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**Welcome**      **Tervetuloa**      **Bienvenido**

**from Glasgow Caledonian University**



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**Glasgow Caledonian University** was formed in 1993. We have campuses in Glasgow city centre, London and New York. Home to over 16,000 students we are one of the largest in Scotland.

According to the Research Excellence Framework, GCU is the top modern university in Scotland by research power. The University's social policy research impact at world-leading levels has ranked GCU as in the top 10 in the UK.





**Glasgow Caledonian University** <https://www.gcu.ac.uk/>  
has a large modern library with superb resources, hundreds of thousands of books, e-books and journals containing over 63 million articles. There are numerous cafés and a large refectory on campus as well as an on-campus modern health and fitness centre, University sports clubs, a hair salon and spa.

See here for more details:

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/theuniversity/universityfacilities/>

As well as here for new students:

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/new2gcu/>



# MUrCS course dates



Induction - 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (GCU International Student Office)

Semester 1: **Glasgow GCU** 17<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

Semester 2: **Lahti LAMK** 07<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Summer School 1, **Lahti, LAMK** 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 07<sup>th</sup> Jun 2019

Summer School 2, **Finland** (*location tbc*) 10<sup>th</sup> Jun 2019 – 20<sup>th</sup> Jun 2019

Semester 3: **Glasgow GCU / Lahti LAMK / Huelva UHU** 16<sup>th</sup> Sep 2019 -  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

Semester 4: **Dissertation** (*same location as S3*): Jan 2020 – Sep 2020  
(Dissertation defence at GCU in Sep 2020)

## ACCOMMODATION

Finding accommodation in Glasgow takes time so it's **best to start looking as soon as possible**. Also a short term let (less than 6 months) can be more difficult to find. Some academic courses start in August so by September choice can be limited.

On campus is the Caledonian Court complex providing self-catering flats.

With ensuite shower and bathroom including bills = £118.00 / week

With sharing shower and toilet facilities including bills = £99.79/week

Prices are based on contracts per semester.

For applications and more information:

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/accommodation/howtoapply/>



## ACCOMMODATION

There are Private (privately owned) Halls of Residence available here:  
<https://www.unitestudents.com/glasgow>

<https://www.libertyliving.co.uk/student-accommodation/glasgow>  
(Prices for both, including bills start at around £100 per week.)

There is a flatshare online forum for students who are happy to share a flat. This is hosted by a Student Representative Council (Glasgow University) and is a great opportunity to make friends in the city :  
<https://www.glasgowstudent.net/services/flatshare/view/>

The city's universities & colleges set up the Private Accommodation Database (PAD), all accommodation featured here conforms to their safety requirements. Search for property here:  
<https://www.glasgowpad.org/>

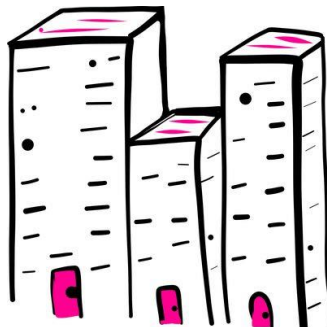
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GCU Student Association has an accommodation page with a downloadable booklet that comes recommended:

<https://www.gcustudents.co.uk/accommodation>

If you have any questions about areas of Glasgow that will be suitable, just ask [anne.bowman@gcu.ac.uk](mailto:anne.bowman@gcu.ac.uk)

For example, Paisley is cheap but it's a bit far out to travel easily to Glasgow and hence transport costs are higher.





## BANKING

Students must set up a bank account in order to receive funding from the Erasmus Plus programme. To open an account students will require:

- A valid passport and visa
- Proof of address in the UK (which can be a letter of acceptance/admission from GCU confirming your contact details and address, **once you have one** in Glasgow).

There is a Santander <https://www.santander.co.uk/uk/> branch on campus, branded branches can also be used in mainland Spain, (there are 7 branches in Huelva) with no additional charges.

## **BANKING – Prepaid Euros cards**



As there are no branded Santander branches in Lahti, Finland, to avoid bank charges a prepaid Euros card might be a good option.

Here is a Euros card comparison site:

<https://www.moneysupermarket.com/prepaid-cards/euros/>

which advises that the 2 cards with no fees for the card itself, transactions or atm fees are ICE Travellers Cashcard Euro

<https://www.iceplc.com/prepaid-currency-card/buy-euro-card-msm>

and the Euro Currency Card by Easyjet.

<https://prepaidcard.easyjet.com/>

Conditions do apply so please check the “*but be aware that*” section for each card if using the card comparison site above.

## GLASGOW AIRPORT PICK-UP

For September arrivals GCU runs a free pick-up service from Glasgow Airport.

See here for details:

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/student/studentlife/events/gcustudentevents/internationalstudents/airportmeetandgreettaxiservice/>

Please note that the above page has not been updated for September arrivals but will be updated soon.



## GCU International Students

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GCU offers a number of learning resources and support to International students which you can see here:

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/internationalstudents/facilitiesupport/>

Specifically we have a department dedicated to supporting visa applications and giving helpful advice:

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/student/studentlife/international/visaimmigrationsupportandadvice/>

with a downloadable visa guide here: [www.gcu.ac.uk/visaguides](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/visaguides)





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We are delighted to welcome you to GCU and look forward to supporting you through your studies.

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