



## University of Glasgow Information

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**Name of host institution:** University of Glasgow (for Honors students: Principia Consortium)

**Location:** Glasgow, Scotland

**Website:** <http://www.gla.ac.uk/international/>

**Accreditation/Recognition by:** Russell Group of major research-led universities

**Number of international students:** 3,000      **total students:** 23,000

**Number of US study abroad students:** 200

**Most convenient way to reach host country from Atlanta:** Flight to Glasgow airport and then taxi to residence halls, or flight to London and then a train or coach ride to Glasgow.

**How students reach host institution from airport:** Glasgow International Volunteer program can meet you at the airport if you arrive between 8:30am and 8pm (fall semester only). Inform the International Office of your arrival time by following the instructions sent to you in your welcome packet.

Students arriving in January must make their way to their accommodation by taxi (about £20 from Glasgow Airport) or by airport bus to Buchanan Bus Station in the city centre. Taxi fare from Buchanan to the halls of residence is about £7.

**Visa information:** If US citizen students study in the UK for less than 6 months and are not planning to work, intern, volunteer or extend their stay, they enter on the Short Term Student Route at the port of entry. There is nothing to apply for beforehand. Students could be requested by immigration officials to show a bank statement of an account in their or their parents' name showing access to at least £600 per month. Students should also have in their possession a letter from the home institution stating that the student has paid the home tuition in full and that this amount will cover the fees for Glasgow University's tuition. This is given to students by the IP Director prior to departure.

Non-US citizen students should check with [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK) to see whether they need a visa.

Avoid traveling to the UK via the Republic of Ireland, as there will be no UK immigration official there to clear you.

**Residence permit:** N/A

**Contacts in International Student Office:**

Study Abroad/Exchange [abroad@admin.gla.ac.uk](mailto:abroad@admin.gla.ac.uk)

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Deputy Head of Admissions (Study Abroad)

Rhona Gordon - [Rhona.Gordon@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Rhona.Gordon@glasgow.ac.uk)  
Study Abroad Assistant (incoming Study Abroad and International Exchange students)

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For International Summer School information: [rio-internationalsummerschools@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:rio-internationalsummerschools@glasgow.ac.uk)

**Contact in the US:**

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International Officer, USA Southeast & Central | Orlando, FL  
University of Glasgow  
P: 321-276-8337 | [danielle.houston@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:danielle.houston@glasgow.ac.uk)

**Terms of study:**

fall  spring  summer  other (explain)

The Principia Consortium (Honors program) takes place during fall or spring

**Approximate dates of terms:**

Semester 1: Mid Sep. – Dec.

Semester 2: Early Jan. – Mid May

International summer school: Mid June - Mid July (see [www.gla.ac.uk/international/internationalsummerschools/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/international/internationalsummerschools/) for more information)

**Application Process**

**Application form** (online, paper, how to obtain): Students apply to Glasgow after receiving Berry approval. See "How to Apply" at <http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/howtoapply/>

Create an account at

[https://uogapply.mycampus.gla.ac.uk/psp/campus/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/UOG\\_AAWS\\_MENU.UOG\\_OAS\\_APP\\_L  
OGIN.GBL](https://uogapply.mycampus.gla.ac.uk/psp/campus/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/UOG_AAWS_MENU.UOG_OAS_APP_LOGIN.GBL)

**Requirements for participation** (gpa, references): 3.5 GPA, 1 reference letter from home university, a transcript (if unofficial, must be signed off by IP office) and statement of purpose; junior or senior standing, although sophomores will be considered.

If you wish to use your adviser's reference to IP for your Glasgow application, email the professor to request permission to do so, and forward their response to [segerer@berry.edu](mailto:segerer@berry.edu). We will email the reference to you.

You will also be asked to upload a financial support document, and this will be attached to the study abroad approval email sent to you by Sarah Egerer.

Students who have at least a 3.0 but less than 3.5 should contact [Dr. Lara Whelan](#) about eligibility.

**Application fee:** N/A

**Deadlines:** Fall semester – May 1, Spring semester – Oct. 20

Students should apply early to receive their preferred residence hall.

