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A Handbook for Living and Studying in Glasgow



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Introduction

This handbook has been designed to provide a fun and informative guide to student life at the University of Glasgow. Here you can learn about the support and facilities available on campus, and the many attractions you can enjoy in and around the city of Glasgow.

The guide has been put together by students of the University of Glasgow to support future students with their transition to the city of Glasgow and the University of Glasgow does not endorse any of the non-University affiliated providers. Recommendations are based wholly on student testimonials and experiences.

Glasgow the City

Being Scotland's largest city, Glasgow is cosmopolitan and is the third-largest city in the United Kingdom. Glasgow has a vibrant city life with a legendary live music scene, hosting countless international festivals, and provides the best shopping in the UK outside London. Chinese culture is very influential in Glasgow, with a wealth of Chinese restaurants, supermarkets, and traditional Chinese medicine stores in the city. Glasgow is also one of the world's leading destinations for sporting events; the city hosted football matches as part of the London 2012 Olympic Games and was delighted to have hosted the 2014 Commonwealth Games. In 2017 it hosted the BWF Badminton World Championships. In 2022 it will host the 150th Open golf tournament at St Andrews and in 2023, the UCI Cycling World Championship.

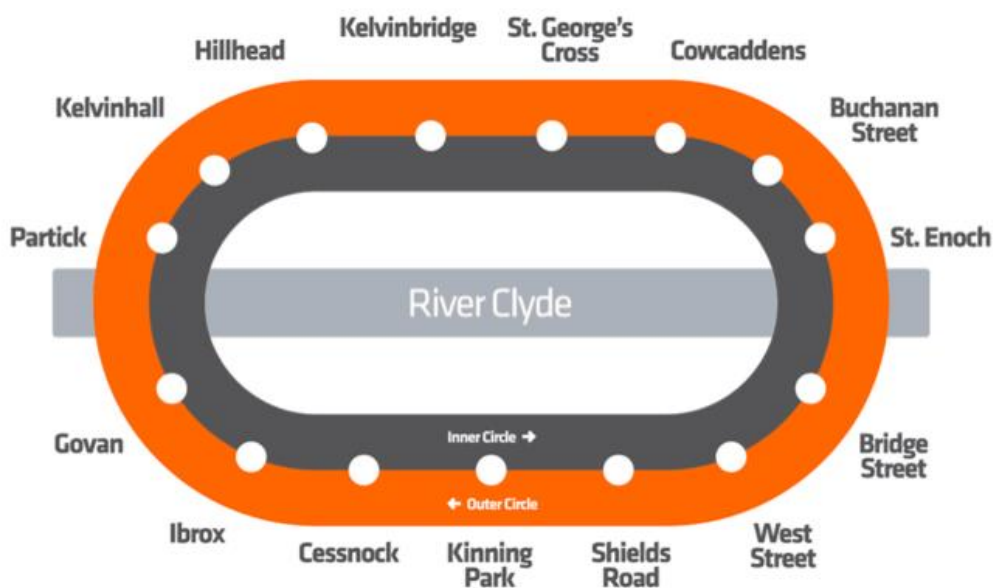


Transport

There are many easy and affordable ways to get around Glasgow, which is well served by trains, busses, subways, and which has a growing number of cycle paths as well as pedestrian walkways.

Glasgow Subway

The most popular mode of transport in the West End of Glasgow (where the University is located) is the Glasgow Subway service. The subway has 15 stops which go all around the City Centre and even into the Southside under the River Clyde. You can travel all day on the Subway for just £4.20 or a single ticket for £1.75, the subway is very useful to get into the City Centre quickly and travel further from there as it has additional train stations as will be described. A map of the subway line can be seen, it is impossible to get lost as it is just one big loop. The closest stops to the University are Kelvinbridge and Hillhead with the two stops in the city centre being Buchanan Street and St. Enoch, only around 8-10 minutes in travel time. More information and timetables can be found at <https://www.spt.co.uk/>



Glasgow Central Station

Central Station is the main train station in Glasgow and is where you would go for longer journeys to London and other parts of England. Central Station also goes to many local attractions in the Southside such as Pollok Park, which is Glasgow's largest park and is just a 9-minute train journey costing only £2. There are many places to visit in the Southside and further beyond from Central Station and is the go-to station if you would like to see more in and around Glasgow. To get to Central Station, you can use the Subway Service or even walk from the University, only a 30-minute walk. All train information can be found at <https://www.scotrail.co.uk/>.

Glasgow Queen Street Station

Queen Street station has recently become more popular due to a large renovation as is the easiest Station to access directly from the university as it is attached directly to the Buchanan Street Subway stop. The attraction of Queen Street station is that it has more services to Edinburgh than Central Station which take around 50 minutes and they have services around every half an hour in peak times. Also, with Queen Street Station there are more routes up to the North of Scotland, such as Balloch which is at the foot of Loch Lomond which is a famous attraction in Scotland.



Glasgow Buses

To save money a lot of students now travel by bus as anyone under 22 living in Scotland can now travel on the bus for free around Scotland. Other than being free the buses are a great way to travel locally around Glasgow as there are bus stops all along University Avenue and even one right outside of the University Library. To apply for free bus travel use this link: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/concessionary-travel/young-persons-free-bus-travel-scheme/> as it describes the application process, the travel pass should arrive within 3 weeks. To access the routes and plan your journey the First Bus app or website (<https://www.firstbus.co.uk/>) is very helpful and will even tell you alternative modes of transport if buses can't take you the full journey.



Day Trips

Below many day trips are shown which give a great insight into attractions nearby the University. All information is shown below, and bus routes are said to be free if you have access to the free bus travel card mentioned earlier.

