



University
of Glasgow

Study Abroad & International Exchange Fact Sheet 2026-2027



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General Information and Entrance Requirements

Study Abroad or Exchange Programme

- Study Abroad students apply to study at the University of Glasgow on a fee-paying basis.
- Exchange students are nominated to study at the University of Glasgow by their home institution as part of a bilateral agreement.

Our Study Abroad and Exchange programmes are suited to undergraduate students in their 2nd or 3rd year of their home degree.

Students who are in their final year of study should be aware that we cannot guarantee specific courses, and that our grade and transcript issue timescales may conflict with their home graduation timescales. We therefore advise against sending final year students due to these logistical considerations.

Postgraduate students are only able to take Level 4 courses as Level 5 postgraduate courses are not available to visiting students.

Our standard entry requirements are:

- Completed at least one year of study at the Partner and have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, B average or 75% as applicable.*
Please refer to our entry requirements per country [here](#).
- English Language of IELTS 6.0 with no subtest less than 5.5, or equivalent.

Please see supporting documents below for further requirements.

*Individual courses may have specific entry requirements.

Tuition Fees

Study Abroad students

One semester - £12,000

Full academic year - £24,000

Exchange students

No tuition fee is payable to the University of Glasgow. Institutions should confirm with students if fees are payable to their home institution.

Term Dates

The session dates for 2026/27 are available on our [website](#).

Students may study for one semester or one year.

- Semester 1 (September – December)
- Semester 2 (January – May)
- Full academic year (September – May)
- Calendar year (January – December). Please note this involves studying semester 2 followed by semester 1.

Students are not permitted to join after the start of the semester, or leave early, due to commitments at home such as work placements, internships or exams.

All assessments must be completed before students depart from the University of Glasgow.

Nomination & Application Deadlines

Semester 1 & Academic Year

- Nominations open 1 March and close 20 April
- Applications open 11 March
- Applications close 1 May

Semester 2 & Calendar Year

- Nominations and applications open 1 October
- Nominations close 15 October
- Applications close 31 October

Nomination and Application



Nomination	All students should be nominated by their home university via an online form sent by the Visiting Students team. We do not accept nominations sent by email. <u>Both Study Abroad and Exchange students should be nominated. This will allow us to send important guidance to ALL students applying to the University of Glasgow.</u>
How do students apply?	Applications are made on our online system. Application links will be sent to all nominated students, with our application guidance notes and course selection guide, and the link will be available on our '<u>How to Apply</u>' web page. Students <u>must</u> read the application guidance notes and Course Selection Guide provided, and on our website, carefully before selecting courses. The University has a separate campus in Dumfries. Students can apply to study at <u>either</u> the main campus <u>or</u> the Dumfries campus. Please note that the campuses are not located close to each other and students at the main campus therefore cannot normally take courses at Dumfries campus or vice versa.
What supporting documents do students have to provide?	<u>All students</u> must supply: • An up-to-date official academic transcript with a translation in English (if applicable). • A colour copy of the photo page of their passport* Students whose first language is not English must provide one of the following: • Official confirmation that the language of instruction of the home university is English, stated on an official transcript or formal signed letter on University letterheaded paper, <u>OR</u> • Completed language proficiency certificate, signed by the home university, certifying that the student's level of English is equivalent to an IELTS overall score of 6.0 with no sub-test less than 5.5, <u>OR</u>

	• A copy of a recent English Language test, taken within 2 years and 5 months of the course start date. The requirements for the Study Abroad and Exchange programme are IELTS 6.0 with no subtest less than 5.5. Please see accepted English testing options on our English Language requirements web page. All nominated students will receive the UofG English Language Proficiency form. *Students need to ensure their passport is valid for the full duration of study. If a new or renewed passport is required students should apply as soon as possible to provide with their application. All supporting documents must be received by 30 June in order to complete processing and issue essential visa documentation.
How many credits should students study?	A full course load for one semester is 60 Glasgow credits. A full course load for the full academic year is 120 credits. Most courses are 20 credits but some can be 10, 15 or 30 credits. Please note the above courseloads are University mandated. The University of Glasgow does not permit students to underload or overload without UofG approval. When selecting courses as part of the online application, students should select more courses than the required course load of 60 credits per semester. Students should refer to UofG guides and course match carefully. Courses are not guaranteed. Students must be flexible and have alternatives.
How do students choose courses?	• Students must choose courses as part of their online application and <u>must</u> refer to the Visiting Students Course Selection Guide for any restrictions that may apply. • Courses are ranked in order of preference and when courses are academically approved, students will be enrolled in these in order of preference, subject to availability.

