University of the West of Scotland

The University of the West of Scotland has four campuses in Paisley, Ayr, Lanarkshire, Dumfries as well as a campus at the Docklands in London.

The University has close links with industry and commerce which is reflected in course design and the employability of its students. 90% of research carried out at UWS was classed as world leading, internationally excellent, or recognised internationally in the 2021 Research Excellence Framework.

Courses and students

It teaches a wide range of courses through four academic schools:

- School of Business and Creative Industries
- School of Computing, Engineering and Physical Sciences
- School of Education and Social Sciences
- School of Health and Life Sciences.

You may be able to complete part of your undergraduate course abroad through the Erasmus+ Programme or exchange schemes with universities in the USA.

The university has over 21,000 students, with 28% of those being international students (2025 figures).

Facilities and Services

Boasting buzzing social scenes, UWS has award-winning Students' Unions, sports clubs, societies, and a vibrant international student community.

Students have access to the latest technology, and flexible teaching delivered by academics at the forefront of their profession.

State-of-the-art equipment and facilities across campuses allows students to put their knowledge into practice in real-world settings, and benefit from gaining experience and hands-on skills even from the early stages of their studies.

This includes the latest technologies in artificial intelligence and virtual reality, bringing student learning to life in innovative ways.

Ranking

The university is ranked 6th in the UK for Childhood and Youth Studies in The Complete University Subject League Table 2027.

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