Edinburgh

Many attractions such as Edinburgh Castle, a busy high street, and is where JK Rowling got her inspiration for the Harry Potter Series.



Travel from Glasgow University:

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Subway	Hillhead	Buchanan Street	8 minutes	£1.75
Walk	Buchanan Street	Queen Street Station	1 minute	N/A
Train	Queen Street Station	Edinburgh Waverly	1 hour	£14.00

OR

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Bus [Number 15]	University Avenue	Buchanan Street Bus Station	10 minutes	FREE or £2
Bus [Number 900/909]	Buchanan Street Bus Station	Edinburgh	1 hour and 16 minutes	FREE or £13

Pollok Country Park

Glasgow's largest park (shown on the next page) features much interesting wildlife including the famous Highland Cow! It is also home to a large collection of public art – the recently reopened Burrell Collection.



Travel from Glasgow University:

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Subway	Hillhead	St. Enoch	10 minutes	£1.75
Walk	St. Enoch	Glasgow Central Station	5 minutes	N/A
Train	Glasgow Central Station	Pollokshaws West	9 minutes	£2.00
Walk	Pollokshaws West	Pollok Park	15 minutes	N/A

OR

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Subway	Hillhead	St. Enoch	10 minutes	£1.75
Bus [Number 3]	Howard Street	Pollokshaws	13 minutes	FREE or £2.50
Walk	Pollokshaws	Pollok Park	15 minutes	N/A

Loch Lomond

This is one of Scotland's most iconic and famous Lochs. Surrounding it are endless beautiful landscapes. If you are lucky, you can see red deer and can view the peaks of the famous Ben Lomond mountain – often covered with snow. Loch Lomond has a surface area of 71 km² and is 153 m (502 ft) at its deepest.



Travel from Glasgow University:

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Subway	Hillhead	Buchanan Street	8 minutes	£1.75
Walk	Buchanan Street	Queen Street Station	1 minute	N/A
Train	Queen Street Station	Balloch	49 minutes	£6.20
Walk	Balloch	Ben Lomond Way	11 minutes	N/A

OR

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Bus [Number 15]	University Avenue	Buchanan Street Bus Station	10 minutes	FREE or £2
Bus [Number 926]	Buchanan Street Bus Station	Lower Stoneyhill Road	45 minutes	FREE or £3 (all-day ticket)
Walk	Lower Stoneyhill Road	Ben Lomond Way	14 minutes	N/A

Stirling Castle

This is the location of the famous Battle of Bannockburn in which Robert the Bruce defeated English invaders, the castle is built upon a 76-meter-high volcanic rock.



Travel from Glasgow University:

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Subway	Hillhead	Buchanan Street	8 minutes	£1.75
Walk	Buchanan Street	Queen Street Station	1 minute	N/A
Train	Queen Street Station	Stirling	30 minutes	£9.10
Walk	Stirling Train Station	Stirling Castle	15 minutes	N/A

OR

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Subway	Hillhead	Buchanan Street	8 minutes	£1.75
Walk	Buchanan Street	Queen Street Station	1 minute	N/A
Bus [Number X10]	Queen Street Station	Stirling	1 hour and 45 minutes	FREE or £11.50 (all-day ticket)
Walk	Stirling Bus Stop	Stirling Castle	15 minutes	N/A

Riverside Transport Museum

A multi-award-winning museum on the banks of the River Clyde, it has over 3000 objects from Glasgow's history, including a look at the original Subway Station design. While visiting the Riverside Museum you can also step foot on The Tall Ship, a sail trailing icon of the Spanish navy which sits on the River Clyde.



Travel from Glasgow University:

Mode of Transport	From	To	Duration	Cost
Walk	University Avenue	Burnhouse Road	6 minutes	N/A
Bus [Number 100]	Burnhouse Road	Riverside Transport Museum	6 minutes	FREE or £2.00

The Hogwarts Express (The Jacobite)

Ride on the train across the iconic bridge seen in the Harry Potter movies and pretend you are Harry and are travelling to your first day at Hogwarts. The famous Glenfinnan viaduct is an unmistakable landmark for all Harry Potter fans and is a must do for all fans of the iconic series.



To travel on the famous line, you will have to secure a ticket through West Coast Railways in advance (<https://westcoastrailways.co.uk/jacobite/steam-train-trip>), this is a 2-hour trip taking you from Fort William to Mallaig. When you arrive in Mallaig there are many souvenir shops and sights to see around the quaint town before returning to Fort William along the Glenfinnan Viaduct once more. There are many great photo opportunities along the way. There are two options for the trip, a morning service and afternoon, the full return trips are shown:

Morning Service (times may change)

Mode of Transport	From	To	Departs	Arrives	Cost
Walk	University Avenue	Kersland Street	06:43	06:53	N/A
Bus [Number 916]	Kersland Street	Fort William Bus Station	06:53	09:46	FREE or £12.50
Walk	Fort William Bus Station	Fort William Train Station	09:46	09:50	N/A
Train	Fort William Train Station	Mallaig	10:15	12:26	£26
Train	Mallaig	Fort William Train Station	14:10	16:03	£26
Bus [Number 916]	Fort William Bus Station	Kersland Street	18:33	22:17	FREE or £12.50
Walk	Kersland Street	University Avenue	22:17	22:27	N/A

Afternoon Service (times may change)

