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# DUMFRIES CAMPUS GUIDE

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**DUMFRIES CAMPUS  
IS SET WITHIN A  
LIVING LABORATORY**

**STUDENTS AND  
STAFF FROM MORE  
THAN 40 COUNTRIES**

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# OUR DUMFRIES CAMPUS



Set in the beautiful and historic university town of Dumfries in the south of Scotland, the University of Glasgow's Dumfries Campus is home to the School of Social & Environmental Sustainability.

Surrounded by a living laboratory perfect for the subject areas delivered on campus, we combine idyllic surroundings with world-class teaching and outstanding placement opportunities. This out-of-city location is the perfect setting to give you an incredible university experience within a community of staff and students who join us from over 40 countries around the world.





# YOUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Set in an idyllic 85-acre campus, the University of Glasgow's Dumfries Campus is the perfect option if you are looking for a world top 100 university experience with a difference.

## DUMFRIES CAMPUS

The School of Social & Environmental Sustainability delivers a suite of programmes focused on environmental science & sustainability, education, tourism, and sustainable development.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals are woven throughout programmes delivered at Dumfries Campus and you will develop skills to address these real-world issues.

Underpinned by world-class research, and delivered in a setting which provides ample opportunity to engage in practical elements of learning and teaching, the programmes offered will equip you with the skills to become a world-changing graduate of the University of Glasgow.

## LIVING LABORATORY

The natural environment surrounding the Dumfries Campus creates a living laboratory for many of our learning experiences and associated placements. Students have easy access to a range of environments such as the rivers and coastline, peat bogs and moorland, together with the vast array of community organisations, the 114 primary and secondary schools throughout Dumfries and Galloway, and the extensive agricultural and forested areas of the region. These features present a vibrant and diverse 'laboratory' in which to study.

You will also have the opportunity to utilise the on-site Teaching Garden which is designed for learning, research and recreation. In addition, there are options on all undergraduate programmes for placement and field work experiences to enhance your learning.

**“THE UN’S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ARE AT THE HEART OF LEARNING, TEACHING AND RESEARCH.”**

Professor Fabrice Renaud, Head of School of Social & Environmental Sustainability

## THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Situated approximately 75 miles south of Glasgow, Dumfries Campus offers you a unique option for your university journey.

You will benefit from learning and teaching opportunities within smaller classes, as well as a campus that is surrounded by the great outdoors. You are also studying at one of three campuses of the University of Glasgow with support from the entire University community and access to facilities, clubs, and societies at other campuses.





# EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS



Our programmes are professionally oriented, providing you with practical experience and a solid academic foundation. We help you develop a strong set of employability skills and support you to engage with industry throughout your studies.

## PLACEMENTS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

To enhance your opportunities after graduation, work placements or work experience are offered as part of our degree programmes. In partnership with a wide range of local, national and international organisations, we can help you to source a quality work placement, and to plan and carry out projects which are supported and mentored by academic staff. These projects are designed to

deliver clear benefits to you and tangible results for the placement provider.

## FIELD WORK

Field trips and guest lectures are essential parts of your programme. We place great value on a practical approach and on a variety of perspectives, ensuring that you gain a strong set of professionally oriented skills as well as an academic background.

## STUDENT LED

We support you to select placements and research projects aligned with your career interests. This enables you to not only follow your passions but also establish valuable connections with industry partners and experts, enhancing your professional journey in the areas that matter most to you.

**From 2020 to 2021,  
the renewable energy  
sector added 700,000  
jobs globally.**

International Renewable Energy Agency  
(Deloitte Insights2Action)

## GREEN JOBS

**As the School of Social & Environmental Sustainability,  
we are committed to developing  
graduates for the jobs of  
tomorrow.**

With significant growth in roles incorporating green skills, there are evermore emerging opportunities for graduates. From 2020 to 2021, the renewable energy sector added 700,000 jobs globally (International Renewable Energy Agency (Deloitte Insights2Action)).

Furthermore, it is predicted that employment needs will grow so significantly in the coming years that by 2030 if there is no change in the current employment trends, the unmet need in green sectors will be approximately 12 million jobs including approximately 1.7 million jobs in India, 9.8 million jobs in China, 60,000 in UK, 17,000 in USA (World Economic Forum).

## GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

Everything you do during your studies contributes towards your employability. Whether you work part-time, take on volunteering opportunities, engage with internships – all of these activities can contribute towards your CV.

# STUDY OR WORK ABROAD



Primary Education student Eilidh took on an international teaching placement in Berlin.

Choosing to study or work abroad as part of your degree is a life-changing opportunity. Whether you are joining us from across the UK or around the world, there are so many benefits to studying abroad.

You'll experience new learning and working environments, and meet people from different cultures. Courses taken overseas through our exchange programme form part of your degree without adding any extra time.

We have more than 200 partners across the world, and many teach in English.

## REASONS TO GO ABROAD

- Work or study abroad as part of your degree: no need for a gap year.
- Develop a new perspective on your studies.
- Explore the world and develop a more international outlook.
- Expand your intercultural awareness and competences.
- Build an international network.
- Gain skills and experiences that will enhance your CV.

Remember, there is no additional time or tuition fees to go abroad with your degree and you get support and recognition for your time abroad through the programme.

