



University
of Glasgow



Study Abroad & Exchange Students

Course Selection Guide
2026-27



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How to select courses at the University of Glasgow

Planning for the next academic session for 2026/27 is ongoing. Course list information for each subject will be added [here](#) in due course.

Please refer to this guide to see if a course or course level is available to visiting students. If referring to our online course catalogue for course matching please note:

- not all courses run every year and some run alternate years or semesters.
- Courses that run throughout Semesters 1 and 2 are for the full academic year and will not suit if you are visiting for a single semester.



How many credits do I have to take?

- 60 Glasgow credits for 1 semester or
- 120 Glasgow credits for a full year - this should be split equally across both semesters.

All students are required to take a full course load. Work that you are doing for your home university while studying at Glasgow does not count towards your Glasgow credit load.

What is the process of getting on my chosen courses?

Your course choices will be reviewed by an academic subject coordinator together with your transcript to ensure you have the correct prerequisites and academic background knowledge to take the classes you have requested.

Prerequisites listed in the Course Catalogue may not apply to visiting students; however, please read the information below which outlines any restrictions that do apply.

Pre-Arrival enrolment will be based on application course approval by the academic subject coordinator and subject to course capacity. You will receive feedback on your course choices before the start of your visit. For any specific course related enquiries or clarifications at this time, please contact the visiting students team.

What level should I pick?

- The University of Glasgow offers a four-year undergraduate degree programme: Level 1 (1xxx) = first year, Level 2 (2xxx) = second year, and so on
- You can normally request courses from levels 1 – 4 in the subject you have a major in; you would be restricted to levels 1 or 2 in subject areas in which you do not have prior experience
- Level 5 (5xxx) courses are post-graduate courses and only a small number are available to visiting students in certain subjects. Please review each subject for details.

REMEMBER!

The University of Glasgow cannot guarantee courses in advance for visiting students.

- Not all of our courses run every year and some run in alternate semesters.
- Some courses might be oversubscribed at the point of enrolment, or there may be timetable clashes.
- It is advisable to have back up options in mind and remain flexible in your course selection process. If your preferred course isn't available, you should be prepared to explore alternative courses that align with your academic goals and requirements.
- If needed, confirm with your home university that they can approve these alternatives.
- Your course enrolment will be finalised when you arrive in Glasgow.

University of Glasgow Subjects

The University of Glasgow has four Colleges, and each College has a number of Schools. You may request courses from different Colleges and Schools; however, please note that timetable clashes are likely and these are not permitted.

College of Arts & Humanities

- Archaeology
- Celtic Studies & Scottish Gaelic
- Classics, Ancient History, Greek & Latin
 - Comparative Literature
 - Cultural Industries
 - Czech & Polish
- English Language & Linguistics
- English for Academic Purposes
 - English Literature
 - Film & TV Studies
 - French
 - German
 - History
 - History of Art
 - Information Studies
 - Italian
- Languages for International Mobility
 - Music
 - Philosophy
 - Portuguese
 - Russian
 - Scottish Literature
- Spanish (Hispanic Studies)
 - Theatre Studies
- Theology & Religious Studies

College of Science and Engineering

- Astronomy
- Chemistry
- Computing Science
- Engineering
- Geography & Earth Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Statistics

College of Social Sciences

- Accounting & Finance
- Central & Eastern European Studies
 - Economics
- Economic & Social History
 - Education
 - Law
 - Management
 - Politics
- Social & Environmental Sustainability - Dumfries
 - Social & Public Policy
 - Sociology

College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences

- Biology and Biomedical Sciences
- Psychology

Adult and Continuing Education

Short courses with the code ADEDxxxx

Unique Courses

We also have a range of unique courses designed for Visiting Students.

Classes that are NOT available:

- Medicine (MED)
- Dentistry (DENT)
- Veterinary Medicine (VETMED)
- Postgraduate level (5XXX) for most subjects.

College of Arts and Humanities

Archaeology (ARCH)

- No prerequisites for Level 1 courses - please note that these courses are in high demand
- Prerequisite knowledge required for Levels 2, 3 and 4.

