STUDY ABROAD IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND
Over the last five centuries, the University of Glasgow has pushed the boundaries of possibility. We’ve fostered the talents of seven Nobel laureates, one Prime Minister, and Scotland’s inaugural First Minister. We have always been at the forefront of innovation, and our past achievements inspire our current world changers.

With around 29,000 students, the University is a melting pot of ideas, ingenuity and innovation. It is housed in one of the most stunning campuses in the UK and in a city that matches the University in dynamism and vibrancy. We know we offer a unique student experience and we welcome you to find out for yourself.

Established in 1451
The University is ranked in the Top 100 of the World’s Universities
(Thome Higher World University Rankings 2019) (QS World University Rankings 2020)

29,000 students from over 140 countries

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2nd in Russell Group for teaching (NSS 2019)

Choose from over 600 undergraduate and 300 postgraduate taught programmes

World changing alumni from pioneer of television John Logie Baird, to pre-eminent scientist of the 19th century Lord Kelvin

Glasgow is the world’s friendliest and affordable city

95.9% of students in employment or further study 6 months after graduation (DLHE 2015/16)

2nd in Scotland for research excellence (REF 2014)
Isabel from the University of North Carolina, USA

The best parts of exchange were the awesome people in my flat and learning to be an independent traveller. I went on day and weekend trips all over Scotland, as well as trips to France, Ireland, England and Monaco.

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Life at Glasgow

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WHY
SCOTLAND?

As well as having a world-renowned education system and more world-class universities per head of population than anywhere else in the world, Scotland has lots to offer. With Glasgow as a base, you will be in the ideal location to explore the country as well as the wider UK and Europe.

Culture and History
Scotland has a thriving arts and culture scene, from vibrant live music, theatre and dance to festivals and captivating museums. History buffs can explore 11,000 years of Scottish history from the invasion of Edward I in 1296 to the opening of the Scottish parliament in 1999. Architecture fans are spoilt for choice with Scotland’s rich legacy of striking and unique architecture.

Scotland’s People
Scotland is famous around the world for its warm and friendly population and it is often said that when you visit, it feels like home. Throughout history, the people of Scotland have changed the way we live through innovations in science, technology and academia. Scotland’s legacy includes the pioneering invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell and the development of television by John Logie Baird. More recently, scientists at the University of Glasgow were among the first to observe gravitational waves.

Explore
Scotland was voted “Most Beautiful Country in the World”* and it’s easy to see why. Explore the waters of Loch Lomond, the hills of Glencoe and the castles of the Scottish Highlands, all just a short journey away. Take a trip on the Jacobite steam train, which famously featured as the Hogwarts Express in the Harry Potter movies! And if you feel like exploring on foot, there are trails, routes, hill climbs and mountain adventures to suit walkers of all levels.

From Glasgow it’s easy to visit Scotland’s other cities allowing you to check out the world’s largest arts festival in Edinburgh or visit the new V&A in Dundee, an international centre for design in Scotland.

For more information check out visitscotland.com

* Rough Guides poll

Josh
from the University of Adelaide, Australia

I loved Glasgow. The best thing about my experience was getting to travel, and the Scottish people. I highly recommend it!
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DISCOVER
GLASGOW

With a wealth of cultural attractions, impressive architecture, fantastic shopping and a year-round programme of world-class events, it is easy to understand why Glasgow is firmly established as one of Europe’s most exciting destinations.

Eating out
The city’s fantastic range of restaurants and cafés reflects its diverse population. Whether you’re after an amazing Asian kitchen, a scoop of the creamiest Italian ice cream, or a plate of traditional haggis, neeps and tatties (Scotland’s national dish) – Glasgow won’t disappoint. Many eateries offer student discounts too.

Shopping
It’s no surprise that Glasgow is consistently voted the top place to shop in the UK outside of London. The city centre is a retail hub and has a ‘style mile’ containing big-name shops like Topshop, Nike and the Apple Store, as well as designer outlets and quirky vintage boutiques.

Sports
Following our successful hosting of the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and the 2018 European Games, our sports facilities have never been better. With the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome and national football stadium Hampden Park, plus an indoor snowboard and ski slope (with real snow) and ice arena, you’ll be spoilt for choice.

Nightlife
As the UK’s first UNESCO City of Music, Glasgow is host to around 130 music events every week – many of them hosted at the University itself. Catch global pop superstars, local indie bands and world class classical musicians across Glasgow’s eclectic range of music venues.

Glasgow’s nightlife is unrivalled with the city featuring more than 700 bars, pubs and nightclubs – not to mention 7 cinemas, including the tallest in the world!

Parks
If you are looking for somewhere to relax and escape the city buzz, Glasgow has plenty of options. In fact, the city has more green space per head of population than any other European city. Explore over 90 parks and gardens, including the beautiful Kelvingrove Park which surrounds the University.

