

Inclusive provision for all University of Glasgow students

The University of Glasgow is committed to providing all students with a supportive and inclusive environment in which to study. This brief guide sets out some of the core provision available to all students at the University. These facilities are in place to support the range of needs of our student population.

Inclusive curriculum design

The University has made a commitment to design and deliver a curriculum that anticipates the diverse needs of students, including those who may have additional requirements as a result of a disability or medical condition. This has been demonstrated in the development and implementation of the Accessible and Inclusive Learning Policy which sets out key commitments for teaching. The key principles include:

- A commitment to endeavour to provide advanced access to course material in electronic formats to allow students time and flexibility in how they work with this material.
- A commitment to communicate clearly any changes to timetables that need to be made during teaching time.
- Permission for all students to audio record lectures in line with the University lecture recording policy (https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_359179_smxx.pdf)
- The use of microphones is compulsory for teaching where the technology is available in room.
- Academic staff are asked to follow best practice in the production of an inclusive and accessible curriculum.

The full policy is accessible here: https://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_543881_smxx.pdf

Study skills and academic writing skills development

All UoG students have access to a dedicated team of academic staff who can support the development of key academic study skills. The Learning Enhancement & Academic Development Service (LEADS) work across all disciplines and levels of study. LEADS operate a flexible and tailored approach to meet the needs of all learners. Group sessions and 1-2-1 appointments are available along with a range of self help resources designed to help students develop key skills. Further information can be found on the LEADS section of the website:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/leads/students/>

Access to software to support study

The University has invested in software licences which can help all students with aspects of planning, organising, academic reading and proofreading of work. These tools are available on computers across campus. The key pieces are Texthelp Read & Write Gold and Mindgenius. Read and Write Gold has features such as text to speech, speech to text, layered proofreading tools and referencing support amongst others. MindGenius is a mind mapping software which all students can download at home. It can be used for structuring written assignments and planning out revision. Each of these packages provide options and benefits to all UoG students regardless of level of study. Students can register for training through IT services at the University.

Access to loan equipment

The Library at the University carries a stock of laptops which are available for loan to all students at the University. These are available to any registered student.

Facilities on campus

Hearing systems (fitted induction or portable loop) are available across the campus in teaching spaces.

Please follow the link to the University website which has details of accessible routes and location of accessible toilet facilities. <https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/maps/>

Social opportunities

The Student Representative Council (SRC) at the University hosts a number of groups and societies which can be an excellent way to meet like-minded people at university. The SRC has a list of current groups on its website (see below) and will also support the creation of new societies each year. The SRC will have a strong presence at open days and during freshers activities and so there will be opportunities for you to find out more and get involved.

The SRC also hosts a Disabled Students Network Facebook group, which again is an opportunity to meet other students and to discuss matters which are important to you.

<https://www.glasgowstudent.net/clubs/find-a-club/>

Health and Wellbeing

University of Glasgow Sport offers memberships to students at the University. With a range of facilities, classes and activities there are options for those looking to get active during their studies.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/sport/>

Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) – This service is available to all University students. Students can access confidential one-to-one professional support. More information can be found here along with details of self-help resources. <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/counselling/>

Big White Wall – The University also has access to the Big White Wall resource which is an online safe space to discuss feelings and emotions. It also provides guidance on how to improve your mental wellbeing. <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/counselling/bigwhitewall/>