Study Abroad
in Glasgow, Scotland

WORLD CHANGERS WELCOME
Why choose Glasgow?

- Ranked in the top 1% of world universities
- Established in 1451, Glasgow is the fourth oldest English speaking university in the world
- 25,000 students from almost 130 countries
- Member of the British Russell Group, the UK equivalent to the Ivy League
- Dedicated International Careers Adviser on-hand to offer advice and guidance throughout the year
- Follow in the footsteps of famous alumni including Adam Smith, Lord Kelvin, James Watt and seven Nobel Prize winners

For more ideas on what to do in Glasgow, check out our Lonely Planet Guide at www.glasgow.ac.uk/lonelyplanet and visit www.peoplemakeglasgow.com

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- The UK’s 3rd largest city and one of the world’s top student cities
- Lively nightlife with more than 700 bars, pubs and nightclubs and seven cinemas, including the tallest in the world
- UK’s first UNESCO City of Music, host to around 130 music events every week
- 2014 host city of the Commonwealth Games, MTV Europe Music Awards and World Street Dance Championships
- Consistently voted as the top place to shop in the UK, outside London’s West End
- More green space per head of population than any other European city with over 90 parks and public gardens
- Host to several international festivals each year from Piping Live and Jazz to Comedy and Film
- More than 20 museums and art galleries offering free admission including the Riverside Museum, which was voted European Museum of the Year 2013.

With a wealth of cultural attractions, stunning architecture, fantastic shopping and a year round programme of world-class events, it is easy to understand why Glasgow is firmly established as one of Europe’s most exciting destinations.

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‘The best part of Glasgow is that there is so much to explore and do. You can have a pie and a pint while enjoying theater in the basement of an old church after class in the afternoon and then dance the night away at a local student nightclub. It is truly a cultural city.’

Heather, University of British Columbia, Canada
The Study Abroad Programme

The experience of studying abroad can be one of the most significant events of your life. For many students, it is the first chance to travel overseas and to experience a culture different from your own. It opens up new horizons, offers a different perspective on life and not least can be a wonderful, life-changing experience. For this reason, you want to ensure that you get it right – and that you choose not only the right part of the world to venture into, but the right academic environment too.

Study Abroad Programme at the University of Glasgow

We have been welcoming international students onto our Study Abroad Programme for more than 30 years. We can offer you a tailored programme of study with great flexibility and choice at an internationally renowned university.

Subject Areas

The University of Glasgow has four Colleges.

College of Arts
• School of Critical Studies
• School of Culture and Creative Arts
• School of Humanities
• School of Modern Languages and Cultures

College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences
• School of Life Sciences
• School of Medicine
• School of Veterinary Medicine

College of Science and Engineering
• School of Chemistry
• School of Computing Science
• School of Engineering
• School of Geographical and Earth Sciences
• School of Mathematics and Statistics
• School of Physics and Astronomy
• School of Psychology

College of Social Sciences
• Adam Smith Business School
• School of Education
• School of Interdisciplinary Studies
• School of Law
• School of Social and Political Sciences

You may choose to take classes in more than one College.

Duration of Study

There are 3 simple options when choosing to study here.

- 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 the Study Abroad and Exchange programme at the University is the flexibility of combining classes from across all four Colleges (dependent upon pre-requisites being met and timetabling). See below for an example of a course load.

All students will be expected to take a full course load at the University of Glasgow to fulfill our requirements and also those of the 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 three to four classes per semester.

Students can normally choose classes at Levels 1-3 (sometimes 4) and can combine classes of different levels in their timetable – provided there are no scheduling conflicts.

Choosing Classes

You can view the list of classes in the undergraduate course catalogue: [www.glasgow.ac.uk/coursecatalogue](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/coursecatalogue)

Here you will see classes listed under School or subject area. Select the subject area of interest, to see a list of classes offered – e.g.:

- Celtic Civilisation
  Level 1
  Celtic Civilisation 1A CELTCIV1001
  Celtic Civilisation 1B CELTCIV1002

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.

Example of one student’s possible course selection:

| Student Name: A Student |
| Period of Study: Semester 1 |
| Functional Anatomy for International Pre-Med students |
| Course Code: BIOL 2023 |
| Credits: 20 |
| Black & White Photography (Glasgow School of Art) |
| Course Code: EXT 4015 |
| Credits: 10 |
| Scottish Studies: Exploring Scottish Culture |
| Course Code: SCOTLIT 1004 |
| Credits: 10 |
| Organic Chemistry |
| Course Code: CHEM 2007 |
| Credits: 20 |

You will be guided through class choices and enrolment by the dedicated Study Abroad & Exchanges Team. The team will act as advisers to all incoming students and will ensure that a full course load is followed by each student.

Additionally, you will have access to the same academic resources as all other University of Glasgow students, including The Student Learning Service which offers workshops and individual guidance on many academic skills issues. Find out more at: [www.glasgow.ac.uk/sls](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/sls)

Isabel, University of North Carolina, USA

‘The best parts of exchange were getting involved at Glasgow Uni, the awesome people in my flat and learning to be an independent traveler. I joined the Glasgow University Union, went on day and weekend trips all over Scotland as well as trips to France, Ireland, England, and Monaco.’