**CHOOSE FROM  
200+ DESTINATIONS  
ACROSS THE GLOBE**



Read more about Eilidh and Fran's stories at:  
[glasgow.ac.uk/schools/ses/studentlife/ourstudents](https://glasgow.ac.uk/schools/ses/studentlife/ourstudents)



Sustainable Tourism & Global Challenges student, Fran, in Fjallsarlón, Iceland.

## STUDENT STORY

When choosing her dissertation topic, postgraduate student, Fran, was interested in sustainable tourism and its correlation with climate change.

Alongside her studies, she undertook a Researcher-in-Residence role abroad, joining an expeditionary cruise organized by Canadian tour company, Adventure Canada, as recommended to her by her lecturer. The cruise embarked from Aberdeen, Scotland, and journeyed across the North Atlantic, including visits to the Orkney Islands and the Faroe Islands, culminating in Reykjavik, Iceland.



# WELCOMING THE WORLD



We are proud to have a diverse community within our School and each year we typically welcome students from more than 40 countries to Dumfries Campus.

With a smaller population than you would find in a city-centre campus, students in Dumfries integrate into the fabric of our local community. Whether it's joining local clubs or taking up part-time work, the town of Dumfries is a welcoming environment for students from across the UK and around the world.

## STUDENT STORY

Environmental Risk Management student, Turasa, moved to Dumfries from Dhaka, Bangladesh. She found the community to be welcoming and inclusive, and easily made friends with others on her programme.



Hear about Turasa's experience:  
[glasgow.ac.uk/schools/ses/studentlife/turasa](https://glasgow.ac.uk/schools/ses/studentlife/turasa)



## GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

If you're an international student but not quite ready to study at the University, our partner institution, Glasgow International College, can help you to achieve the required standards for admission to the University.

If you successfully complete a foundation programme at the required level, you can progress into our degree programme in Environmental Science & Sustainability and Global Sustainable Development. Visit [glasgow.ac.uk/gic](https://glasgow.ac.uk/gic) for more information.



# SUPPORTING YOU



Even before you join us, it is important to understand the support services available to you.

## WIDENING PARTICIPATION

The University is committed to encouraging and supporting students from areas and groups where there is traditionally low participation in university. We welcome applications from students enrolled on the FOCUS West/Top-Up Programme and those who have completed, or aim to complete, University of Glasgow Summer Schools. We also encourage applications from qualified young people who have been looked after by a local authority in foster or residential care.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We believe academic excellence should be supported. If you want to join us as an undergraduate, you'll be pleased to know there's a wide range of financial help available to you.

This includes bursaries and scholarships for students who:

- are under-represented
- have demonstrated excellent academic achievement
- are facing financial hardship
- are talented athletes
- have spent time in care or who will be studying without family support
- are staying in the UK on humanitarian grounds and are facing challenges in progressing to higher education

## ON CAMPUS SUPPORT

We offer a range of services so you can make the most of your time while planning for your future.

Our Professional Services and Academic Advising Staff are here to support you with all aspects of university life. From completing paperwork to building your timetable, our friendly and approachable team will make sure you have everything you need throughout your university career.

The Rutherford McCowan Building is home to our School Office, where you'll find our expert team of staff ready to assist you.



## STUDENT SUPPORT

Student Support Officers are the first point of contact for a range of issues you might face while at University.

This could include anything from advice on finances, accommodation, study support and personal problems to directing you to counselling services or accessing support for a disability. Through one-to-one appointments or drop-in sessions, Student Support is in place to guide you should you need any of their services.



Find out more  
[glasgow.ac.uk/schools/  
ses/studentsupport](https://glasgow.ac.uk/schools/ses/studentsupport)



# DISCOVER DUMFRIES



Dumfries has coffee shops, bars and restaurants for you to enjoy throughout the campus and in town.

There are sports facilities, music festivals and theatre events throughout the year – so you and your friends can always create your own unique experience while studying here.



Check out our Students' Guide short video.







Caerlaverock Castle

### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

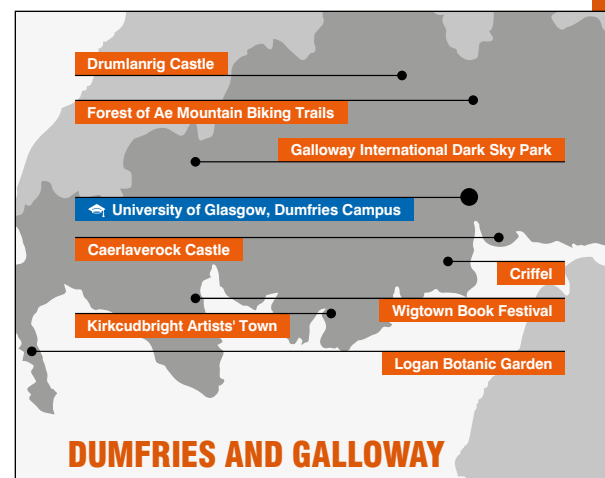
The town and wider region are home to some of the best walking trails, hill climbs and mountain bike routes in the country. Walkers, climbers, and water sports enthusiasts will enjoy discovering the area – from the Galloway Hills and the Southern Uplands to the dramatic coastline and beaches of the Solway Firth, there is something for everyone.

