



University of Glasgow



STUDY ABROAD & EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Course Selection Guide

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HOW TO SELECT COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW



You will find information on all courses in the [Course Catalogue](#). This includes:

- Availability to visiting students — not all courses are available to you
- Semester that the course runs in
 - courses running for the full year are usually not suitable for semester-only students
 - courses normally will run just once per academic year – i.e. if a course is listed as semester 1, it will not run in semester 2

How many credits do I have to take?

- 60 Glasgow credits for 1 semester or
- 120 Glasgow credits for a full year – ideally this would 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 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 are not available to visiting students**

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 pre-requisites/background knowledge to take the classes you have requested.

You do not need to pay attention to pre-requisites listed in the Course Catalogue, those apply to degree-seeking students only.

Pre-Arrival enrolment will be based on application course approval by the academic subject coordinator. You will receive feedback on your course choices before the start of your exchange.

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. Your class enrolment will be finalised when you arrive in Glasgow. You should be prepared to identify alternatives and confirm with your home university that they can approve these.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW SUBJECTS

The University of Glasgow has four Colleges, and in each of these are a number of Schools. You may take classes across all Colleges, although there may be frequent timetable clashes between subjects in different Colleges. The subjects available to visiting students in each College are as follows:

College of Arts:

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

College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences:

- Life Sciences
- Psychology

Unique Courses

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

College of Science and Engineering

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

College of Social Sciences

- Accounting & Finance
- Central and Eastern European Studies
- Economics
- Economic & Social History
- Education
- Law
- Management
- Politics
- Public Policy

Widening Participation and Lifelong Learning

Classes that are NOT available:

- Medicine (MED)
- Dentistry (DENT)
- Veterinary Medicine (VETMED)
- Postgraduate level (5XXX)

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If a subject is not listed here, this means there are no restrictions on the classes visiting students can take, provided you are eligible from an academic perspective.

Archaeology (ARCH)

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

Celtic Studies & Scottish Gaelic (CELTCIV/GAELIC)

- No previous knowledge required for Gaelic 1 (Beginners)
- Some previous experience required for Gaelic 1 & 2 (Intermediate)
- Students are required to be fluent for Gaelic 1 & 2 (Advanced)
- Level 1 and 2 Scottish Gaelic language courses are not available from Semester 2. Please come in semester 1 or for the full year
- Level 1 and 2 Celtic Civilisation modules are open to all and require no previous background
- Prerequisite knowledge required for levels 3 and 4

Classics, Latin & Greek (CLASSIC/LATIN/GREEK)

- There are language pre-requisites for all LATIN and GREEK 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
- Level 1 Classical Civilisation modules are open to all and require no previous background
- Prerequisite knowledge required for levels 2,3 and 4

Comparative Literature (COMPLIT)

- Single semester students can choose from Levels 1, 2 and some level 4 courses which can be taken in a single-semester version
- Full year students: Levels 1 – 4 available

English for Academic Study (EAS)

- Students attending under any agreement can request these courses.
- EAP language courses have specific language level entry requirements and restrictions

1. **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.

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.

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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.**

- We strongly discourage taking EAP 1 and EAP 2 in the same semester as they are both high in contact hours (5 hours per week each) and have been designed to respond to different needs.
- For further details, please contact arts-eapconvenor@glasgow.ac.uk.
- For specific questions regarding EAP 1, please contact Jolanta.Hudson@glasgow.ac.uk and for EAP 2 Iwona.Winiarska-Pringle@glasgow.ac.uk
- For more information visit the EAP section on our [EAS website](#)
- You will receive more information about these courses closer to the time of your arrival.

English Literature (ENGLIT)

- If you are an English major, you may take up to two level 4 courses in English Literature. 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 and 2 classes. You will not be given access to level 4

FILM & TV STUDIES (FTV)

- Students may request courses from level 1 and 2 but please note these are often over-subscribed and they do require some relevant academic background in the subject
- Level 3 and 4 courses require substantial academic background in the subject
- Level 3 and 4 Practical Film-making courses are not available to visiting students

French (FRENCH)

- Only full year students may take FRENCH1006 or FRENCH2011
- Full year and semester 1 only students may take Level 1 Beginners (FRENCH1005)
- Semester 2 only students cannot take any language courses with a FRENCH code – you should refer to Languages for International Mobility instead (see below)

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
- German language courses are not available to native German speakers
- Prerequisite knowledge required for levels 2, 3 and 4

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History (HIST)

- No prerequisites for entry into Level 1 courses
- Prerequisite knowledge required for levels 2, 3 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

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 ITALIAN1005 or ITALIAN2011
- Full year and semester 1 only students may take Level 1 Beginners (ITALIAN1004)
- Semester 2 only students cannot take any language courses with an ITALIAN code – you should refer to Languages for International Mobility instead (see below)

LANGUAGES FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

(MFL Unit within the School of Modern Languages and Cultures)