Celtic Civilisation & Scottish Gaelic (CELTICIV/GAELIC)

Gaelic:

- Gaelic 1 (Beginners) – no previous knowledge required
- Gaelic 1 (Intermediate) - some previous experience required
- Gaelic 1 (Advanced) - students are required to be fluent
- Level 1 and 2 Gaelic language courses are not available in semester 2, therefore semester 1 or full year study durations are recommended.

Celtic Civilisation:

- Level 1 and 2 - open to all and require no previous background.

Prerequisite knowledge required for Level 3 and 4 in both subjects.

Classics, Ancient History, Greek, and Latin (CLASSIC/GREEK/LATIN)

- Level 1 Classical Civilisation modules are open to all and require no previous background
- Prerequisite knowledge required for Levels 2, 3 and 4.
- There are language prerequisites for all Greek and Latin options at all levels except LATIN1A and GREEK1A (Beginners) options
- If you have previous knowledge of the language, you will be given a diagnostic test to determine which level is suitable

Comparative Literature (COMPLIT)

- Full year students: Levels 1 – 4 available
- Single semester students can choose from Levels 1, 2 and some single semester version Level 4 courses
- Please note availability of Comparative Literature courses at Level 3-4 may be limited.
- COMPLIT4002 and COMPLIT4003 are not available to visiting students.
- In addition to Comparative Literature, students under Comparative Literature agreements can request courses from Scottish Literature, and Czech/Polish/Russian etc. offered as 'subsidiary languages' depending on linguistic aptitude and academic background.

Cultural Industries (CULTIND)

- Only Level 1 courses available and subject to availability each semester
- No prerequisites for Level 1

Czech & Polish (CZECH/POLISH)

- Czech and Polish can be taken up to Level 3 only
- Students attending under these language agreements can request courses from Comparative Literature, Scottish Literature, History etc. depending on linguistic aptitude and academic background.

English Language & Linguistics (ENGLANG)

- No prerequisites for entry into Level 1 courses.
- Level 1 courses offer both in-person and online lectures. Visiting students may only enrol on the in-person lectures.
- Prerequisite knowledge required for Level 2 and 4.
- Level 3 courses are not available to visiting students.
- European students requesting Level 4 courses must be either:
 - nominated on an English Language and Linguistics agreement held by our School of Critical Studies
 - or study at a university which is part of the CIVIS alliance.
- Please note that a number of Level 4 courses in Semester 2 require an introductory course to be taken in Semester 1. Semester 2 students should be aware of the limited options available.

English for Academic Purposes (EAS/EAP)

- EAP language courses have specific language level entry requirements and restrictions.
- An EAP 1 induction session will be offered and students will be able to discuss their individual case with the convenor.
- EAP 1 and EAP 2 are both high in contact hours (5 hours per week each) and have been designed to respond to different needs. In addition, EAP 1 also offers optional 2 half-hour individual tutorials with a tutor.
- EAP 1 can be taken either in semester 1 or 2, and it's worth 20 credits.
- EAP 1- places on the course are normally offered to students whose English level is not above B2 or IELTS 6.0 or equivalent unless your scores in writing and/or speaking are significantly lower. The course is not suitable for students with IELTS 7 (or equivalent) or higher in writing.
- EAP 2- places on the course are normally offered to students whose English level is not below B2 or IELTS 6.0 (or equivalent) and above C1 or IELTS 7.5 or higher in all skills
- Please note: EAP 2 course is not available to students enrolled on any English Language/Linguistics courses at the University of Glasgow or their home institution
- For more information visit the EAP section on our [EAS website](#).

English Literature (ENGLIT)

- No prerequisites required for Level 1
- Prerequisites for Level 2 and Level 4
- Level 3 not available to visiting students
- Students cannot mix course levels
- If you are an English major, you may take up to two ENGLIT courses per semester. You should take your remaining 20 credits in an alternative subject. Literature classes are also available in the subject areas of Comparative Literature and Scottish Literature
- If you are not an English major, you are restricted to Level 1 or Level 2. You will not be given access to Level 4
- As the assessments are based on close reading, a high level of English is recommended.