### PART-TIME WORK

There are many options for part-time work while you study. From on-campus jobs, like Student Ambassadors, to work in bars, restaurants, supermarkets and local shops – there are opportunities for you to work locally if you are able to do so. Many of our students also like to volunteer with local charities and independent organisations.



Crawick Multiverse



### DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY



## TRAVEL TIMES

 — Dumfries campus location

CITY NAME	By train	By bus
Glasgow	2h 00m	2h 20m
Edinburgh	2h 30m	3h
Carlisle	40m	1h 30m
Newcastle	2h 20m	4h 30m
Manchester	3h 30m	3h
London	4h–5h	9h 30m

### EXPLORE FURTHER

Dumfries has great transport links to allow you to explore beyond the boundaries of the town itself. If you want to be connected to Gilmorehill and engage with our Glasgow campus, there are travel options to allow you to do so.



# YOUR DUMFRIES HOME



## UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION

There are three residences in Dumfries, all within easy reach of the campus by foot or a short bus ride, giving you the option of close to campus or town centre living:

- Dumfries Hall
- Brooke House
- Laurieknowe Hall

The residences are offered on a self-catering basis and include single bedrooms with en-suite, as well as kitchens and living rooms to gather with your flatmates for meals and to socialise. All residences offer living support, WiFi, laundry facilities, garden areas, bicycle racks and parking.

## DUMFRIES HALL

Our largest accommodation with six flats, each with five individual bedrooms with en-suite, and shared living and kitchen space. It is approximately a 5-minute walk to the university campus, and a 20-minute walk to the town centre of Dumfries. There is free parking adjacent to the residence, and a bus stop close by with a regular bus service to the town centre.

## BROOKE HOUSE

Consists of thirteen individual bedrooms with en-suite, and as well as a shared living room, large kitchen and dining space, second smaller kitchen space. It is approximately a 20-minute walk to the university campus, and a 5-minute walk to the town centre of Dumfries. There is free parking adjacent to the residence, as well as a garage with bike storage racks, and there is a bus stop close by with a regular bus service to the university campus.

## LAURIEKNOWE HALL

One of our smaller student houses with seven individual bedrooms with en-suite. There is a shared living space and kitchen, as well as a second smaller kitchen space. It is approximately a 40-minute walk to the university campus, and a 5-minute walk to the town centre of Dumfries. There is free parking at the residence and bike storage racks available, and a bus stop close by with a regular bus service to the university campus.

## PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Reasonably priced, privately rented flats are also available in Dumfries. Further information and advice on finding appropriate accommodation can be found on our website.



[glasgow.ac.uk/schools/ses/studyindumfries/accommodation](https://glasgow.ac.uk/schools/ses/studyindumfries/accommodation)



## LIVING IN DUMFRIES

### SHOPPING AND SERVICES

In Dumfries, students have access to a range of convenient facilities. The town centre offers a selection of shops, banks, and cafés, while larger shopping centres are just a train ride away in Glasgow, Edinburgh, or Carlisle. For groceries, Dumfries provides several options including Morrisons, Tesco, Aldi, and Lidl. There are local grocery stores, farmers markets, and butchers that also cater to a wide array of dietary needs. Dumfries also offers diverse places for worship, accommodating various faiths.

### SPORTS AND LEISURE

On campus, Dumfries and Galloway College offers various sports and leisure amenities including the college gym which is free for students. Also on campus, Easterbrook Bistro, Bar and Spa provides food and drink all day, as well as a swimming pool, sauna, steam room and beauty therapies. Throughout Dumfries there are a variety of sports facilities offering swimming and gym access, including fitness classes, 24/7 gyms, sports fields, and rock climbing. The Dumfries Ice Bowl provides opportunities for ice skating, ice hockey, and curling as well.



# WHAT CAN I STUDY?



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# ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

Accredited by the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES), this programme places field work and practical experience at its core. Situated in the 'Living Laboratory' of Dumfries and Galloway, this programme utilises our 85-acre campus and the diverse surrounding landscapes as dynamic learning environments.



**DEGREE AND UCAS CODE**  
BSc (Hons) (D447) – four years

## Entry requirements

**SQA Higher Entry Requirements (by end of S6)**  
BBBBB

**Additional requirements:**  
Higher Science subject  
(two Higher Sciences are recommended).

**SQA Higher Adjusted Entry Requirements**

No Adjusted Higher Requirements.

**A-level Standard Entry Requirements**

BBB – CCC

**Additional requirements:**  
A-level Science subject.

**IB Standard Entry Requirements**

32 (5,5,5)

**Additional requirements:**  
HL Science subject.

Please check entry requirements at  
[glasgow.ac.uk/ug/  
environmentalsciencesustainability](http://glasgow.ac.uk/ug/environmentalsciencesustainability).

**Glasgow International College**

For international students entry to this programme is supported by courses from GIC. For more information visit [glasgow.ac.uk/gic](http://glasgow.ac.uk/gic).

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Environmental Science & Sustainability programme utilises the surrounding countryside in its courses to demonstrate environmental work in practice. This is through fieldwork, field classes and visits to environmental sites and organisations. This programme also offers you exceptional placement opportunities which is fundamental to developing your skills for graduate employment.