	• Students must choose specific courses and NOT general subject areas. • Course details can be found on our <u>on our webpages</u> and students should refer to the Visiting Students Course Selection Guide when choosing. • <u>Pre-requisites listed in the course catalogue may not apply to visiting students, but these should be considered in conjunction with the provided course selection guide.</u> • Students may request courses from different Colleges and Schools across the University, regardless of which College they have selected on their application. However, timetable clashes are likely, and these are not permitted. • Level 1 and 2 courses are lower-level courses that require no/little previous experience. • Level 3 and 4 courses are upper-level courses that require at least two years background experience in the subject area that will be studied at Glasgow. Areas that are <u>unavailable</u> to visiting students are Medicine, Vet Medicine and Dentistry. Additionally, Level 5 courses in all subjects are unavailable. Semester 1 only students are <u>not permitted</u> to take Level 3 and 4 Computing Science, Maths or Stats courses due to course structure as exams take place during the semester 2 exam diet in May. <u>Course choices must be submitted within the application. Courses submitted after the application has been submitted will not be accepted.</u>
Can students choose to study courses out with the University?	Students can select courses at the Glasgow School of Art OR the National Piping Centre. Details are in our course selection guide and web pages. These courses cannot be selected as part of the online application process. Students will receive information and may register directly once they arrive here in Glasgow.

	Fees for these courses are included in the Study Abroad fee. Exchange students must pay an additional fee for these external courses.
What happens after the application has been submitted?	Once we receive the application, students will receive feedback from the Admissions team. This will be either: • an unconditional offer <u>OR</u> • a conditional offer with request for further information/documents <u>OR</u> • a notification that their application has been unsuccessful.
Do students need to accept their offer?	Students do not need to formally accept their offer. However, it is important that if students decide to withdraw from the programme, they let the Visiting Students team know to enable us to update our records.
How do students receive feedback on their courses?	Once students have been accepted and after applications have closed, their course choices will be sent to academic Subject Coordinators for approval. The Visiting Students team will contact students by email, in July for semester 1/full year and December for semester 2, to advise whether they have been academically approved for their chosen course or course level. We will also advise if alternative courses have been suggested by our academic staff for any course choices that are no longer available, as courses are subject to change. Once students have registered on the student records system at the University of Glasgow, the Visiting Students team and the subject offices will enrol them in courses for which they have been pre-approved, where possible. These courses will then appear on the student's timetable. <u>Please note it is normal for some students not to have a full timetable before they arrive. These students will work with the Visiting Students team to complete course enrolment once they have arrived in Glasgow.</u>

	<u>**Students should not attempt to enrol themselves in courses or drop courses from their timetable.</u>
Can students change their course choices?	If course changes are required, then they can be requested on arrival in Glasgow. We recommend students attain home university approval for additional/ alternative courses prior to arrival, where this approval is required. <u>Please note</u> we will prioritise new course requests for students who still need a full curriculum. We ask that any changes are requested as soon as possible, and students will have until the middle of the final week of our standard add/drop period to make requests. UofG add/drop period is in the first two weeks of teaching.
What if students have any disabilities or additional support needs?	Partner institutions should contact the Visiting Students team to advise them of any students with disabilities or additional support needs. Students with a disability or additional support needs should disclose this on their application and register with our Disability Service to allow for UofG to provide support needed. Under the Equality Act 2010 (England, Scotland, and Wales) and the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Northern Ireland), a person is considered to be disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment, and the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. 'Substantial' is defined by as 'more than minor or trivial'. An impairment is considered to have a long-term effect if: • it has lasted for at least 12 months, • it is likely to last for at least 12 months, or • it is likely to last for the rest of the life of the person. For further information about disability-related study support at the University of Glasgow, please check the Disability Service web pages: University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Disability Service To ensure that you receive disability-related study support, please register with the Disability Service: University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Disability Service - Arranging support

Pre-Arrival



What kind of visa do students need?	All students who are not UK or Irish nationals are <u>required</u> to obtain immigration permission to study at the University of Glasgow. There are two options available to incoming students with regards to immigration in the United Kingdom: 1. Visitor Visa (for one semester stays) OR 2. Student Visa (for study periods longer than 6 months) See <u>here</u> for information on all visas.
How do students register as a University of Glasgow student?	Registration is the process of matriculating and becoming a student at the University of Glasgow. The Visiting Students team will provide all students with a Registration Guide. Students will be emailed details on how to log onto the student portal 'MyGlasgow' and complete the process when registration opens: • August for semester 1 and Full Academic Year • Late November for semester 2. Students should complete academic registration as soon as possible in order to be enrolled in courses. Both academic and financial registration should be completed prior to arrival in Glasgow, where possible. Students must attend a visa registration appointment on arrival in Glasgow in order to complete the registration process. If you are financially sponsoring your students, we will contact you to request a sponsor letter to confirm fees covered by your institution. Sponsored students will <u>only</u> be able to complete financial registration after arrival in Glasgow once fees are moved from student records by our finance team.