**Academics**

**Credit system & US equivalent:** Use the following table for Berry's calculations from SCOTCATs to US credit hour equivalent:

SCOTCATs	Credit hours
10	3
15	4
20	5
30	8

**Academic advising** (how do students register for classes): Students should browse the [course catalog](#) online and fill out the preferred modules (classes) section of the application form. Websites of course descriptions are being compiled on the Berry College honors program webpage, <https://www.berry.edu/academics/honors/>. Courses are approved for students prior to arrival and they enroll once on campus; however, registration takes place upon arrival. They can work with Colette McGowan on campus if there are complications. Modules cannot be guaranteed; students should prepare a list of alternatives modules to take. In most cases, students will be notified by Glasgow before arriving if a class is unavailable. This is a cumbersome and ambiguous process students should be prepared to experience before they travel.

**Course articulation** (relationship to Berry curriculum: gen ed fulfillments, major courses; classes especially for international students):

Glasgow's course catalog can be found at <http://www.gla.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/>

There is a large course offering; see the [Principia Consortium](#) for more information. Study abroad students may participate in pre-med and pre-vet classes upon approval. Upper division courses are also open to qualified students, although 5000-level and above modules are usually not open to visiting students. Principia students may also take 1 semester of year-long classes and be assessed by essay or other form. The professor should be informed by the student of the situation at the beginning of the semester.

The University of Glasgow has created a unique course for our Honors students (20 SCOTCATS), which counts as an HON 250 elective and/or the 5<sup>th</sup> humanities requirement. Using major figures and ideas from the Scottish Enlightenment, Honors students will see how those ideas continue to be important in intellectual and cultural life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Interdisciplinary perspectives from art/aesthetics, religion, philosophy, politics/economics, and science will inform this course. The institutional model is the traditional Oxbridge model of public lectures and small group seminars. Leading scholars will provide over-arching ideas in the public lectures, which are then further developed through discussion in small group seminars/tutorials.

More information follows by school:

#### **School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences**

Glasgow has created Organic Chemistry classes to be offered each semester (Organic I in fall, Organic II in spring), which will correspond to US offerings.

Students with no Physics background will be able to enroll in a "Physics 1001" module created intentionally for US students, offered both semesters. The basic Physics I module on offer at Glasgow will be too advanced for a student with no previous Physics.

A Human Anatomy class (20 SCOTCATS) is available to pre-med students in either semester. A 3.4 GPA is required. This is also usually offered with Glasgow's International Summer Schools.

Note that Environmental Science modules take place on the Dumfries campus, 2 hours away, in the Southwest of Scotland.

Third year Biology classes are currently not open to visiting students. Students needing BIO electives should select from the Level 2 list of modules in the Glasgow course catalog.

#### **Charter School of Education and Human Sciences**

Education students may take Fundamentals of Education 1B to fulfill Berry's Foundations of Education if they are at Glasgow during spring semester (Glasgow's Semester 2). They may also participate in student teaching in either semester. An example course load for Education students studying during spring is:

[Scottish Enlightenment](#) - 20 SCOTCATS = 5 US credits

[Fundamentals of Education 1B](#) – 20 SCOTCATS = 5 US credits

Practicum in schools – 6 hrs/week = 2 US credit hours

EDU 222 – Explorations in Diverse Cultures (independent study with Berry faculty member) = 3 US credit hours

A Liberal Arts module or a selection from a menu of initial Teacher Education classes

Glasgow has a Teacher Education program to prepare instructors to work in catholic schools; arrangements are being made for visiting students to take these classes and participate in student teaching.

### **Evans School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences**

As a visiting student with the University of Glasgow students have the unique opportunity to study one of your classes in partnership with specialised institutions based in the city of Glasgow.

Students may study 2 of the following for 10 SCOTCATS each:

- Black and white photography
- Figurative sculpture
- Rendering the human form - drawing into painting

at the Glasgow School of Art with the Studio Art Study Abroad Programme (SASAP). These courses are flexible so that students at advanced levels may participate. Students are not required to submit a portfolio. Further details are available on the website

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/international/abroadexchange/studyabroadincoming/studyabroadprogramme/coursesavailable/glasgow-school-of-art-programme-for-study-abroad-students/> .