Mode of Transport	From	To	Departs	Arrives	Cost
Subway	Hillhead	Buchanan Street	08:05	08:13	£1.75
Walk	Buchanan Street	Queen Street Station	08:13	08:14	N/A
Train	Queen Street Station	Fort William	08:21	12:08	£34.50
Train	Fort William Train Station	Mallaig	12:50	15:06	£26
Train	Mallaig	Fort William Train Station	17:00	18:52	£26
Train	Fort William Train Station	Queen Street Station	18:33	22:17	FREE or £12.50
Walk	Kersland Street	University Avenue	22:17	22:27	N/A
Subway	Buchanan Street	Hillhead	22:28	22:36	£1.75
Walk	Hillhead	University Avenue	22:36	22:46	N/A

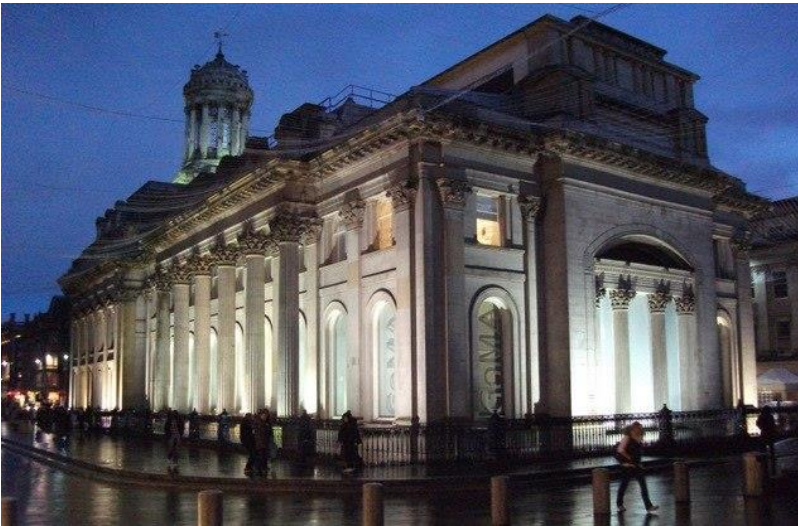
Culture



Kelvingrove Art Gallery

Moments from the main campus, it is one of Scotland's most popular visitor attractions. It opened in 1901. The museum has 22 galleries, housing a range of exhibits, including Renaissance art, taxidermy, and artifacts from ancient Egypt. A favourite of the museum is the Christ of Saint John of the Cross which is a painting by Salvador Dalí made in 1951 which is in the collection of the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. You can find out more here:

[Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum — Glasgow Life](#)



Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA)

A free gallery with café and WiFi in the heart of the City Centre (near the Merchant City). This relatively new museum hosts regular temporary exhibitions by exciting and often unusual Scottish artists working across media.

[Gallery Of Modern Art \(GoMA\) GlasgowA live archive of programmes, practice, and partnerships](#)



The Mitchell Library

A landmark domed public library with over 1 million reference books, free Wi-Fi, a cafe and a theatre.

For more details include the bottom: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries/venues/the-mitchell-library>

Music Scene and Venues

Glasgow has been a UNESCO City of Music since 2008. Some famous bands and artists from Glasgow include Altered Images, Belle & Sebastian, Deacon Blue, Franz Ferdinand, Mogwai and Primal Scream and Texas – to name only a few!

The O₂ Academy Glasgow is a music venue on Eglinton Street in the Gorbals area of Glasgow. It holds 2,500 people.

[Home | O2 Academy Glasgow \(academymusicgroup.com\)](http://academymusicgroup.com)

Artists who have played there include James Brown, The Killers and comedian Jimmy Carr.



The Barrowland ballroom is a dance and music venue in Glasgow famous since the 1930s. Artists who have played there include David Bowie, Joey Bada\$\$, Beastie Boys and Lauryn Hill.

[The Barrowland Ballroom Glasgow – Information on the Barrowland Ballroom Glasgow events and history. \(barrowland-ballroom.co.uk\)](http://barrowland-ballroom.co.uk)



The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall is a beautiful, classical venue which is home to the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. The Main Auditorium is its largest performance space and can seat 2,475 people.

As well as classical events, it has “played host to many amazing cultural events, including annual folk and roots festival Celtic Connections and the World Irish Dancing Championships”.

[Glasgow Royal Concert Hall \(glasgowconcerthalls.com\)](http://glasgowconcerthalls.com)

Ashton Lane, Byres Road, and Great Western Road

Ashton Lane is a cobbled backstreet. It is connected to Byres Road by a short linking lane beside Hillhead subway station and has numerous bars, restaurants, and its very own licensed cinema.



Creswell Lane – a small area in the west end full of pubs, restaurants and various shops selling everything from homeware to unique boutique gifts. Vintage lovers would love Creswell lane.

Byres Road – with a range of bars, shops and restaurants that would suit most tastes, it is the heart and soul of Glasgow West End. It has proximity to the University of Glasgow which means you will find many students there

Great Western Road - It is Glasgow's longest and straightest road. It includes many shops, bars and restaurants.



Glasgow Botanic Gardens

At the crossroads of Great Western Road, Byres Road and Queen Margaret Drive, sits a beautiful public garden with a wide variety of temperate and tropical flora, a herb garden, and several glass houses. The Botanic Gardens hosts many public and community events, including the 'GlasGLOW' immersive light festival each October/November.

Opening times vary throughout the year. In Summer the gates are usually open until 8.30pm. On sunny days it's a popular destination for students who want to sit and sunbathe or read, alone or with friends. There are cafes and snack vans on site.

[Home - Glasgow Botanic Gardens](#)

[Glasgow Botanic Gardens - Glasgow City Council](#)

The **Merchant City** is an area close to George Square and Glasgow City Chambers, in the centre of Glasgow, Scotland. It contains offices, flats, retail shops, restaurants, and bars. It hosts many annual festivals.