How do students apply for university accommodation ?

The accommodation application is a separate process and students are responsible for ensuring they apply for accommodation. Details of how to apply for accommodation will be included in their offer letter.

Students can apply for accommodation 72 hours after receiving an offer to study at the University of Glasgow.

Study Abroad and Exchange students are guaranteed a place in university accommodation if they apply by mid-July for semester 1 or by end of November for semester 2. Students can still apply for accommodation after this deadline; however, after this date accommodation is not guaranteed. Please see details [here](#).

Students are advised to apply as soon as possible to give the best chance of securing your preferred accommodation. Students are asked to list up to six choices on their application. First choices are not guaranteed due to the volume of applications.

Further information about accommodation, including prices and contract dates can be found [here](#).

Orientation, Registration & Enrolment

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What do students need to know about Orientation?

All students are required to take part in an Orientation session before they begin their studies at Glasgow.

Orientation will include information sessions and optional social events, organised by our International Student Support team.

Details will be emailed to students closer to the beginning of semester and include information on how to sign up for events. Further information will also be found [here](#).

	The Visiting Students team will provide a Welcome & Information course, made available on the virtual learning environment, Moodle, prior to the start of term. We will also host a short Welcome session on campus at the beginning of the academic year. Meetings and online Q&A sessions with the Visiting Students team will be available on arrival to discuss course choices and/or address any further issues if needed.
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What is the teaching style like?	Study abroad and exchange students attend courses with other British and international students, and are assessed in the same manner. The most common form of teaching is formal lectures (particularly at Level 1 and 2) with supplementary group tutorials where discussion and group participation are encouraged. A significant proportion of teaching for Science and Engineering takes place in practical laboratory sessions. In upper-level courses, lectures are often to smaller groups of students and in some departments are replaced by tutorials and seminars. Assessment methods vary from course to course, but may include essay submissions, project work and end of semester exams. <u>Students may find that they have very few contact hours and less assessment than they are used to at their home institution.</u> <u>It is important to note that higher education in Scotland places a strong emphasis on independent study.</u>
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Who should students contact for advice during studies in Glasgow?	The Visiting Students team are the first point of contact for any non-academic enquiries. Course administrators will add students to a Moodle page for each course they are enrolled on. Moodle is the University of Glasgow's virtual learning environment. The Moodle page will give detailed information on courses as well as useful contacts within the department. Students should contact the course team with any course-specific enquiries in the first instance.
What should students do if they are unable to complete assignments or attend exams?	The University operates an Extenuating Circumstances process. Students can use this to let the University know of any personal, medical or other challenges affecting their studies. Students should also notify the Visiting Students team to provide support and guidance.
What support is available for personal challenges?	The University's counselling team is available to all students. Details of the support they can offer can be found here. Both the Visiting Students team and the university's Student Support Officers can signpost to resources and support services.
What should students do if they require healthcare while in Glasgow?	Healthcare in the UK is mainly provided through the National Health Service (NHS). Please refer to our healthcare information. Students are strongly recommended to register with a GP on arrival in Glasgow. This is free to do and there is a GP surgery on campus for students with an address in the catchment area.
Exams and Assessments	Details of and deadlines for assessment are included in the course handbook for each of our courses. Exam timetables will be published on the University website during the semester.

	Exam diets are held in December for semester 1 students and April/ May for semester 2 students. Exam dates and deadlines can be found <u>here</u>. It is the student's responsibility to submit assessments and attend exams punctually. Students should remain in Glasgow until the last day of semester and all exams and assessments have been completed. Permission will <u>not</u> be given for students to return home early to attend interviews, internships, or family events.
Transcripts	An official transcript will be sent to the student's home institution once results are finalised and available. This is an automatic process and students do not need to request their transcript. Transcripts will be sent in late February for semester 1 students and late July/early August for Full Year and semester 2 students. Please note semester 1 transcripts may not be fully complete as grades for certain subject areas are only ratified at end of academic year exam boards.