Getting around
Despite being Scotland’s largest city, Glasgow is easy to get around. Whether you choose to walk, take the bus or use the subway, you can reach any city destination within minutes.

Find out more at peoplemakeglasgow.com
**OUR LOCATION**

Excellent transport links to the rest of the world.

Glasgow International Airport (20 minutes from campus) combined with Glasgow Prestwick International Airport and Edinburgh Airport (both less than one hour away) service direct flights from many key international hubs including London, Amsterdam, Paris, New York, Toronto and Dubai.

![Map showing flight times to various cities from Glasgow](image)
SUPPORT
ALL THE WAY

We’re committed to making you feel at home and connecting you with the right resources to help you feel inspired. We offer a full orientation programme to help you settle in quickly to life in Glasgow.

Orientation
We provide you with a comprehensive orientation programme before the start of each academic semester. You will find out all you need to know about your academic study with us as well as practical information about life in Glasgow and Scotland in general. Full pre-arrival guidance and advice is given on acceptance to the programme. See glasgow.ac.uk/international/support/orientationarrival

Healthcare
All full-time registered students in Scotland are covered for healthcare under the National Health Service. On arrival you should register with a General Practitioner who will be your first point of contact for any medical issues.

International Student Support
We have a team of International Student Advisers who can advise you on issues such as immigration, accommodation, employment and finance. See glasgow.ac.uk/international/support

Student Counselling & Psychological Service
If you need information or guidance for any personal and emotional problems, we have a confidential service available. See glasgow.ac.uk/services/counselling

Student Disability Service
If you have a disability of which we should be aware, our confidential Disability Service is your first point of contact. A range of course and assessment/exam support is available once you register with the service. See glasgow.ac.uk/services/disability

Immigration
There have been significant changes to the immigration regulations for the UK over the last few years.

To find out more about what type of visa you might require: gov.uk/visas-immigration and glasgow.ac.uk/international/support
STUDENT LIFE

It’s not just your education. It’s your life. At the University of Glasgow, we create a world-class environment where you can feel inspired.

Accommodation
We guarantee you a place in a student residence or apartment as long as you apply on time. There are several self-catering options to choose from, all within a 15-30 minute walk from the campus. Benefits include:
• trained pastoral living support
• group insurance cover for your belongings
• membership of the University’s sport and recreation facilities
• 24/7 internet access incorporating wi-fi in all bedrooms
• managed on-site coin-operated laundries

Compare facilities online at glasgow.ac.uk/accommodation

Further information:
Tel: +44 (0)141 330 4743
Email: accom@glasgow.ac.uk

Library
Open daily from 7.15am to 2.00am with online access 24/7, the library offers 12 wi-fi enabled floors, 2.5 million books and journals and hundreds of PCs.

See glasgow.ac.uk/library

Sports facilities
From the serious to the social side of sport, we love it all at Glasgow. Our recently renovated sports facilities provide 2 purpose-built exercise centres, activity halls, 25m heated swimming pool, squash courts, tennis courts and much more. Approximately 4,000 students participate in our 51 different sports clubs.

See glasgow.ac.uk/sport

Get involved
Becoming a member of our University unions, Council, clubs or media can be a great way to discover what you’re good at, pursue your passions, meet like-minded people and boost your employability. We have more than 100 student-run clubs and societies for you to choose from, so there’s bound to be something that interests you.

See glasgowstudent.net/clubs

Student unions
There are two student unions on campus – Glasgow University Union and Queen Margaret Union. Both have libraries, cafeteria facilities, bars and shops, and they regularly hold music events and other forms of entertainment.

See glasgow.ac.uk/studentlife
HOW IT WORKS

Our Study Abroad & Exchange programme has been running for more than 30 years, so we know how to make your experience both academically useful and truly memorable. At the University of Glasgow, you can expect great flexibility and a warm welcome.

Duration of study
You can study with us for as little as one semester, or as much as a full year. There are three options:
• semester 1: early September until mid-December
• semester 2: early January until end of May
• year: early September until end of May.

Credits and classes
One of the unique features of studying with us is the flexibility of course choice that we can offer. It’s possible to combine classes from most schools across all four of our Colleges (dependent upon pre-requisites being met and timetabling), which means that you can pick from subjects in:
• Arts
• School of Life Sciences within the College of Medical, Veterinary & Life Sciences
• Science & Engineering; and
• Social Sciences.

You must take a full course load to fulfil our requirements and also those of your home institution. A full course load is worth 60 Glasgow credits for one semester and 120 Glasgow credits for a full year.

