

Glasgow Caledonian University

Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) is one of Scotland's largest universities.

Tracing its origins back to 1875, this modern, innovative and forward-thinking university has a large, self-contained campus in the city centre, with many purpose built facilities making it one of the best learning environments in the UK.

Courses and students

The university has three academic schools:

- Glasgow School for Business and Society
- School of Computing, Engineering and Built Environment
- School of Health and Life Sciences.

Glasgow Caledonian University is one of only two institutions in Scotland to offer Optometry and the only institution to offer Orthoptics and Ophthalmic Dispensing Management. The university has its own eye clinic providing clinical training facilities. The clinic is open to the public, and patients are examined by students under the direct supervision of experienced and qualified clinical staff.

The university has 1,500 staff teaching over 21,000 students from around 120 countries.

You could spend part of your undergraduate course abroad through a partnership with 90 universities within 21 European countries, and 30 partner universities in six worldwide countries.

Facilities and services

The Sir Alex Ferguson Library is home to the university library and student support services hub, based in the Saltire Centre it offers flexible study spaces for 1800 students.

The Arc Health and Wellbeing facility is a multi-purpose sport and exercise centre which has fitness classes, a well equipped gym, and sports clubs. The university has 95 clubs and societies you can join.

The university has a simulated hospital ward, a high-tech broadcasting suite and a fashion factory.

There is on-campus accommodation for 660 students, in self-contained, fully furnished flats.

Ranking

The university is ranked 1st in the UK for Food Science, Physiotherapy and Radiography in The Times and Sunday Time Good University Guide 2023.

In the same guide, the university is ranked 2nd in the UK for subjects allied to medicine and 2nd in Scotland for archaeology and forensic science.

Ranked 1st in Scotland for Animation and Game Design Guardian University Guide 2023.

GCU ranked 1st in the UK and 4th in the world for promoting gender equality in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2022.

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