Chinatown

The shops include cash and carry outlets where Chinese shop owners can buy food and stock for their businesses. Financed by Chung Ying Investments, the complex opened in 1992. The first Chinese restaurant in Glasgow was the Wah Yen in Govan Road, opened by Jimmy Yih in the late 1940s.

For more information look at: [TheGlasgowStory: Chinatown](#)



Glasgow University Campus

The university is spread over a few campuses. The main one is the Gilmorehill campus, in Hillhead. There is also the Garscube Estate in Bearsden, which hosts the Veterinary School, the Observatory, a ship model basin, and much of the university's sports facilities. The Dental School lies on the edge of the city centre, on Sauchiehall Street. Gartnavel Royal Hospital situated on Great Western Road hosts the University's Institute of Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Campus maps are available here: [University of Glasgow - Explore - Maps and travel](#)

Glasgow is an amazing choice for the best students from almost 140 different countries, with currently over 1,500 students from China.

The University is structured into four Colleges, which comprise 20 Schools and 11 Research Institutes. The School of Engineering is the largest member of the College of Science and Engineering, which also includes related subjects such as Computing Science, Mathematics, and Physics. They collaborate on research and teaching with the other Colleges as well: Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences, Social Sciences, and Arts.



Essential Preparations

There are a few things you need to do and know before travelling to Glasgow. The University has included a pre-departure checklist on their website which could help you prepare for your stay. The link is included below:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/before/planjourney/#whattottobring.shippingyourgoodstotheuk.whattoexpect.usefulresources>

Covid-19

Information about the latest Covid-19 guidance for the university is included below. Also included is the latest Scottish government guidance regarding Covid-19:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/before/planjourney/#whatnottobring.shippingyourgoodstotheuk.whattoexpect.usefulresources.covid-19information> – University of Glasgow

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/> - Scottish Government

University Accommodation

The University of Glasgow has a number of undergraduate residences. Most are self-catering.

The main webpage for accommodation can be accessed at: [University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Accommodation Services](#)



Cairncross House

This residence offers accommodation over 4 floors, comprising a mix of single, twin and large single study bedrooms which all have individual Internet connectivity incorporating Wi-Fi.



Kelvinhaugh Gate

This residence offers self-contained flats comprise 3 or 5 single study bedrooms and a common living/kitchen area.



Kelvinhaugh Street

This residence offers self-contained, 5 person flats contain single study bedrooms, a common living/kitchen area, shower room and toilet facilities.



Murano Street Student Village

This residence offers self-contained flats comprise of single study bedrooms, a common living/kitchen area, bathroom, and toilet facilities.



Queen Margaret Residence

This residence offers self-contained flats for single study with ensuite bedrooms and a common dining/kitchen area.

Student Apartments

This residence offers student flats based in traditional tenement buildings which are typically located near the University. All rooms and kitchens are well equipped and there is plenty of space. Twin rooms are single sex.



The Winton Drive

This residence offers self-contained cluster flats house 2-5 persons and contain single study bedrooms, a common kitchen/dining area, bathroom and toilet facilities.



Wolfson Hall

This residence is the only catered site serving breakfast and dinner on weekdays as well as brunch and dinner at weekends. It contains a mix of en suite and standard single study bedrooms. The residence is located within the West of Scotland Science Park, close to the Vet School.

Dumfries Hall

This residence offers modern, self-catering undergraduate and postgraduate accommodation for those studying at the Dumfries Campus. The Residence is arranged over two floors, comprising spacious single, en suite study bedrooms all with individual internet connectivity.

Brooke House

As above. This residence offers modern, self-catering undergraduate and postgraduate accommodation for those studying at the Dumfries Campus. The Residence is arranged over two floors, comprising spacious single, en suite study bedrooms all with Wi-Fi and cabled internet connectivity.

There are full details for all the options mentioned above, including pricing, provisions, and videos, at:

[University of Glasgow - Undergraduate study - Undergraduate accommodation - Residence profiles](#)

A map of residences can be found at:

[University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Accommodation Services - Residence map](#)

Many of these sites have 'Living Support Teams' – current UoG staff and students who live on site and provide out of hours support to residents. Find out more about them at [University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - Student Services - Living Support](#)

Student Representation and Student Life

This section includes details about student representative bodies, study spaces and societies.

Student Bodies

The University of Glasgow is unique as it has 4 student-led bodies who share the responsibility of caring about the needs of students.

Two of the Student Unions (The Queen Margaret Union and the Glasgow University Union) focus on organising events and social activities while the SRC represents students. GUSA is the sports union which focuses on sports, health, and wellbeing.

Each body has its own student governance board.

The SRC

The Glasgow University Student' Representative Council (GUSRC/SRC) has much to offer from advice service to student media.

The SRC is the only one of the four University student bodies of which every new student is automatically a member.

There work falls under 3 categories- student representative, student support and volunteering. The SRC made up of a small team and around 50 student officers, elected to Council at elections every Spring and Autumn every year. The SRC Council consists of academic reps, welfare reps, general reps and sabbatical officers (4 students including the present who have taken a year out from studying to support students).



SRC can help with academic appeals, volunteering opportunities, accommodation support etc.

The SRC is the only legally recognised representative body on campus. They have access to highest levels of governance all the way up to the university Court.

Mind Your Mate is a peer led mental health initiative created by the SRC. It gives students a chance to identify signs of mental-ill health and depression in themselves or their peers. It also gives them a chance to learn how to assist those in distress.

For more information: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/studentlife/fourstudentbodies/>

Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officers on the SRC Council

The SRC council has Welfare and Equal opportunities officers. They are responsible for representing the concerns of all students that fall out with academic representation. Each officer has a particular role and duty. The officers are matriculated students of the university.

