University of Glasgow

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International Pathways Guide

Study abroad and shape your future with a UK degree

KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL PATHWAYS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW IS A WORLD-LEADING RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY IN THE UK. WITH KAPLAN, YOU CAN TAKE A PATHWAY COURSE TO PREPARE AND QUALIFY FOR ENTRY TO A DEGREE AT THIS PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY.

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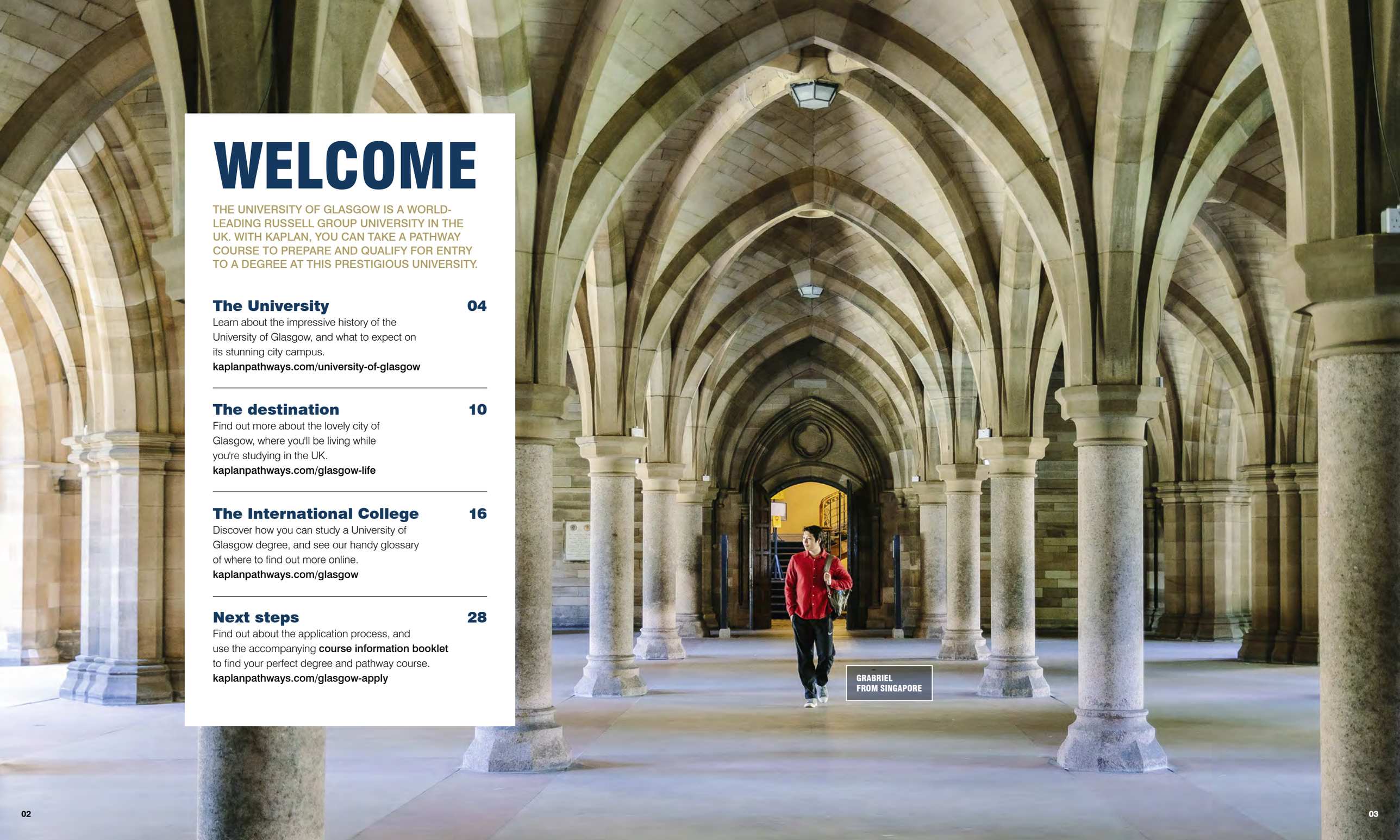

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WHERE OLD MEETS NEW

WITH AN EXCITING BLEND OF VERY OLD AND VERY NEW, THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW IS A TRULY INCREDIBLE PLACE. STUDYING HERE WILL BE AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

Step into a whole new world...

