Welcome

Welcome to the University of Glasgow. Our team is here to ensure you settle into University life as quickly and as smoothly as possible and we hope our Orientation Programme will provide you with a good introduction to your new life in Glasgow.

The Orientation Programme is open to all new undergraduate and postgraduate students from outside the United Kingdom who have been accepted to the University of Glasgow from September 2019. We are working with the Student Representative Council to link our International Orientation programme to Freshers’ Week which runs from 16-20 September 2019. Please see page 13 for details of Freshers’ Week. Our Unions (Queen Margaret and Glasgow University Union) are also running events during Freshers’ Week - please look out for these in the Freshers’ Week programme. Admission to all the University events listed on this programme is free, however, due to the popularity of certain events we are not able to guarantee places, so please book early to secure your place. The latest date for registration is 29 August.

Please collect your Arrival Pack at your Welcome and Introduction session on 12 September.

In addition to the events run by the International Student Support team and the SRC, we have planned some trips with a local tour company, Student Tours Scotland, which will offer a choice of six tailor-made tours allowing you to explore Scotland including Edinburgh City, Loch Lomond, West Coast - Oban and Inveraray Village, Trossachs Villages (Forests and Waterfalls), Stirling, Kelpies and William Wallace, St Andrews and Dundee - check Student Tours Scotland website at studenttoursscotland.com/welcome to view the various destinations. The cost per person per tour is from £23 to £26 depending on which tour you choose. Details of the tours and how to book are contained within this brochure (see pages 9, 10, 11 and 13).

Please make sure you book your tour before leaving from home to avoid disappointment.

Enjoy your time in Glasgow.
Best wishes from the International Student Support team

Arriving by air: Glasgow Airport

From 10 to 15 September (0830-2100), the University of Glasgow Welcome Team will help you when you arrive at Glasgow Airport and direct you to the free transport service provided by the University.

Visit our website for further details and to register for the service: glasgow.ac.uk/orientationarrival

If your flight arrives outwith the times the University of Glasgow Welcome Team members are at the airport, transport options from the airport are easy to find and services are frequent.

An airport taxi into Glasgow will cost about £25 and the journey takes approximately 20 minutes. Another option would be to download the Glasgow Taxis app to your phone - see www.glasgowtaxis.co.uk/passenger-services/smartphone-apps.

Travelling by bus is a cheaper alternative, but is not so convenient, particularly if you have a lot of luggage.

Buses run every ten minutes and will take you into the city centre. You should then take a taxi to your residence from the city centre - the taxi will cost approximately £8.

For more information on Glasgow Airport transport links visit: glasgowairport.com

Arriving by air: Prestwick Airport

The Welcome Team are not present at Prestwick Airport, however there is a regular train and bus service to Glasgow from Prestwick Airport. The journey will take about an hour. Show your flight ticket when buying your train ticket as you will receive 50% discount on the standard train fare.

For details of timetables and costs, visit: glasgowprestwick.com

Arrival and reception arrangements

From 10 to 27 September the University of Glasgow Welcome Team will be based at the Welcome Desk on Level 1 of the Fraser Building, from 0800-1700 Monday to Friday. (See above for dates the team will be at Glasgow Airport). If you need any help or information, please visit the Welcome Team who will be able to offer advice or contact another service on your behalf. Outwith these times, staff at the Gatehouse (see map, page 14) which is open 24 hours a day, will be able to help with any emergency situations.

Pre-term accommodation

University accommodation contracts start on 13 September or 10 September for Exchange students. Additional nights/periods before these dates are available on request.

For further details on costs and availability, please email: accom@glasgow.ac.uk or call +44 (0)141 330 4743.

Finally

If you have any queries about the International Orientation programme before arrival, please contact: internationalstudentsupport@glasgow.ac.uk

Please remember that after you arrive, the staff of the Welcome Desk on Level 1 of the Fraser Building will be able to help you with any queries about the programme or provide you with any other assistance you might need.
How do I register?

To register for the September 2019 Orientation Programme complete the online registration form at: glasgow.ac.uk/orientationarrival by Thursday 29 August.

Your attendance and choices will be confirmed online - please print out a copy of this to bring with you when you come along to booked events.

Details of when to collect your Arrival Pack are in the programme. Please note that the welcome and introductory talks on Thursday 12 September are specific to the type of programme you are following i.e. Study Abroad & Exchange or Erasmus or International. Please attend the relevant session for your programme.