Students also have the opportunity to study Piping with the National Piping Centre. Details can be found on the <http://www.gla.ac.uk/international/abroadexchange/studyabroadandexchangeincoming/studyabroadprogramme/coursesavailable/bagpipeshistoryrepertoireatthenationalpipingcentre/>

**Are there any courses/departments study abroad students are excluded from?** Law

**Average course load** (# of courses & credits): the honors course, plus 2-3 regular university courses; Berry College has given permission for its students to take an overload up to 20 Berry credits without incurring an overload fee.

**Instruction** (lecture, seminar, tutoring, online): Most teaching is done through formal lectures – especially at levels 1 & 2. In some faculties (departments) a significant amount of teaching takes place in laboratories. Formal lectures are supplemented by group tutorials, where discussion and group participation are encouraged. At the upper level lectures are often to smaller groups of students and in some departments are replaced by tutorials.

The Scottish Enlightenment course will have 1 hour of lecture and 1 hour of tutorial each week; it is worth 20 SCOTCATS (5 US credits).

**Internship opportunities:** Not available at this time.

**Form of course assessment:** Students submit essays and tutorial work throughout the semester, in addition to covering the texts in the recommended reading lists. Examinations, where applicable, take place during the last week(s) of the semester.

**Support** (“learning center,” etc.): Students can easily make an appointment with their international student advisor for help.

Each faculty has a designated Effective Learning Adviser who works with departments and provides study skills advice for specific courses. The advisers also lead general study skills workshops, open to all registered students, on topics such as essay writing, effective reading techniques, note-making skills and preparation for exams. You can also arrange a one-to-one consultation to discuss strategies for successful learning.

**Resources** (library, IT): All registered students at Glasgow have access to the Common Student Computing Environment which means that wherever you go around the campus you will find a familiar IT environment which includes your own networked storage and email. All around the campus there are computer clusters containing networked PCs as well as a growing number of wireless network access points so you are able to work in any number of locations. And if you have any queries or need support our staff are on hand to help you at the IT helpdesk situated in the library.

All rooms have internet access.

**Major differences in educational system:** Much self study is required, and students may be assessed on only a few papers or exams. See “Instruction” above.

**Average size of classes:** varies – lectures can be over 100 students, whereas tutorials will have 15-30 students.

**Transcript & grading system** (explain US equivalents, avg. length of time between end of term and issuing of transcript)

The home institution will automatically be sent an academic transcript after the study abroad, although this could take up to two months, and should determine its grading equivalency. The grading scale is listed at the end of this document.

### **Student Support & Life**

**On-site orientation** (length, items covered): 3-4 day orientation before the start of the program; it includes info on Glasgow University, time to meet with current students and a tour of the city. Semester 2 orientation will be shorter.

**Excursions/activities:** There may be set excursions – depending on the student’s courses. Excursions specifically for consortium students are a component of the Scottish Enlightenment course (module).

**Health/counseling facilities:** Glasgow recommend that every student join an NHS GP practice but they also provide a free health service on campus. Services include medical examinations, travel advice and immunizations and arrangements can also be made for specialist consultations. The service is open from 9am-5pm weekdays and operates an appointment system.

Glasgow operate a counseling and advisory service for students where no alternative resource exists. Services include: initial consultation; individual counseling; group work; supportive guidance; advocacy; information and referral.

**Accommodation for students with disabilities:** Disability advisers are available as the first point of contact for any student or potential student who has a disability or special need. The service works closely and successfully with academic departments and student academic advisors to support disabled students

**Student societies:** International Society, Exploration Society, Student Theatre Group, Cecilian Society, Green Group, Chess Club, Scottish Country Dance Club, Korean Student Society, Chinese Student Society, Malaysian student Assoc., Muslim Students’ Assoc., Norwegian Students’ Assoc., Singapore Students’ Assoc., Indian Student Society, Japanese Students’ Society

**Sport/Recreation:** Students will have access to state-of-the-art facilities, 46 sports clubs and over 60 exercise classes a week, from box fit to yoga. The membership fee is included in the residence hall cost.

