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Monday 2 September 2019
Saturday 5 October 2019

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Visit: gcu.ac.uk/opendays
Your future, your prospects

If you want your degree to kick-start your career, you’re in the right place. At Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) we offer a modern learning experience and an excellent network of student support.

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Our main campus is in Glasgow which was voted one of the top ten ‘best cities in the world’ by TimeOut (2019).
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Our single-site campus in the heart of Glasgow is extremely accessible and is known for its courtyard garden spaces, award-winning facilities and EcoCampus Platinum status.
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To get a taste of life at Glasgow Caledonian University, find out more about our courses, and how we can help you start your journey, visit: gcu.ac.uk/undergraduate

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The University will use all reasonable endeavours to provide programmes of study listed in the guide. However we are committed to ensuring that programmes remain up-to-date and relevant, and reserve the right to discontinue, merge or combine programmes and to make variations to the content or method of delivery of programmes, if such action is reasonably considered to be necessary by us. This, combined with the need to publish the guide well in advance, means that changes to the information presented in the guide may have occurred. Before you apply visit our website www.gcu.ac.uk and in particular www.gcu.ac.uk/study or contact studentenquiries@gcu.ac.uk for up-to-date information.
The right university experience is about more than lectures, study halls and industry placements. We know you have the creativity and curiosity to achieve your full potential and go above and beyond to become part of a bigger movement for change. We are here to support your ideas so that you can go on to contribute, create, lead and influence the way we work and live.
Global
We have a student population of over 20,000 from over 100 different countries (HESA, 2019)

Open to all
Students from every background are welcome at GCU - we’re widening access by offering £2.5 million in student scholarships every year

World-leading
Enjoy an international experience at GCU - we have city campuses in Glasgow, London and New York and partner institutions across Africa and Asia

Success guaranteed
We offer support in finding a career - 95% of our graduates enter work or further study within 6 months of graduation (HESA, 2018)

Trailblazing
With a heritage dating back to 1875, we’ve been working for the Common Good across three centuries

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Courses at a glance

We are here to offer you career-focused degrees in subject areas including:

Applied Computer Games
We provide graduates with all of the experiences and skills required for a career in the future of gaming applications. Our gaming degrees cover software development, animation, and design. You will find cutting-edge facilities and teaching that is informed by breakthrough research taking place here on campus. We are passionate about virtual reality and our international community of designer and developer graduates is growing each year. You will master skills and gain experience which has helped previous students into careers with leading companies such as Rockstar North, Guerrilla Games, CCP Games, Sega and Electronic Arts.

Applied Science
Our course in Forensic Investigation provides graduates with the scientific skills required to investigate crimes in society and the environment. Our industry standard analytical labs provide you with everything you need to gain practical experience using state of the art instruments in chromatography, spectroscopy and microscopy. Career options in this sector range from being an analytical scientist in the pharmaceutical industry, police forensic investigation, environmental protection officer or teaching.

Biological and Biomedical Sciences
Our bioscience degrees focus on the hands-on practical skills sought by employers. Graduates in biomedical science, cell and molecular biology, microbiology, pharmacology and food bioscience have careers in the NHS, research and in the life science and food industry. Our accreditations include the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC), Institute of Food Science and Technology and Institute of Biomedical Science.

Civil Engineering and Environmental Management
Our Environmental Civil Engineering and Environmental Management degrees provide you with an exciting range of career paths that contribute to innovation and sustainable development around construction, energy and the built environment. Our students and graduates are working to build a more resilient and climate-sensitive future for all. With accreditations from professional bodies including the Institution of Civil Engineers, Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) and Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineering (CIBSE), we also offer professionally accredited programmes in Building Service Engineering and Fire Risk Engineering.

Computing
High-quality research-led teaching provides hands-on experience of industry-standard hardware and software combined with data science skills to prepare students for their careers. With Computing and Software Development degrees, a whole range of careers are available to our graduates. Our degrees are accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS).

Construction and Surveying
Join us in building a dynamic career in construction, property and surveying and work towards becoming a chartered professional. Our programmes are accredited by prestigious professional bodies that include the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) and the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH). Our programmes are fully engaged with the Construction and Surveying sector; each year we receive over 35 industry and professional body sponsored prizes and all of our programmes have an excellent employability rate.

Cyber Security and Networks
From ethical hacking and penetration testing to network security and infrastructure design, our cyber security and networking programmes offer you the hands-on experience and theoretical underpinning highly valued by employers. Our programmes are accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS) and our graduates are working in all sectors such as defence of national infrastructure, policing and the financial services industry, one of Scotland’s largest industries.