Film & Television Studies (FTV)

- Level 1 courses are not available
- Level 2 courses require some relevant background in the subject. Please note these are often oversubscribed
- Level 3 and 4 courses are only available to students confirmed as FTV majors at their home universities
- Level 3 and 4 practical film-making courses are not available to visiting students
- Students can only take a maximum of two level 4 courses per semester

French (FRENCH)

- Most courses in French run over both semesters and there will be limited choice for students visiting for a single semester, especially for honours (level 4) courses
- FRENCH1005 (Beginners French) is an accelerated 40-credit course that lasts two semesters
- Students with intermediate French may take FRENCH 1004, FRENCH1006, FRENCH 2010, FRENCH 2011 as appropriate. These courses can be taken in either semester for 10 credits
- Single-semester students should refer to [Languages for International Mobility](#) instead
- FRENCH4086 Senior Honours Written Language can be taken for a single semester for 10 credits. Advanced level of French and English required
- MODLANG4012 (Translation Studies/English to French Translation) can be taken by French native speakers only either for both semesters (20 credits) or for semester 1 only (10 credits). However, this course is not always offered
- If you need Literature courses for your home degree, you can also choose from Scottish Literature, Comparative Literature and English Literature (levels 1 or 2 only)

German (GERMAN)

- Full year and semester 1 only students may take Level 1 Beginners (GERMAN1003). Full year students will be given priority on this course, semester 1 only students will only be allocated after full year students are placed and gain half the credits
- Prerequisite knowledge required for Levels 2, 3 and 4
- German language courses are not available to native German speakers
- Students attending under German agreements are welcome to request courses from other subjects in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures, however, there may be timetable clashes
- Semester 2 only students cannot take any language courses with a GERMAN code – you should refer to Languages for International Mobility instead
- If you need Literature courses for your home degree, you can also choose from Scottish Literature, Comparative Literature and English Literature (Levels 1 or 2 only).

History (HIST)

- No prerequisites for Level 1 courses
- Level 1 is available to all students, subject to course capacity
- Prerequisite knowledge required for Levels 2, 3 and 4
- Please note that not all courses shown in the course catalogue will run every year.

History of Art (HISTART)

- Level 1 is available to all students, subject to course capacity
- Prerequisites are required for Level 2 and 4 and subject to course capacity

Information Studies (INFOST)

- No prerequisites for entry into Level 1 courses
- Prerequisite knowledge required for Levels 2, 3 and 4

Italian (ITALIAN)

- Only full year students may take Level 1 Beginners (ITALIAN1004)
- Italian Beginners (Early Exit) (Italian1009) is not available to visiting students
- Level 1 and 2 Italian Culture courses worth 20 credits (Italian1003, Italian2010) may be taken for a single semester for 10 credits, subject to approval from the Course Convenor. These courses require prior knowledge of Italian at elementary or intermediate level
- Full year and semester 1 only students may take ITALIAN1005 (non-beginners elementary language) or ITALIAN2011 (intermediate language). Semester 1 will be for 10 credits. For these courses, we will do an informal assessment of your existing level of Italian on arrival, to ensure that you are enrolled in the correct level
- Italian language courses are not available to native Italian speakers
- Students attending under Italian agreements are welcome to request courses from other subjects in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures, however, there may be timetable clashes
- Semester 2 only students cannot take any language courses with an ITALIAN code – you should refer to Languages for International Mobility instead
- If you need Literature courses for your home degree, you can also choose from Scottish Literature, Comparative Literature and English Literature (Levels 1 or 2 only).

Languages for International Mobility (MFL)

- Any visiting student can request these courses
- Students are restricted to two language courses per semester
- These courses mostly cover levels CEFR A1 – B1
- If you have prior experience in a language, you should choose a Int Mob 2, 3 or 4 course
You will take a short entry quiz once you have registered at Glasgow
- Int Mob 3 classes run only in Semester 1, while Int Mob 2 and Int Mob 4 classes run only in Semester 2.
- Courses available in Arabic, Catalan, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian
- More information can be found [here](#).