A number of services are provided for talented athletes at the University, including specialist sport mentor support, strength and conditioning, nutrition, sports psychology and access to other support services.

**Drinking policy:** Legal drinking age: 18

**May students work?** Yes - depending

**If so, what restrictions are there and what is the process?**

Work permission requires a student to submit biometric data when they apply for the entry clearance. Students will then be allowed to work up to 20 hours per week during term time and as many hours as they wish during vacation time.

**Opportunities for volunteer service:** Student Community Action offers opportunities to volunteer with a number of projects ranging from sports coaching to visiting elderly people. There is also a service learning module worth 20 credits (5 US credit hours). Note that a Tier 4 visa is necessary to engage in volunteer work.

**Other:** International Lunch Group

## **Housing**

On campus accommodation is guaranteed, but Glasgow cannot promise students' first choices. Housing during the fall pre-term orientation may not be the same room students will live in during the regular semester.

**Application process:** Students will receive a student residence guide and application form with the offer letter, which will also contain a prompt to apply on the housing website. Students usually have their choice of housing for fall, as long as they apply early enough. In spring, visiting students are housed where openings are available.

Accommodation is described at <http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees/>

**Damage deposit:** N/A

**Options:** Single or Twin Rooms are available. Also, your choice of residence may determine your meal plan (self-catered vs. provided). One hall, Wolfson, offers a mealplan. Twin rooms are quite common.

**If residence hall, are intl. & host country students mixed?** Yes

**Are genders mixed?** In most halls, but some floors are single sex

**Is there a curfew?** No

**Furnishings** (linens, pillow, etc.): Some halls include bedding; the apartments do not. Students should plan to purchase utensils – starter packs are available for purchase. They will need to purchase pots, pans, cutlery, etc. In most cases, laundry is free.

**Avg. distance between institution and student housing:** varies, close – most are 15-20 minutes walking; 1 hall is 3 miles from campus

**How do students reach campus from housing:** Glasgow is well served by buses, local trains and a small underground system, and this makes getting around the city very easy. Most halls are walking distance; however, Wolfson Hall is 3 miles away but served by a shuttle which runs twice in the morning and twice in the evening. Often this is not at the most convenient times for students who only have class in the afternoon. Additionally, from experience, students prefer to be closer to campus and the west-end of the city where the pubs/clubs etc are located.

**Atmosphere of neighborhood where students live:** Students will be surrounded mainly by other university students. One hall is in a residential district.

**Financials** (click [here](#) for a currency converter)

**Tuition:** Students pay Berry tuition; Berry pays Glasgow their tuition amount. Your semester Financial Aid should apply to study abroad, but consult your Financial Aid counselor to confirm or if you have questions, 706-236-1714. The Berry College International Programs scholarship deadline is usually in February – scholarships are awarded for the following fall and spring semesters, so plan ahead. Funding may be available through BUTEX. Visit <http://www.butex.ac.uk/scholarships/are-you-eligible/>.

**Room:** Students will pay housing fees directly to Glasgow, and the fee depends on the student's choice – Wolfson Hall is the only catered hall, but is 3 miles from campus and more expensive. A Students Welfare Contribution applies to all halls except student apartments, which is included in the advance payment.

The average cost for self-catered housing is £115/week. To confirm a booking, a **non-refundable** advance payment of approximately £300 must be paid at the time of accepting the residence offer. This is credited to the student's account. Glasgow do not charge a booking fee or deposit. Accommodation fees, including the advance payment, are paid with a credit card. There could be a service charge for using a non-UK credit card, consult your bank.

The students will be given details on how to pay once they arrive. There is a variety of ways to pay - if the student has a UK bank account they can pay by monthly direct debits or they can pay the full amount on arrival. Credit cards are also accepted. Due to time constraints, Berry students should not plan on opening a UK bank account.

See <http://www.gla.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation/> for hall information. Talk with program returnees about housing preferences and details. Halls are staffed 24/7, so if someone needs to contact you in an emergency, supply them with your hall's direct line before you leave. These phone numbers appear at the end of this document.