Most classes at Level 1 and Level 2 (first and second year) are worth 20 Glasgow credits. At Level 3 and 4 (third and fourth year) they can be worth anything from 10-60 credits. A full load normally means taking about 3-4 classes per semester. Most classes at Level 1 are usually available to you, provided that there are no scheduling conflicts. Classes at Levels 2-4 are also normally available, but you should have prior knowledge in the subject area.

Choosing classes
View our online undergraduate course catalogue: glasgow.ac.uk/coursecatalogue
Select the subject area of interest to see a list of classes offered. You can then click on each individual class for more information, including the course code, the number of credits the class is worth, and in which semester it will run. You can also view course specification documents for more detailed information.

If this seems complicated, don’t worry. Our Study Abroad & Exchanges staff will guide you through class choices and enrolment.

Teaching methods
You will be taught and assessed in the same manner as our other students. Most teaching is done through formal lectures – especially at levels 1 and 2. For some subjects, a significant percentage of teaching also takes place in practical laboratory sessions.

Formal lectures are supplemented by group tutorials, where discussion and group participation are encouraged. At the upper level, lectures are likely to be smaller groups of students, and in some subjects, are replaced by tutorials.

There is a lot of focus on independent study. Some classes have very few contact hours and less assessment than you may be used to at your home institution (12 to 15 hours for arts and humanities and 20 to 25 hours for science and engineering). Our Learning Enhancement & Academic Development Service can offer you workshops and guidance to keep you on track.

Assessment
You will submit essays and work for tutorials throughout your period of study. However, the final examination usually carries the greatest weighting for awarding your overall grade.

You will be expected to take all exams that are open to you. Many courses have exams in semester 1, but if there are no exams for a subject during this semester, you will be given an alternative piece of assessed work.

Note: Most classes in the subjects of Computing Science, Mathematics and Statistics do not offer alternative assessment and so exams are usually held in April/May. Therefore, if you wish to take these subjects, you must study at the University of Glasgow for the full academic year.

International Summer School
Our International Summer School is another great way for you to study with us. Make your summer count by gaining experience and/or credits in a range of subjects. More information: glasgow.ac.uk/isst

James
from the University of Calgary, Canada
I recommend going to the University of Glasgow for an exchange. My experience was fantastic and I’m confident the other exchange students I met feel the same.

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OUR COURSES

We can offer you a wide range of courses. See below for a list of subject areas you can select classes from:

- Accounting and Finance
- Adult and Continuing Education
- Archaeology
- Arts and Media Informatics
- Astronomy
- Biology and Biomedical Sciences
- Business
- Celtic Civilisation
- Central and East European Studies
- Chemistry
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Computing Science
- Czech
- Earth Sciences
- Economic and Social History
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- English Language and Linguistics
- English Literature
- Environmental Science and Sustainability (Dumfries Campus)
- Film and Television Studies
- French
- Gaelic
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- Health & Social Sector Leadership (Dumfries Campus)
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- History of Art
- Italian
- Language Centre
- Latin
- Law
- Management
- Mathematics
- Music
- Nursing and Healthcare
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Polish
- Politics
- Primary Education with Teaching Qualification (Dumfries Campus)
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Russian
- Scottish Literature
- Slavonic Studies
- Social and Political Sciences
- Sociology
- Statistics
- Theatre Studies
- Theology and Religious Studies
- Urban Studies

Full list, along with class information, can be viewed at glasgow.ac.uk/coursecatalogue

Maria
from Christopher Newport University, USA

38 cities, 13 countries, 5 months later and Glasgow, Scotland will always be my favorite. I am so grateful for this incredible semester where I’ve been able to grow so much as an individual. This place has become home in only 5 short months, and I know I’ll be back to my beloved Glasgow soon!

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As well as the general subjects listed, we also offer several unique courses to visiting students coming to the University of Glasgow.

Service Learning: Service in the community
Service Learning is a form of experiential learning that combines academic study with service to the community. In Public Policy, these two components are closely linked. All placements are hosted by welfare agencies in and around Glasgow, so you can gain insight to policy in practice. For more information, see glasgow.ac.uk/ug/publicpolicy/servicelearning

Science
You can choose from a wide range of science courses, including subjects such as life sciences, chemistry, physics and astronomy, geographical and earth sciences, computing science, mathematics and statistics, and psychology.

Pre-Med Functional Anatomy
We have a tailored course available for pre-med or pre-health sciences students intending to apply to a Medical School/Professional Health programme in the USA.

You can:
• experience five blocks dedicated to each region of the body, using real specimens, historic collections and the latest technology
• develop skills relevant to clinical practice, including presentations, reading radiographs, handling instruments and palpating landmarks
• learn basic medical terminology and core concepts in regional anatomy, as well as basic radiology and clinical correlations and applications of anatomy.