Economics and Law
Our Law and Economic Policy courses offer the opportunity to develop professional practice skills. Specialising in housing, employment, contract and sports law, the GCU Law Clinic is open to all LLB students who wish to volunteer and provide advice on civil law matters under the supervision of qualified and practising solicitors.

Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Our study programmes prepare our graduates to tackle global challenges such as sustainable energy and to participate in the creation of the next generation of intelligent connected devices and systems. Our Audio programme will provide you with the technical capability to develop innovative solutions for audio and sound. Specialist facilities provide daily access to industry-standard equipment and software in an environment created for optimum study and experimentation, with the option to undertake an innovative work experience module. Our accreditations include the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) as well as JAMES (Joint Audio Media Education Support).
Fashion, Marketing, Tourism and Events
Choose from a wide range of exciting programmes of study that benefit from vibrant learning environments, creative technologies and authentic business experiences. Our graduates are equipped with distinctive knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of today's global business environment. Our students have been involved in events such as Glasgow’s Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup and the Rugby World Cup. We offer courses accredited by the Tourism Management Institute (TMI) and the Institute of Hospitality.

Finance, Accounting and Risk
With close links to employers, key players and accrediting bodies within the sector, our teaching in accountancy, finance, investment and risk management is founded on a commitment to research and teaching cutting-edge, contemporary and impartial information. Our range of accreditations include ACCA, Chartered Insurance Institute (CII), Institute of Risk Management (IRM) and British Institute of Recruiters (IOR).

Management and Human Resources
We are interested in investigating and challenging operational management techniques in commercial, public and not-for-profit/social enterprise settings, as well as with public policy debates about social innovation. Our programmes are also accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), Institute of Operations Management (IOM), Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) and Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT).

Mechanical Engineering
Our programmes offer a highly integrated discipline which harness the influence of a range of specialisms such as computer aided engineering design, advanced manufacturing, composites material, engineering analysis, robotics, reliability engineering, and process optimisation. We equip our graduates with skills to be capable of practising and progressing within the industrial and commercial environment as highly skilled Chartered (CEng) or Incorporated (IEng) Engineers. Our programmes are globally recognised with the accreditation from Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

Media and Journalism
Our purpose-built television studio and gallery, radio studio and newsroom all feature modern digital equipment, providing students access to industry-standard software to produce television and radio packages and bulletins, blogs, newspapers and magazines. The Complete University Guide (2019) features us in its Top 20 UK universities for media and communications and our accreditations include the Broadcast Journalism Training Council (BJTC) and the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ).

Nursing and Community Health
Whether focusing on children, adults, mental health, learning disabilities or professional studies, our Nursing degrees offer students the opportunity to develop caring careers that can transform the lives of patients, families and communities. We have a number of collaborative partnerships with several NHS Health Boards, third sector organisations, (e.g. SAMH, BHF), Hospices, European Institutes and Networks.

Occupational Therapy and Human Nutrition and Dietetics
GCU’s Occupational Therapy programme, rated first in Scotland, develops the skills needed to work in health, social care and beyond. The Dietetics programme is highly student centred and prepares students to be the ‘Dietitians of the Future’. As well as being HCPC accredited, graduates of BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy are eligible to apply for membership of the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) and graduates of BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition and Dietetics programme can apply for membership of the British Dietetics Association.

Podiatry and Radiography
From Diagnostic Imaging and Oral Health Science to Podiatry and Radiotherapy and Oncology, our courses are informed by practice colleagues in the NHS and relevant professional bodies to ensure they remain relevant and up-to-date. GCU is the largest provider of therapeutic radiography education in Scotland. Students also benefit from state-of-the-art facilities.

Physiotherapy and Paramedicine
Students will have access to first rate facilities, developing the professional skills required to practice in the areas of paramedic science and physiotherapy. Our BSc in Paramedic Science is the first of its kind in Scotland, whilst our Physiotherapy students are able to hone their skills through our on-site physio clinic.

Psychology
The focus of the BSc (Hons) Applied Psychology degree is to apply core psychological material to real life examples. You will qualify with a British Psychological Society (BPS) accredited degree which meets the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership. We specialise in four areas: Counselling, Forensic, Health and Sport & Exercise Psychology.

Social Science
The BA Social Sciences provides you with the opportunity to develop a wide knowledge base from a selection of subject areas which include politics, history, sociology, policing and criminology. You will also have the opportunity to study language modules and study abroad as part of your degree.