Arriving at the University of Glasgow can feel like stepping into the pages of a fantasy book. Its Gothic spires and stunning architecture might seem like something from the world of Harry Potter, but the University of Glasgow is home to a very different kind of magic.

For over 550 years, the University of Glasgow has taught bright and ambitious young people from across the UK and the world. It has been at the centre of education and academic research in Scotland since its founding, and can boast of numerous ground-breaking achievements. These include pioneering education for working men and women during the Industrial Revolution, and being the first university in Europe to completely stop fossil fuel investments.

In fact, by studying at the University of Glasgow, you'll be following in the footsteps of true world-changers, including eight Nobel laureates and three British Prime Ministers. You will also be joining students from over 140 different countries, all eager to get the very best education and make a difference in the world. Studying in Glasgow is a fun, exciting experience, and the city itself is sure to inspire you!

The University of Glasgow is where the past meets the present, where cutting-edge facilities combine with centuries of academic expertise. It brings together some of the best minds across many fields, and conducts ambitious, influential research. In short, it's where you will discover how you can change the world.

BASTIAN FROM CHILE

KIM FROM CHINA

Find out more
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WHY CHOOSE GLASGOW?

MEMBER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS RUSSELL GROUP

CONSISTENTLY RANKED IN THE WORLD'S TOP 85 UNIVERSITIES

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2017–24

ESTABLISHED IN 1451 AND ONE OF THE UK'S SIX 'ANCIENT' UNIVERSITIES

OVER 35,000 STUDENTS FROM OVER 140 COUNTRIES

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

DEGREES OFFERING FANTASTIC FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE

HOME TO THE HUNTERIAN MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY, THE OLDEST PUBLIC MUSEUM IN SCOTLAND

EXPLORE YOUR CAMPUS

THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW IS SPREAD ACROSS THREE CAMPUSES, AND IS KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL, STRIKING ARCHITECTURE. IT MAY LOOK LIKE A FAIRYTALE CASTLE, BUT THE UNIVERSITY IS HOME TO STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AND A VIBRANT, MULTICULTURAL STUDENT POPULATION.

The University of Glasgow has a long history, and its campus environment reflects this, with its Gothic buildings and grassy courtyard. But don't be fooled: this is a modern University with cutting-edge facilities. A recent £1 billion investment is one of the most significant by a UK university for decades, and is most visible in the new James McCune Smith Learning Hub. Other academic facilities include a huge library with over 2.5 million books, several computer centres across the three campuses, and an array of science labs, lecture theatres and study spaces.

There are plenty of sports and social amenities as well. You can keep active with an ultramodern gym, all-weather sports pitches and courts, and a six-lane swimming pool. With coffee shops, supermarkets, bars, a nightclub and two Students' Unions to make the most of too, you'll have everything you need to live comfortably and independently. With all this based on such a unique and special campus setting, your time at Glasgow is sure to be both enjoyable and exciting!

Garscube campus

Based in north-west Glasgow, and home to the School of Veterinary Medicine, the Institute of Cancer Sciences and the MRC Centre for Virus Research.

School of Social & Environmental Sustainability — Dumfries Campus

Located about 90 minutes south of Glasgow in the Scottish countryside, this campus is home to the University's School of Social & Environmental Sustainability.

Watch a tour of the School of Social & Environmental Sustainability — Dumfries campus:
youtu.be/EMh0peh0HBo

Feeling sociable?

As a student at the University of Glasgow, you'll have access to more than 250 clubs and societies. Joining a society is a great way to meet people with common interests, or to discover new passions! Here are just a few examples of societies you can join:

- Catholic Association
- eSports Society
- Feminist Society
- Harry Potter Society
- Hispanic Society
- International Society
- K-Pop Society
- Paintball Society
- Taylor Swift Society
- Vegan Society

Gilmorehill campus

The University's main campus, home to most of its academic departments, and based in the city of Glasgow's fashionable West End.