- 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 enrol in an Int Mob 2, 3 or 4 course. You will take a short entry quiz on Moodle to determine the most appropriate level for you. This normally happens after you have registered at Glasgow
- Courses available in Arabic, Catalan, Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish
- 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) require an audition to take place in week 0 of the academic year
- 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)

- 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
- No previous philosophy is required for entry at levels 1 and 2.
- Prerequisite knowledge is required for levels 3 and 4

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Russian (RUSSIAN)

- Only full year students may take RUSSIAN2001
- Full year and semester 1 only students may take RUSSIAN1001 or 1002
- Semester 2 only students cannot take any language courses with a RUSSIAN code – you should refer to Languages for International Mobility instead (see page 5)
- Russian language courses are not available to native Russian speakers

Spanish (HISP)

- Only full year students may take HISP1008, HISP1009, HISP1007, HISP2010 or HISP2011. Please note that these courses are often oversubscribed. Students coming for only one semester should refer to Languages for International Mobility instead.

THEATRE STUDIES (THEATRE)

- No prerequisites required for level 1 and level 2 courses
- 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)
- Shaping Futures: Theatre and Cultural Policy (THEATRE4083)
- 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
- Courses that run across both semesters 1 and 2 are not available to single semester students (e.g. TRS1003)
- Level 1 courses - open to all students with a major in humanities or social sciences, and to students with other majors (e.g. in Science and Engineering) 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, generally in Theology and Religious Studies (this course programme rotates over two years)
- 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

Life Sciences (BIOL)

- No pre-requisites are required for level 1 Biology & Life Sciences courses
- At least 40 credits must be selected within Life Sciences
- 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 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. Animal Biology 3A and 3B. Most Level 3 classes have course codes beginning BIOL4xxx but can be identified by having 3A or 3B in their names.
- 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 (taking place on Mondays)
 - ◇ An additional option course worth 20 credits (taking place on Fridays)
 - ◇ You would not be able to take a full course load in Biology and would therefore need to take another 20 credits in a different subject area
- Semester 2 will have 4 option blocks:
 - ◇ Block A will take place on Mondays, Block B on Tuesdays, Block C on Thursdays, and Block D on Fridays
 - ◇ All of these options will be worth 20 credits, and you could therefore take a full course load in Biology if eligible
- We therefore recommend semester 2 or full year study for Biology
- Students taking Level 4 courses can only take 1 course in each 5 week teaching block as assessments are at the same time for all courses in the block
- Entry to level 4 classes is dependent on 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 focussed 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.

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Psychology (PSYCH)

- No prerequisites required for Level 1 but please note these courses are often over-subscribed
- Psychology 1B can only be taken by full academic year students who have taken Psychology 1A; Psychology 2B can only be taken by full academic year students who have taken Psychology 2A
- Level 3 classes – Students should have a background of at least 1.5 to 2 years (or an equivalent number of credits) in Psychology
- Level 4 classes – Students should have a background of at least 2.5 to 3 years (or an equivalent number of credits) in Psychology

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

If a subject is not listed here, this means there are no restrictions on the classes visiting students can take, provided you are eligible from an academic perspective.

Astronomy (ASTRO)

- Most Astronomy courses are year-long and hence unsuitable for semester only students
- ASTRO1001 is not always available, but we recommend ASTRO1003 Exploring the Cosmos as an alternative

Chemistry (CHEM)

- Please note that it is normally not possible to take Chemistry classes alongside other subjects due to timetabling constraints.
- Levels within Chemistry cannot be mixed. Students take all credits from one approved level in this subject.
- There are limited options for Semester 1 and Semester 2 only students – a full year duration for this subject is preferable.
- Attendance is compulsory at all class lectures, tutorials and laboratories

Computing Science (COMPSCI)

- All exams for level 3 and 4 take place in April/May – alternative assessment/ invigilation at your home institution is not possible
- Level 3 and 4 are therefore **not available to Semester 1 students**
- **Due to exam requirements, we recommend study durations of semester 2 or full year**

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Engineering (ENG)

Please refer to the School of Engineering Course Selection Guide

- Level 1 and 2 are **not** available to visiting students
- 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
- Visiting students are expected to follow the School of Engineering course selection guide and only take courses associated with **one single Engineering degree**, and all **at the same level** (i.e. all ENG3xxx or ENG4xxx from one programme such as Civil Engineering or Electrical Engineering)

Please ensure you carefully select your choice of discipline and level at point of application – changes of discipline after arrival are not possible

- Students may request a mixture of ENG4xxx and ENG5xxx courses within a single discipline, although there may be timetabling difficulties (this is an exception to the standard rule that level 5 classes are not available)
- Project work is not available in 2022/23

Geography & Earth Science (GEOG and EARTH)

- Administrative fees apply for courses involving a field work/trip option

Mathematics (MATHS)

- All exams for Level 3 and 4 take place in April/May– alternative assessment/ invigilation at your home institution is not possible
- Level 3 and 4 are therefore **not available to Semester 1 students**
- **Due to exam requirements, we recommend study durations of semester 2 or full year**

Physics (PHYS)

