

University of Strathclyde



The University of Strathclyde in Glasgow is one of the UK's leading universities, meeting the needs of students, employers, industry and the wider community through its teaching, research and consultancy. Founded in 1796 and granted its Royal Charter in 1964, the ethos of "useful learning" has always been at the heart of what Strathclyde offers. Today Strathclyde is the third largest university in Scotland and welcomes more than 15,000 full-time students from over 100 countries who are attracted by the University's academic reputation and stimulating study environment.

Every year, thousands of students make Strathclyde their first choice. Why? It is partly because Glasgow is a fantastic city to live in, and partly because Scotland is an exciting place to be, but it is mainly because Strathclyde is a friendly, switched-on university that provides great teaching and excellent learning opportunities. At Strathclyde you will enjoy inspirational courses and develop skills that will equip you for the rest of your life. Strathclyde successfully combines academic tradition with forward-thinking teaching methodologies and innovative research.

The University of Strathclyde has five faculties: Education; Law, Arts and Social Sciences (LASS); Engineering; Science; and the Strathclyde Business School (SBS). Strathclyde offers a wide range of courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels in all disciplines and is recognised as one of the largest providers of postgraduate education in the UK. We also offer research-based programmes in all departments.

According to the latest National Student Survey Strathclyde's student satisfaction levels are 85 percent, compared with a UK average of 83 percent. In some subject areas satisfaction levels are as high as 98 percent. The survey showed consistently high levels of satisfaction in the areas of teaching quality, academic support and learning resources.

The International Graduate Survey undertaken in 2008 also shows good results for Strathclyde. We came first in our peer group and in Scotland for financial support, and also ranked well in graduate earnings and good employment contacts. We were also rated first in Scotland for student welfare in our halls of residence and second for the overall cost of our accommodation. Scotland was the first-choice destination for eight out of ten of Strathclyde's international students.

As a forward-thinking university, we believe that some of the most important discoveries take place at the interface between disciplines. We have created a culture of collaboration and academic freedom, where both teaching and research can flourish. Not only does Strathclyde have an excellent reputation

in teaching and research but also for its strong links with industry and the commercial sector. Strategic and applied research and technology transfer underpin Strathclyde's reputation as a centre of excellence and innovation.

Overall income from research has increased by 38 percent and is rising faster than at most other UK universities and our current research ratings show 90 percent of our staff in the two highest categories, which is ahead of most other Scottish universities. Strathclyde has generated more than 40 spin-out companies and has one of the largest industrially-sponsored research portfolios in the UK. We are one of only two UK universities highlighted by the Government as being the most successful at working with industry in developing academic research into commercial applications.

The Strathclyde Business School is one of just 27 business schools in the world, out of approximately 3500, to hold triple accreditation from the three international accrediting bodies AMBA, AACSB and EQUIS.

The University of Strathclyde moved up 10 places in the 2008 Independent newspaper's Complete University Guide, which ranked it 31st in the UK.

In 2007/08, the University of Strathclyde more than doubled its funding awards from the UK's six major research councils.

Glasgow is a university city, home to Scotland's largest student population (over 168,000 students).

Since 2000, almost 600 students have graduated from the University's Sustainable Engineering programme, a ground-breaking, cross-disciplinary course that combines specialist study in advanced engineering with training in sustainability.

FEES & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



Current standard overseas tuition fees range from £8930 to £11465. Several courses, particularly in the Strathclyde Business School (SBS), charge fees which are higher than these and you should check the fee for your course with the relevant department or the International and Graduate Office.

The average cost of living for an undergraduate student for a year is between £5495 and £6605 for a 38 week/9 month period. As a postgraduate student the average annual cost is between £7250 and £8750 for a period of 50 weeks/12 months. Married students bringing children with them to the University should budget between £600 and £1000 per year for each child to cover additional expenses, (but this amount does not include childcare related costs which can be very expensive in the UK and will increase expenditure significantly).

For entry to our undergraduate programmes we look for strong school leaving qualifications and evidence of a motivation in the subject area of the course to which you are applying. For postgraduate study we look at university qualifications and other prior study as an indication of academic ability. At both levels references are used as an important indication of an applicant's capacity for further study, and a well-written statement of purpose (SOP) will improve your chances of getting a place on a course at Strathclyde. In some instances relevant work experience can be accepted in place of formal qualifications. Many of our programmes are very popular and over-subscribed and you are encouraged to apply as early as possible in order to avoid disappointment.

Students whose first language is not English will normally be required to show proof of their English language ability before commencing study at Strathclyde. The University's current English language entry requirements are 6.5 in the British Council IELTS test, 250 in the TOEFL computer-based test or 100 in the internet-based test. Pre-sessional English language study can be offered to candidates whose English language is slightly below the standard University entry requirements in order to bring them up to the required level. All students paying fees at the overseas rate are entitled to one module/month of pre-sessional English language tuition free of charge. In-sessional English language courses are also offered to students who wish to improve their English language at the same time as studying their full-time course.