See what it's like at the Gilmorehill campus:
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WELCOME TO GLASGOW

SCOTLAND HAS A PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC HISTORY, BUT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO THIS COUNTRY THAN GREAT UNIVERSITIES. THE CITY OF GLASGOW IS A BUZZING CULTURAL HUB, WHILE THE SURROUNDING SCOTTISH COUNTRYSIDE IS FAMOUS FOR ITS BREATHTAKING BEAUTY.

Friendly locals

Studying at Glasgow is a great way to discover Scotland, a wonderful place to live and study. As one of four nations that make up the UK, it has its own history and a truly unique culture that's known across the globe. Scottish people are famously friendly and welcoming, making it an ideal location for international students.

Beautiful landscapes

The stunning countryside is one of Scotland's greatest assets. While living in Scotland, you can explore the ancient beauty of the Highlands, with its many lakes — or 'lochs' — including the most famous: Loch Ness. These natural landscapes look like they haven't changed for thousands of years, and are perfect for hiking, spotting wildlife, and, of course, talking incredible photos!

Progressive Glasgow

Glasgow is Scotland's biggest city, and the University has played an important role in its development. It helped to put Glasgow at the heart of the Scottish Enlightenment, something that still influences the country's culture and identity today.

Modern Glasgow has a progressive, diverse, lively culture. It's an ideal location for young people and students, with many excellent museums, great live music and a thriving sports scene. The bohemian West End district offers bars and restaurants, and is a top location for shopping. It's not hard to see why visitors quickly fall in love with the city!

See all that Scotland has to offer:
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SEE AND DO

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1.
Have a look around the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum.

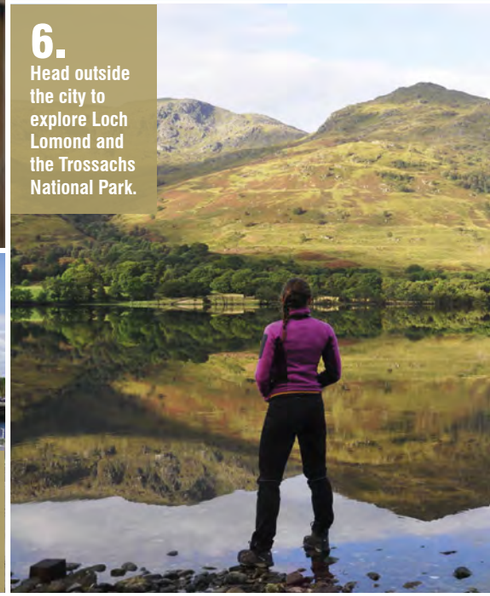
Get to know Glasgow
Take a look at Student Content Creator Izza's favourite places in Glasgow:
youtu.be/MEP4H1fiF-k

2.
Go shopping on Glasgow's 'Style Mile', featuring big brands, designer outlets and boutiques.

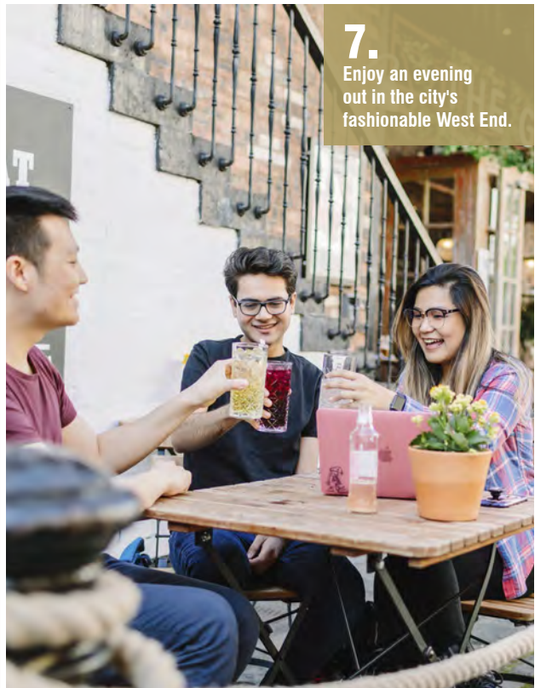
3.
See a show at Webster's Theatre, housed in the beautiful, gothic Lansdowne Parish Church.