### Accommodation Refund Policy

#### Cancellation

The prepayment is only refundable if the accommodation is cancelled under the following circumstances:

For students beginning in September:

100% refundable if accommodation is cancelled before 1<sup>st</sup> August

100% refundable LESS a £25 administration fee if accommodation is cancelled between 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August

100% refundable LESS a £25 administration fee if accommodation is cancelled between 1<sup>st</sup> September and one day prior to the contract start date, ONLY if a replacement student has been found to take up the accommodation.

No refund if cancelled on or after the contract start date, AND will be liable for accommodation fees until a replacement student is found to take up the accommodation.

The above information is part of our payment policy, full details as <http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/fees/intlfees/>

For students beginning in January:

#### Cancellation

The prepayment is only refundable if the accommodation is cancelled under the following circumstances:

100% refundable if accommodation is cancelled before 1<sup>st</sup> December

100% refundable LESS a £25 administration fee if accommodation is cancelled between 1<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December

100% refundable LESS a £25 administration fee if accommodation is cancelled between 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December, ONLY if a replacement student has been found to take up the accommodation.

No refund if cancelled on or after 24<sup>th</sup> December, AND will be liable for accommodation fees until a replacement student is found to take up the accommodation.

**Note:** If a student withdraws from the University of Glasgow after moving into accommodation, they will be charged accommodation fees up until the date they return their keys. They will then be charged for a further 28 days' accommodation - and any balance left (if they have pre-paid for the semester) after this charge will be returned.

**Meals:** Glasgow recommends budgeting £180 per month for self-catering (cooking for yourself); Wolfson Hall serves breakfast and evening meals 5 days per week, and brunch and an evening meal on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Personal expenses** (books, spending money, etc. – approximate): Glasgow recommends students estimate £900/month for accommodation, food, local travel, books and entertainment for the semester. This does not include international travel. Note that Semester 2 is longer than Semester 1. See Glasgow's Cost of Living webpage, <http://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/livinginuk/costofliving/>.

### GRADE CONVERSION SCALE

Progression		Secondary Bands and Aggregation Scores		Honours Courses	US Equiv.
Primary grade	Gloss	Secondary Band *	Aggregation Score		
A	Excellent	1	22		A +
		2	21		
		3	20		A
		4	19		

		5	18			A-
B	Very good	1	17			A-
		2 3	16 15			B+
C	Good	1 2	14 13			B
		3	12			B-
D	Satisfactory	1	11			C+
		2	10			C
		3	9			C-
E	Weak	1	8			D+
		2	7			D
		3	6			D-
F	Poor	1 2 3	5 4 3	Attainment of intended learning outcomes appreciably deficient in critical respects, lacking secure basis in relevant factual and analytical dimension.	Fail	F



G	Very Poor	1 2	2 1	Attainment of intended learning outcomes markedly deficient in respect of nearly all intended learning outcomes, with irrelevant use of materials and incomplete and flawed explanation.	Fail	F
H	No Credit	0	0	No convincing evidence of attainment of intended learning outcomes, such treatment of the subject as in evidence being directionless and fragmentary.	Fail	F

## Halls of residence

### Murano Street Student Village

13 Caithness Street  
Glasgow  
G20 7SB  
TEL: 0141 945 5976  
FAX: 0141 945 4486  
Extension 6000  
E: [mssv@sanctuary-housing.co.uk](mailto:mssv@sanctuary-housing.co.uk)

### Queen Margaret Residences & Winton Drive Flats

Central Services Building  
Bellshaugh Court  
Kirklee  
Glasgow  
G12 0PR  
Tel: 0141 339 3273  
Fax: 0141 339 2855

### Student Apartments

Student Apartments Office  
89 Gibson Street  
Glasgow G12 8LD  
Tel: 0141 330 6182  
[studentapartments@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:studentapartments@glasgow.ac.uk)

### Wolfson Hall

West of Scotland Science Park  
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Glasgow  
G20 0TH  
Tel: 0141 330 3773  
Fax: 0141 330 2828  
E: [wolfson@gla.ac.uk](mailto:wolfson@gla.ac.uk)

### Kelvinhaugh Gate

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