

Student Learning Development (SLD) Transitions Semester 1 2025-26 Session Timetable

These sessions are designed to help you successfully transition through key stages of your first semester as a UofG student.

Some sessions are specifically for **new** Undergraduate or Postgraduate Taught students (as indicated in the UG/PGT/All column) and some are particularly for specific student cohorts (Commuting/Local, Mature, Part-Time, or Online/Distance Learning students).

There are a range of different session types, including **Building Community** check-in sessions to discuss and reflect on your progress at various points in the semester, **Navigating Semester 1** classes focusing on key transitions-oriented academic skills, **Drop-In** sessions where you can discuss your first semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser, and **Workshops** where you can bring your own coursework, assessments, or applications to work on in a focused and supported environment.

Session slides and other useful resources are available via the Moodle site (linked at the bottom of the timetable) and, where suitable, class recordings will also be made available via Moodle shortly after each class.

**Please remember to double-check the timetable before attending classes as buildings, rooms, and links may be subject to change.*

Transitions Moodle: <https://moodle.gla.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=52555>

Week beginning	Date	Time	UG/PGT/All	Session Type	Session Title	Session Description	Location (in-person session)/ Zoom Link (online session)
6th October	Monday 6th October	13:00-14:00	All	Building Community	Early semester check-in for Commuting/Local students	A friendly, welcoming space to meet and connect with fellow students who are from or were already living in Glasgow, and/or commute to campus. In the session, you'll discuss your first weeks at UofG and find out more about advice and support to help you in your studies and wider student life.	Southpark House 202 (Seminar Room)
	Tuesday 7th October	17:00-18:00	All	Building Community	Early semester check-in for Mature students	A friendly, welcoming space to meet and connect with fellow mature students. In the session, you'll discuss your first weeks at UofG and find out more about advice and support to help you in your studies and wider student life.	Clarice Pears 103A
	Wednesday 8th October	13:00-14:00	PGT	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying the Step Up to Postgrad Learning	What does the step up to PGT-level study look like? What does it mean to be a Master's student? This session focuses on transition to and expectations of Master's-level study, introduces the concept of 'mastersness', and discusses how it can help you understand and evaluate your strengths and development areas relating to postgrad study.	https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/82951165039
	Thursday 9th October	12:00-13:00	UG	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying Undergrad Learning	Starting university can feel like stepping into a whole new world. In this session, we'll demystify the 'hidden curriculum': the unspoken rules and expectations of university life, so you can build confidence and succeed as an independent learner.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
13th October	Monday 13th October	18:00-19:00	All	Building Community	First month check-in for Online/Distance Learning students	A friendly, welcoming space to meet and connect with fellow online and distance learning students. In the session, you'll discuss your first month at UofG and find out more about advice and support to help you in your studies and wider student life.	https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/87418868070
	Tuesday 14th October	17:00-18:00	All	Building Community	First month check-in for Part-Time Students	A friendly, welcoming space to meet and connect with fellow part-time students. In the session, you'll discuss your first month at UofG and find out more about advice and support to help you in your studies and wider student life.	Clarice Pears 103A
	Wednesday 15th October	13:00-14:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying Independent Learning: Tools and Strategies	This session looks at what 'independent learning' means, its practical challenges, and some organisational and time management tips and tools to boost your learning.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Thursday 16th October	12:00-13:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying Independent Learning: Overcoming Procrastination and Perfectionism	This session will help you to identify and tackle common barriers to managing your time and learning effectively.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
20th October	Monday 20th October	12:00-13:00	UG	Drop-In	Drop-in for Undergrads	An open drop-in session for undergraduate students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Southpark House Teaching Room
	Tuesday 21st October	17:00-18:00	PGT	Drop-In	Drop-in for Postgrads	An open drop-in session for postgraduate taught students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/86911703215
	Wednesday 22nd October	13:00-14:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying Assessments: Approaches and Expectations	Not sure what university assessments will be like? In this session, we'll compare how you've worked before with what's expected now, then explore practical strategies, from using Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) to making the most of tutors' feedback, to help you approach assessments with confidence.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Thursday 23rd October	12:00-13:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying Assessments: Writing as a Process	Struggling to start writing or feel you need the perfect idea before you can begin? In this session, we'll explore writing as a process, working from the basis that the best work isn't written once, but rewritten. We'll look at how to break free from the fear of the blank page, get your ideas flowing without worrying about perfection, and turn rough drafts into polished work.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)