### YEAR 1

Year 1 provides a broad-based education representing a mixture of core environmental courses and electives from non-environmental programmes. Current core courses:

- Water, Natural Hazards & Resilience  
This course aims to introduce the science of hydrology and emphasise physical processes and their measurements. It will describe the distribution, causes and effects of various water-related natural hazards, and methods of monitoring, prediction and mitigation
- Earth System Science  
This course introduces you to the Earth's major systems, both now and in the past, and examines the Earth's history and environment by considering the fundamental processes which determine the general functioning of the Earth as a system.
- Energy, Waste & Pollution: Options for Sustainability  
This course examines renewable energy and waste management options, and pollution control measures to move our planet towards a more sustainable future.
- Introduction to Global Environmental Issues  
In this course you will explore the most significant and topical global environmental issues affecting societies, ecosystems and the physical milieu.

### YEAR 2

You will take the core courses:

- Research Methods for Environmental Scientists
- Analysing the Environment (subject to approval)
- Biodiversity, Ecology and Ecosystems
- Introduction to GIS

In addition, you can choose from a range of elective courses across other disciplines.

### YEAR 3

You will study:

- Applied Ecology and Conservation
- Aquatic Environment: Processes, Monitoring and Management
- Rural Tourism and Stewardship

You will also undertake either a dissertation or an environmental placement where you will gain experience in the environmental sector.

### YEAR 4

- Residential Environmental Field Course
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Water Resources Policy & Governance
- Environmental Stewardship Project (on a research topic of your choice)

### FIELD WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The School of Social & Environmental Sustainability is uniquely located for the study of Environmental Science & Sustainability with easy access to estuarine, maritime and terrestrial environments such as the Southern Uplands, peat bogs and moorland. These features, together with the extensive agricultural and forested environment of the region, present a vibrant and diverse "laboratory" in which to study.

Examples of past and current field classes include:

- Freshwater macroinvertebrate sampling
- Water quality sampling and chemical analysis
- Analysing carbon efflux under different land management
- Soil sampling and analysis. Field classes to a number of energy generation sites within Dumfries & Galloway
- Managing invasive non-native species
- Weekly fieldwork on the Research Methods for Environmental Scientists course, which includes skills such as phase 1 habitat surveys; laboratory skills; soil sampling with chemical and physical analysis; mapping and GIS
- Assessing cockle stocks on the Solway Firth and the Outer Hebrides

### PLACEMENTS

This programme offers you an exceptional placement opportunity as part of your degree. Students have undertaken placements with the following organisations:

- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- Dumfries & Galloway Council, East Ayrshire Council, Glasgow City Council
- Scottish Wildlife Trust
- Australian Koala Foundation
- Jersey Zoo
- Raja Ampat Diving Project
- Five Oceans Environmental Services LLC

### OUR INTERNATIONAL LINKS

You will have the opportunity to apply to study abroad.

### CAREER PROSPECTS

You will develop a range of skills in environmental management techniques, preparing you to enter the graduate job market in a wide variety of roles. The combination of a broad-based education with specialist input, supplemented with real work experience, will equip you with essential skills and qualities. Our programme is CEDHE-accredited which means our students can apply for free student membership of the IES and for a fast-track to membership once they graduate, starting you on a route towards becoming a Chartered Environmentalist or Chartered Scientist.

Previous graduate career paths include:

- Ecologist with consultancy firm
- Carbon manager at international energy company
- Sustainability officer with energy supplier
- PhD research
- Fisheries scientist
- Sustainability consultant with national construction company
- Environmental consultant for international consultancy firm
- Environmental protection officer at SEPA
- Conservation manager in various destinations across the globe.

### ACCREDITATION

This programme is accredited by the Community for Environmental Disciplines in Higher Education (CEDHE), the education committee of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES). CEDHE is the collective voice of the environmental sciences academic community and serves to enhance the quality of environmental education worldwide. A programme accredited by CEDHE is assured to meet high standards and contain a strong component of practical, field and theoretical activities, and has excellent opportunities for training, work experience and links to the professional environmental sector.

### WHY CHOOSE UOFG AT DUMFRIES?

Our Dumfries Campus is located close to a range of natural resources, unique fieldwork environments and placement providers: a diverse outdoor laboratory only minutes from the classroom.





# HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS



Edwina (Graduate, 2022)

When thinking about where to study, Edwina was encouraged to look at universities in the UK and discovered the University of Glasgow. She applied for Environmental Science & Sustainability and travelled from Malaysia to study at the Dumfries Campus.

"I think Dumfries is a great place to study this topic. We have the farm next to the campus which we work with for research classes, and there's so many different areas to explore around the region. I love the small town and it really helped with my nerves to know I wasn't moving overseas to a big city; everyone has been very friendly!"

"I moved into the Halls of Residence for first year, which was great as everyone was exploring, discovering the campus and the region for the first time together. The campus is intimate and the class sizes small, which means I can really get to know my teachers and peers. I've made some really amazing friends and connections."

"Moving from Malaysia, I wasn't quite sure what to expect in Dumfries. I came with an open mind, and it was so reassuring to know there were other international students studying on campus, and we could figure everything out together. I think that brought us all even closer."

Edwina was able to take on a paid internship on campus, as part of COP26, working with staff to produce a public event in Dumfries as well as digital content relating to climate action.

"My internship was a great experience because it meant I could engage with members of the public, politicians, policy makers, and active researchers."