Social Work
The BA Social Work degree is accredited by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). We are passionate about supporting a new generation of social workers who can work autonomously and introduce critical reflective practices to this important sector.

Vision Science
The only vision science teaching unit in Scotland, the department is unique in offering undergraduate degree programmes in Optometry and Orthoptics. Courses enable students to gain hands-on clinical experiences in our state-of-the-art Vision Centre and are accredited by the General Optical Council and the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).
Building inclusive societies

Join our Glasgow School for Business and Society and you’ll be part of an exciting learning community, focusing on enhancing your skills for the real world and your future employability.

With links to our industry partners, placement opportunities and professionally accredited degrees, this school is the place where you can build your career.

Our Risk Management and International Business programmes offer the option of a full-year placement in year 3, with all others offering work-related experience.

You’ll gain the skills and experience required to thrive in a professional or business environment on the global stage. You’ll take part in the kind of changes that are leading to a more just and equal society.
Economics and Law
- Bachelor of Laws LLB (Hons) M114
- Bachelor of Laws Fast-track LLB (Hons) M115

Finance, Accounting and Risk
- Accountancy BA (Hons)* N400
- Finance, Investment and Risk BA (Hons)* N390
- Risk Management BA (Hons)* N291

Fashion, Marketing, Tourism and Events
- Fashion Design with Business BA (Hons) 8U9N
- International Events Management (year 3 entry only) BA (Hons) 2H3U
- International Fashion Branding BA (Hons)* W2N5
- International Fashion Business (year 3 entry only) BA (Hons) 8U9M
- International Marketing BA (Hons)* 3G5B
- International Tourism and Events Management BA (Hons) 2H3V

Management and Human Resources
- Business Management BA (Hons)* 8J9J
- International Business BA (Hons)* N120
- International Business with Languages BA (Hons)* 3P3L
- International Business and Human Resource Management BA (Hons)* 2T4T
- International Business and Tourism Management (year 3 entry only) BA (Hons) 4R5T
- International Supply Chain Management BA (year 3 entry only) (Hons) 3T4W

Media and Journalism
- Media and Communication BA (Hons)* PP93
- Multimedia Journalism BA (Hons)* P500

Social Science
- Social Sciences BA (Hons)** L000

College pathways
We have pathways in Accountancy, Finance, Investment and Risk, Risk Management, International Tourism and Events Management and International Business and Human Resource Management.***

*Year 1 and Year 3 entry routes are available for this course.
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***For more information on College Pathways see page 23.

For your UCAS application, you need the University code (GCU G42) and the course code (you’ll find this in bold next to the course name).

Visit our website for the latest course information, entry requirements and application details:
gcu.ac.uk/undergraduate
Creating sustainable environments

- In our School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment, you’ll learn how innovations in technologies and materials will create a digitally secure and sustainable future.

- With excellent links to employers and the opportunity to gain in work experience, you’ll develop the vision and the skills you need to excel in your chosen industry.

- Computer games 3rd year students recently presented their game at UN climate summit.

- We work closely with professional bodies, ensuring our accredited courses offer an industry-standard of learning.
Applied Computer Games
- 3D Animation and Visualisation (year 3 entry only) BSc (Hons) 2E4W
- Computer Games (Art and Animation) BSc (Hons) GW4G
- Computer Games (Design) BSc (Hons) GWK2
- Computer Games (Software Development) BSc (Hons) W280
- Digital Design (Graphics) (year 3 entry only) BSc (Hons) 3K7P

Applied Science
- Forensic Investigation BSc (Hons) F410

Civil Engineering and Environmental Management
- Building Services Engineering BEng (Hons)* K242
- Fire Risk Engineering BEng (Hons)* H121
- Environmental Civil Engineering BSc (Hons)* H220
- Environmental Management BSc (Hons) FN82

Computing
- Computing BSc (Hons) G401
- IT Management for Business BSc (Hons) 5C92
- Software Development for Business BSc (Hons) 7U8K

Construction and Surveying
- Building Surveying BSc (Hons)* K230
- Construction Management BSc (Hons)* K251
- Health and Safety Management BSc (Part-time only)
- Health, Safety and Environmental Management BSc (Hons) (Part-time only)*
- Quantity Surveying BSc (Hons)* K240
- Real Estate BSc (Hons)* N232

