

GCU Exchange/Study Abroad Factsheet 23/24



GCU Campus

About GCU

Glasgow Caledonian University is located in the heart of Glasgow, a vibrant and cosmopolitan city in the west of Scotland. Students can study courses in the field of business, health & life science, and engineering.

Our vision for 2030 is to be recognised as world-leading for social innovation: delivering transformative education and impactful research through purposeful partnerships as a globally connected University with an engaged University community committed to the Common Good.

Nomination Procedure

Partner Universities should submit nominations to GCU via the [online form](#).

Nomination Deadlines:

- **Tri A or full-year: 1st May 2023**
- **Tri B: 1st September 2023**

Once the nomination deadline has passed, we will contact the student directly with details on how to apply (cc'ing in partner contacts to this communication).

As part of the application students must also submit electronic copies of their:

- Official Transcript – noting the home institution's official name, dated within the previous 12 months, and in the English language.
- Copy of an active passport (we cannot accept ID cards)
- English language qualification if not a native speaker:

- Academic IELTS Average Score of 6, with no element less than 5.5
- TOEFL internet-based test overall score of 78 with minimum element scores of reading at 18, listening at 17, speaking at 20 and writing at 17
- Pearson PTE Academic overall score of 54 with no element less than 51
- Cambridge Advanced English (CAE) with a minimum Grade C
- Trinity College London Integrated Skills in English (ISE) – Pass at Level III
- LanguageCert International ESOL- B2 Communicator – Pass in all four elements
- Where a student is joining GCU for 6 months or less and does not have one of the above English qualifications, we can accept a supporting letter from the home university confirming the English language skills of the student.

Application Deadlines

- **Trimester A/Full year: 15th May 2023**
- **Trimester B - 15th September 2023**

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Modules

Exchange students may select modules from a dedicated list which will be sent with application information. Module descriptors can be found [here](#).

All undergraduate GCU modules are 20 SCOTCAT credits which is equivalent to 10 ECTS credits.

- 1 trimester: 3 modules = 60 SCOTCAT credits/30 ECTS credits

- 1 year: 6 modules = 120 SCOTCAT credits/60 ECTS credits

Partners wishing to send students to study at the post-graduate level should seek approval in advance of nomination by contacting incomingstudents@gcu.ac.uk.



Term Dates

- **Tri A** : mid-September to end of January
- **Tri B**: end of September to mid-May

Specific dates for the academic year can be found [here](#). Please note, these dates may be subject to change.

Visas

GCU has a Visa Immigration Support and Advice Team ([V.I.S.A](#)) who provide support and advice for all international students.

Upon successful application, students will receive visa advice specific to their individual situation, in addition to a supporting letter to aid entry into the UK for the purposes of study.

Students and partners can also visit the UK Visas and Immigration [website](#) to find out if a visa is needed.

Student Support

At GCU we aim to support students throughout their time with us. Exchange & study abroad students will also have access to:

- A Learning Development Centre which provides academic writing support, ICT support and advice on study skills
- An on-campus gym
- Counselling services
- Careers advice

Accommodation

At GCU we have on-campus accommodation available at [Caledonian Court](#). If you would like to apply, please submit an application **directly to the Exchange Office**. We will provide application forms to students after they have been nominated. To check on the status of an accommodation application, please contact the accommodation office directly at accommodation@gcu.ac.uk. Please note, we cannot guarantee that all students who apply for GCU accommodation will receive an offer for housing due to high demand.

You can also find information about off-campus accommodation on the dedicated private [accommodation webpage website](#).



On-campus Accommodation – Caledonian Court

Student Life

Exchange and study abroad students at GCU will have the opportunity to get involved in all aspects of campus life.

Students will be invited to an international orientation week where they can meet other exchange students, familiarise themselves with the campus and find out about the various clubs and societies at GCU.

[New2GCU](#) aims to support new arrivals by offering a student welcome programme packed with social activities and a global buddy system which pairs new international students with a local GCU student.

Other Information

About the city of Glasgow – [People Make Glasgow](#)

Transport Options – [Getting Around](#)

Public Holidays – [Glasgow Chamber of Commerce](#)



GCU Campus - Sir Alex Ferguson Library

Incoming Exchange Contact Details

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Student Testimonial

"I am glad that I had the opportunity to study at GCU for one semester. The staff, the fellow students and the university's facilities made it easy to feel welcome in Scotland. It is a country of mythical and unique beauty where you meet the friendliest people on earth, have great whisky, hear an adorable accent and lose a wee bit of your heart to it." - Nora Schönberg, former incoming exchange student.

Social

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/gcustudyabroad>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/GlobalOppsGCU>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/globaloppsgcu/>

Website -

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/currentstudents/essentials/exchange-study-abroad/incomingstudents>

**We look forward to welcoming
your students to GCU!**