International Students Officer

The International Students Officer represents international students on a broad range of issues. They liaise with the VP student support and various international groups across the university. International students should feel free to talk to the International Students Officer about any issue they have. The International

Students Officer may also run events during the year for international students. The International Officer position is currently held by Xinyu He.



Contact email is: int-officer@src.gla.ac.uk

Race Equality Officer



They represent students on issues such as race equality. The Race Equality Officer must liaise regularly with the VP Student Support and represent the views of students. The position is currently held by Temisan Atsegoh.

Contact email: race-officer@src.gla.ac.uk

VP Student Support



The Vice President Student Support is the lead representative for the Welfare & Equal Opportunities Officers. They ensure there is awareness amongst the University student population of issues which may impact on their physical, social, emotional or financial well-being. The post is currently held by Eva Simmons.

Contact email: e.simmons@src.gla.ac.uk

Glasgow University Union (GUU) and Queen Margaret Union (QMU)

Glasgow has 2 separate student unions with buildings at opposite ends of the main campus. Originally these were set up to be separate 'male' and 'female' unions. Women could only enter the 'Men's Union' if signed in by a male student. These days, any student can of course enter any Union. Having two unions simply now means that students have more options available to them. Each union offers a distinctive social space. The GUU building is older and more traditional, while the QMU is in a more modern building.

In each union you will find cafes, bars and rooms for club and societies to use and both provide weekly event programmes. These include quizzes, open mic nights and club nights.

The QMU contains 2 bars, a catering outlet, a coffee shop, a study space, meeting rooms and live music.



The Glasgow University Union offers lots of bars, a café, a subway, catering outlet, a debates chamber, 2 libraries, a billiard hall and a nightclub.

GUSA

The Glasgow University Sports Association is the oldest of the 4 student bodies. It is directly responsible for representing students in sport. GUSA help to make all 53 sports clubs as welcoming as possible. GUSA is run by a team of volunteers that make up the GUSA council. The council is made up of 12 elected students, each tasked with representing students of different aspects of sports.



Advice & Support



The Advice Centre is an advice, information and representation service provided by the SRC for all Glasgow University students. The Advice Centre offer free and confidential advice on a variety of subjects such as academic advice, employment advice, accommodation advice, money advice and transport advice.

Careers Service

They assist students with almost any aspect of their career from reviewing CVs to helping students decide what jobs they will pursue after graduation. They offer

workshops such as LinkedIn workshops, CVs, cover letters. They also offer mock interview and advice on where to find internships/volunteering opportunities.

For more information: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/careers/>

Registering with a GP

You should register with a local doctor whilst at the University of Glasgow. Barclays Medical Centre is the most popular place that students register.



University of Glasgow counselling & psychological services

The University of Glasgow Counselling Service helps students with their mental health and helps them build strategies that will help them successfully complete their course of study.

For more information:

<https://www.glasgowunisrc.org/advice/about/>

Gartnavel Royal Hospital is home to the University's Institute of Mental Health and Wellbeing. [University of Glasgow - Research Institutes - Institute of Health & Wellbeing - Research - Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

LEADS

The Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Service (LEADS) exists to help students across the University of Glasgow by developing effective learning and teaching practices and supporting them with their academic work. For more information, visit:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/leads/>

The Gym

The main gym is based in the Stevenson Building. It includes a 25m swimming pool, steam room, sauna, spin cycling room, strength suite, cardio suite, activity hall, sports hall, squash courts, exercise studio, showers, lockers and vending machines. There is also the Garscube campus which includes pitches, astroturfs, a sports hall and another smaller gym.



There are also exercise classes which are free to attend. Classes include kettlebells and Super Circuits. Visit their website at <https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/sport/>

Opening times of the gym are 06:15-22:15 Monday to Thursday, 06:30-21:00 on Friday and 09:00-17:30 Saturday and Sunday.



Garscube Campus

Garscube campus has a gym also. Its opening times are 10:00-22:00 Monday to Thursday, 10:00-20:00 on Friday, 09:00-17:30 Saturday and 10:00-17:30 on Sunday.

Just four miles from the main campus, Garscube is home to the School of Veterinary Medicine, the Wolfson Hall of Residence and outdoor sports facilities which include both grass and synthetic pitches. Find out more here: [University of Glasgow - Explore - Our campuses - Garscube](#)

The Library

The university library is the largest of the study spaces on campus. During normal times it can accommodate up to 2500 students. It is currently open from 07:15 -23:00, 7 days a week. There are 12 floors and 7 annex floors. The busiest times in the library are usually from 09:00-19:00.

The library is sectioned in different areas, some specifically for silent study and group work. It is a coloured coded system. Green is for group study, conversations and phone calls. Amber is for individual quiet study and red is for individual silent study.

Archives & Special Collections

Archives & Special Collections has an extensive range of rare, unique, and internationally important collections. Many of the collections have been digitalised. For example, they have one of Shakespeare's First Folios.

Booking study spaces

There are a range of small study rooms across campus n available to book through the UofG Life app. You can study alone, or with a small group. You will see the capacity of the room in the app.

University services

A link to the university list of services:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/services/>

IT Helpdesks

Glasgow University has a comprehensive IT support service, available to students via multiple channels. These become available once students have been registered and enrolled. The IT Helpdesk is accessible online and over the phone. A variety of useful articles and contact details are online here (including how to reset a forgotten password or recover a forgotten GUID):

[University of Glasgow - MyGlasgow - IT Services - IT Helpdesk](https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/it-services/it-helpdesk/)

Schools have their own local support available to students with enquiries. This can be online or in person – for instance, through local Teaching Offices. Details are available via Moodle or College/School websites.

