours degree. See www.glasgow.ac.uk/ug/geography for a full list of Joint Honours combinations and UCAS codes.

Entry requirements
BSc
Highers: AAAA or AAABB (including two science subjects) in first sitting = unconditional offer. Applicants who achieved AAAB or AABBB (including two science subjects) at first sitting WILL receive either a conditional (on second sitting results) or unconditional offer. Additional conditional or unconditional offers MAY be made to applicants who achieved between ABBB and ABB (including two science subjects) at their first sitting. A-levels: AAB, preferably with two science subjects. IB: Minimum 34 points.
MA
Highers: AAAA or AAABB (including English and a humanities subject or a language (including Gaelic) at grades A/B or B/A in first sitting = unconditional offer. Applicants who achieved AAAB or AABBB (including English and a humanities subject or a language (including Gaelic) at grades A/B or B/A at their first sitting WILL receive either a conditional (on second sitting results) or unconditional offer. Additional offers, either conditional or unconditional, MAY be made to applicants who achieved between ABBB and ABB (including two science subjects) at their first sitting. A-levels: AAB. IB: Minimum 34 points.
MA (SocSci)
Highers: AAAA (including English or a humanities subject) in first sitting = unconditional offer. Applicants who achieved AAA or AAABB (including English or a humanities subject) at their first sitting WILL receive either a conditional (on second sitting results) or unconditional offer. Additional offers, either conditional or unconditional, MAY be made to applicants who achieved AAAB, AABBB or AABBB at their first sitting. A decision re these applications will be made in March 2014 once all applications have been reviewed. Applicants who receive an offer conditional on second sitting results will be required to study Advanced Highers in relevant subjects as an integral part of their conditional offer. A-levels: AAB. IB: Minimum 34 points.

For a full list of alternative qualifications please see www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/entryrequirements.

Advanced entry
If you have exceptional A-level or Advanced Higher grades it’s possible to complete a standard Honours degree in one year less than usual – see www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/advancedentry.

E: ges-enquiries@glasgow.ac.uk
W: www.glasgow.ac.uk/ug/geography
The city of Glasgow

• The UK’s 3rd largest city and one of the world’s top student cities
  (QS Best Student Cities 2012)
• Lively nightlife with more than 700 bars, pubs and nightclubs and 7 cinemas,
  including the tallest cinema in the world
• More than 20 museums and art galleries, including Kelvingrove Art
  Gallery & Museum and the Gallery of Modern Art
• Known as ‘dear green place’ with over 90 parks and public gardens
• Host of the MOBO awards x 2 plus over 10 different festivals each year
• UK’s first UNESCO City of Music, host to around 130 music events every week
• Largest retail centre in the UK outside London with everything from high street favourites to
  independent and vintage stores
• Commonwealth Games host 2014
• Excellent sports facilities including wall climbing venues, indoor and outdoor ski slopes and the
  Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome.

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James Bainbridge, Author, Lonely Planet’s Study Glasgow

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