**"I CAME WITH AN OPEN MIND, AND IT WAS SO REASSURING TO KNOW THERE WERE OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STUDYING ON CAMPUS."**

I could share the skills and knowledge I'd learned through my courses and put some theories and experiments into practice. I think that it brought the community together and I feel very privileged to have been part of that."

After graduating in 2022, Edwina has made use of the Post-Study Work Visa to gain graduate employment in the UK. Edwina is currently working as a Junior Environmental Consultant with a company in Central Scotland that specialises in development solutions for soil, rock and water as part of land development projects.



Dumfries represents the best of both worlds for an environmental scientist; world class teaching and innovative research, as well as a rich and diverse setting with opportunity that's right on your doorstep to aid you in your study.

The Environmental Science & Sustainability degree makes ample use of the living laboratory that is Dumfries & Galloway, with a multitude of landscapes and habitats to explore – from the Solway Coast, to farming and forests, to the hills and mountains that surround us, students will get hands on and be able to view, research and engage with the environment up close.

## EMPLOYABILITY AND PLACEMENTS

Examples of placements and employers include:

- Five Oceans Environmental Services LLC
- The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation
- Raja Ampat Diving Project
- World Glacier Monitoring Service, Zurich, Switzerland
- Kosgoda, Sri Lanka



Read more student stories



# GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



This exciting degree programme explores the economic, environmental, and social challenges and opportunities arising from the need to reduce global inequalities while limiting threats to the planet's life support systems. The MA Global Sustainable Development is perfect for those who are looking to play their part in protecting the planet.



STUDY  
ABROAD

## DEGREE AND UCAS CODE

MA (Hons) (D400) – four years

## Entry requirements

### SQA Higher Entry Requirements (by end of S6)

BBBB Higher

### SQA Higher Adjusted Entry Requirements

No Adjusted Higher Requirements.

### A-level Standard Entry Requirements

BBB – CCC

### IB Standard Entry Requirements

32 (5,5,5)

Please check entry requirements at [glasgow.ac.uk/ug/globalsustainabledevelopment](http://glasgow.ac.uk/ug/globalsustainabledevelopment).

### Glasgow International College

For international students entry to this programme is supported by courses from GIC. For more information visit [glasgow.ac.uk/gic](http://glasgow.ac.uk/gic).

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

This degree supports you to establish a foundational understanding in theories and concepts of sustainable development and examine their application from local to global levels, in both urban and rural contexts. You will develop a knowledge of the interrelated nature of economic, environmental, and social systems when addressing global sustainable development, drawing on disciplinary insights from anthropology, political economy, business studies, human geography, philosophy and environmental science.

You will be equipped with a range of professional and technical skills in sustainable development including impact assessment, environmental social and governance (ESG) frameworks, concept notes, data analysis and agile project management. The knowledge and understanding gained through lectures and seminars will be enhanced through case studies, field visits and independent project work.

## YEAR 1

You will be introduced to the key concepts and theories of sustainable development. The core courses in year 1 are:

- Introduction to Sustainable Development
- Introduction to Global Environmental Issues
- People, Power & Place
- Energy, Waste & Pollution: Options for Sustainability

## YEAR 2

You will develop a deeper understanding and explore specific subject areas. Core courses in year 2 are:

- Global Perspectives on Health & Human Development
- Ethics: Environment & Development
- Political Economy of Globalisation & Development
- Politics & The Environment
- Environmental Communication & Behaviour Change

## YEAR 3

As well as the core courses in year 3, you will have the opportunity for a UK-based or international placement experience which will allow you to put the theory you have learned into action.

- Advanced Texts in Sustainable Development
- Innovation & Enterprise for Sustainability
- Research Methods for Social Science
- Placement or Dissertation

Some examples of placement opportunities include:

- Natural capital promotion, development, investment and monitoring
- Community climate action
- Role of cultural and creative sector in sustainable development

## YEAR 4

With the field course and research project, you have the freedom to pursue a specialism or career path you are passionate about, culminating in the presentation of your insights to practitioners.

- Sustainable Development Field Course
- Honours Action Research Project
- Migration and Development
- Water Resources: Policy and Governance

## OUR INTERNATIONAL LINKS

This programme gives you the opportunity to study abroad as well as completing an international placement.

## CAREER PROSPECTS

This degree will equip you with the interdisciplinary knowledge, analytical tools, research skills and professional ethos to become a subject specialist. You will be ready to address the challenges and opportunities of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) in career pathways as diverse as the development and humanitarian sectors; local and national government, and inter-governmental agencies such as the United Nations; the private sector, innovation and enterprise; risk management and consultancy; environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG); campaigning and advocacy; media and journalism; and research.

Some of these career paths include:

- Environmental consultant/specialist
- Environmental policy analyst
- Sustainability consultant
- Sustainability analyst
- Sustainability director
- Corporate social responsibility specialist

## WHY CHOOSE UOFG AT DUMFRIES?

Choosing to study Global Sustainable Development at the University of Glasgow gives you the unique offering of many fieldwork trips throughout the entirety of your degree. Examples of fieldwork trips may include visits to afforestation projects, energy infrastructure and brownfield redevelopment sites in rural and urban areas.



# CHANGE THE WORLD



Joining the MA (Hons) Global Sustainable Development at the University of Glasgow opens a world of possibilities for those who are driven by a desire to protect our planet's future. This programme will equip you to lead change and confront the complex challenges of our time.