Setting up Outlook for emails

Your student email is one of the main ways the University will communicate with you. It is your responsibility to check your inbox regularly for important updates such as exam results and library reminders. Use your account for all correspondence with university staff and departments.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/it/uofgmail/>

A link is included below for setting up an Outlook account and inbox for your student emails.

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/it/uofgmail/setupyourdevice/>

Engineering IT Labs

IT Labs are the main IT computing facilities provided for Engineering students. There are labs in James Watt South and Rankine buildings. Labs are generally available in the Rankine and James Watt South buildings until 6pm.



James McCune Smith Learning Hub



The building can accommodate more than 2,500 students and includes a lecture theatre with capacity for 500 students. It is a learning hub where most students come to study.

It provides a state-of-the-art learning and the teaching

facility and is the first building to be delivered through our Campus Development Programme.

Engineering Societies and Other Student Societies

A full list of societies is available via the SRC, at: [Find a Club or Society \(glasgowunivsrc.org\)](https://glasgowunivsrc.org)

Below are provided a few examples of relevance to Chinese engineering students.

Glasgow University Engineering Society

Glasgow University Engineering Society is one of the oldest societies within the University and provides students in all Engineering disciplines the chance to meet like-minded people.



Details including their Facebook page are available here:

[Engineering Society - GUSRC \(glasgowstudent.net\)](https://glasgowstudent.net)

FemEng



FemEng is a society aimed at empowering women in the School of Engineering at the University of Glasgow.

The group focuses on a number of things such as outreach work with schools, networking events with industry professionals, social activities, workshops, and international collaborations.

FemEng also runs the successful mentoring scheme which pairs younger first year students with older students. This allows younger students to get advice from older students and allows them to get support with studying for their course.

The Glasgow University Tech Society (GUTS)

The Glasgow University Tech Society (GUTS) is the official student society for the School of Computing Science and aims to provide students with opportunities to socialise, develop their technical ability and connect with our industrial partners. From hackathons and workshops to pub crawls and black-tie galas, the society is there for all students. Find out more here: [Glasgow University Tech Society \(gutechsoc.com\)](http://gutechsoc.com)

Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Glasgow Chinese Students and Scholars Association (GCSSA) is the largest Chinese student association in Scotland. GCSSA communicates with schools, universities and the local government, to protect the rights and interests of Chinese students and academics. They host annual events such as the “New students Pick-up”, “Voice of Glasgow”, “the Week of Chinese Culture”, “One-week CP”, “Dance of Singles’ Day”, “Badminton Contest”, “Lectures of PhD-Application and Job-hunting”, “the Chinese Spring Festival Gala”.

They also host an annual Chinese Graduation Ball at the end of the year for all graduating students.

To join all you need to do is message them on Instagram or Facebook. You could also email them. The links are included below:

Instagram: @glasgowcssa

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gcssa2017>

Email: glasgowcssa2018@gmail.com

The Confucius Institute

The Confucius Institute, established in 2004, aims to promote a wider understanding of contemporary China, through public education and outreach activities. Details are available here

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/explore/confucius/> . There are resources for schools, students, and information about Chinese cultural events including film festivals and art exhibitions.

Chinese Students at Glasgow



Chinese students have studied at the University of Glasgow since 1886. A number of Chinese cultural events are run throughout the year, including the Spring Festival. As mentioned on the previous page, there is also a dedicated society for Chinese students, and Glasgow University is home to a Confucius Institute. Archival material lovingly preserved by the university details the links between China and Glasgow University, including prominent alumni such as Chung Un Lee.

[University of Glasgow :: International Story :: China](#)

[University of Glasgow :: International Story :: Chung Un Lee](#)

There are numerous Chinese restaurants, supermarkets and traditional medicine stores in Glasgow. The Confucius Centre was established with Nankai University on a foundation of long-standing research collaborations between the two universities, including social sciences, arts and business. A number of Chinese cultural events are run throughout the year, including the Spring Festival. We also have a Chinese Students Society and an English & Chinese Club on campus – two of 150 different clubs and societies available on campus.

For more information:

[University of Glasgow - International students - Your country - China](#)

There is also a range of services for International Students in general:

[University of Glasgow - International students - International student support - International Student Support](#)

International Summer Schools

The University of Glasgow International Summer School is an excellent introduction to studying at the university.

When applications are open, each course page will have its own dedicated weblink through to the online application form.

The main Summer Schools page is here:

[University of Glasgow - Study - Summer Schools](#)

Summer Schools associated with international partnerships including UESTC, are listed here:

[University of Glasgow - Study - Visiting students - International Summer School - Partner summer schools](#)



For more information click below:

[University of Glasgow - Study - Visiting students - International Summer School](#)

Food and Drink

There are many outlets on campus for food and drink, at affordable prices for students.



James McCune Smith Building

Hub Kitchen

Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm

Hub 'to go'

Monday to Friday 8am – 7.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4.30pm

Gilchrist Postgraduate Club, Gilbert Scott Building



Monday to Friday 8am - 7pm

Twitter - [@TheGilchristPG](https://twitter.com/TheGilchristPG) Instagram [@thegilchristpg](https://www.instagram.com/thegilchristpg)



Food in Focus, Level 3, University Library

Monday - Friday

8am - 5pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed but vending machines are available

Food on Garscube Campus

Garscube Campus: The Barn (Mary Stewart Building)

Monday - Friday

8am - 2.30pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed but with vending machines available

One A The Square – Starbucks

One A The Square

Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm

Off Campus Coffee Shops and Cafes

There are many popular chains and independent cafes and delis near the campus, on Byres Road and Great Western Road. These include Tinderbox (89 Byres Road) for coffee, Sugarfall Patisserie

(153 Byres Road) for cakes and desserts, Bread Meets Bread (701 Great Western Road) for gourmet burgers and Loop and Scoop (665 Great Western Rd) which serves delicious churros.



