International Orientation Programme
2018

WORLD CHANGING GLASGOW
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 2018.

This year we are working with the Student Representative Council to link our International Orientation programme to Freshers' Week which runs from 10 - 16 September 2018. 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 24 August.

Please collect your Arrival Pack at your Welcome and Introduction session on 7 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, Waterfalls and Woodlands, West Coast Scotland, Perth and the Hermitage, 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 £20 or £22 depending on which tour you choose. Details of the tours and how to book are contained within this brochure (see pages 6, 8, 9 and 11).

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
Arrival by air: Glasgow Airport

From 4 to 9 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 (operating 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 September) provided by the University.

On 4 September, when the Glasgow University transport service is not running, the Welcome Team will still be there to help you with directions and show you where you can find a taxi or bus.

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.

A taxi into Glasgow will cost about £25 and the journey takes approximately 20 minutes. 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 4 to 21 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 below 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 12) which is open 24 hours a day, will be able to help with any emergency situations.

Pre-term accommodation

University accommodation contracts start on 4 September. Additional nights/periods outwith this period 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: internationalstudentssupport@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 2018 Orientation Programme complete the online registration form at: glasgow.ac.uk/orientationarrival by Friday 24 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 Friday 7 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.

Remember to register online for the orientation programme before Friday 24 August.
Study Abroad & Exchange students

Joseph Black Building (Map Ref: 15)
• 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 arrival pack.

OR (depending on surname)

Joseph Black Building (Map Ref: 15)
• 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 arrival pack.

International students (full degree course)

Graham Kerr Building
Lecture Theatre 1 (Map Ref: 18)
• 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 arrival pack at this session.

OR (depending on surname)

Graham Kerr Building
Lecture Theatre 1 (Map Ref: 18)
• 1200-1330

Surnames M-Z
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 arrival pack at this session.

Erasmus students

Western Infirmary Lecture Theatre “WILT” (Map Ref: 17)
• 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 arrival pack.

OR (depending on surname)

Western Infirmary Lecture Theatre “WILT” (Map Ref: 17)
• 1200-1330

Surnames M-Z
Welcome, Introduction and Welcome Pack collection including:
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- How to sign up for classes
- How to get your Erasmus documents signed.
- Collect your arrival pack.
Friday 7 September

All students (Study Abroad, Erasmus and International)

Meet outside the Fraser Building, opposite the Welcome Desk, just off Southpark Avenue (Map Ref 5)
• 1000, 1200, 1300, 1400 or 1500

Walking Tours
Please make sure you don’t book a walking tour when you are meant to be attending a Welcome and Introduction as you will miss key information.

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.

Boyd Orr Building (Map Ref: 3)
• 1730-2040

Film Screening
Come along and watch Braveheart, the story of the legendary thirteenth century Scottish hero named William Wallace. The running time for this film is 3 hours and 10 minutes.
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.

Saturday 8 September

Hunterian Museum (Map Ref: 14)
• 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 which suits.

McIntyre Building, Room 201, Lower Hall (Map Ref: 16)
• 1000-1130 or 1230-1400

West End Scavenger Hunt
Organised by the Erasmus Student Network UofG
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. Please note places for this event are limited so we will only be able to accommodate students who book early. 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.

Gilchrist Café (Map Ref: 1)
• 1030-1145 or 1145-1300

Current Student Meet and Greet
Informal meet and greet with current students at the University (parents are welcome to attend). Are your parents worried about leaving you? Do you want to get an insight into life here at Glasgow? Are you looking for some tips about student life? Then this is great opportunity for you and your family to ask current students about their experience and get those burning questions answered! Join us for a coffee/tea in the chilled out surroundings of the Gilchrist Café. 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.

Booking required for this event
Please bring with you the confirmation email you received when you registered for Orientation.
McIntyre Building, Williams Room (Map Ref: 16)
• 1200-1300, 1300-1400 or 1400-1500

**Student Life Talks**
Presentation on student life at the 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? These talks are for you! Topics include: student union introduction, clubs and societies, ‘how things work’, job-hunting, Scottish slang & culture, places to shop, where to go out, places to visit and a Q&A session at the end! 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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• 1400, 1500 or 1600

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McIntyre Building, Room 201, Lower Hall (Map Ref: 16)
• 1500-1600 or 1630-1730

**Speed Mating**
Speed dating, but for meeting new mates! This is the perfect environment to meet new people and make new friends! Everyone here is in the same boat and is here for the same reason, so line-up for this quickfire friending session! 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.

Boyd Orr Building, Lecture Theatre 1 (Map Ref: 3)
• 1800-1930

**Film Screening**
Come along and watch *Stone of Destiny*, based on a true story about the escapades of Glasgow 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.

OR (NB All day event)

Main Gate, University Avenue (Map Ref: 9)
0845-1900
**Student Tours Scotland**
'Waterfalls and Woodlands'
£22 per person

Please meet at the bus stop on University Avenue between the Main Gate and the Memorial Gate at the McIntyre Building.

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.

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• 1030-1200

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McIntyre Building, Room 20, Lower Hall (Map Ref: 16)
• 1400-1500, 1500-1600 or 1600-1700

International Café
The official pre-freshers week welcome and the biggest day-time event of the weekend! Come along, grab a tea/coffee and meet some societies and other students from all around the world for a big welcome to campus before Freshers’ Week officially begins! This is a great opportunity to network and meet fellow students in an informal setting. 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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• 1400, 1500 or 1600

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• 1400-1530

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• 1800-1945

Film Screening
Come along and watch Mrs Brown, a film about the widowed Queen Victoria and the former servant of the prince, John Brown, appointed to help the Queen with her grief. The running time for this film is 1 hour and 45 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.

OR (NB All day event)

Main Gate, University Avenue (Map Ref: 9)
0845-1900

Student Tours Scotland
'West Coast Scotland'
£22 per person

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Bute Hall (Map Ref: 4)
• 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 UofG! Make sure to come early as seats are limited.

Atrium, Wolfson Medical Building (Map Ref: 13)
• 1400-1600

Information Fair
Have your questions answered by representatives from Bike for Good, Endsleigh Insurance, Glasgow Life, Glasgow School of Art, HOST, The National Piping Centre, Police Scotland, Radical Travel, STA Travel, UK banks and other external services.

Also attending will be University support services including International Student Support, Accommodation Services, Barclay Medical Practice, 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 Service Enquiry team and Student Unions.

OR (NB All day event)
Main Gate, University Avenue (Map Ref: 9)
0845-1900

Student Tours Scotland
'Loch Lomond'
£20 per person

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Tuesday 11 September

Bute Hall and Quadrangles
(Map Ref: 4)
• 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!

Stevenson Building, Activity and Sports Hall (Map Ref: 11)
• 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: 12)
• 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: 5) on Monday 10 September.

Wednesday 12 September

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Friday, Saturday or Sunday
14, 15, or 16 September

Main Gate, University Avenue
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0845-1900 (or 2000 for Perth and the Hermitage)

Student Tours Scotland

Friday 14 September 2018
'Perth and the Hermitage'
£22 per person

Saturday 15 September 2018
'Edinburgh'
£20 per person

Sunday 16 September 2018
'St Andrews and Dundee'
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Freshers’ Week 2018
10th - 14th 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 cèilidhs, 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/UofGFreshersWeek2018
Useful Contacts

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