## WHY NOW

As global inequalities continue to escalate and environmental threats grow increasingly urgent, the demand for graduates who can analyse, challenge, and mitigate these crises is growing. This 4-year undergraduate degree will explore economic, environmental, and social issues, equipping you with the knowledge and skills to drive positive change. With teaching and field work underpinned by the UN Sustainable Development Goals, this programme provides a dynamic platform for you to both engage with and contribute to the development of sustainable practices and positive change for the world.

## REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

Immersive field work trips on this programme offer valuable experiences – from visiting afforestation projects in action to exploring energy infrastructure and redevelopment sites in both rural and urban domains. Corporations, governments, and communities require experts to navigate the issues facing sustainability, and by combining theoretical knowledge with practical experience you will acquire a holistic understanding of health, equity, economic empowerment, innovation, and justice. This degree will give you the hands-on, real-world experiences that enable you to guide business and communities towards sustainable practices, and make profound, positive change.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Globally, there is a rising demand in sustainability and environmental science roles. In addition, green skills are increasingly in demand within jobs that aren't traditionally thought of as green.

According to the Global Green Skills Report from LinkedIn's Economic Graph, between 2022 and 2023, the number of jobs requiring at least one green skill increased by 22.4%, however, the share of green talent in the workforce has only grown 12.3%.

With a degree in Global Sustainable Development, there are many sectors you could go into including:

- Work with Intergovernmental Organisations
- Environmental remediation and compliance
- Planning & conservation
- Environmental law
- Communications
- Education
- Finance
- Business

**“GLOBALLY, WE WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. TO ADDRESS THEM PROPERLY, THIS PROGRAMME PROVIDES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM AND ALL DIMENSIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY – INCLUDING SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENT, OR ECONOMIC ISSUES. IT IS THE KEY TO BUILDING A BETTER, MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.”**

Professor Fabrice Renaud, Head of School of Social & Environmental Sustainability



# PRIMARY EDUCATION WITH TEACHING QUALIFICATION



This innovative four-year degree programme, approved by the General Teaching Council for Scotland, is benchmarked against the highest standards of excellence. On this programme you won't just learn how to teach; you will graduate with a comprehensive understanding of how children learn, grow and develop



## DEGREE AND UCAS CODE MA (Hons) (X123) – four years

### Entry requirements

#### SQA Higher Entry Requirements (by end of S6)

AAB/ABBB

##### Additional requirements:

Higher English and National 5 Mathematics or Application of Mathematics Grade B. Interview.

#### SQA Higher Adjusted Entry Requirements\* (by end of S5 or S6)

MD20 – BBBB (also other target groups\*)  
MD40 – BBBB\*

##### Additional requirements:

Higher English and National 5 Mathematics or Application of Mathematics Grade B. Interview. Successful completion of Top-Up or one of our Summer Schools.

\*Visit [glasgow.ac.uk/accessglasgow](http://glasgow.ac.uk/accessglasgow) for eligibility.

#### A-level Standard Entry Requirements

BBB – CCC

##### Additional requirements:

GCSE Mathematics at Grade B or 5 and English Language and Literature at Grade C or 4. Interview.

#### IB Standard Entry Requirements

34 (6,5,5)

##### Additional requirements:

HL English and SL Mathematics at 4. Interview.

Please check entry requirements at [glasgow.ac.uk/ug/primaryeducationtq](http://glasgow.ac.uk/ug/primaryeducationtq).

### DISCLOSURE SCOTLAND

If you are accepted to a teaching degree you must undertake a Criminal Convictions check under the PVG Scheme prior to enrolment. It is your responsibility to pay for the check. Details will be sent to you.

### INTERVIEW POLICY

As part of our selection process, you will be interviewed. Interviews normally take place in February and are a great way for you to find out more about the campus and the degree programme.

**Note:** We welcome applications from qualified candidates from all denominations and none. Students intending to teach in a Catholic school may undertake the Certificate in Religious Education by Distance Learning (CREDL).

### PLACEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Please note all placements will only take place in Dumfries and Galloway local authority schools, regardless of students' home/term-time addresses.

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

You will complete four school placements, all of which are aimed at preparing you for teaching in primary schools.

### YEAR 1

During your first year you must complete a mix of core and elective subjects. Core courses:

#### LITERACY

This course aims to extend your awareness of the role of language in children's social and intellectual development. You will learn about the strategies that effective primary teachers employ with regard to emergent literacy and the teaching of reading and writing.

#### MATHEMATICS: THEORY AND PEDAGOGY

You will be introduced to the primary mathematics curriculum, and your mathematical skills will be consolidated so that confidence, competence and mastery in number and numeracy are attained at an appropriate level.

### MODERN LANGUAGES COURSE (FRENCH OR SPANISH)

You will learn basic skills in the language (listening, reading, writing and speaking) to the level required for the primary classroom.

### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN EDUCATION

This course introduces a range of methodologies, pedagogies and assessment strategies which relate to teaching in the primary school. It introduces the planning and recording cycle, assessment of children's learning and evaluation of your own teaching. It also provides opportunities to become familiar with the policies, procedures, resources and the overall day-to-day learning environment of a primary school and the use of creative and innovative pedagogical strategies for learning and teaching.

