STUDY ABROAD in Glasgow, Scotland

WORLD CHANGERS WELCOME
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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Josh @Josh

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As the UK’s third-largest city, Glasgow is packed with cultural attractions, impressive architecture, fantastic shopping and a year-round programme of world-class events.

Shopping
Glasgow is consistently voted the top place to shop in the UK outside London. The city’s huge retail centre has a ‘Style Mile’ that includes shops like Topshop, Nike and the Apple Store.

Culture
There are more than 20 museums and art galleries to explore, with many offering free admission. A must-visit is the Riverside Museum, which has been voted European Museum of the Year.

Entertainment
As the UK’s first UNESCO City of Music, Glasgow hosts around 130 music events every week. The city also boasts a fantastic range of restaurants that reflects its diverse population, while film fans are well served by our seven cinemas.

Parks
If you’re looking to relax and escape the city buzz, you’ll have plenty of options. With more than 90 parks and public gardens, Glasgow has more green space per head of population than any other European city.

Neighbouring cities
Our location makes it easy for you to explore Scotland’s other cities. Check out the world’s largest arts festival in Edinburgh, uncover Stirling’s historic buildings and castle, or go hunting for the Loch Ness monster near Inverness.

Getting outdoors
There are footpaths, bike trails, hill climbs and mountain adventures to suit all levels of explorer. We’re surrounded by beaches, offering opportunities for water sport activities, relaxing strolls and marine life spotting. Our iconic Munros (mountains over 3,000 feet) have spectacular views, while Scotland’s many coastal islands each have their own unique character, landscape and wildlife, so get out there among our scenic and remote habitats!

Events and festivals
Scotland hosts an exciting range of events every year, from Highland Games and Edinburgh International Festivals to Piping Live and the Scottish Open golf tournament.

See:
peoplemakeglasgow.com
visitScotland.com
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 at 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

Health care
All full-time registered students in Scotland are covered for free health care under the National Health Service. This means that while you are a student with us, all doctors’ consultations and hospital treatments are free. 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 that we should be aware of, our confidential Disability Service is your first point of contact. A range of on 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

See: glasgow.ac.uk/international/support

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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It’s not just your education. It’s your life. At 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 staff living on site
- 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: 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
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 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 across all four of our Colleges (dependent upon pre-requisites being met and timetabling), which means that you can pick from subjects in:
- Arts
- 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 Team 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 Student Learning Service can offer you workshops and guidance to keep you on track.

See: glasgow.ac.uk/sls

**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, we strongly recommend that you study at the University of Glasgow for the full academic year.
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We can offer you a range of unique courses. As well as what’s listed here, there are many more to choose from. Browse your options: glasgow.ac.uk/coursecatalogue

Education
Our School of Education offers courses that encompass theories of teaching and learning and specific subject areas at a variety of levels. Our ‘Fundamentals of Education’ course, for example, examines philosophical, international and practical perspectives on education. Practical field work can be arranged in primary schools for 2, 3 or 4 week periods, although longer or shorter periods of practical experience can be negotiated.

Service-Learning
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. More information: glasgow.ac.uk/ug/publicpolicy/serviceslearning

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.

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, just like US medical schools.

We can also offer you other science related classes to complement and enhance your study of anatomy. These include:

Biochemistry – Molecules of Life
This course covers the structures and functions of DNA, RNA and proteins, and the relations between these molecules. It also describes how cells can harvest energy from their environment, the major central metabolic pathways and their roles.

General Physics*
This is an introductory physics course with a laboratory component. The syllabus is aligned with the syllabus of the MCAT physics. Topics that will be covered include kinematics, Newton’s laws, work, energy and power, momentum and impulse, rotation, harmonic motion, elastic properties of solids, fluid mechanics, temperature and heat, thermodynamics, waves and sound.

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

Organic Chemistry II*
The course follows on from Organic Chemistry I, including aromatic chemistry, chemistry of carbon-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: 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 1 or 2 classes with the school in Black & White Photography, Life Drawing & Painting 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 Bagpipe course.

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 2 or 3 other courses during the semester. As well as having access to any available courses at the University, there are also several unique courses available to Principia Consortium students.

To view these courses and identify whether your college or university is a member, please visit the Principia Consortium webpage: glasgow.ac.uk/principia

To browse all of the options available to you: glasgow.ac.uk/coursecatalogue
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 (B or C average)

Application
You can apply online using our form. You will need to upload:
• a recent academic transcript
• a personal statement; and
• one academic reference.

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: 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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• Arcadia University – The College of Global Studies
studyabroad.arcadia.edu
• ISA (International Studies Abroad)
studiesabroad.com

How to apply