Cyber Security and Networks
- Computer Networking BEng (Hons) I110
- Cyber Security and Networks BSc (Hons) I121
- Digital Security and Forensics BSc (Hons) I111

Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Audio Technology BSc (Hons) J932
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering BEng (Hons) H610 | MEng H611
- Electrical Power Engineering BEng (Hons)* H630 | MEng H631

Mechanical Engineering
- Computer-Aided Mechanical Engineering BEng (Hons)* H131 | MEng H132
- Mechanical Systems Engineering BEng (Hons)* H360 | MEng H361

College pathways
We have pathways in Building Surveying, Construction Management, Quality Surveying, Cyber Security and Networks, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Electrical Power Engineering and Computer-Aided Mechanical Engineering.**

*Part-time study is available for this course - apply at gcu.ac.uk
**For more information on College Pathways see page 23.
For your UCAS application, you need the University code (GCU G42) and the course code (you’ll find this in bold next to the course name).
Please Note: We have Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3 articulation routes available for selected programmes. See our online course list for more information.

Visit our website for the latest course information, entry requirements and application details: gcu.ac.uk/undergraduate
Join the School of Health and Life Sciences and you will gain the skills you need to make a positive impact within your community, transforming lives for the Common Good.

You’ll be supported by our experienced tutors who will give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to succeed in your placements in clinical and therapeutic settings. You’ll have the best possible start to your career.

All our allied health professions (AHP) courses have a minimum of 1,000 placement hours.

Learn in our state-of-the-art facilities which include realistic healthcare environments and the latest simulation equipment, and state-of-the-art research laboratories.
You’ll keep pace with the latest *professional developments* and receive accredited training recognised by the *NHS* and other *professional bodies* at an international level.

### Biological and Biomedical Sciences
- Applied Biomedical Science/Biomedical Science BSc (Hons) **B940**
- Cell and Molecular Biology BSc (Hons) **C760**
- Food Bioscience BSc (Hons) **D611**
- Microbiology BSc (Hons) **C510**
- Pharmacology BSc (Hons) **B210**

### Nursing and Community Health
- Nursing Studies (Adult) BSc B740/BSc (Hons) **B700**
- Nursing Studies (Child) BSc B730/BSc (Hons) **B731**
- Nursing Studies (Dual Registration Learning Disability/Child) BSc (Hons) **B764**
- Nursing Studies (Learning Disability) BSc B761/BSc (Hons) **B763**
- Nursing Studies (Mental Health) BSc B760/BSc (Hons) **B762**
- Professional Studies in Nursing BSc/BSc (Hons)*

### Occupational Therapy and Human Nutrition and Dietetics
- Human Nutrition and Dietetics BSc (Hons) **B400**
- Occupational Therapy BSc (Hons) **B930**

### Physiotherapy and Paramedicine
- Paramedic Science BSc **B950**
- Physiotherapy BSc (Hons) **B160**

### Podiatry and Radiography
- Diagnostic Imaging BSc (Hons) **B821**
- Oral Health Science BSc **A990**
- Podiatry BSc (Hons) **B985**
- Radiotherapy and Oncology BSc (Hons) **B822**

### Psychology
- Applied Psychology BSc (Hons) **C810**
- COSCA Counselling Skills Certificate**

### Social Work
- Social Work BA (Hons) **L500**

### Vision Science
- Optometry BSc (Hons) **B510**
- Orthoptics BSc (Hons) **B520**

### College pathways
We have pathways in Cell and Molecular Biology, Food Bioscience, Microbiology, Pharmacology.*

*Part-time study is available for this course - apply at [gcu.ac.uk](http://gcu.ac.uk)

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Life at **GCU**

At Glasgow Caledonian University, we are committed to ensuring you have the **best possible experience during your time here**.

**Become part of the GCU student community**

Throughout the year, our student events team organise fun, interactive events where you can make lifelong memories and become part of the **GCU student community**. Our students have a wealth of opportunities open to them - from volunteering and studying abroad, to quizzes, game nights and grad balls, there is always something to do or see at GCU.

**Get fit and work out**

As a GCU student, you’ll get to enjoy a range of health and fitness activities all year round. You can become a member of the **Arc: Health and Fitness Centre**, take part in Spin, Yoga, Body Pump, Body Attack, Circuit Training or Box Circuit classes, to name but a few, or book some time on the **Multi User Games Area (MUGA)**.

**Join a student society**

Find an exciting hobby, explore a new passion, develop your skills, and meet like-minded people. We have over **95 clubs** and societies for you to choose from – or you can even start your own!