ACCOMMODATION



There are over 2000 places available in University accommodation both on and off campus. All accommodation provides easy access to the University and the City centre and all rooms are networked for phone and internet access.

Strathclyde guarantees accommodation to new single overseas students holding offers who apply for accommodation before the deadline. All accommodation is self-catered with single study bedrooms and is arranged in furnished flats with shared kitchen, bathroom and lounge facilities. Two residences have a more traditional layout with rooms off corridors. All student accommodation has been designed to provide a secure home at an affordable price. Each residence has its own character and social network, and all offer unique opportunities to mix with students from other cultures and widen intellectual horizons.

Students with accompanying families should seek appropriate accommodation before bringing their families to the UK as family accommodation is limited.

LOCATION



Within short distance of some of Britain's most spectacular scenery, Glasgow is Scotland's largest city and one of the liveliest and most stylish places in the UK. It is a financial, commercial and tourist centre, and the University of Strathclyde is located at the very heart of this vibrant city.

Glasgow is host to some of the most exciting arts and cultural events in the world, and the city's landscape is identified with innovative architecture and design. At one time the city of Glasgow was the industrial heart of the British Empire; today Glasgow has a broad economic profile and has attracted significant new investment into the city, particularly in new industries. It is the centre of Scotland's media industries, a literary and design powerhouse and a city that prides itself on overall style, with top designers and exclusive fashion labels.

The friendliness of the people is well known internationally, and you are sure to enjoy a warm welcome.

FACILITIES

All Strathclyde students have access to world-class IT facilities. Key features include 30 computer labs with over 1200 computers. Network connectivity is provided in all University residences and there are 140 wifi zones across the campus providing free wireless access. Strathclyde also runs the largest laptop initiative in the UK providing access to heavily discounted laptop and support packages.

Library facilities are equally impressive. The Andersonian Library on the John Anderson campus caters for science, engineering, technology, languages and literature, business studies and management. The Jordanhill Library provides the same facilities for the Faculty of Education and is the largest education library in Scotland.

The University provides excellent facilities for a wide range of sports. The Centre for Sport and Recreation encourages students to take part in physical activity as a means of achieving a healthier lifestyle, to develop new skills and to maintain or improve their sporting talents. Facilities include a large sports hall catering for all major indoor games. There is also an activities room, squash courts and a weight training area. A separate cardiovascular suite has over 50 exercise machines and there is a four-lane swimming pool.

The sports programme includes a wide range of fitness classes, fitness testing, health and lifestyle consultation, sports coaching classes and swimming and lifesaving classes. The University is constantly developing itself as a leading provider of sporting activity, striving to produce innovative and diverse delivery methods to enhance participation in student sport.

Student support services on campus include the Chaplaincy Centre, Accommodation Office, Campus Police, Careers Service, Centre for Academic Practice and Learning Enhancement (CAPLE), Registry, Disability Service, Student Advisory and Counselling Service (SACS), Student Finance Office, Student and Occupational Health Service and the Students' Union. Strathclyde's two full-time International Student Advisers are concerned with all aspects of international student affairs including visas, welfare, advising and counselling, pre-arrival information and orientation.

The International Students Club meets weekly during the year and provides an informal forum for students to meet and get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. A full programme of social events is planned every three months and runs throughout the academic year.

STUDENT LIFE



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Strathclyde occupies a unique place among UK universities by combining academic tradition with forward thinking teaching methodologies and innovative research. Strathclyde is leader amongst the technological and scientific universities of Europe.

The Strathclyde campus is located in the heart of the city, which ensures you will enjoy all that the city of Glasgow has to offer including its cultural highlights, fantastic shopping, cinemas and nightlife and reputation for live music. Glasgow is a great city to live and study in and the people of Glasgow have a reputation for being friendly and are more than happy to help out if you need advice on what to do and where to go to get the best out of the city. Ceud Mile Failte - a hundred thousand welcomes await you wherever you go in Glasgow.

The Students' Union is the largest in Scotland with ten floors dedicated to every aspect of student life. Going to university is about both intellectual and personal development and, in a world where employers are looking for more and more from graduates, the Union provides a chance to get involved in a wide range of activities outside your academic department that will enhance your CV and make you more attractive to employers once you have graduated. The Union is also a great place to relax, socialise and meet people.

With over 40 affiliated sections, the Sports Union provides for most indoor and outdoor sports and the University provides excellent facilities for a wide range of sporting activities. As the University is within easy reach of the coast, mountains and winter sports resorts, activities such as sailing, hill walking, mountaineering, orienteering, skiing, rowing, canoeing and windsurfing are also on offer.

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