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Teaching Methods
As a Study Abroad student you will be taught and assessed in the same manner as normal degree seeking students. In general, most teaching is done through formal lectures – especially at levels 1 and 2. In some Colleges 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 more likely to be much smaller groups of students and in some schools are replaced by tutorials.

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). At the University of Glasgow you will find that there is a lot of focus on independent study. Because this system may be very different to what you are used to at your own University, use of the Student Learning Service workshops and advisers (mentioned earlier) is strongly recommended.

Assessment
Students submit essays and tutorial work throughout the period of study, in addition to covering the texts in the recommended reading lists. However, you should be aware that the final examination usually carries the greatest weighting for awarding the overall grade.

Students are expected to take all examinations which are open to them. Many courses now have examinations in semester 1, but if there are no exams for a subject during this semester, students will be given an alternative piece of assessed work.

Note: There are some subject areas which do not offer alternative assessment to students coming for semester 1 and which still expect students to take the final exam in April/May. Students are therefore advised to consider this before applying. The subject areas concerned are: Computing Science, Mathematics and Statistics.

Unique programmes and courses available
Our flexibility allows you to match your study abroad options with your degree course at home.

Education
The School of Education offers a wide variety of courses to Study Abroad students, encompassing theories of teaching and learning and specific subject areas at a variety of levels. One such course is ‘Fundamentals of Education’ which 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
www.glasgow.ac.uk/ug/publicpolicy/servicelearning

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 together and will offer you the opportunity to gain insight to policy in practice, as all the placements are hosted by welfare agencies in and around Glasgow.

Together, the academic course and the placement are worth 20 credits.

Science Courses
The University of Glasgow offers a large number of Science courses to students across the following disciplines:

- Life Sciences
- Chemistry
- Physics and Astronomy
- Geographical & Earth Sciences
- Computing Science
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Psychology
The University of Glasgow is pleased to be able to offer a very special course aimed at Pre-Med or Pre-Health Sciences Students to take abroad. This course is functional anatomy, which will complement your pre-med studies. It will also describe how cells can harvest energy from their environment, the major central metabolic pathways and their roles. The course will prepare you for further studies in the fields of biochemistry, genetics and molecular cell biology and provide practical experience of analysis of enzyme activity and of DNA.

General physics* This is an introductory physics course with a laboratory component. The syllabus of this course is aligned with the syllabus of the MCAT physics. This course is available in the first semester and is intended as a companion course back in your home institution covering topics in electromagnetism, light and modern physics. Topics that will be covered in this course 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* This course will cover fundamental organic chemistry with emphasis on molecular structure and reaction mechanisms.

Organic chemistry II* This course will follow on from Organic chemistry I including aromatic chemistry, chemistry of carbonyl-containing compounds and biologically important molecules.

Most courses are available in semester 1 and 2. Other courses can be taken from the School of Life Sciences to further complement your studies, more details can be found on the Study Abroad website.

*Please consult with your pre-med advisor to determine whether the medical schools of your choice will accept pre-requisites taken abroad.

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Some classes in Nursing and in Veterinary Biosciences are also available to incoming Study Abroad & Exchange students. More information on these options and on all the other courses mentioned above can be found at: www.glasgow.ac.uk/principiaconsortiumstudents

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Functional Anatomy for Pre-Med/Pre-Health Sciences Students

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Course features:

- 5 blocks (2 weeks each) will be dedicated to each region of the body - covering the complete body, using real specimens, historic collections and the latest technology.
- Everything covered will be related to clinical practice and real problems.
- Skills will be developed that are relevant to clinical practice including presentations, reading radiographs, handling instruments and palpating landmarks.
- Opportunity to learn basic medical terminology and core concepts in regional anatomy.
- You will learn basic radiology and clinical correlations and applications of anatomy.
- All examinations will use USMLE-style questions, just like US medical schools.
- You will have access to vast anatomical resources, including historically famous specimens.

In addition to taking the Anatomy class, you are encouraged to consider taking other science related courses from across the University which will complement and enhance the study of Anatomy.

Suggested classes are:

Biochemistry – molecules of life

This course will cover the structures and functions of DNA, RNA and proteins, and the relations between these molecules. It will also describe how cells can harvest energy from their environment, the major central metabolic pathways and their roles. The course will prepare you for further studies in the fields of biochemistry, genetics and molecular cell biology and provide practical experience of analysis of enzyme activity and of DNA.

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The Glasgow School of Art* www.gsa.ac.uk

The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) was founded in 1845 and is one of the few remaining independent art schools in the UK. The GSA is located in the city centre of Glasgow. At the heart of the campus is the Mackintosh building, one of the most iconic buildings of the 20th century. Charles Rennie Mackintosh, one of modern history’s most influential designers and GSA Alumnus designed the building. The school has a long history of producing innovative, creative and successful artists, designers and architects.

As a student on the Study Abroad programme, you will have the opportunity to take one or two classes with the school in Black & White Photography, Life Drawing & Painting or Clay Sculpture. Courses are worth 10 Glasgow credits each and visiting students are allowed to take a maximum of two classes, which equates to a third of their semester credit.