**All the support you need**

**Personal tutors**: As a GCU student, you will be assigned a personal academic tutor to talk things through one-on-one and receive advice on your academic progress, university experience and general wellbeing.

**Learning development centre**: Need help in areas such as academic writing, English for academic purposes, ICT skills or other general study skills? You’ll find a learning development centre within each school, staffed by a team of experienced academic development tutors.

**The student wellbeing team** offers a free, confidential advice and support service through which you can access one-to-one counselling/therapy, group sessions and workshops to make sure your university experience is the best it can be.
Have a study session
You can find the perfect spot to study whether you are looking for alone time or a social hub to work with others, our campus has a mix of social and quiet study spaces. Our award-winning Saltire Centre has 1,200 study spaces with over 350 computers - we even have a 24-hour computer lab located in the Students’ Association building.

Grab a bite to eat
Our single-site campus has a range of indoor and outdoor social spaces with six cafes including the Re:Union Bar & Grill - here you can chat, learn, grab a bite to eat, a coffee, or simply take some time out and reflect on your day.

Relax and get pampered
Working out isn’t the only way to relax on campus. Our health & beauty treatment rooms are based in the Arc and offer beauty treatments, a hair salon and therapies including massage.

Take a time-out
The Faith and Belief Centre is a dedicated space on campus which offers you a place to focus on your religious, spiritual and social wellbeing. It hosts daily prayers, as well as meditation and relaxation classes and support sessions from our team of multi-faith chaplains.
You know where you want to be; now let’s get you there.

My top skills are...

Examples of where I have used these skills are:

This ties into my course choice because...

You've done your research, now think about your choices

My top choices are...

Take a break

Monday 5 August Bank holiday Scotland
Sunday 11 - Thursday 15 August Eid
Monday 26 August Bank holiday (England, Wales and N Ireland)

“Afind out what you like doing best, and get someone to pay you for doing it.”

Katharine Whitehorn
Journalist, writer and columnist

Open day tips

1. Register online before the day
2. Have your questions ready
3. Go with an open mind
4. Soak up the information and the atmosphere
5. Get social and get tagging #gcuopenday

Take a break

Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day
Sunday 22 - Monday 30 December Hanukkah
Tuesday 31 December Hogmanay

“Ask yourself; have you been kind today? Make kindness your daily modus operandi and change your world.”

Dr Annie Lennox
GCU Chancellor and activist

Write your personal statement

Your personal statement is more than a CV; this is your chance to think about the things that make you happy and to tell us about them.
**Top application tip**

Use the personal statement space to tell us about all the great experiences that led you here and your biggest ambition for the future.

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**Tuesday 27 February** UCAS Extra

“It is never too late to be what you might have been.”

*George Eliot*

Victorian writer and poet

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**Exam preparation**

5-minute relaxation exercise to relieve stress fast

- Close your eyes
- Take a few deep breaths from your diaphragm
- Try to visualize the tension leaving your body from your head to your feet
- Imagining that the stress is literally draining from you through your toes
- Escaping your body with every breath
- Simply melting away

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**Top tip**

Remember, it’s never too late to make a revision plan or timetable. This will help you prioritise and feel more in control. You’re going to smash this!

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**What is UCAS Clearing?**

If you haven’t received any offers or you weren’t going to apply but have changed your mind after the January deadline, don’t worry! You can apply for a UCAS Clearing space on another course.

UCAS Clearing runs from **5 July to mid-September.**

- **August 6** SQA Results Day (Scotland)
- **August 15** A level Results Day

“Live with life. Be courageous, adventurous. Give us a tomorrow, more than we deserve.”

*Maya Angelou* to the graduates of UC Riverside class of 77
“I chose GCU because it had a new and unique course. The course boosts your employability thanks to the many employer events on offer. The events give you the opportunity to engage with employers and grow in confidence! It is the only university in Scotland that offers this course and has great employment statistics”.

Christie McCormick, from Jersey, Channel Islands
IT Management for Business student.

Employability and careers

Glasgow Caledonian University’s focus on employability means that you will become a career-ready graduate. Glasgow is an employability hub with more than 410,000 jobs; studying and graduating in Glasgow means you will be in the best location for the next step in your career.

Our partnership with world-leading companies and professional and public sector bodies ensures a learning environment which harnesses the latest in technologies and expertise. Our graduates have gone on to secure careers across the globe.

As a GCU graduate you will excel as a professional in your field.