Thursday 12 September

Study Abroad & Exchange students

Joseph Black Building (Map Ref: 9)
1000-1200
Surnames A-L
Welcome, Introduction and Welcome Pack collection including:
- How to sign up for classes
- Information on GSA and Bagpiping classes
- Collect your welcome pack

OR (depending on surname)
Joseph Black Building (Map Ref: 9)
1400-1600
Surnames M-Z
Welcome, Introduction and Welcome Pack collection including:
- How to sign up for classes
- Information on GSA and Bagpiping classes
- Collect your welcome pack

Erasmus students

Boyd Orr Lecture Theatre 2
(Map Ref: 2)
1000-1130
Surnames A-L
Welcome, Introduction and Welcome Pack collection including:
- Introduction to the University of Glasgow
- How to sign up for classes
- How to get your Erasmus documents signed
- Collect your welcome pack

OR (depending on surname)
Boyd Orr Lecture Theatre 2
(Map Ref: 2)
1200-1330
Surnames M-Z
Welcome, Introduction and Welcome Pack collection including:
- Introduction to the University of Glasgow
- How to sign up for classes
- How to get your Erasmus documents signed
- Collect your welcome pack

International students (full degree course)

Boyd Orr Lecture Theatre 1
(Map Ref: 2)
1000-1130
Surnames A-L
Welcome, Introduction and Welcome Pack collection including:
Presentation on support and welfare matters, including registration with the police, health services, immigration, compliance, employment regulations and other topics. You will also be able to collect your welcome pack at this session.

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All students (Study Abroad, Erasmus and International)

Please make sure you don’t book an event when you are meant to be attending your Welcome and Introduction as you will miss key information.

Meet outside the Fraser Building - just off Southpark Avenue (Map Ref: 4) 1000, 1100, 1400 or 1500

Walking Tours

Campus and local area walking tours. These student-led walking tours of the campus and immediate local area will last approximately one hour. You must have booked a place before attending this event and be able to show your event booking confirmation or show it on your phone.

Bute Hall (Map Ref: 3) 1100-1230 or 1400-1530

Fun Quiz - Test your general knowledge

Get your brains warmed up with our fun quiz. Teams will get together at the time – no need to come in a group. Tea and coffee will be provided. You must have booked a place before attending this event and be able to show your event booking confirmation or show it on your phone.

Bute Hall (Map Ref: 3) 1100-1230

Boyd Orr Building, Lecture Theatre 1 (Map Ref: 2) 1800-1945

Film Screening

Come along and watch Whisky Galore! Based on a true story, this is the tale of a Scottish island community who decide to ‘rescue’ cases of whisky from a sinking cargo ship! You must have reserved your place by booking online before attending this event and be able to show your event booking confirmation or show it on your phone.

Bute Hall (Map Ref: 3) 1800

Welcome Social Event

Join us in the Bute Hall for a welcome social evening with Scottish music, dancing and light refreshments. You must have reserved your place by booking online before attending this event and be able to show your event booking confirmation or show it on your phone.

Friday 13 September

Hunterian Museum (Map Ref: 8) Open 1000-1700

Museum

Why not take the opportunity to visit our Hunterian Museum, which is home to one of the finest university collections in the world and is right here in the middle of our campus. No booking required, just pop in at a time that suits.

Kelvin Building, Main Lecture Theatre 257 (Map Ref: 11) 1000-1130

West End Scavenger Hunt

Discover the area around the university and enjoy a bit of group fun. Teams will be assigned and the activity should last about an hour to an hour and a half. You must have booked a place before attending this event and be able to show your event booking confirmation or show it on your phone.

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Information Fair

Have your questions answered by university support services including International Student Support, College of Arts, Counselling and Psychological Services, Disability Service, English for Academic Study, Erasmus Student Network, GULGBTQ+, IT Services, Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Service, Library, Sport, SRC Advice Centre, Student Services Enquiry Team, Study Abroad and Student Unions.

Also attending will be representatives from Barclay Medical Practice, Bike for Good, Glasgow Life, HOST, Police Scotland, Radical Travel, UK banks and other external services. You do not have to book online to attend this event so please come along to the Fair and pick up some good information.

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Film Screening

Come along and watch Stone of Destiny based on a true story about the escapades of Glasgow University students. The running time for this film is 1 hour and 36 minutes. You must have booked a place before attending this event and be able to show your event booking confirmation or show it on your phone.
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Record Factory, 17 Byres Road
(Map Ref: 13)
2000
International Welcome Drinks Organised by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN UofG)

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Join us for a coffee/tea in the Gilchrist Café. This is a Drop-In event, but you must have booked a place before attending and be able to show your event booking confirmation or show it on your phone. This session may be busy at the start, but please come back later.

McIntyre Building, Williams Room
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Student Life Talks

Presentation on student life at University of Glasgow. Curious about what student life at UofG is like? Want to discover how different things work in the UK; from how to use the Subway to where to buy your shopping cheaply? Do you want to find out about Scottish culture and slang words you may come across in your time here? Then these talks are for you!

