

University of Glasgow

Established in 1451, the University of Glasgow is one of the ancient Scottish universities and the fourth oldest university in the English speaking world. The University of Glasgow is one of the largest universities in the United Kingdom with approximately 20,000 students (roughly 15,500 undergraduates and 4,500 postgraduates). Glasgow is a founding member of the prestigious Russell Group of 20 major research universities in the UK, and is ranked in the world's top 100 institutions. In addition to outstanding research efforts, the university was ranked in the top 3 in the UK for student satisfaction and in the top 10 for teaching quality.

With over 3,500 overseas students from around 120 countries (more than 500 from the USA), the university has a tradition of welcoming international students and has developed an extensive support network for them.

Some of the world's most influential figures have worked and studied at the University of Glasgow including:

- Lord Kelvin, arguably the pre-eminent scientist of the nineteenth century
- Adam Smith, economist and philosopher and author of 'The Wealth of Nations'
- James Watt who conducted some of his early experiments with steam power at the university
- John Logie Baird, one of television's pioneers
- James McCune Smith, first African-American to earn a medical degree and practice in the US

The University is comprised of four colleges, each consisting of a broad range of taught and research programmes of study:

- College of Arts
- College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences
- College of Science and Engineering
- College of Social Sciences

A Research Powerhouse

The University's research is leading the way in traditional academic areas such as medicine, physics, astronomy and engineering, as well as modern disciplines like bioelectronics, cell signalling, nanotechnology, and optoelectronics.

The 2008 Research and Assessment Exercise rated 88 per cent of the University's research as internationally recognised, while research awards exceeded £103m. Glasgow has the second highest number of top rated departments in the UK.

In 2007-8 the University received the highest particle physics funding and the highest arts funding for higher education in the UK.

RAE 2008: Highlights

- Glasgow submitted research to 48 out of a possible 67 Units of Assessment.
- 33 subject areas have the majority of their profile classified as world-leading or internationally excellent.
- All subject areas in which the University made a submission are producing research that has been rated internationally excellent.
- The [Department of History of Art](#) is the most highly rated of any university in the UK.
- The [Vet School](#) has been rated the joint best in the UK.
- 14 subjects are rated best in Scotland.
- Glasgow's research in [Cancer Studies](#) and [Accounting and Finance](#) are rated in the UK top five.

A further 14 subjects are rated top 10 in the UK including Cardiovascular Medicine, Infection and Immunology, Dentistry, Allied Health Professions (Nursing), Physics, Computer Science and Informatics, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Town and Country Planning, Library and Information Management, Psychology, European Studies, Celtic Studies, English Language and Literature and Drama, Dance and Performing Arts.

Location

The University's compact campus is situated in the West End of the city of Glasgow, Scotland's largest city. The downtown area of the city is easily accessible on foot, subway, or bus. The 'National Geographic Traveller' dubbed Glasgow, "**the coolest city in the UK,**" and crowned it the **UK's favourite tourist city**. More information on the city can be found at www.seeglasgow.com and www.glasgowwestend.co.uk.

The city of Glasgow has a population of approximately 650,000 and thus provides a genuine metropolitan environment. It is a city that is easy to get around, with a tremendous reputation throughout the world for its friendliness. As a city with over 800 years of history, Glasgow has a great deal of pride in the splendours of its past, being the best preserved Victorian city in Britain.

Glasgow was voted the **European City of Architecture and Design** and is home to over 20 museums and art galleries as well as **more than 200 other cultural organizations**, including the Scottish Opera, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, the National Theatre of Scotland and the Citizens Theatre. Glasgow, UNESCO City of Music is probably best known for its contemporary music scene, with musicians such as Paolo Nutini, **Franz Ferdinand**, Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits, **Travis** and the **Fratellis** all coming from Glasgow.

As a gateway to the **Scottish Highlands**, Glasgow offers **Loch Lomond** and Rob Roy country within less than an hour's drive. **European countries** are a short flight from Glasgow International Airport or Glasgow Prestwick at **cheap student rates**.

University Relationships

The University of Glasgow has many partners and contacts all across America for research links, study abroad programs and exchanges. Our exchange partners include:

- Boston College
- Columbia University
- Miami University (Ohio)
- Pennsylvania State University
- Principia Honors Consortium
- Radford University (Virginia)
- State University of New York at Albany
- University of Alabama
- University of California
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Miami (Florida)
- University of Minnesota
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Oklahoma
- University of South Florida
- University of Virginia
- University of St. Thomas
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Contacting the University

Whatever your interest, you will find your place at Glasgow. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

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