

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 specialisms

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 the only institution in Scotland to offer courses in orthoptics, optometry and ophthalmic dispensing. 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.

Students

The university has 1,600 staff teaching around 20,000 students from over 100 countries. According to HESA, 95.5% of students from the 2016/17 academic year went into employment or further study within six months of graduating.

You could spend part of your undergraduate course abroad through the European Erasmus+ programme or on exchange with a university in North or South America, Australia, Hong Kong, Malaysia or Vietnam.

Facilities and services

The hub of the city centre campus is the Saltire Centre, which is home to the university library, the Base student support desk and over 1,200 study spaces. It also hosts a learning cybercafe which contains sofas, study desks and computer workstations for students.

The Arc is the modern health and fitness centre which has fitness classes, a well equipped gym, sports clubs and a hair salon and spa.

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

Ranking

The university is ranked No. 2 for social work and No. 3 in the UK for optometry, ophthalmology and orthoptics according to the 2020 Complete University Guide.

GCU is ranked No. 3 for Anatomy and Physiology according to the 2020 Guardian University Guide.

GCU was ranked in the UK top 10 for world-leading social work and policy impact, and in the UK top 20 for allied health research at world-leading and internationally and excellent standards by the Research Excellence Framework, 2014.

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