4.
Watch a sporting event, such as a football match, at Glasgow's Hampden Park.

5.
Go on an educational trip to the Glasgow Science Centre.



6.
Head outside the city to explore Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.



7.
Enjoy an evening out in the city's fashionable West End.

8.
Explore the atmospheric Necropolis, Glasgow's grand Victorian cemetery.

9.
See live music at the OVO Hydro Arena, O2 Academy or Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.

10.
Visit a traditional Scotch whisky distillery.

ACCOMMODATION IN GLASGOW

GLASGOW IS A WELCOMING CITY, AND IN THAT SPIRIT WE'LL OFFER YOU SOMEWHERE SAFE, COMFORTABLE AND MODERN TO CALL HOME DURING YOUR PATHWAY COURSE. OUR KAPLAN ACCOMMODATION MAKES IT EASY FOR YOU TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND THERE IS A LOT TO DO AND SEE NEARBY.

Kaplan Living Glasgow

Old Dumbarton Road

This residence is just a five-minute walk from the College and University campus. You'll live with other students in a shared flat with private bedrooms and bathrooms and shared kitchens. The residence also has social rooms with a TV and games tables, so you can relax and socialise with your new friends. It's also where you'll stay if you're under 18.

Argyle Street

At this student residence, you'll be a ten-minute walk from the International College and University campus. Here you'll stay in a shared flat with a private bedroom and bathroom and communal kitchen, making life comfortable and convenient. You'll have access to the facilities at Old Dumbarton Road nearby, as well as the many shops and restaurants in the lively West End.

Note: due to the popularity of our accommodation, we may find you a third party residence; you will be advised at the time of booking.

When you book with Kaplan, you'll get:

- bespoke contract lengths to match your course
- dedicated booking and post-arrival support
- a private bedroom and bathroom, or a private studio
- a shared or private kitchen per flat
- all bills, maintenance and WiFi included
- a student starter pack with bedding
- varied room preferences, including under-18s and single-gender flats
- access to a shared laundry room (usage charges apply)

Kaplan Living Special Support

Only available at Dumbarton Road, this package of additional support measures includes 24-hour access to Wellbeing Coordinators, who will support you during your stay. It is mandatory for students under 18, but we encourage other students can sign up as well for some extra peace of mind.

Accommodation during your degree

Once you progress to your degree, you can stay in either a University residence, or private accommodation in the city.

ZHUOYU FROM CHINA

DEGREE PREPARATION

TO PREPARE FOR A UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW DEGREE, AND TO MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, YOU CAN TAKE A PATHWAY COURSE. YOU'LL STUDY THIS COURSE ON CAMPUS AT GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, WITH ACCESS TO ALL THE UNIVERSITY'S FACILITIES.

Take a pathway course

As an international student, you might need, or benefit from, a pathway course before you start a degree. A pathway course is often necessary because of differences between the UK's education system and that of your home country. It will boost your academic and language skills, and improve your subject knowledge to the level needed for entry to a degree at the University.

You'll take the course at Glasgow International College, before you start your degree. The College's experienced teaching and support staff will make sure you are on the right path throughout your course, and will help you develop the skills and knowledge you need for your degree. When you pass your course at the required level, and with good attendance, you'll be guaranteed entry to your degree!

STUDY OPTIONS

YOU HAVE TWO MAIN COURSE TYPES TO CHOOSE FROM, DEPENDING ON WHETHER YOU WANT TO STUDY A BACHELOR'S OR MASTER'S DEGREE. THE PATHWAY COURSE YOU CHOOSE WILL ALSO DEPEND ON THE DEGREE SUBJECT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN.