Music (MUSIC)

- No prerequisites for MUSIC1020
- MUSIC1021 requires knowledge of music theory
- All other courses require prerequisite knowledge of subject
- Performance courses (Foundation, Intermediate, Higher, Advanced) are only accessible for students requiring them for their degree (e.g. Music Majors). Please note that entry into the Performance courses is at the discretion of the Performance convenor, following successful audition
- Semester 1 only students are normally able to take a single-semester version (10 credits) of year-long courses. Please note that options to take semester 2 only versions of year-long courses are limited.

Philosophy (PHIL)

- No prerequisites for level 1 and level 2 courses
- Prerequisite knowledge is required for Levels 3 and 4
- Please note that not all courses shown in the course catalogue will run every year

Portuguese (PORT)

- No prerequisites for Level 1
- Prerequisites for Level 2 (A2 minimum), Level 3 (B1 minimum), and Level 4 (C1 minimum)
- Full year and semester 1 only students may take Level 1 Beginners (PORT1002)
- Semester 2 only students cannot take any language courses with a PORT code – you should refer to [Languages for International Mobility](#) instead
- Portuguese language courses are not available to native speakers of Portuguese
- Courses from other subjects in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures can be requested, however, there may be timetable clashes
- If you need Literature courses for your home degree, you can also choose from Scottish Literature, Comparative Literature and English Literature (Levels 1 or 2 only).

Russian (RUSSIAN)

- No prerequisites for Level 1
- Prerequisites for Levels 2 – 4
- Full year students may take RUSSIAN1001, RUSSIAN2011 and RUSSIAN2012. Single semester students can only take these courses, for half the credit, if they receive subject coordinator approval
- Full year and semester 1 students may take the following Level 4 courses (subject to coordinator approval):
 - RUSSIAN4042 – Queerness in Russophone Cultures
 - RUSSIAN4038 Russian Literature and State Power
- Single semester exchange students may refer to the [Languages for International Mobility courses](#)
- Courses from other subjects in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures can be requested, however, there may be timetable clashes

Scottish Literature (SCOTLIT)

- No prerequisites for Level 1. Prerequisites required for Levels 2 and 4.
- Students attending under a Scottish Literature agreement may request Level 1 or 2 courses from Comparative Literature and English Literature in addition to Scottish Literature
- Students attending under a Scottish Literature agreement whose own degree programme has a focus on Scottish Literature may consider literature/interdisciplinary courses offered through Celtic Studies.

Spanish (HISP)

- Only full year students may take HISP1008, HISP1009, HISP1007, HISP2010, HISP2011 or HISP4019. Please note that these courses are often oversubscribed. Students coming for only one semester should refer to Languages for International Mobility instead
- Please note translation courses are occasionally oversubscribed
- Courses from other subjects in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures can be requested, however, there may be timetable clashes
- Students attending under Hispanic Studies agreements can also request courses from Scottish Literature, Comparative Literature and English Literature (Levels 1 or 2).

Theatre Studies (THEATRE)

- No prerequisites required for Level 1 courses and for THEATRE2001
- THEATRE2002 requires some relevant academic background in the subject
- Levels 3 and 4 are only available to students confirmed as Theatre majors at their home universities
- Please note the following courses are not available to visiting students:
 - Performance Theory and Analysis (THEATRE4009)
 - Theatre Studies Single Honours Group Project (THEATRE4014)
- Practice based courses have caps and entry cannot be guaranteed.

Theology & Religious Studies (TRS)

All course choices have to be approved by the subject coordinator in TRS and are subject to availability and prerequisites as specified below:

- Level 1 courses - open to students with a major in humanities or social sciences; open to students with other majors subject to approval;
- Level 2 courses - open to all students with a major in humanities and with relevant previous study;
- Level 3 and 4 courses - open only to students with sufficient previous relevant study; this will generally be through courses in Theology and Religious Studies, but may also be in subjects related to the relevant course. NB: the TRS Honours programme rotates over two years; courses for both years are listed in the current course catalogue
- Courses that run across both semesters 1 and 2 are not available to single semester students (e.g. TRS1003)
- TRS short 10 credit courses are not generally suitable for visiting students. These courses are aimed at candidates for the ministry or congregational leaders and require reflection on lived practice
- Special arrangements will be made for semester 1 only students who are taking courses with examinations at the end of semester 2.