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Support

At GCU, you will have the best support on campus for your future ambitions. We offer a team of professional careers advisors who can guide you through every stage of your learning journey. You can glean valuable work experience through an internship, to securing a graduate position and beyond.

You will be given lots of one-to-one support in finding opportunities including:

• Interview skills and CV writing classes

• Regular networking events
• Guest speakers and masterclasses
• The option to study a language to enhance your international employer appeal
• The chance to add to your CV during your studies by becoming a paid GCU Student Mentor

You can also connect with a wide network of leading global employers through careers fairs, employer presentations and GCU’s online vacancies portal.
Applying to GCU

How do I apply?

For full-time degree study, complete your application through UCAS at ucas.com
For part-time degree study, apply directly at gcu.ac.uk/parttime

What do I need to apply for the course I want to study?

You’ll need qualifications, and/or experience, a personal statement and a reference. For some specific courses you may also need to:

- come to an interview
- submit an art/design portfolio
- sit an admissions test
- provide evidence of relevant work or voluntary experience

If English is not your first language, you will normally need to provide evidence of your English language skills through certificates such as IELTS.

We call these our entry requirements.

When do I apply?

You also need to apply on time: Students from the UK and European Union should apply by the application deadline of 15 January; applications made after this may be considered. International applicants should apply by 30 June.

What qualifications and exam results do I need?

The grades or qualifications you need will vary by course and may also depend on your personal circumstances.

If English is not your first language, you will normally need to provide evidence of your English language skills by providing certificates such as IELTS.

You will find our standard entry requirements for our courses at gcu.ac.uk/undergraduate. You will normally need to achieve grades as good as or better than these standard requirements to be made an offer, unless your personal circumstances mean you qualify as a widening access student (see next page).
Qualifications and entry routes

So how do I know if I am a widening access student?

We consider you to be a widening access student if you are from a group that is not currently well-represented in higher education. You may qualify as a widening access student if you live in a target postcode area, attend a target school or college, attend the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP: scottishwideraccess.org/), are care experienced, have refugee status or are an asylum seeker.

Each of these factors are considered when looking into whether you qualify. If you do, you may get a lower or adjusted offer.

At GCU we have a long history of welcoming and supporting students through their studies, regardless of their circumstances. To see if you qualify, visit: gcu.ac.uk/aes/documentsandpolicies

So for example, if you want to study Accountancy in our Glasgow School for Business and Society, we may ask for the following entry requirements:

**SQA Highers:** ABBBB
**A levels:** BCC
**IB:** 26

On the course pages of our website you will see our standard requirements but we consider each applicant individually to identify their full talent and potential, regardless of background or life circumstances, and look beyond grades to do this.

If you do not have the stated standard entry, we also consider alternative qualifications such as Foundation Apprenticeships, HNC/HNDs and Access courses.

Additionally, depending on your personal circumstances, you may be assessed as a widening access student and, for some courses, may get a lower or adjusted offer.

UCAS Code for GCU: University G42
Your application journey

Top dates to note on your journey to university life.

2019

June, July and August

Begin to research the programmes and careers you’re interested in, with the help of your Guidance Teachers and Careers Advisers if you’re at school or college. Consider the universities where you’d like to study and register to attend open days.

Check application deadlines and make sure you leave enough time to complete everything. There’s more information on the UCAS website [ucas.com](https://ucas.com), as well as specific information about applying to GCU on our website [gcu.ac.uk/howtoapply](http://gcu.ac.uk/howtoapply).

Decide which Regional Higher Education Conventions (held in association with UCAS) you’d like to attend. They are free and held throughout the UK. You can meet university representatives, ask questions and gather as much information as you can about all of the universities and degree courses that you’re interested in – we look forward to seeing you there!

[ucasevents.com/events](http://ucasevents.com/events)

September

Attending university open days or virtual tours over the next few months will give you a real feel for a university and the area. You can then decide if it’s right for you.

**GCU Open Day**
**Monday 2 September:** 10am - 2:30pm
**Saturday 5 October:** 11am - 3pm
[gcu.ac.uk/opendays](http://gcu.ac.uk/opendays)

October

Most schools will encourage you to have your UCAS application well underway at this stage. Make sure you work to the deadlines and seek advice from your Guidance Teacher or Careers Adviser if you need help.
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January

For UK/EU residents the application deadline for most courses is 15 January of the year of entry, via UCAS, ucas.com. UCAS passes your application onto all of the universities to which you’re applying. International applicants should apply by 30 June.