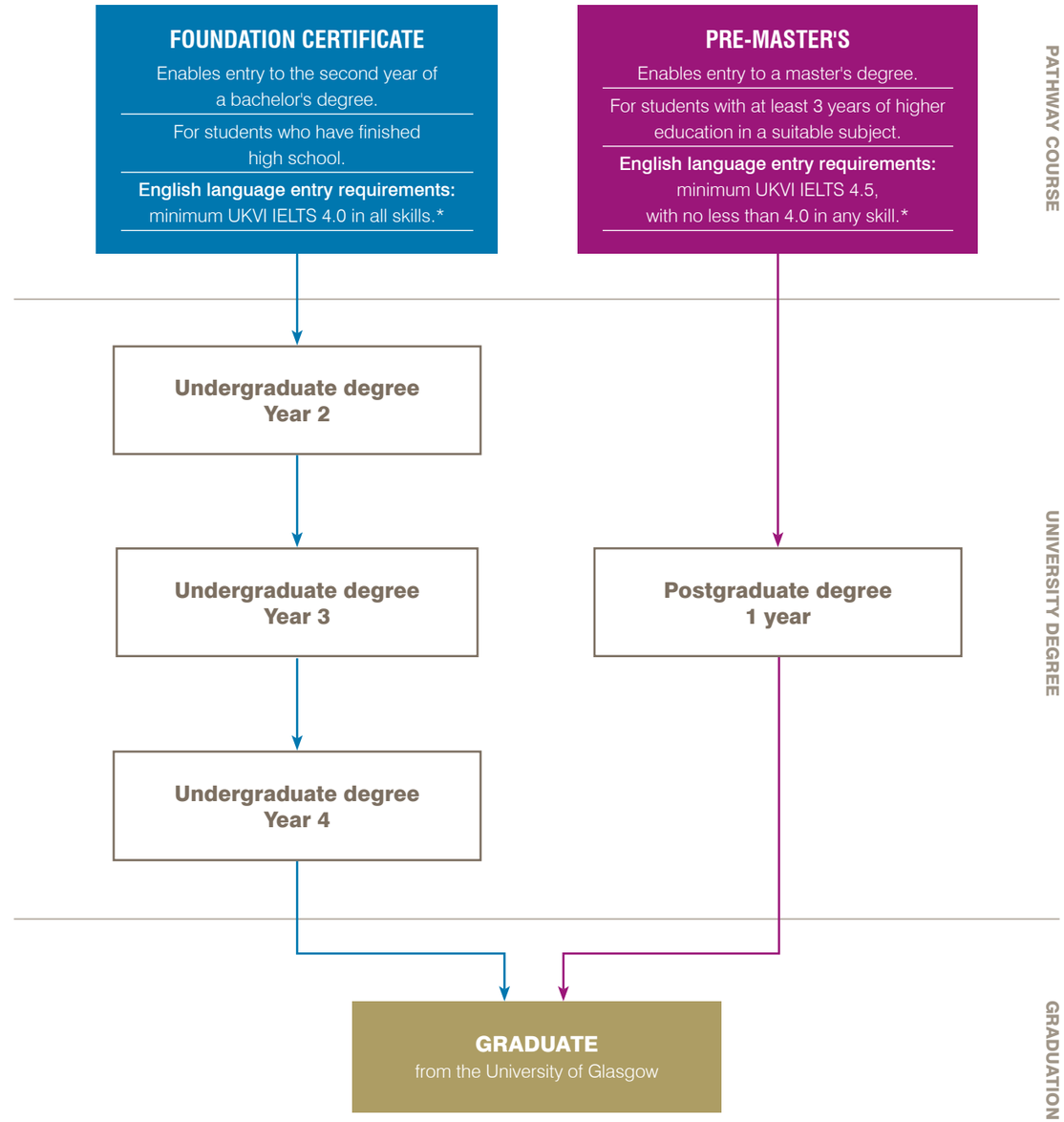
Scottish education system

Undergraduate degrees in Scotland typically last four years, rather than the three years you would usually study at a university in England or Wales. As an international student, you can progress straight to the second year of a bachelor's degree at the University of Glasgow by taking the Foundation Certificate. You'll then have three years to complete before you graduate.

Course details

Use the accompanying **course booklet** online to explore the full range of courses, degrees and online internship options.

FIND YOUR PATH



* UKVI IELTS alternatives: we can accept alternative tests as proof of English language. Learn more at: kaplanpathways.com/uk/ielts/

EXPERT TEACHING

THE EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT OF THE TEACHING STAFF AT GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE WILL HELP ENSURE YOU'RE READY FOR YOUR DEGREE. YOU'LL BENEFIT FROM THEIR GUIDANCE, AND A COURSE THAT'S SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LIKE YOU.

