Inspiring Environmental Minds of the Future

Teaching at the Scottish Centre for Ecology & the Natural Environment
Ideally positioned for research and teaching

SCENE is the field research and teaching centre of the University of Glasgow. Originally established in 1946, it has been re-launched with state-of-the-art facilities in 2014.

Situated in the spectacular natural beauty of the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, SCENE conducts fundamental and applied research, and hosts undergraduate and postgraduate education programmes. SCENE’s research combines the multi-disciplinary expertise of scientists from within the Institute of Biodiversity, Animal Health and Comparative Medicine, and the College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences.

SCENE’s facilities support field research of the University of Glasgow and its collaborators from across the world. Its teaching and training facilities are made available for self-taught courses from other institutions. If you would like to find out more please visit our website.
Teaching environmental & ecological science through fieldwork provides an inspirational experience

Teaching & training of tomorrow’s environmentalists is highly effective & very rewarding for both student and teacher when carried out in the field. Using real habitats & species in natural ecosystems can illustrate fundamental scientific principles & enables hands-on experience with research techniques.

Surrounded by a rich variety of aquatic & terrestrial habitats, SCENE provides a superb field base from which to access some of the highest quality sites in Europe. The area is recognised as being of international conservation value and many of its habitats carry the highest possible designations.

Access to the surrounding habitats, and stunning views of lochs & bens, make SCENE a truly inspiring venue for teaching.
SCENE offers a wide range of facilities which can support field teaching courses or workshops. We make these facilities available to groups from the UK and beyond. Previous international users from the USA, Mexico, Bangladesh & central Europe have run field courses on topics ranging from ecology to environmental science & from geography to geology. SCENE also offers an excellent venue for a small workshop, for example on scientific writing, literature discussion and grant preparation.

We provide fully catered, residential facilities for up to 43 students & staff, lecture & laboratory facilities, and basic ecological sampling equipment.

SCENE’s teaching facilities, accommodation and catering will make your course or workshop an unforgettable experience.
SCENE supports a thriving postgraduate training programme

SCENE provides facilities for post-graduate research and training, including fieldwork, laboratory experiments, and organised courses. Residential and visiting post-graduate masters & PhD researchers conduct projects on a range of topics, including freshwater biology, terrestrial ecology & physiology, and disease ecology.

Work on freshwater systems is focused on biodiversity, its evolutionary origins and evidence-based solutions for wildlife managers & policy makers. Postgraduates working on terrestrial & disease vector systems are interested in animal responses to stress and environmental changes, and in the implications of climate change for the dynamics of disease transmission.

At SCENE, postgraduates can develop and conduct research projects on a broad range of environmental topics.
The Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment is situated on the eastern shore of Loch Lomond, in west central Scotland. Within 1 hour of the international airports of Glasgow and Edinburgh, the city centres of Stirling (45 mins), Glasgow (50 mins) and Edinburgh (80 mins) are all only a short drive away.

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