



University  
of Glasgow

# Nursing

## 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](http://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](http://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 at [www.glasgow.ac.uk/nursing](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/nursing). If you have any questions about admissions, you can contact: Mr Graham Macintosh, tel: +44 (0) 141 330 4806, email: [g.macintosh@clinmed.gla.ac.uk](mailto:g.macintosh@clinmed.gla.ac.uk) or Mrs Jane Joy, tel: +44 (0) 141 330 3254, email: [j.joy@clinmed.gla.ac.uk](mailto:j.joy@clinmed.gla.ac.uk).



‘The staff are very supportive. They encourage you to achieve your best and ensure you reach your full potential. The small class sizes means there is a lot of camaraderie.’

Fay Chalmers, BN(Hons) 2008

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## Nursing

Degree: BN

### Typical offer

Highers BBBB

A-levels BBB

For entry requirements visit [www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/entryrequirements](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees/entryrequirements)

At Nursing & Health Care you will gain clinical experience throughout Greater Glasgow and often will go on to work in areas of critical care or areas of autonomous practice for example community nursing or, after a few years, specialist nursing.

### What can I expect in first year?

During each semester in your first year you will study the **Common foundation programme**, which contains a theoretical and practical component. In your first semester you will study a range of subjects including:

- Nursing
- Health studies
- Social sciences
- Biological sciences
- Moral philosophy and ethics.

In week seven you will follow this by a clinical experience.

The focus of your study in first year is the healthy individual. However, you will have the opportunity to care for adults during the summer in a hospital setting.

Most of the sessions are taught within Nursing & Health Care, although practical sessions are arranged in the Clinical Skills Laboratory of the Wolfson Medical School Building.

### What can I expect in second year?

You will find that the topics that structured the **Common foundation programme** are re-visited in more depth in your second year. You will study:

- Adult nursing (the core subject)
- Life science subjects
- Social science subjects.

Life science subjects include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Biochemistry
- Pharmacology
- Nutrition
- Human biology.

Social science subjects are:

- Community nursing
- Health promotion
- Social policy
- Research and ethics.

You will also have the opportunity to experience nursing first-hand in the hospital setting (adult medical and surgical nursing), and also in the community setting (district nursing, health visiting and public health nursing). Selection for Honours occurs at the end of this year.

### What happens next?

#### Honours

If you successfully complete the courses in first and second years, you may progress to Honours (years three and four). The nursing programme prepares you to care for adult patients with medical and surgical conditions, including the critically ill. You will study:

- professional, ethical and moral issues
- the application of information systems and nursing responsibilities related to specific drug treatments
- a course in pathology and human disease, which is taught by internationally renowned clinicians
- a research methods course that develops your awareness of research and the relevance of research for nursing practice.

We have also introduced three optional courses in third year. These options will give you the choice to develop an area of interest in further depth and also further strengthen your employability. You will have the opportunity to choose one option from:

- Cancer care
- Critical care
- General medical/surgical care.

In fourth year you will:

- undertake two terms of study within the University
- spend a further one term at the end of the year in clinical practice for consolidation, giving you the opportunity to study to a different level that will enhance your career progression
- study nursing policy and management for health care in depth
- have the opportunity to participate in inter-professional learning with medical students and other allied health professionals while in clinical practice

- write a dissertation – the Margaret Auld prize is awarded to the student with the best dissertation
- have the possibility of inter-professional learning with medical students and other agencies.

### Three-year degree

If you wish to study a three-year degree, you will study the third year curriculum as detailed above and you will also gain clinical experience through a period of consolidation.

### What are my career prospects?

The Bachelor of Nursing programme, with its strong scientific basis, prepares our graduates for all areas of care. However, our graduates tend to migrate predominantly towards acute care. On qualifying, many also choose to work in the clinical areas of critical care and primary care.

### Nursing at Glasgow has been rated

- third best undergraduate nursing course in the UK in the 2009 National Student Survey.
- second in the UK Times Online 2010 league tables for nursing education
- joint first in Scotland and in the top ten of UK universities the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise.

# ‘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