Teaching excellence

Teachers at the International College are experienced in working with international students, so they're perfectly placed to help you get ready for UK university studies. Teachers lead engaging, interactive and collaborative classes, encouraging you to participate and take an active role. You'll also benefit from one-to-one meetings with your tutor, and can monitor your progress throughout the course with carefully timed assessments, helping you stay on track. All this will help ensure you're fully prepared for the style of education you can expect on your degree.

Customised course

Pathway courses are designed with international students in mind. They focus on helping you to improve your academic skills, subject knowledge and English language level, which are all key components of getting ready for a degree. You'll often be able to customise what you study to some extent, based on your chosen progression route and personal interests.

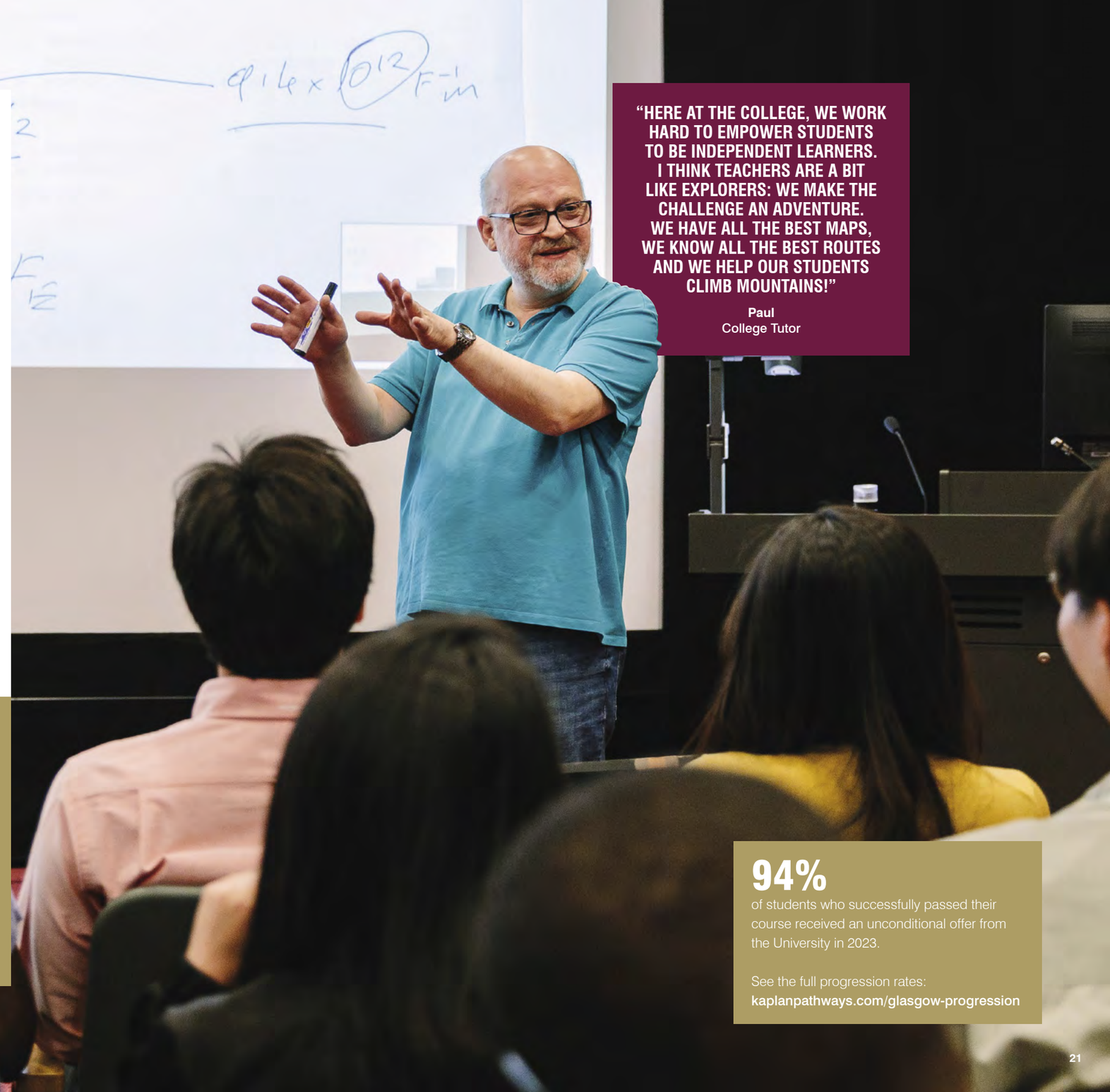
Prepare for your future

Your pathway course will help you get ready for your future life and career. You'll gain key transferable skills that are valuable to employers, enjoy networking opportunities, and develop a skills portfolio to showcase your achievements. The College also hosts careers events and offers chances to earn professional certifications.

Learn more about career support at the University of Glasgow:
gla.ac.uk/study/studentlife/careersservice

Virtual internships

In many cases, you can add an integrated virtual internship to your pathway course, giving you a great opportunity to build your network of professional contacts and earn valuable job experience before starting your degree.



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Paul
College Tutor

94%

of students who successfully passed their course received an unconditional offer from the University in 2023.

See the full progression rates:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-progression

STUDENT SUPPORT

FROM THE MOMENT YOU ENQUIRE TO THE MOMENT YOU START YOUR UNIVERSITY DEGREE, WE'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE SUPPORT YOU NEED TO SUCCEED. AT THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE FOR YOU TO TALK TO.

Starting your journey

Before you've even left your home country, we'll give you expert support and guidance. We'll advise you on how to handle the visa process, and if you're under 18 years old, we can help you arrange a comprehensive guardianship service from a recognised and established guardianship company for your wellbeing. Before you travel, you'll have the option to make use of Pathways Preview, which gives you earlier access to educational resources. Once you're in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation. The first week of term is Welcome Week, with lots of activities and socialising. We'll help you get settled in, meet students and staff, set up a bank account and register with a doctor, so that you're all set for life in the UK.