College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences

Biology and Biomedical Sciences (BIOL)

- If you are here on a Life Science agreement or are a Life Science student, at least 40 credits must be selected in this subject area per semester.
- Level 1 courses - No prerequisites required.
- Level 2 courses will require students to have some general biology background knowledge.
 - Level 2 consists of 2 courses in semester 1:
Fundamental Topics in Biology 2 (BIOL2039) – 30 credits
Contemporary Issues in Biology 2 (BIOL2040) – 30 credits
 - and 4 courses in semester 2:
Animal Biology, Evolution and Ecology 2 (BIOL2041) – 30 credits
Genes, Molecules and Cells 2 (BIOL2042) – 30 credits
Human Biological Sciences 2 (BIOL2043) – 30 credits
Microbiology & Immunity 2 (BIOL2044) – 30 credits
- Level 3 courses will require evidence of a good level of background biology knowledge in their chosen subject.
 - Courses are 60 credits and run for one semester. If you are here for a full year, you would be expected to take the partner course to the semester 1 course in semester 2 i.e. Zoology 3A (semester 1) and Zoology 3B (semester 2).
 - Most Level 3 classes have course codes beginning BIOL4xxx but can be identified by having 3A or 3B in their names.
 - It should be noted that although level 3 courses are a full credit load of 60 credits they will each be made up of a range of topics within the broader area of their degree.
- Level 4 courses will require students having a suitable and often substantial background knowledge to the subject in hand.
 - For example, a University of Glasgow student taking a level 4 course in Applied Anatomy would have done 33% of their year one credits in General Biology, at least 50% of their year two credits in biology courses with 25% of that in specific reference to Human Biology and 100% of their year 3 would have been focused on Anatomy, before they would then be permitted to join this level 4 course. Therefore, if you have little background in the main subject area of a level 4 course then it is unlikely you will be approved to take it.
- Students looking to take Level 4 classes should be aware of the following:
 - Semester 1 will have 2 option blocks, consisting of:
 - A compulsory core course worth 20 credits (mainly taking place on Mondays)
 - An additional option course worth 20 credits (mainly taking place on Fridays)
- Semester 1 only students will not be able to take a full credit load in Biology and would therefore need to take another 20 credits in a different subject area.

- Semester 2 only students will have choices across 4 option blocks with teaching taking place:
 - Block A on Mondays
 - Block B on Tuesdays
 - Block C on Thursdays
 - Block D on Fridays
- All of these options will be worth 20 credits, and students could therefore take a full credit load in Biology if eligible.
- Students taking Level 4 courses can only take 1 course in each block (A, B, C, D) as exams will be scheduled at the same time for all courses in each block.
- We therefore recommend choosing to study for a full year or semester 2 only in Biology.

Psychology (PSYCH)

- No prerequisites required for Level 1 but please note these courses are often oversubscribed.
- Single semester students should select Level 1 Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH1010).
- Visiting students enrolled in both semesters may select Level 1A: Biological and Cognitive (PSYCH1001) and Level 1B: Social, Developmental and Mental Health and Wellbeing (PSYCH1002).
- Please note enrolment on Level 1B: Social, Developmental and Mental Health and Wellbeing (PSYCH1002) is conditional on completion of Level 1A: Biological and Cognitive (PSYCH1001) and is therefore not available to single semester visiting students.
- Level 2 and level 3 courses are not available to visiting students.
- Level 4 – Students should have a background of at least 2.5 to 3 years (or an equivalent number of credits) in Psychology. Please note these courses are often oversubscribed.

College of Science & Engineering

Astronomy (ASTRO)

- Most courses are year-long with exams in April/May. Study durations of full year or semester 2 are recommended.
- Only two Level 1 single semester courses offer a December exam. Other courses may be available for semester 1 only, but students would be required to return to Glasgow for the April/May exam diet.
- Timetable conflicts may occur with other subjects.
- Approval required for all course levels.
- Some Level 5 courses may be available.