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Monday 16 September

Bute Hall (Map Ref: 3)
1200-1330

Freshers’ Address
The Official University welcome!
Representatives from all four student bodies will take the stage alongside the Principal to introduce you to life at the UoG! This is the official highlight of Freshers’ Week so don’t miss out! They will let you know everything you need to know about student life at Glasgow, what to do during Freshers’ Week, and how the unique 4 student body system works! A fantastic way to kick off your university career at Glasgow! You do not have to book to attend this event but please make sure you come early as seats are limited.

Meet in front of the Main Building behind the McIntyre Building (not on University Avenue) (Map Ref: 10) 1300

Picnic in Kelvingrove Park Organised by the Erasmus Student Network UoG
Are you ready to start Freshers’ Week with your new friends or looking to make some more friends? ESN UoG (Erasmus Student Network University of Glasgow) invites you to join our chilled socialising event, a picnic in Kelvingrove Park. We will provide some traditional British and Scottish snacks and we encourage you to bring some snacks or food inspired by the cuisine of your country. Then we can have a chat while discovering tastes from different corners around the world! The event is open to all new University of Glasgow undergraduate and postgraduate students from outside the UK, (Study Abroad, Erasmus and international students on their full degree course).

Booking required for this event
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OR (NB All day event)
Meet outside Gilmorehill Halls, University Avenue (Map Ref: 12) 0845-1900

Student Tours Scotland Edinburgh Myths and Legends £24 per person
A tour of the old town of Edinburgh with time to explore, sightsee and take in the recommendations from your guide. Great way to introduce the capital city. A local tour company, Student Tours Scotland, is offering a choice of six tailor-made tours, allowing you to explore some of our Scottish countryside before your studies begin. You should book before you arrive as the tours fill up fast.

Remember, if you would like to take part in one of these full day bus tours, you must make your booking directly at studenttoursscotland.com/welcome

Tuesday 17 September

Bute Hall and Quadrangles (Map Ref: 3)
1000-1700

Freshers’ Fair
The highlight of Freshers’ Week every year! This is your opportunity to see and meet the hundreds of clubs and societies on offer at Glasgow and grab free goodies from local companies and businesses!

Student Tours Scotland
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A tour of the old town of Edinburgh with time to explore, sightsee and take in the recommendations from your guide. Great way to introduce the capital city.

Stevenson Building, Activity and Sports Hall (Map Ref: 6)
1000-1700

Sports Fayre
Free goodies, live demos and, best of all, all the information you need to get involved in club sport taster sessions, fitness classes and other exciting opportunities in GUSA (Glasgow University Sports Association).

Turnbull Hall (Map Ref: 7)
1200-1430

International Student Lunch (Entry by ticket only).
Tickets are free and will be available on a first come, first served basis from the Welcome Desk on Level 1 of the Fraser Building (Map Ref: 4) on Monday 16 September.

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Friday, Saturday, Sunday 20, 21 or 22 September

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Student Tours Scotland

Friday 20 September 2019
Trossachs Villages, Forests and Waterfalls
£23.00 per person
Great wee tour of some villages, a loch, a waterfall and walks in the forest paths. Some awesome stories along the way.

Saturday 21 September 2019
Loch Lomond
£23.50 per person
Visit three different and awesome locations around Loch Lomond. Walk in a forest, up a hill and take in the sleepy views around the water itself.

Sunday 22 September 2019
West Coast Oban and Inveraray Village
£26.00 per person
Great coastal walks, old ruins, cute little towns and the best fish and chips in Scotland. This is a great tour of the west Highland area of Argyll.

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Freshers’ Week 2019
16-20 September

Freshers’ Week is a week-long welcome event to launch you into life as a student at the University of Glasgow.

As well as meeting new people in your year, you’ll be able to see what you can do outside the lecture theatre to add to your experience at university. In every corner of campus there are a vast number of events taking place in the space of 5+ days and nights, so there will be plenty of ways to say hello to one of the friendliest cities in the world!

The University of Glasgow is unique in that we have four student organisations on campus. Each has a different function in providing services to students but all aim to deliver an amazing experience for University of Glasgow students. With these bodies comes friendly competition to provide the best Freshers’ Week events they can, so you will be spoiled for choice in what to get involved in. Line-ups are kept under wraps over the summer but expect a fantastic range of exciting events including ceilidhs, debates, gigs, special club-nights, big money pub quizzes and lots, lots more organised by the student organisations. All this is on top of what over 200 clubs and societies, 40+ sports clubs and seven student media outlets have planned to encourage you to sign-up. Safe to say you will not be stuck for something to do during Freshers’ Week.

To find out more information make sure you visit freshersweek.glasgowstudent.net, follow @GlasgowFreshers on Twitter or like the official Facebook page at facebook.com/UofGFreshersWeek2019

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Useful Contacts

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