- Semester 1 only students must register for December exam diet version of Level 3, 4 & 5 courses and must inform relevant Course Convenors if taking Level 1 & 2 courses.
- More information on this will be provided to students during Orientation
- A minority of Level 5 courses may be available to students who are studying at postgraduate level at their home university
- **Project work may be available in 2022/23 and should be arranged with a suitable supervisor**

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Statistics (STATS)

- Only selected level 3 courses are available to visiting students. Please check the most up to date information on availability [here](#).
- All exams for Levels 3 and 4 take place in April/May– alternative assessment/ invigilation at your home institution is not possible
- Semester 1 students must return to Glasgow to sit exams during the standard exam diet
- Due to exam requirements, we recommend study durations of semester 2 or full year

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

If a subject is not listed here, this means there are no restrictions on the classes visiting students can take, provided you are eligible from an academic perspective.

Accounting and Finance (ACCFIN)

- In order to take classes in this subject area, you must request them on your application form. You will **not** be able to request Accounting & Finance classes when you arrive in Glasgow
- Students cannot mix levels within this subject; classes should be selected from one level

Economics (ECON)

- In order to take classes in this subject area, you must request them on your application form. You will **not** be able to request Economics classes when you arrive in Glasgow
- Entry requirements for Honours courses: Students must have previously completed courses in Introductory and Intermediate Micro and Macro Economics plus some Maths/Stats.
- Students cannot mix levels within this subject; classes should be selected from one level
- Level 3 classes are not available
- ECON2002 has been designed to be combined with ECON1011 and it is recommended to take these courses together
- Course codes for courses which list (Exchange) at the end of the course name are internal codes only. Please instead choose the main, non-exchange, course code on your application.

ECONOMIC & SOCIAL HISTORY (ESH)

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

Education (EDUC)

- Limited availability of courses in semester 2; we recommend semester 1 or full year
- Placement courses and study trips are not available to visiting students

Interdisciplinary Studies (Dumfries campus) (DUMF)

- Our Dumfries campus is a satellite campus and it is NOT possible to take courses at both Glasgow and Dumfries

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Law (LAW)

- Please read the Law School's [Visiting Students Guide](#)

Management (MGT)

- In order to take classes in this subject area, you must request them on your application form. You will **not** be able to request Management classes when you arrive in Glasgow
- Students cannot mix levels within this subject; classes should be selected from one level
- Level 3 classes are not available
- Course codes for courses listed as EXCHANGE (e.g. MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS (EXCHANGE STUDENTS) MGT4101) should *not* be selected as they are internal codes only. Please instead choose the main, non-exchange, course code on your application (e.g. MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS MGT4013)

Politics (POLITIC)

- Students cannot mix levels within this subject; classes should be selected from one level
- No prerequisites are required for level 1 courses
- Level 3 classes are not available
- Prerequisites apply for entry to Level 4 courses.
- A restricted number of courses in level 4 is available to visiting students

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/final 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 updated information about the programme, course choices, and events and advice, please follow the Public Policy Twitter and Instagram: @UofGSPP

Sociology (SOCIO)

- No prerequisites are required for level 1 courses.
- Prerequisites are required for levels 2, 3 and 4.

UNIQUE COURSES

Glasgow School of Art

- 10 credit courses and you may take a maximum of two
- Courses available for 2022-23 are not yet confirmed. These will be available [here](#) once the list is confirmed
- Sign-ups happen with Glasgow School of Art on arrival – you will not be able to select these classes on your application
- Free of charge for Study Abroad students; fees applicable for Exchange students

National Piping Centre

- 20 credit course
- Bagpipes: History, Repertoire and Performance
- This class consists of a scheduled lecture series, and individual tuition to be timetabled by arrangement
- Sign-ups happen with the National Piping Centre on arrival – you will not be able to select this class on your application
- Free of charge for Study Abroad students; fees applicable for Exchange students

Functional Anatomy (BIOL2023/2038) **To be confirmed for 2022/23**

- 20 credit course
- This course must be requested on your application form in order to be considered
- Aimed at Pre-Med or Pre-Health students who are intending to apply to medical school in the USA
- You will learn basic medical terminology, core concepts in regional anatomy, clinical correlations and applications of anatomy, and basic radiology
- You will use real specimens, historic collections, and the latest technology
- Entry requirement: 3.4 GPA (on 4.0 scale); Pre-Med/Pre-Health/Science major, beginning third (Junior) year of study
- Available to Study Abroad students only

Introduction to Scottish Culture (HIST1022/1025)

- 10 credit course
- 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

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING

Widening Participation and Lifelong Learning Courses (ADED)

- Available free of charge to all **Visiting Students**
- Single semester students **cannot** take full year courses
- Enrolment for these courses is direct with the WP&LLL team - you will not be able to select this class on your application.
- Double check the dates and times of these courses carefully to ensure you can attend the full duration of the course
- A list of courses that are available for credits will be available [here](#) closer to the start of the semester
- Please be aware booking deadline is earlier than the start of session. There will be more information available for Visiting students [here](#)
- Available to Study Abroad students only.