All examinations use United States Medical Licensing Examination-style questions.
We can also offer you other science related classes to complement and enhance your study of anatomy. These include:
1) Fundamental Topics in Biology 2
2) Genes, molecules and cells 2
3) Human Biological Sciences 2
4) Key Skills in Biology 2
5) Microbiology and Immunology
6) Animal Biology. Evolution & Ecology

General Physics*
This is an introductory physics course with a laboratory component. The syllabus is aligned with the syllabus of the MCAT physics.

Organic Chemistry I*
This course covers fundamental organic chemistry with an emphasis on molecular structure and reaction mechanisms.

Organic chemistry II*
This course follows on from Organic Chemistry I, including aromatic chemistry, chemistry of carbonyl-containing compounds and biologically important molecules.

*Please consult with your pre-med advisor to determine whether the medical schools of your choice will accept pre-requisites taken abroad.

For more information and to explore more courses, see glasgow.ac.uk/abroad

Courses at partner institutions
We work with some prestigious external institutions to offer you exciting opportunities to explore their specialisms.

The Glasgow School of Art (GSA)**
The GSA was founded in 1845 and is one of the few remaining independent art schools in the UK. Located in Glasgow’s city centre, the campus contains iconic architecture designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, one of modern history’s most influential designers. The school produces innovative, creative and successful artists, designers and architects.

You can take one or two classes with the school in Black & White Photography, Life Drawing & Painting, Stained Glass Workshop or Clay Sculpture. Courses are worth 10 Glasgow credits each. You can take a maximum of two classes, equating to a third of your semester credit.

See www.gsa.ac.uk

The National Piping Centre**
The National Piping Centre was founded in 1996. It is based in Glasgow city centre, where it serves as an international centre of excellence for the instrument and its music. The Centre can offer you excellent facilities to immerse yourself in the history and tradition of the Highland Bagpipe.

We can provide you with a tailor-made opportunity to study the course: Bagpipes – History, Repertoire and Performance. You are taught bagpipes in both individual and group sessions that look at the history and social context of the bagpipe. The class is offered at Level 3 and is worth 20 Glasgow credits.

See thepipingcentre.co.uk

**Classes at the GSA or The National Piping Centre should only make up one third of your overall course load. This is equal to two GSA classes or the Bagpipes course.

Students coming through a bilateral exchange programme are still able to take these courses, but may be liable to pay a tuition fee directly to the Glasgow School of Art or The National Piping Centre. Please check with the Study Abroad & Exchange team for confirmation.

The Principia Consortium
The Principia Consortium is a group of select US colleges and universities that offers students enrolled on their Honors Program the opportunity to study abroad at the University of Glasgow. You are permitted to study up to 80 Glasgow credits, 20 of which come from the specially designed course – The Scottish Enlightenment: Ideas and Influences. This course follows the US Honors style – offering you a multi-disciplinary introduction to the rich heritage of Scotland and its lasting influence on world culture. It is designed to complement the different choices available to Consortium students who study Honors at Glasgow.

In addition to the Scottish Enlightenment course, you should register for two or three other courses during the semester.

To view more information and identify whether your college or university is a member, please visit the Principia Consortium webpage: glasgow.ac.uk/principia
You can apply
• If you are currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at an institution of Higher Education
• If you have completed High School and intend to go on to study at a Higher Education Institution on completion of a period of study at the University of Glasgow
• If you are coming through an Exchange programme and have been nominated by your Home University Exchange Office

Entry requirements
• If you are coming from the USA: GPA of 3.0 or equivalent (3.4 is required for admission to the Functional Anatomy [pre-med] course)
• If you are from any other country: a good cumulative pass rate (minimum B or C average)

Application
You can apply online using our form. You will need to upload:
• a recent academic transcript
• an English Language Certificate

Non-native English speakers must also provide their latest English Score. If English is not your first language, you should have an IELTS score of 6.0 or better.

See glasgow.ac.uk/abroad

Please note:
Course selections submitted on the application form will be viewed as your final choice. Once applications are submitted and decisions given on individual class choices, no changes can be made unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Fees
For up-to-date tuition fees, see glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees/intlfees

Deadlines
1 May – for semester 1 (Fall) and year entry
20 October – for semester 2 (Spring) entry

Timelines
• Applications for semester 1 and year-long programmes will be processed between February and May
• Applications for semester 2 will be processed between September and October
• After you have been accepted to the programme, you will be emailed an admission letter and further information including instructions on how to apply for accommodation and class registration.
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We also accept applications from the USA via our partners
• Institute for Study Abroad – ifsa-butler.org
• Arcadia University – The College of Global Studies – studyabroad.arcadia.edu
• ISA (International Studies Abroad) – studiesabroad.com

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Applicants from Japan, China and Korea may also apply to us via our partner
• The Study Abroad Foundation – studyabroadfoundation.org