Restaurants and Cafes

Here is just a small selection of what the West End and Glasgow have to offer for foodies. This should whet your appetite, no matter what type of food is your favourite!

Stravaigin

Popular restaurant in the Glasgow food scene. It has good Scottish food options.



111 by Modou

It is a tiny bistro café situated in Kelvinhaugh. It has a tasty menu.



Ox & Finch

They pioneered small plate style dining. Their menus are seasonal. Make sure to book in advance.



Six by Nico

It is based on Dumbarton road. Has themed menus and a passion for the proper culinary experience.

Number 16



Eatery hidden at the bottom of Byres Road, serving Scottish cuisine. The menu changes every week according to the ingredients that are in season.

City Centre Restaurants

In the city centre, a few minutes' walk from both the St Enoch and Buchanan Street subway stations, is Chaophraya. Their beautiful, authentic Thai food has real heart and is served in luxurious style over 4 floors.

Address: The Townhouse, Nelson Mandela Place, G1 2LL Tel: 0141 320 0241

Web: [Chaophraya Glasgow | Thai Restaurant | Thai Dining with Heart - Chaophraya](#)

For Italian food, there are many great options in the Merchant City. A good one to start with is La Vita. With views over Glasgow's monumental George Square, it's a family run business and excellent value for money.

Address: 161 George Square, G1 3BJ Web: [George Square - La Vita Restaurants \(lavitapizzeria.co.uk\)](#)

Chinese Restaurants



Dumpling Monkey

A Chinese restaurant known for dumplings, noodles, char sui, curries & meat dishes.

Address: 121 Dumbarton Rd, Glasgow G11 6PR. Tel: 0141 583 8300 Web: [Dumpling Monkey | About](#)

Terracotta Warriors

A favourite with students located right near the University. This one is known for its Korean BBQ, Maki, Ramen and Chinese Hot Pots.

Address: 200 Dumbarton Road, G11 6UN. Tel: 0141 330 4942 Web: [Terra Cotta-Warriors - DaoChef](#)

Jay's Grill Bar

Another favourite with students, located right near the University and known for its hot pots.

Address: 1365 Argyle St, Glasgow G3 8AF Tel: 07784385648 Web: [Jay's Grill Bar 苏格兰调情自助餐 - Restaurant in Glasgow \(business.site\)](#)

Chow

Chow is another good Chinese restaurant in Glasgow, minutes from the main campus.



Address: 98 Byres Rd, Glasgow G12 8TB Web: [Chow - Glasgow - Chinese \(chowglasgow.co.uk\)](http://chowglasgow.co.uk)

Sichuan House



Nice for spicy food such as hotpot and well-known dishes originating in the Sichuan region.

Address: 345-349 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G2 3HW Web: [Chinese Restaurant Glasgow | Sichuan Cuisine | Just Eat \(sichuanhouse.co.uk\)](http://ChineseRestaurantGlasgow.com)

Home Wok

In 2017 Home Wok was named the third best takeaway in the UK! Address: 101 Byres Rd, G11 5HW