You will also choose from elective courses which will give you the opportunity to add breadth to your degree in subjects relevant to the primary curriculum. There is a six-week school placement during May and June.

### YEAR 2

The core courses of Literacy, Mathematics and Professional Practice in Education continue. In addition, you will complete two more core courses in Child Development and Learning, and Modern Languages: Policy and Pedagogy.

Child Development and Learning explores aspects of physical, personal and social development from birth to emerging adulthood. Specifically, it will examine biological and environmental factors which influence physical development (e.g. hormones, heredity, nutrition); and the child's emotional and social development (including understanding of self and moral development, and how these are influenced by specific cultural, family, economic and environmental factors).

You will choose further courses from our range of elective subjects. There is a seven-week school placement during May and June.

### YEAR 3

In year 3, Professional Practice in Education continues as a core course, together with Curriculum and Assessment, STEM Across the Primary Curriculum, Additional Support Needs & Inclusion, and Education Research Methods. You will continue your studies in one elective area. There is one six-week school placement in semester 2.

### YEAR 4

Professional Practice in Education continues at Level 4, and other core courses are Professionalism & Leadership in Education, and the Sociology of Education. You will also undertake an enquiry-based dissertation which gives you the opportunity to research an area of education which interests you. There is an 11-week school placement in semester 2.

### OUR INTERNATIONAL LINKS

There is an opportunity for international school placement in years 3 and 4. There is also an opportunity to apply for study abroad in year 2.

### CAREER PROSPECTS

This programme is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland and is an internationally recognised teaching qualification. Our graduates teach at schools in Scotland and globally, including in Ireland, Egypt, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Australia.

In addition to career progression in teaching such as leadership and management roles within schools, there are opportunities for specialist careers in fields allied to education as well as further study or research in education.

### ACCREDITATION

This programme leads to provisional registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

### WHY CHOOSE UOFG AT DUMFRIES?

You will benefit from strong links with local schools, innovative teaching methods and a friendly and inclusive academic community.

# HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS



Eilidh (Graduate, 2023)

**“I HAD SUCH GOOD EXPERIENCES ON PLACEMENT HERE, THAT HELPED MAKE MY DECISION TO STAY FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR!”**

When Eilidh was considering her options for university study, she wanted to move somewhere for a completely different experience. Growing up in Glasgow, Eilidh had experienced the city life and now wanted to live and study in a new location.

Having been interested in teaching since she was at school, Eilidh had completed an HNC in Childhood Studies before applying for degree programmes. With offers from multiple universities, Eilidh attended her interview and participated in the Offer Holder Day at Dumfries Campus, and ultimately chose to study here.

Throughout her studies, Eilidh engaged with extra-curricular activities to make the most of her time at university. From working as a Living Support Assistant in Halls of Residence, to joining the Student Ambassador team to help out with events on campus, Eilidh took every opportunity presented to her.

“If you don't put your all in, you don't get the benefits out. There are job opportunities and

clubs in the community that you can seek out. Throw yourself into everything. It's the best way to get a great experience.”

By the time Eilidh got to 4th year, she had built an excellent relationship with her classmates and her lecturers. In her final year, Eilidh opted for an international placement experience in Berlin, Germany.

“The opportunity came up, and it was organised through the uni, so I felt confident that it would be a good experience. I really liked the idea of living abroad for a month before I start my teaching job after the summer. I felt this added to my university experience, even though it was fully optional.”

Eilidh worked with Primary 1-aged children in a play-based teaching environment.

“It was great to compare the Scottish and German teaching system. I was observing and leading on activities – we made Loch Ness Monsters out of clay! I was so impressed with the children in the class who could already speak 3-4 different languages.”

Now that Eilidh has graduated, she has chosen to stay in Dumfries & Galloway for her first teaching job.

“I had such good experiences on placement here, that helped make my decision to stay for at least another year!”

## TAKE YOUR SKILLS FURTHER

### INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates find employment and teach throughout the world. With this degree and following their successful probation placements, our students have gone on to teach internationally. From Scotland and around the UK to Qatar, Australia and Japan, our students are making a huge impact on children and young people across the globe.

### ENHANCED MATHS AND LITERACY

Our degree gives you the opportunity to expand your capabilities and reach beyond the Primary years. For those who meet the required grades during their first and second year of the programme, our students have the opportunity to take an enhanced focus in either mathematics or literacy, which will allow them to teach in the lower secondary classes (S1-S3).

### COMPREHENSIVE PLACEMENTS

Our students don't just learn how to teach; they graduate with a comprehensive understanding of how children learn, grow and develop.

Studying within Dumfries & Galloway offers our students a truly diverse experience on placement, with experience across different year groups, including composite classes, across a range of settings in rural and town schools throughout the region.



Read more  
student stories



# POSTGRADUATE STUDY & RESEARCH



The University of Glasgow has always been at the forefront of discovery and innovation, and our past achievements inspire our current world changers.

At the School of Social & Environmental Sustainability, we have a range of postgraduate study and research opportunities. Collaboration between academic researchers, business, the public sector and the third sector forms an important part of our orientation to research and putting knowledge into practice.

