



## Fact sheet for incoming Study Abroad & Exchange applicants – 2021/22

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General information	
Am I a Study Abroad or Exchange student?	<p>Exchange students are nominated to study at the University of Glasgow by their home institution as part of a bilateral agreement.</p> <p>Study Abroad students apply to study at the University of Glasgow on a fee-paying basis. Students may be nominated by one of our partner institutions, however, you may also apply directly or via one of our third-party provider partners.</p>
How much are the tuition fees for 2021/22?	<p><b>Exchange students</b> No tuition fee is payable to the University of Glasgow. Please confirm with your home institution if fees are payable to them.</p> <p><b>Study Abroad students</b> One semester - £8,825 Full academic year - £17,650</p>
How long can I study?	<p>You can study for one or two semesters. This can be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Semester 1 (September – December)</li> <li>or</li> <li>▪ Semester 2 (January – May)</li> <li>or</li> <li>▪ the full academic year (September – May)</li> <li>or</li> <li>▪ a calendar year (January – December) **Please note this involves studying Semester 2 followed by Semester 1.</li> </ul> <p>The session dates for 2021/22 are available on our website – <a href="https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/applicationdeadlinesandsemesterdates/">https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/applicationdeadlinesandsemesterdates/</a></p> <p>Please note students will not be permitted to leave early due to commitments at home such as work placements, internships, exams at home. All assessments must be completed before students depart from the University of Glasgow.</p>

<b>Step 1: Application</b>	
When can I apply?	<p>Applications for September will open in March. The deadline for September applications is 1<sup>st</sup> May.</p> <p>Applications for January will open in September. The deadline for January applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.</p>
How do I apply?	<p>Applications are made on our online system. The link will be available at <a href="http://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/studyabroadprogramme/howtoapply/">http://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/studyabroadprogramme/howtoapply/</a></p> <p>You must read the application guidance notes and Course Selection Guide on the website carefully before applying.</p> <p>You can apply to study at <b>either</b> the main campus <b>or</b> the Dumfries Campus. Due to the distance between the two campuses, students cannot choose courses across both campuses.</p>
What supporting documents do I have to provide?	<p><b>All students</b> should supply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An up-to-date Official Academic transcript.</li> <li>• A copy of the photo page of your passport.</li> </ul> <p><b>Students whose first language is not English:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of a recent English Language test, taken within 4 years and 5 months of the course start date. The requirement for the Study Abroad and Exchange programme is IELTS 6.0 with no subtest less than 5.5.</li> </ul> <p>Please see here for all accepted English testing options: <a href="#">English Language requirements</a></p>
Entrance requirements	<p>Our standard entry requirements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale*</li> <li>• English language of IELTS 6.0 with no subtest less than 5.5.</li> </ul> <p>*Individual courses may have specific entry requirements</p>
How many credits should I study?	<p>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 a small number can be 10, 15 or 30 credits.</p> <p>When selecting courses as part of the online application, please select more classes than the required course load of 60 credits per semester. This allows some flexibility if you cannot be enrolled on your first choices</p>
Can courses be guaranteed in advance?	<p>No, courses cannot be guaranteed in advance. For example, there may be timetable clashes, a course may be oversubscribed or may no longer be running. If this is the case, the Visiting Students team will work with students to find suitable alternatives.</p>

<p>How do I choose my courses?</p>	<p>You must choose courses as part of your online application.</p> <p>You must choose specific courses and NOT general subject areas and you can rank the courses in order of preference.</p> <p><a href="#">Classes available are listed in our course catalogue</a></p> <p><b>You do not need to look at the pre-requisites on the course catalogue. These apply to degree-seeking students only.</b></p> <p>You can select courses from multiple colleges across the University, regardless of which college you have selected on your application.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Areas that are <b>unavailable to visiting students</b> are Medicine, Vet Medicine and Dentistry. Additionally, level 5 courses in all subjects are unavailable.</p> <p>Semester 1 only students are not permitted to take level 3 and 4 Computing Science, Maths or Statistics courses.</p> <p><b>Course choices must be submitted within the application. Courses submitted after the application has been submitted will not be accepted.</b></p>
<p>Can I choose to study courses out with the University?</p>	<p>You can select courses at the Glasgow School of Art and the National Piping Centre.</p> <p>These courses cannot be selected as part of the online application process. You will have opportunities to meet colleagues from GSA and NPC at orientation events and may register once you arrive here in Glasgow.</p> <p>Fees for these courses are included in the Study Abroad fee.</p> <p>Exchange students must pay an additional fee for these external courses.</p>
<p>What happens after I submit my application</p>	<p>Once we receive your application, you will receive feedback from the Admissions team.</p> <p>This will be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an unconditional offer <b>OR</b></li> <li>• a conditional offer with request for further information/documents <b>OR</b></li> <li>• a note that your application has been unsuccessful.</li> </ul>
<p>How do I accept my offer?</p>	<p>You do not need to formally accept your offer.</p> <p>If you are an exchange student and decide to withdraw from the programme you must let the Visiting Students team know so that your place may be given to another student.</p>