*Note: Classes at the Glasgow School of Art or The National Piping Centre should only make up a total of one third of your overall course load. This is equal to two GSA classes or the Bagpipes course. They cannot be taken together.

The National Piping Centre* www.thepipingcentre.co.uk

The National Piping Centre was founded in 1996 and is located in Glasgow city centre. It serves as a national and international centre of excellence for the instrument and its music and promotes a programme of education and piping tuition at all levels.

The facilities available to you are of the highest standard. The Centre also houses the Museum of Piping, which contains the National Museum of Scotland’s Piping Collection. The National Piping Centre offers a unique atmosphere along with the facilities and opportunities for you to immerse yourself in the history and tradition of the Highland Bagpipe.

The Study Abroad programme provides a tailor-made opportunity for you to study the course: Bagpipes – history, repertoire and performance. You are taught bagpipes in individual one to one 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.

Principia Consortium www.glasgow.ac.uk/principia

The Principia Consortium is a group of honours programs at select US colleges and universities.

All students on the Principia Consortium Study Abroad program must complete between 60 and 80 credits while here. Part of these credits must be made up by taking special Honours course designed for Principia Consortium students, Scottish Enlightenment: Ideas and Influences (Worth 20 Glasgow credits). This course aims to introduce students to the rich intellectual and cultural heritage of Scotland and its lasting influence on world culture. It is a compulsory course designed to complement the different choices available to Consortium students who study honours at Glasgow and is taught by leading academics from a variety of disciplines at the University.

In addition to the Scottish Enlightenment course, students will register for two or three additional courses during the semester at Glasgow. As well as having access to any available course 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.

The two things I probably enjoyed most were the Functional Anatomy course for Pre-med students, which I would recommend very, very highly to any study abroad/exchange students in that field, and trips with the GU International Society, which were fantastic opportunities to travel and get to know students from all over the world.*

Jared, Bard College at Simon’s Rock, USA
Support & Welfare

We offer a full orientation programme to help you settle in quickly to life at Glasgow.

Orientation Programme
A comprehensive orientation programme is provided 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. You can find more information at: www.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 whilst you are a student with us, all doctors’ consultations and hospital treatments are free of charge. On arrival you should register with a General Practitioner who will be your first point of contact for any medical issues.

International Student Support
The University of Glasgow has a team of International Student Advisers who advise our international students on a host of issues such as immigration, accommodation, employment and finance, and are a valuable source of further advice and information. See: www.glasgow.ac.uk/international/support

Student Counselling & Advisory Service
This is a confidential service available to all students of the University. Information and guidance on a host of personal and emotional problems can be sought here. www.glasgow.ac.uk/services/counselling

Student Disability Service
The Disability Service is the first point of contact for any student or potential student who has a disability that the University should be aware of. The service is completely confidential. A range of on course and assessment/exam support is available once you register with the service. www.glasgow.ac.uk/services/disability

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Library
Open 18 hours a day with 12 wi-fi enabled floors, the University library is here when you need it.

With over 100 clubs and societies, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Student Unions
While at Glasgow, you’ll be able to use our two unions, each with its own personality and facilities. Glasgow University Union has a selection of bars, nightclub, two libraries, snooker hall and pool tables. Not to be outdone, Queen Margaret Union hosts new music, local bands, big name acts, the longest-running student club night in Glasgow (Cheesy Pop) and two quizzes.

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!

Discover new hobbies
We have more than 120 societies for you to get involved in, from the American Society to the Historical Arts Society, meaning there’s bound to be something that interests you. Explore the possibilities at www.glasgowstudent.net/clubs

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Sport for fitness

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Study Abroad fees
For up-to-date tuition fees, see: www.glasgow.ac.uk/studyabroadfees

Deadlines
1 May – for semester 1 (Fall) and year entry
20 October – for semester 2 (Spring) entry

Please note:
We may consider applications beyond these dates under exceptional circumstances.

Timelines
• You will have our initial decision within a week of your full application being received.
• Your official admissions letter and full pre-arrival information will be sent out within a month of being accepted to the programme, either to your home university study abroad office or directly to you.

Contacts & Further Information
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Amy VanSurksum, International Officer, Northeast & Midwest
Email: amy.vansurksum@glasgow.ac.uk

We also accept applications from the USA via our partners:
Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University
www.ifsa-butler.org
Arcadia University – The College of Global Studies
www.arcadia.edu/abroad
ISA (International Studies Abroad)
www.studiesabroad.com

Travel
By air
There are three international airports near Glasgow.

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By road
Motorway links provide quick access to major cities throughout the UK.

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‘The weather wasn’t as cold as I was expecting. My home city, Albany NY, was often colder on the same day. I did love ceilidhs and seeing, on any given Friday night, at least two men in kilts walking through the City Centre.’
Casey, SUNY at Albany, USA
‘I would and do recommend going to the University of Glasgow for an exchange. My experience was fantastic and I am confident the other exchange students I met feel the same.’

James, University of Calgary, Canada