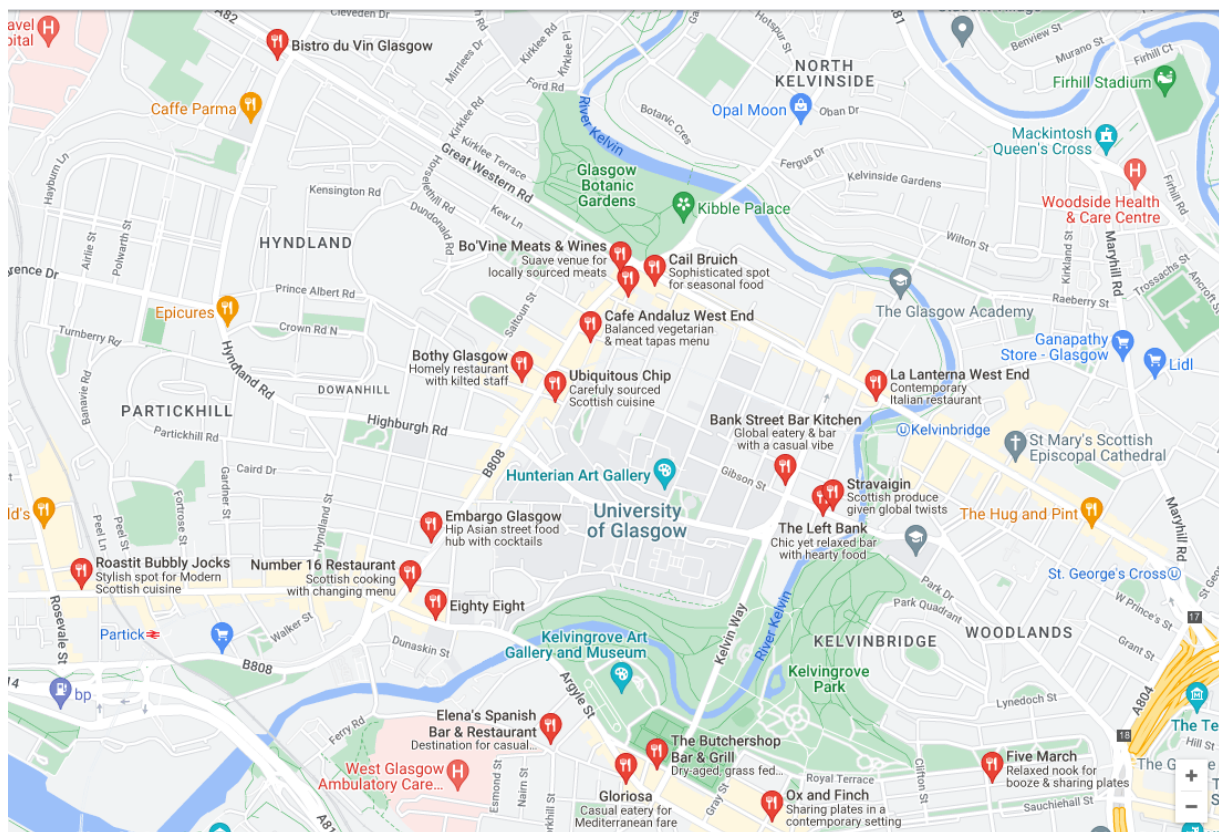
Tempo Tea Bar



Good for Bubble Tea drinks!

Address: 83 Queen St, Glasgow G1 3DA

Glasgow Restaurants Overview Map



Searching online for restaurants in your area is the quickest way to find locations and see what is available. This map shows just a few of the options near the University of Glasgow.

Chinese Hairdressers and Supermarkets

Trendy Salon 型潮美发 (型潮美发)



Address: 39 Chancellor Street Partick, Glasgow G11 5QN

For food shopping **iMart Oriental** is good place to start.



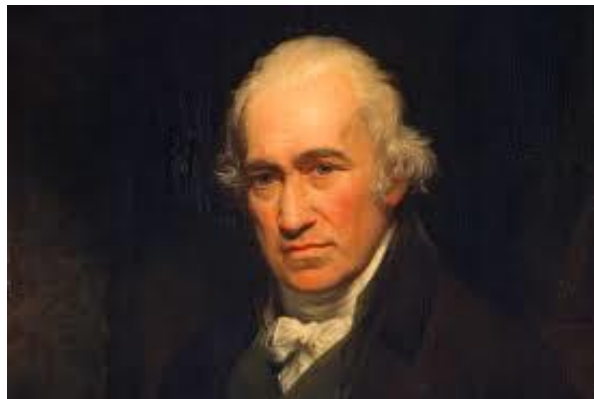
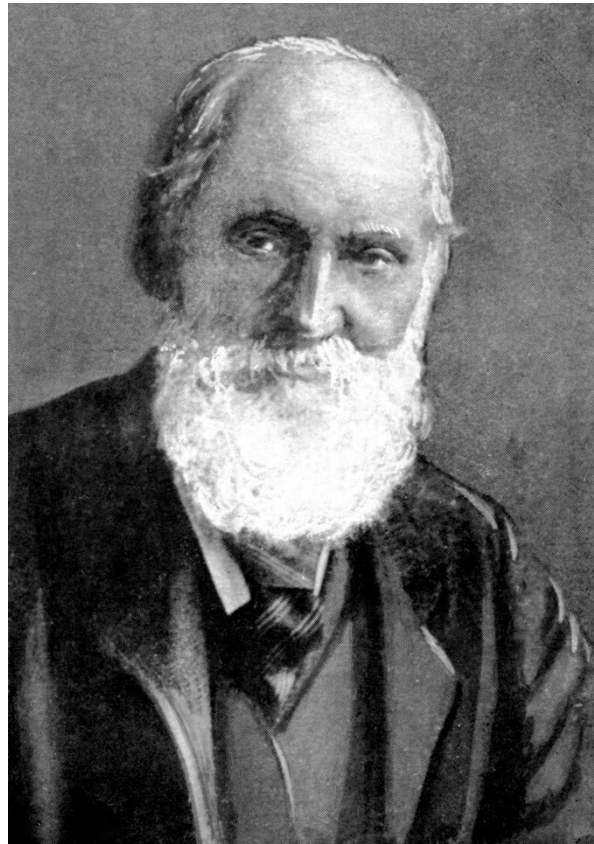
<https://aijia.uk/>

Oaka Supercity on New City Road (G4 9PA) is open until 10pm most nights and accepts online orders. They specialise in retailing produce from China and all over Asia: <https://oaka-new-city-road.square.site>

Scientists at Glasgow University

The University of Glasgow has produced many famous scientists. Nobel laureates. Famous names include:

- James Watt - an outstanding engineer who was considered by Karl Marx to have developed the power for the Industrial Revolution through his significant contributions to the steam engine
- Lord Kelvin- on the right- was a scientist and engineer, famous for his inventions and for his academic work, earning himself international acclaim through his discoveries such as the absolute scale of temperature and impact on physics and engineering
- William Rankine, who made significant contributions to many branches of engineering from thermodynamics to metal fatigue
- Adam Smith, often called the 'father of economics'
- Joseph Lister, who developed his revolutionary system of antiseptic surgery
- John Logie Baird, a pioneer of television





Dame (Susan) Jocelyn Bell Burnell as a graduate of the University who has been widely honoured for her discovery of radio pulsars.

She was born in Belfast and after attending Lurgan College and later the Mount School in York, she began her studies for a BSc at the University of Glasgow. She graduated with Honours in Physics in 1965 and her Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge in 1969.



James McCune Smith graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1837 and became the first African American to receive a medical degree.

During his studies in Glasgow, Smith obtained three university degrees – a bachelor's degree (1835), a master's degree (1836) and his medical doctorate (1837).

As well as being a successful physician, he was a great abolitionist and educator as well as a brilliant scholar and writer who was one of the foremost intellectuals in 19th century America of any race.

The new James McCune Smith Learning Hub – a £90 million state-of-the-art learning and teaching facility opened in 2021 – is named in his honour.