While you study

We understand that it's not easy to travel to a new country to study, and you might experience a bit of culture shock when you arrive. Thankfully, our experienced support staff know exactly how to help you adjust to life in the UK, and will be available to talk to you and help you with any issues you have. There will be lots of events, activities and trips for you to enjoy while you're in Glasgow, helping you make the most out of being in Scotland, and to make new friends and fond memories. When the time comes for you to progress to your degree, we'll help you make the transition with access to Pathways Extra, an online resource where you can continue to develop your skills and employability.

90%

of students surveyed in 2023 said College staff cared about helping them be successful in their studies

See what else our students think:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-satisfaction

"WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE AN INCLUSIVE, VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS AT THE COLLEGE, EACH WITH THEIR OWN AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE. IT'S SO REWARDING TO HELP AND SUPPORT THEM ON THAT JOURNEY, BUT ALSO TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUND AND CULTURE OURSELVES."

Clare Achilli
College Services Advisor

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT STUDENT LIFE IN THE UK? SEE WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY! THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF STUDYING ABROAD THEMSELVES, AND CAN GIVE YOU AN INSIGHT INTO WHAT TO EXPECT.

Life as a student

If you are thinking about studying in the UK, following our Student Content Creators is a great way to see what the country has to offer you.

Our Student Content Creators have created so many excellent videos, blogs and other resources, so you can know what to expect from living in Glasgow.

You can pick up some useful tips about studying abroad and about life on campus at the University of Glasgow.

Our Content Creators have even made videos on what to pack and how to deal with culture shock, so you can be fully prepared to start your study abroad adventure.

Perhaps you can follow in their footsteps and become a Content Creator too!

What our Student Content Creators say about the University of Glasgow:
kpln.org/gic-content-creators

"Making new friends is the most important part of studying abroad. I've been able to discover a new culture in a new environment — I find that so amazing."

Kayode from Nigeria
Student Content Creator

FIND MORE ONLINE

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN AN AMAZING STUDY EXPERIENCE IN GLASGOW, IT'S EASY TO FIND MORE INFORMATION. BELOW IS A QUICK GUIDE TO WHERE TO GO ONLINE TO LEARN MORE.

