Glasgow School of Art

Glasgow School of Art was founded in 1845 as a Government School of Design and is one of the few remaining independent art schools in the UK. It is internationally recognised as one of Britain's foremost higher education institutions for creative education and research in fine art, design, and architecture.

The famous Charles Rennie Mackintosh Building was home to the school since 1899. Mackintosh is one of the many graduates of Glasgow School of Art who influenced world design.

The school is a small, specialist, international community of artists, designers, and architects. It is a stimulating, creative place, where innovative ideas are encouraged.

Teaching is studio based and face to face. The University of Glasgow validates its degrees.

Courses and students

21 undergraduate courses are taught through four schools:

- The Mackintosh School of Architecture
- School of Design
- School of Fine Art
- School of Innovation and Technology.

Glasgow School of Art has around 300 staff teaching 2,800 students, around of which 23% are international students.

You could spend part of your undergraduate course abroad through the university's exchange programme with participating partner institutions.

Facilities and Services

Learning resources at the Glasgow School of Art comprises of a library, the Archives and Collections Centre and a virtual learning environment.

The library has one of the finest art, design, and architecture collections in the UK. This provides students with access to high quality information, resources and services including ICT facilities.

The Students' Association is based in the Reid Building of the school. It is a unique centre for music and visual arts in Glasgow. There are many clubs and societies at the school, covering a range of activities.

New undergraduate and postgraduate students are offered accommodation in one of two purpose-built halls of residence.

Rankings

GSA is ranked 3rd in the UK and 8th in the world for art and design in the QS World University Rankings by Subject

2026, making it one of the highest-ranked specialist art schools globally.

GSA has had a long association with the Turner Prize, a prestigious contemporary art prize, and has produced 9 Turner Prize winners overall, with a further 10 nominees.

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