<p>How do I find out if I have been accepted for my chosen courses?</p>	<p>When you receive an unconditional offer, your courses choices will be sent to academic staff for approval.</p> <p>The Visiting Students team will let you know whether, or not, you have been approved for your chosen courses. We will also advise if alternative courses have been suggested by academic staff.</p> <p>Once you have registered as a student at the University of Glasgow, the Visiting Students team will enrol you in classes for which you have been pre-approved, where possible. These classes will then appear on your timetable.</p> <p><b>**You should not attempt to enrol yourself in courses.</b></p> <p><b>Please note course enrolments are only final once you arrive in Glasgow.</b></p>
<p>Can I change my course choices?</p>	<p>Course changes can be requested once you arrive in Glasgow.</p> <p>All spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis, and so requests for course changes cannot be guaranteed.</p>
<p>Can I let the University know of any additional support needs?</p>	<p>You should contact our Disability Services team to advise them of your situation. This allows the team to fully support you pre-arrival and, where possible, to make sure arrangements are in place when you begin your studies.</p> <p>Once you receive an unconditional offer, you should download and complete the pre-entry form and send this to the Disability services team.</p> <p>Full details on this (including a link to the form) can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>

## Step 2: Preparing for arrival to Glasgow

Do I require a visa?	<p>All students who are not UK or Irish nationals are <b>required</b> to obtain immigration permission to study at the University of Glasgow.</p> <p>There are two options available to incoming students with regards to immigration in the United Kingdom:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Visitor Visa (for one semester stays) OR</li><li>2. Student Visa (for study periods longer than 6 months)</li></ol> <p>Full information on all visas can be found at <a href="https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/before/studentvisa/">https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/before/studentvisa/</a></p> <p><b>IMPORTANT – TRAVELLING VIA IRELAND: If you did not obtain a visa before travelling please do not travel to the UK via Dublin or any other airports in the Republic of Ireland.</b> This is because you will not pass through any UK immigration point and will therefore not be able to obtain UK immigration permission on arrival. If you will enter the UK via the Republic of Ireland, you must obtain your Visitor visa before leaving your own country. If you have already obtained a visa before leaving your own country, you can enter the UK via the Republic of Ireland without any issues.</p> <p><b>Entering the UK via eGates</b> If you are a national of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, USA, or any country in the European Economic Area (including Switzerland), you may be offered use of the electronic eGates when passing through UK immigration, instead of having to present your passport to a Border Force Officer. Please see here for details: <a href="#">eGates guidance</a></p> <p><b>If you are from a non-EEA country</b> - Your passport (and visa if you have one) will be checked at border control.</p>
How do I register as a student?	<p>You will be emailed when online registration is open. This email will include details of how to log onto the MyGlasgow and complete the registration process.</p> <p>You should complete academic registration as soon as possible in order for you to be enrolled in classes.</p> <p>Both academic and financial registration should be completed prior to your arrival in Glasgow.</p>
How do I apply for accommodation?	<p><b>Please note the accommodation application is a separate process. Students are responsible for ensuring they apply for accommodation. Details of how to apply for accommodation will be included in our offer letter.</b></p> <p>You can apply for accommodation 72 hours after receiving your offer letter.</p> <p>Study Abroad and Exchange students are guaranteed a place in University accommodation.</p>

	<p>Students are advised to apply as soon as possible as rooms are allocated on a first come first served basis.</p> <p>Students are asked to list up to six choices on their application. First choices are not guaranteed due to the volume of applications.</p> <p>Information about accommodation, including prices and contract dates can be found at <a href="http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/">http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/</a></p>
<b>Step 3: Orientation and arrival</b>	
What do I need to know about orientation?	<p>All students are required to take part in a mandatory Orientation session before you begin your studies at Glasgow.</p> <p>Please find up to date information on orientation at <a href="https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/before/orientation/">https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/before/orientation/</a></p>
What if I require healthcare while in Glasgow?	<p>Healthcare in the UK is mainly provided through the National Health Service (NHS). Please refer to our healthcare information here: <a href="https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/livinginuk/nhs/#non-eeanationals">https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/livinginuk/nhs/#non-eeanationals</a></p> <p>Students are strongly recommended to register with GP on arrival in Glasgow. This is free to do and there is a GP surgery on campus - <a href="http://www.universitybarclay.com/">http://www.universitybarclay.com/</a></p>
<b>Step 4: During your course</b>	
What is the teaching style like?	<p>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.</p> <p>In upper-level classes, lectures are often to smaller groups of students and in some departments are replaced by tutorials and seminars.</p> <p><b>You may find that they have very few contact hours and less assessment than you are used to at your home institution.</b></p> <p><b>It is important to note that higher education in Scotland places a strong emphasis on independent study.</b></p>
How will I be assessed?	<p>Assessment methods vary from course to course, but may include essay submissions, project work and end of semester exams.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to submit assessments and attend for exams punctually.</p>

## Step 5: Course completion

Exams and assessments

Details of assessment deadlines are included in course handbooks.  
Exam diets are held in December for Semester 1 students and April/ May for Semester 2 students.

Details of exam dates and deadlines can be found at  
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/registry/exams/dates/>

Students are expected to remain in Glasgow until the last day of semester.

You should remain in Glasgow until all exams and assessments have been completed.

Permission will not be given for students to return home early to attend interviews, internships, or family events