27th October	Monday 27th October	12:00-13:00	All	Workshop	Peer Co-working Space	Bring your own coursework or assessments to this open peer co-working session where you can try out approaches and strategies discussed in the Demystifying Independent Learning and Demystifying Assessments sessions. You should come prepared with your own coursework and device/pen and paper to work on.	Southpark House Teaching Room
	Tuesday 28th October	16:00-17:00	All	Workshop	Peer Co-working Space	Bring your own coursework or assessments to this open peer co-working session where you can try out approaches and strategies discussed in the Demystifying Independent Learning and Demystifying Assessments sessions. You should come prepared with your own coursework and device/pen and paper to work on.	Southpark House Teaching Room
	Wednesday 29th October	13:00-14:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying AI: How Do You Use AI?	AI is constantly evolving and changing how we learn and work, but what does this mean for you? In this open, discussion-based session, we'll unpack your experiences with AI so far, and start to explore how it will look at UoIG.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Wednesday 29th October	16:00-17:00	All	Workshop	Peer Co-working Space	Bring your own coursework or assessments to this open peer co-working session where you can try out approaches and strategies discussed in the Demystifying Independent Learning and Demystifying Assessments sessions. You should come prepared with your own coursework and device/pen and paper to work on.	Southpark House Teaching Room
	Thursday 30th October	12:00-13:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Demystifying AI: How Can You Use AI at UoIG?	AI is evolving fast, and so is the guidance around how universities expect students to use it. In this session, we'll look at the current UoIG guidance, why it may change throughout your studies, and how to use AI tools effectively and responsibly at university.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Thursday 30th October	13:00-14:00	All	Workshop	Peer Co-working Space	Bring your own coursework or assessments to this open peer co-working session where you can try out approaches and strategies discussed in the Demystifying Independent Learning and Demystifying Assessments sessions. You should come prepared with your own coursework and device/pen and paper to work on.	Southpark House Teaching Room
3rd November	Monday 3rd November	12:00-13:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for Commuting/Local students	An open drop-in session for commuting or local students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Southpark House Teaching Room
	Tuesday 4th November	17:00-18:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for Mature students	An open drop-in session for mature students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Clarice Pears 103A
	Wednesday 5th November	13:00-14:00	PGT	Navigating Semester 1	Considering a PhD	Thinking about undertaking postgraduate research after your postgraduate taught degree? This session will discuss what PhD research looks like, how to choose a topic, how you can look for funding, and writing a research proposal.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Thursday 6th November	12:00-13:00	PGT	Navigating Semester 1	Considering Your Career	Starting to think about your career after you complete your postgraduate taught degree? This session will help you set your career goals, align these with your learning, skills, and experiences, and how to find CV-boosting opportunities.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
10th November	Monday 10th November	17:00-18:00	PGT	Workshop	PhD Application Workshop (Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences)	This workshop will focus on turning an idea for a PhD topic into a robust research proposal in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. You should come prepared with a rough idea for a PhD topic to work on during the session.	Adam Smith 487
	Tuesday 11th November	17:00-18:00	PGT	Workshop	PhD Application Workshop (Sciences)	This workshop will focus on turning an idea for a PhD topic into a robust research proposal and/or how to write a persuasive PhD application. You should come prepared with a rough idea for a PhD topic or type of research project you'd like to work on during the session.	Clarice Pears 103A
	Wednesday 12th November	13:00-14:00	UG	Navigating Semester 1	Navigating Key Relationships and Communication	University isn't just about study; it's also about the people you'll meet and work with. In this session, we'll explore how expectations around relationships and communication with staff and peers as an undergrad student may look different to those you've experienced in other learning contexts. We'll discuss how to handle these confidently, and to thrive in an intercultural learning community.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Thursday 13th November	12:00-13:00	PGT	Navigating Semester 1	Navigating Key Relationships and Communication	In this session, we'll explore how expectations around relationships and communication with staff and peers as a postgrad student may look different to those you've experienced at undergraduate level. We'll discuss how to handle these confidently, and to thrive in an intercultural learning community.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)

17th November	Monday 17th November	18:00-19:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for Online/Distance Learning students	An open drop-in session for online and distance learning students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/85660750861
	Tuesday 18th November	17:00-18:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for Part-Time Students	An open drop-in session for part-time students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Clarice Pears 103A
	Wednesday 19th November	13:00-14:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Making Feedback Work for You	Tutors' feedback is a valuable tool to help you direct your learning. In this session, we'll show you how to understand and use feedback from essays and other work to strengthen future assessments, including exams.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Thursday 20th November	12:00-13:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Preparing for Your Exams: Revision Strategies	Find out about the revision strategies that actually work, and how to organise your time to use them.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
24th November	Monday 24th November	12:00-13:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for October Arrival students	A drop-in session for students who started their courses in October (after Friday 3rd October) where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Southpark House Teaching Room
	Tuesday 25th November	17:00-18:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for October Arrival students	A drop-in session for students who started their courses in October (after Friday 3rd October) where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Clarice Pears 103A
	Wednesday 26th November	13:00-14:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Making Feedback Work for You (repeat)	Tutors' feedback is a valuable tool to help you direct your learning. In this session, we'll show you how to understand and use feedback from essays and other work to strengthen future assessments, including exams.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
	Thursday 27th November	12:00-13:00	All	Navigating Semester 1	Preparing for Your Exams: Navigating the Exam Period and Dealing with Stress	Feeling stressed about exams, or experienced exam stress in the past? Come along to this practical and supportive session for guidance on getting through the exam period.	Boyd Orr 611 (LT E)
1st December	Monday 1st December	12:00-13:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for Commuting/Local students	An open drop-in session for commuting or local students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Southpark House Teaching Room
	Tuesday 2nd December	17:00-18:00	All	Drop-in	Drop-in for Mature students	An open drop-in session for mature students where you can discuss any aspect of your semester so far and get advice from an SLD Adviser.	Clarice Pears 103A

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