## POSTGRADUATE TAUGHT DEGREES

### EDUCATION

- Enhanced Practice in Education [MSc]
- Language & Literacy Education [MSc]
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) (Primary)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) (Secondary STEM Subjects)

### ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Ecology & Environmental Monitoring [MSc]
- Environment, Culture & Communication [MLitt]
- Environmental Risk Management [MSc]

### TOURISM

- Management & Sustainable Tourism [MSc]
- Sustainable Tourism & Global Challenges [MSc]

### ONLINE LEARNING

- End of Life Studies [MSc/PgDip/PgCert: Online distance learning]

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

We offer Postgraduate Research opportunities in the following subject areas:

- Education [PhD]
- Environmental Sustainability [PhD]
- Health and Social Policy [PhD]
- Interdisciplinary Studies [PhD/MPhil]
- Tourism Studies [PhD]



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## OUR RESEARCH

The University's annual research income totals more than £179m. The School of Social & Environmental Sustainability supports a growing community of research students whose work has impact regionally, nationally, and internationally. As well as being part of a diverse and dynamic research community in Dumfries, you will also be part of the College of Social Sciences Graduate School, drawing together internationally recognised scholars and respected practitioners.

Our team of research-led academic staff support and supervise a wide range of interdisciplinary research areas. There are also opportunities for joint supervision across Schools within the University and with partner institutions.

Research Networks based at the School of Social & Environmental Sustainability, Dumfries Campus, are:

- Education Interdisciplinary Research Group
- Environmental Science and Sustainability
- Glasgow End of Life Studies Group
- The University of Glasgow Tourism Studies Group

# STUDENT STORY



Yollanda (Environmental Risk Management Student)

Growing up in Kenya, Yollanda has always been interested in environmental science and, specifically, natural hazards and climate change adaptation. From watching documentaries on these topics, to studying her undergraduate degree in Environmental Science at Chuka University, Yollanda has been focused on a pathway to this subject for some time.

Following her undergraduate degree, Yollanda undertook volunteer work before working in an environmental health and safety role. Yollanda had never been out of her home country before and wanted to study in the UK to gain further experience.

Yollanda researched funding opportunities to study in the UK, and ultimately applied for the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship to study the MSc Environmental Risk Management at Dumfries Campus. Commonwealth Shared Scholarships are for candidates from the least developed and lower middle income Commonwealth countries. Funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (DFID) and the University, Commonwealth Shared Scholarships enable talented and motivated individuals to gain the knowledge and skills required for sustainable development, and are aimed at those who could not otherwise afford to study in the UK. Yollanda was successful with her application and received a full Commonwealth Shared Scholarship including living costs and stipend.

Arriving in Scotland was a little daunting, but Yollanda soon became comfortable with her new surroundings. "I had never been out of my country, so I was definitely a little scared – I can't lie. The first day I arrived in Dumfries, I met someone at the train station who was going to the University as well. I got to my accommodation and met new people there, everyone was so friendly.

Yollanda was pleasantly surprised by the smaller class sizes and the number of international students at Dumfries Campus.

"I thought it was going to be large classes but it's not, there is a closeness here. I like the way that lecturers teach, they make it all so simple and make sure you are not struggling. Whenever you don't understand, you have the freedom to ask.

"The campus is also very international, I have friends from all around the world including India, Kazakhstan, Brunei, Bangladesh and Scotland. It has not been hard making friends and I have been able to interact with people and learn different cultures."

Yollanda is currently completing her dissertation and will then return to Kenya. She wants to find a job in disaster risk reduction, risk management or risk assessment. She is already updating her CV to incorporate elements of her studies.

"It's been really great studying with the University of Glasgow and studying at Dumfries Campus. Scottish people are so friendly, you meet someone out in the town, and they just say hi – even if you don't know them! I am thankful for the scholarship and the opportunity to have this experience."

# FURTHER INFORMATION



This publication is intended to help you choose your programme of study at the University of Glasgow. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this publication but it is subject to change without notice. If there is any conflict or ambiguity between information contained in this publication and the student contract (see below), then the student contract will prevail.

## THE STUDENT CONTRACT

By accepting an offer from the University of Glasgow, each student enters into a student contract with the University. The student contract is made up of the terms of the offer, the student terms and conditions and the University Regulations. The student terms and conditions and University Regulations can be found on the University website at [glasgow.ac.uk/studentcontract](http://glasgow.ac.uk/studentcontract).

The student contract sets out: the terms on which the University will provide the relevant programme or course; the University's Regulations with which students must comply; students' other obligations to the University, our staff, and to fellow students; how the contract may be changed or ended; what to do if there is a problem; and other important information.

## CHANGES POST PUBLICATION

This guide was published circa 18 months prior to the academic year to which it relates. Any changes such as newly announced courses of study or changes to contact details will be updated on our website.

Changes may be made to entry requirements post publication of this guide. These changes will be updated on our website. You should check our website for entry requirements at point of application.

## VALIDATED INSTITUTIONS

The University is proud of its association and validation relationship with three independent institutions: The Glasgow School of Art, Scotland's Rural College and Edinburgh Theological Seminary. If you apply for a programme at one of these institutions, you will be registered with that institution and will pursue your studies there but your final degree will be conferred by the University of Glasgow. Applications to one of the validated institutions should be made to the institution concerned and not to the University.

As a student of a validated institution you are deemed to be an "associated student" of the University which entitles you to access certain University facilities. For further details of the facilities available to you please contact the institution concerned.

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