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How to apply
For full-time study you must apply through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). See ucas.com.

Economic & Social History
Economic & Social History at Glasgow offers an accessible and stimulating approach to understanding economic and social change.

We are concerned with explaining how people in the past have lived and worked, and how this past experience has shaped the development of the 21st century world. We represent the historical branch of the social sciences, using the methods and expertise of a wide range of disciplines, including history, economics and sociology.

Themes we explore with our students include:
• how economies grow and change over time
• how people influence economic change and are affected by it
• how social structures, including class and gender identities and relations, change over time.

Our approach of small group teaching – at all levels and especially in the Honours programme – helps to create a strong sense of community, and we work hard to ensure that our students feel valued and supported.
ECONOMIC & SOCIAL HISTORY

Economic and social history is the study of the way societies change in their economic activities and social organisation. It is concerned with how people in the past lived and worked, and how this has affected the development of today’s world.

You will study economic and social trends from 1750 to the present day, in Britain and internationally, and with an emphasis on the development of a wide range of transferable skills.

Year 1
You will take two courses around the themes of:
• globalisation
• changes in working lives
• social order and conflict
• gender and the family
• migration and the community
• international economic relations.
You will be introduced to major themes in history, including sources of economic growth and social change, and the international transmission of social and economic trends.
You will also study other subjects in years 1 and 2.

Year 2
You will study economic and social changes in the UK since 1750, in two courses, exploring the themes of:
• industrialisation and its social dimensions
• global trade and competition
• work, living standards and consumerism
• gender, sexuality and the family
• labour organisation and protest
• welfare and social policy
• changes in economic and industrial structures
• wars and economic and social change.

Years 3 and 4
If you progress to Honours (years 3 and 4) you will select courses on a variety of themes, in a range of national and international contexts, and mainly in the period from 1750 to the present. These courses are taught by staff with rich expertise extending to modern Scotland, Germany, Japan, Latin America, the Middle East and the USA, with particular strengths in the areas of gender history, medical history, business history, and labour history.

Glasgow Q-Step Degrees
Studying Economic & Social History at Glasgow can be taken in partnership with the Glasgow Q-Step programme to give you more opportunities to develop your quantitative research skills. For more information visit: glasgow.ac.uk/socialpolitical/q-stepcentre.

In Junior Honours (year 3), core course students work in small groups on research projects, supervised by staff, and have the opportunity to explore their own specialist interests with the Senior Honours (year 4) dissertation. There is an emphasis on critical thinking and the development of a variety of personal and intellectual skills.

Our international links
You will have the opportunity to study abroad at one of our partner universities as part of your degree. This won’t add any extra time to your studies.

Career prospects
Our graduates are trained to express themselves logically and to speak confidently. They have learned how to handle and analyse information, to make independent judgements, and organise their time effectively. They have found employment in a very wide range of careers, including; management in industry, retailing, marketing and financial services; central and local government; the media and information technology; teaching at all levels; libraries, museums and archives; social work and other personnel services.

Why choose Glasgow?
It is possible to do this degree together with a language, including a year abroad.

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