Chemistry (CHEM)

- Please note that it can be difficult to take Chemistry classes alongside other subjects due to timetabling constraints.
- Approval is required for all course levels.
- Levels within Chemistry cannot be mixed. Students take all credits from one approved level in this subject
- A full year duration for this subject is preferable however there are some limited options for semester 1 and semester 2 only students
- Attendance is compulsory at all class lectures, tutorials and laboratories.

Computing Science (COMPSCI)

The majority of courses are available to visiting students. However, please check the course catalogue for each course: if a course is marked as not available to visiting students, then unfortunately we will not be able to offer a place. This will only be for a minority of courses (e.g., postgraduate taught courses, and those courses that contribute to Graduate Apprenticeship programmes).

Level 1:

- COMPSCI1018 (1S – Systems) is available to all
- For students with some existing programming experience, we recommend: COMPSCI1006 Computing Science 1F, COMPSCI1001 Computing Science 1P
- For students with limited or no programming experience, we recommend: COMPSCI1016 (Introduction to Computational Thinking) followed by COMPSCI1017 (Computing Science 1PX)
- For semester 2 only students wishing to enrol on COMPSCI1017, we would expect the equivalent of COMPSCI1016 as a prerequisite (i.e., it is not appropriate as a sole introductory programming course).

Level 2:

- We would expect some experience amounting to a level 1 curriculum as a prerequisite for all of our level 2 courses.

Level 3:

- courses are not available to visiting students.

Level 4 & 5:

- We would expect the broad equivalent of our Level 2 courses as a prerequisite for Level 4 and Level 5 courses. As a guide, visiting students should have experience with Java and should have taken a Data Structures & Algorithms course.
- Please see the specific prerequisites for each Honours course on the [course catalogue](#).
- Most exams for Level 4 and 5 take place in April/May and are therefore not available to Semester 1 students. We strongly recommend honours students take a full-year exchange. We cannot support alternative assessment outside of these exam diets.
- Only the following Level 4 and 5 courses can be selected for semester 1 only exchange: COMPSCI4009 Algorithmics I (H), COMPSCI4014 Human-Centred Systems Design and Evaluation (H), COMPSCI4038 Professional Skills and Issues (H), COMPSCI4107P Data Product Engineering, COMPSCI5006 Constraint Programming and COMPSCI5123 Trustworthy Systems: Verification and Synthesis.
- We would encourage students who wish to take a full course load of Level 4 and 5 courses to enrol on the Team Project (COMPSCI4047) and its companion course Professional Software Development (COMPSCI4015). This will avoid exam overload in the April/May exam diet.
- There may alternatively be an opportunity for Level 4 project work. Students wishing to take the Individual Project (COMPSCI4025P) must register early. Contact the visiting students team who will arrange registration on the project allocation system with Computing Science.

Engineering (ENG)

- Visiting students must refer to the School of Engineering Course Selection Information Pack available [here](#).
- Level 1 and 2 courses are not available to visiting students.
- Students can only take courses associated with one single Engineering degree, and all at the same level.
- Some Engineering degree programmes only offer 40/50 credits in one semester, unfortunately you cannot choose from another Engineering discipline and will need to take credits within another School
- Please ensure you carefully select your choice of discipline and level at time of application – changes of discipline after arrival is not possible
- Project work and project-based courses are not available in 2026/27.

Geography & Earth Science (GEOG and EARTH)

- Approval required for all course levels.
- Level 3 and Level 4 courses - please see the prerequisites for Honours courses in the course catalogue.
- Only one Level 3 course is available and runs in semester 2, GEOG3010. Prerequisites:
 - Full year students must take GEOG4013 and GEOG4015 in semester one.
 - Semester two only students require completed course equivalents to GEOG4013 and 4015 at their home institution.
 - Please note this course contains a field trip for which costs apply.
- Course availability can be limited and access to fieldwork is not guaranteed
- Administrative fees apply for courses involving a field work/trip option
- Geography and Earth Science courses start early and may be taught in blocks so late enrolment/course requests are not possible.

