

SAAS Funding and Repeat Study - Student Guide

If your examination results mean that by your Examination Board have decided that you are unable to progress you may find these notes helpful, particularly if you are a SAAS-funded student, as there are different registration options available to you at the University of Glasgow.

Each of these registration options are awarded at the discretion of Schools, and students must still complete registration in MyCampus. It is recommended that you discuss these options with your relevant Advisor of Studies or School/College office before proceeding. The financial implications for each option when compared to studying full-time can be found in Table 1 below.

1. Exams Only form of study

Students with an “Exams Only” status do not attend classes on a formal basis but are entitled to sit examinations for their failed classes at the end of the relevant semester.

There is a registration charge of £160 for each year of Exams Only study.

Students with an Exams Only status are neither eligible for continued assistance from funding authorities (SAAS, Student Finance England, Wales or Northern Ireland) nor (normally) entitled to any welfare benefits (though some benefits, e.g. those in relation to students with children, may still be payable), or University discretionary funds.

2. Part-time study

Students can opt to change to a part-time form of study and complete the remainder of their course on a part-time basis, and not just study part-time for the period of repeat study.

Eligible students are able to apply to SAAS for the means-tested Part-Time Fee Grant (PTFG), but they are not eligible for a student loan.

3. Registered with Attendance (RWA)

This applies if you are repeating a year of study and attending part-time (studying less than 80 credits).

If you are a SAAS-funded student and have not used SAAS +1 funding, you can apply to them for the full support package (tuition fee, a student loan, and any bursaries for which you may be eligible). You do not need to advise SAAS that you are RWA, you should apply as a standard repeat year student.

SAAS +1 funding allows students to repeat a year of study and still receive the full support package, so students on a 4-year course of study are eligible for 5-years’ worth of funding if they need to repeat a year.

Being Registered with Attendance at the University of Glasgow will count as your +1 year, so this funding would not be available to you again e.g. even if you are studying less than 50% of the standard full-time load and SAAS therefore pay a lower tuition fee to the University, any remaining balance would not be available for you to use in the future. You also wouldn’t be eligible for +1 funding if you have already repeated a year of study on a full-time basis and have received SAAS funding for the repeat year.

Students are typically entitled to a student loan (maintenance) for subsequent repeat years after using +1 funding however tuition fee support is not typically available. SAAS may consider a further repeat year based on medical or compassionate circumstances and provide fee funding, so please contact SAAS to assess whether you are eligible.

Table 1: funding implications for different categories of registration

	Full-time	Exams only	Registered with attendance	Part-time
Tuition fee charged	£1820	£160	£910 or £1820 (based on number of credits)	Pro-rated based on number of credits
SAAS tuition fee and (where eligible) bursary support	✓	X	✓	PTFG available to eligible students studying between 30-119 credits
Maintenance loan eligibility from SLC	✓	X	✓	Available only to RUK students funded via Student Finance England/Student Finance Wales
Council tax exemption	✓	X	Yes, if enrolled on 63 or more credits	Yes, if enrolled on 63 or more credits
Eligible for University discretionary funds	✓	X	✓	✓
Eligible for University Hardship fund	✓	X	✓	✓

Who can I speak to?

To change your form of study to any of those referenced here, you should first contact your Advisor of Studies or College Office.

The Students' Representative Council Advice Centre, based in the McIntyre Building on University Avenue, can offers further guidance on the financial implications.

Advice Centre Opening Times:
Monday-Friday 11.30am to 4.00pm
Tel: 0141 330 5360
Email: advice@src.gla.ac.uk

SAAS (Student Awards Agency Scotland)

Web: www.saas.gov.uk
Tel: 0300 555 0505