You’ll receive an email acknowledgement from our admissions team along with further information about the admissions process, so make sure your email address is up to date and you check that you’ve received it.

February

From now, you will receive replies to your application from each university you’ve applied to. A successful offer of a place can be unconditional or conditional (for example, dependent on your exam results). It may be possible to make a further application via UCAS Extra from the end of February for the year of entry – visit ucas.com for more information.

March and April

Some universities may invite you to attend an interview or information session. UCAS will issue you with a deadline for making your final selections. If you have a received an offer of a place you can apply for funding from April – see page 25 for details.

May and June

Exam time – good luck!

September

The start date for most of our undergraduate degree courses is mid-September – you’ll receive lots of information about joining GCU in advance. We look forward to seeing you then!

August

You’ll receive your exam results and if you have applied through UCAS, UCAS informs the universities that you’re holding offers from of your grades. If you’re at college, you must send your exam results to the Admissions Office. If you don’t get the results needed for entry to your preferred choice, UCAS will provide you with information about Clearing, which gives you the opportunity to see which courses have places remaining.

We have our own Clearing website gcu.ac.uk/clearing and you can contact us on our helpline 0800 027 9171 or by email clearing@gcu.ac.uk from the day you get your exam results.

If you’ve achieved the results required to meet your offer – well done! We’ll send you information about joining.

You’ve got this.

Get charting your own unique journey to university with the help of our application planner on page 15.
What is your path to GCU?

We believe that education is for everyone; there is more than one path to GCU. Find out more about the variety of routes you may take to join us.

Coming from college?

Many Higher National Certificates (HNCs) and Higher National Diplomas (HNDs), which are qualifications taken in college, allow you to enter the 2nd or 3rd year of a university degree programme, though this is not possible with all HNC and HND qualifications. For more details on this route to GCU and the courses that offer 2nd or 3rd year entry, visit: gcu.ac.uk/collegeconnect

You may also choose to enrol to GCU as a College Pathway student, studying a HND for two years at college, with the opportunity to gain direct-entry to 3rd year of a programme.

Search: gcu.ac.uk/howtoapply

Foundation Apprenticeships

We accept selected Foundation Apprenticeships, in combination with SQA Highers, for entry to our degree programmes. Your Foundation Apprenticeship will take the place of one SQA Higher qualification for our standard entry requirements and will be treated as equivalent to a B grade at Higher.

Search: gcu.ac.uk/foundationapprenticeships

Graduate Apprenticeships

Accessing our 20 years’ experience of work-based learning has never been easier. In partnership with Skills Development Scotland, we’re offering you the chance to complete a fully funded apprenticeship programme aimed at working people of all ages and spanning a range of disciplines.

Search: gcu.ac.uk/graduateapprenticeships

Relevant experience (RPL)

If you have relevant experience equivalent to our standard entry requirements, you can still apply to study here through the recognition of prior learning (RPL) process.

Search: gcu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/rpl

INTO GCU programmes for international students

If you are an international student, and do not meet our standard entry requirements, you can complete our INTO GCU academic pathway programme or our Academic English or Pre-sessional English programmes to enable progression onto a range of GCU programmes. This offers the opportunity to study in a supported, tailored environment.

Search: gcu.ac.uk/intostudy

Taking a gap year

You may be able to secure your place a year in advance and defer entry while using your gap year to study or gain experience. Not all programmes offer deferred entry so talk to our admissions advisors in advance.

Search: gcu.ac.uk/howtoapply
Follow us on social for inspiration on how to do this your way.
Funding your studies

At GCU we believe education is for everyone – regardless of your financial circumstances. We offer a wide range of funded scholarships, bursaries towards study costs, tuition fee reductions and discounts, all based in one of the most affordable cities in the world (TimeOut, 2019).

Your fee status
The funding available to help you throughout your studies depends on where you lived before coming to university.

- **Scottish and EU students living in Scotland**: Normally all tuition fees are paid by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). You must apply to SAAS every year of your course to confirm your eligibility.

- **England, Wales and Northern Ireland**: Students from these countries will pay overall fees per year which includes tuition fees, examination costs and library membership. Please visit the programme page on our website for more information. Specific scholarships are also available for students from the rest of the UK.

- **International Students**: Fees for international students vary by programme. These include tuition fees, examination costs and library membership. Please visit the programme page on our website for more information. Specific scholarships are also available for international students.