The University

About the University:
kaplanpathways.com/university-of-glasgow

Degree options at Glasgow:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-degrees

The University's website:
glasgow.ac.uk

The College

About the College:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow

Student accommodation:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-accommodation

Employability resources at the College:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-employability

Tuition fees and living costs:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-fees

Important information

Student visa:
www.gov.uk/student-visa

Student insurance:
kaplanpathways.com/insurance

College guardians for under-18s:
www.collegeguardians.co.uk

Information for parents and guardians:
kaplanpathways.com/parents-and-guardians

Further questions?

Get in touch:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-contact

Meet us in your country or region:
kaplanpathways.com/kaplan-in-my-country

MEET MARYCARMEN

MARYCARMEN FROM VENEZUELA FOLLOWED HER PATH FROM GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE TO A BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW. THIS IS HER STORY.

"At first I wasn't planning on studying abroad, and then I thought about studying in the USA. But my friend from Venezuela told me it would be better to move here to the UK. She said it was less expensive, more flexible and closer to everything. In Venezuela, most people want to study in the USA, but I like the University of Glasgow. When I got here I fell in love with it, it looks so cool, like it's from Harry Potter or something!

You receive so much help from the staff when you arrive here in Glasgow... they guide you through each step of the process, and if you feel bad you can always talk to them about it. They keep it private if it's a personal problem; they're very trustworthy.

My time at the University wasn't too different from my time at the International College; the timetables were similar. Each year at the University we had individual projects, just like at the International College. At the College I designed a can crusher as an engineering project, and at University I designed an inhaler for Biomedical Engineering, and for General Engineering you also have to design a bike.

In my final year we did a hand project, like a bionic hand. The hand moved according to my own; it basically simulated it. I felt really engaged with these kinds of projects. When I was deciding where to study, and I spoke to someone from Kaplan, they told me about these projects, like a mechanical hand that runs on solar power, and I was really impressed.

My advice for students considering their study options is to just not be afraid. Studying abroad will be an experience, and you don't know what is going to happen. You just need to put yourself out into the world!

Now, I have a first-class degree and I'm excited for what the future holds.

APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLYING TO STUDY AT GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE WITH KAPLAN IS SIMPLE. JUST FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW, AND WE'LL HELP YOU AT EACH STAGE OF THE PROCESS.

1. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FORM

We'll guide you through the entire application process, including what documents you'll need to send with or after your application. Just get in touch, or apply via the link below.

kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-apply

2. RECEIVE AN OFFER LETTER

Once your complete application has been reviewed, you'll receive either an unconditional or conditional offer, or we can explore other options with you. We'll send a decision within one working day.

3. ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

You'll do this by paying your deposit to study and administration fee, or by sending your financial guarantee. After accepting your offer, you can book accommodation through our online portal, so you'll have a safe place to live.

4. OBTAIN YOUR STUDENT VISA

To study a pathway course in the UK, you'll typically need to obtain a student visa. We'll advise you on this important process, and provide the supporting documents you'll need for your visa application.

5. BOOK YOUR FLIGHT AND BEGIN YOUR STUDIES

The most important step: arrive in the UK and begin your life-changing adventure as an international student!

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

ARE YOU READY TO START YOUR PATH TO AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION AND A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE AT GLASGOW? THE EASIEST WAY TO GET STARTED IS SIMPLY TO GET IN TOUCH!

Contact us

kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-contact

Course information

Use the accompanying **course information booklet** to find out more about the study options available at Glasgow International College, and the degrees you can progress to at the University of Glasgow. Inside, you can find details about tuition fees, entry requirements, module information and more, so you'll have everything you need to find the right path for you.

Explore the course information booklet online:
kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-course-info

Where is Glasgow?

Who's on the cover?

Sambo from Angola (left) and Sol from South Korea (right) are on their path to a University of Glasgow degree.

Find out more

kaplanpathways.com/university-of-glasgow

Explore more study options

Kaplan offers international students a wide range of education options in English-speaking countries. Learn more: kaplanpathways.com

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