Mathematics (MATHS)

- Approval required for all course levels.
- Level 1 and Level 2 provide single semester options.
- Level 2 courses Maths 2 ABCDEF (or equivalent at home institution) are the typical pre-requisites for Level 3 and Level 4.
- Semester 1 only students are not permitted to take Level 3 and 4 courses as all exams take place in April/May and alternative invigilation at home institution is not possible.
- Due to exam requirements, we recommend study durations of semester 2 and full year for students requesting Level 3 or 4 courses.

Physics (PHYS)

- Most courses are year long with exams in April/May.
- Approval required for all course levels.
- Some Level 1, 4 and 5 courses offer a December exam. Semester 1 only students must request this December exam at time of enrolment.
- Some Level 5 courses may be available.
- Please note that there may be timetabling conflicts when mixing levels and with other subjects.

Statistics (STATS)

- Approval required for all course levels.
- Level 1 and Level 2 provide single semester options.
- Only selected Level 3 and level 4 courses are available to visiting students.
- Level 2 courses Maths 2 AB and Stats 2 RSXY (or equivalent at home institution) are the typical pre-requisites for Level 3 and Level 4.
- Semester 1 students only are not permitted to take Level 3 or 4 courses as all exams take place in April/May and alternative invigilation at home institution is not possible.
- Due to exam requirements, we recommend study durations of semester 2 and full year.

College of Social Sciences

Accounting & Finance (ACCFIN)

- To take courses in this subject area, you must request at least one Business School course (Management, Economics or Accounting and Finance) within your initial application form. Otherwise, you will not be able to request Accounting & Finance courses when you arrive in Glasgow.
- Students coming under an Accounting and Finance agreement are welcome to request courses from Economics and Management (subject to background)
- Students cannot mix levels within this subject; courses should be selected from one level
- No prerequisites for level 1 courses.
- Level 3 courses are not available to visiting students.

Central & Eastern European Studies (CEES)

- No prerequisites for Level 1 courses
- Prerequisites are required for Levels 2 and 4
- Please note that not all courses shown in the course catalogue will run every year. Normally only a selection of these will be on offer.
- Students coming under a Central and Eastern European Studies agreement must take 40 out of 60 Glasgow credits per semester within this subject area.

Economics (ECON)

- To take courses in this subject area, you must request at least one Business School course (Management, Economics or Accounting and Finance) within your initial application form. Otherwise, you will not be able to request Economics courses when you arrive in Glasgow.
- Students coming under an Economics agreement are welcome to request courses from Accounting, Finance and Management (subject to background)
- Students cannot mix levels within this subject; courses should be selected from one level with the exception that students taking Level 2 courses ECON2001 and/or ECON2002 may also take ECON1012/ECON1013 as they are designed to be combined and are recommended to be taken together
- No prerequisites for level 1 courses
- Level 3 courses are not available to visiting students
- Entry requirements for Honours courses: Students must have previously completed courses in Introductory and Intermediate Micro and Macro Economics plus some Maths/Stats.

Economic & Social History (ESH)

- No prerequisites required for Level 1 and 2 courses
- Prerequisites required for Level 4
- All students are welcome to request classes in this subject area. Approval will be subject to academic background and course availability.

Education (EDUC)

- Fundamentals of Education 1A and 1B (EDUC1012 & EDUC1013) have no pre-requisites.
- All other course choices have to be approved by the subject coordinator
- Courses which include and/or linked to placements and study trips are not available to visiting students.

Law (LAW)

- Please refer to the [Course List for Visiting Students](#) online and Law School's Visiting Students [Guide](#) which is being continually updated with new information for 2026-27, so please check regularly.
- Students must have at least 2 years study in Law to be eligible to enrol onto Level 4 courses. Non-Law students can apply for LAW 1006 (Public International Law) and LAW 1007 (Roman Law of Property and Obligations).
- A restricted number of courses are available to visiting students and certain courses can be oversubscribed.

Management (MGT)

- To take courses in this subject area, you must request at least one Business School course (Management, Economics or Accounting and Finance) within your initial application form. Otherwise, will not be able to request Management courses when you arrive in Glasgow.
- Students coming under a Management agreement are welcome to request courses from Economics and Accounting and Finance (subject to background)
- Levels 1, 2, 3 are not available to visiting students
- For Level 4 Management courses, you must ensure you meet the prerequisites. These are listed within our [course catalogue](#).