**EU students – UK leaving the EU**: Due to the decision by the UK to leave the European Union, there is uncertainty at time of printing about what funding support might be available to non-UK EU students. It is therefore important that you check our tuition fee web page for updated information at gcu.ac.uk/fees

Visit: gcu.ac.uk/fees
When to apply for funding

Applications for funding usually open around March/April. Your application will cover your tuition fees, student loan and any other grants, bursaries or supplementary allowances. Please check with your funding body for more information:

- Scotland (and EU students) saas.gov.uk
- England direct.gov.uk/studentfinance
- Wales studentfinancewales.co.uk
- Northern Ireland studentfinanceni.co.uk

Additional funding

**Student loans**
Student loans are available for UK students and can be used to help cover living costs. The amount granted depends on you and your family’s circumstances and funds will be paid out in monthly instalments for the duration of your studies. Find out more: slc.co.uk

**Discretionary fund**
If you take out the maximum student loan available to you and still experience financial difficulties, GCU has a Discretionary Fund to offer financial support towards living and study costs.

**Help with childcare**
Additional financial help is available to students with children to help pay towards registered childcare costs. We also offer the benefit of a nursery on campus. Find out more: gcu.ac.uk/campusnursery

Scholarships

Many of our scholarships enable you to take up life-changing opportunities such as studying or volunteering abroad and grant you access to benefits such as mentoring, work placements and professional body memberships.

To find out more about scholarships available, eligibility and application deadlines please visit gcu.ac.uk/scholarships.

- Student loan applications apply to UK students only.
- For the support available to international students, visit gcu.ac.uk/international

“I was able to carry out a placement in Pokhara, Nepal, thanks to funding from my scholarship. Volunteering in Nepal has given me a whole new perspective.”

Lily, BSc Physiotherapy

We provide a generous scholarship package of **£2.5 million per year**.

Mae
Human Resource Management student

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Discover Glasgow, explore Scotland

People make Glasgow

Glasgow is a fantastic, affordable city that is home to more than 130,000 students. Friendly Glasgow boasts world-class museums, cafes, concert venues, sports facilities, theatres, architecture and vibrant nightlife. It’s a shopper’s paradise with more than 1,500 shops and it has more green space per square mile than any other UK city.

We’re in the heart of vibrant Glasgow, Scotland’s largest city (the fourth biggest in the UK) and number one in the world for both friendliness and affordability (TimeOut, 2019).

Getting here

Glasgow is a compact city with great transport links. The campus is situated minutes from the bus, subway and train stations. Glasgow Airport is 15 minutes’ drive from the city centre offering direct UK and international flights to all of the big cities across the globe. The city is served with great motorway links making it easy to take in Scotland’s hills, lochs and castles.
“GCU has a full mix of international students and local students, which creates a really welcoming community for everyone. The University has allowed me to grow as a person, it also provides me with the perfect mix – a fun social life, meeting loads of new people from all around the world and also a great mix educationally. The campus itself is incredibly modern and just a cool place to hang out in.”

Yanira Salceda, from California, International Tourism Management student.
Explore the University

Situated in the heart of Glasgow city, **GCU is your new home from home.**

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**GCU’s award-winning library - The Saltire Centre**

The hub of the campus is the striking Saltire Centre, home to the University library. The building houses hundreds of thousands of books, **1,200 study spaces**, over **350 computers**, and the University’s Archives and Special Collections.

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**Six on campus cafés**

Including Scotland’s largest single student refectory, our learning cyber café, potato station, student bistro, on-site Starbucks and vegan café.
On campus accommodation

Our ‘village in the city’, Caledonian Court, is home to over 600 students and is perfectly located alongside the campus. You will live in a friendly, multi-cultural community in a safe and convenient location. Our modern and spacious flats are set within landscaped grounds. Desks, free Wi-Fi, an on-site launderette and large communal spaces means you will quickly feel at home and make new friends from all over the world. Visit gcu.ac.uk/accommodation

Wifi and laptop hire

GCU provides a free laptop vending machine service allowing students to study remotely around campus.

The Arc Health and Fitness Gym

Keep your fitness on track in our bright, modern health and fitness centre. There are numerous affordable classes and activities that you can take part in as well as university sports clubs, a hair salon and an on-campus physiotherapist.

Book a campus tour
gcu.ac.uk/campustours
What happens next is up to you

You’re already on your way to the career you want - but we’ve got so much more to offer! Join us at our university open days for inspiration and to help you find the right place to be:

Monday 2 September 2019
Saturday 5 October 2019

Register your place now:
gcu.ac.uk/opendays