Politics (POLITIC)

- Level 1, 2 and 3 courses are not available
- Level 4 courses are usually only available to students on a Politics or International Relations home degree or major. Students should have prerequisites/a background of at least 2.5 to 3 years in Politics
- A restricted number of courses are available to visiting students.

Social & Environmental Sustainability - Dumfries campus (DUMF)

- These courses are for students applying to study at Dumfries campus
- The Dumfries campus is approximately 75 miles from Glasgow. It is therefore not normally possible to take courses from both Dumfries and Glasgow campuses.
- There is higher course availability in semester one.
- Visiting students are eligible for all levels of study in this school. There are no prerequisites for any course at any level.

Social & Public Policy (PUBPOL)

- No prerequisites are required for Level 1 courses
- Prerequisites (previous knowledge of social and public policy or related areas) are required for Levels 2, 3 and 4 courses
- If you are studying in your penultimate year of a bachelor or undergraduate degree with a focus on social and public policy, we suggest you select Level 4 courses (instead of Level 3)
- For most up to date information about the programme, course choices, and events and advice, please follow the Public Policy on X and Instagram: @UofGSPP.

Sociology (SOCIO)

- Level 1 and Level 3 courses are not available
- Prerequisites are required for Levels 2 and 4: you will need to have completed a course in Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology or a related area.
- Level 4 courses are usually only available to students on a Sociology home degree or major.

Unique Courses

Glasgow School of Art (GSA)

- These courses are worth 10 credits each and you may take a maximum of two
- Visiting students can only take a maximum of 20 credits from our GSA & NPC external courses, so it is not possible to take both
- Course details can be found on the UofG visiting students web pages
- Courses are not available to select on your application to University of Glasgow; however, you can request or note interest in these courses via a form provided by the Visiting Students team, before the application closes. Details to follow.
- Free of charge for Study Abroad students; fees applicable for Exchange students.

National Piping Centre (NPC)

- 20-credit course – Bagpipes: History, Repertoire and Performance
- Visiting students can only take a maximum of 20 credits from our GSA & NPC external courses, so it is not possible to take both
- This class consists of a scheduled lecture series, and individual tuition to be timetabled by arrangement
- Courses are not available to select on your application to University of Glasgow; however, you can request or note interest in these courses via a form provided by the Visiting Students team, before the application closes. Details to follow.
- Free of charge for Study Abroad students; fees applicable for Exchange students.

Introduction to Scottish Culture (HIST)

- 10-credit course: HIST1022/HIST1025
- An introduction to the development of Scotland through the ages from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Taught by staff from Archaeology, Celtic and Gaelic, History, and Scottish Literature departments
- There may be some restrictions to being able to take this course due to capacity limitations.

Curriculum for Life (C4L)

- University of Glasgow introduced these new courses last academic year and more will be available 2026/27 for visiting students to consider.
- These are credit bearing, elective courses designed to help you develop skills for your future and provide you with the opportunity to collaborate with student across the whole university. These courses will tackle real-world problems including human rights, societal change, data skills, social justice and intercultural literacies.

- All Curriculum for Life courses are designed to welcome students from any academic background, so there are no pre-requisites.
- You can find full details [here](#)
- Courses are not available to select on your application to University of Glasgow; however, you can request or note interest in these courses via a form provided by the Visiting Students team, before the application closes. Details to follow.

Adult and Continuing Education

Adult and Continuing Education – Lifelong Learning (ADED)

- Available to Study Abroad students. Exchange students may be able to take these courses where there is course capacity
- Single semester students cannot take full year courses
- Double check the dates and times of these courses carefully to ensure you can attend the full duration of the course
- Courses are not available to select on your application to University of Glasgow; however, you can request or note interest in these courses via a form provided by the Visiting Students team, before the application closes. Details to follow.
- Where your home degree requirements allow, we recommend taking up to 20 credits of your course load from Lifelong Learning courses as these introductory courses are in subject areas which can be oversubscribed within the University's general offering.

