

## **Mobility Scholarship Questionnaire: Winter 2024, University of Glasgow**

### **A) Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.**

Below are the four business electives I took on my exchange as a marketing student. The university uses an online platform called Moodle which is where you access all the course material and submit assignments. The class assessments are very different from the University of Ottawa, where you only have one or two bigger assignments per course instead of many smaller assignments. I considered the workload for classes lighter than uOttawa overall.

Course	Assignments	Format	Class hours
Social and Community Entrepreneurship MGT4058	Individual Case Study on a social enterprise, 2500 words (40% of grade) Reflective Learning Summary, 2500 words (60% of grade)	Weekly Readings and Weekly Lectures	2 hours a week (20 total)
Entrepreneurial Selling MGT4093	Recorded Sales Pitch, 5 minutes (40% of grade) Essay agreeing/disagreeing with a statement, 2500 words (60% of grade)	Weekly Lectures	2 hours a week (20 total)
Supply Chain Management MGT4100	Group Poster analyzing a supply chain (30% of grade) Case Study Style Exam, 2 hours (70% of grade)	Weekly readings and recordings, weekly workshop (group work)	2 hours a week (20 total)
Managing Complex Change MGT4011	Individual essay analyzing a company that underwent a major organizational change, 3000 words (100% of grade)	Weekly readings and lectures	2 hours a week (20 total)

### **B) The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit the precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.**

This outlines the important dates for the Winter 2024 semester. The teaching period is ten weeks. There is a reading week, but it's different from the University of Ottawa where different classes may have different reading weeks, and some classes don't have any reading week at all. The exam period is almost a month long, but many classes don't have exams. The exam schedules were posted on March 20, 2024. I only had one exam and it was on April

29th so I could have gone back home as early as the end of April. This is something to keep in mind when booking flights home. You are able to stay in residence up until June 7 but most people don't stay this late. I flew home on May 25th and the last person to leave my flat was on May 27.

October 31, 2023	Deadline to Submit Application to the University of Glasgow
December 4, 2023	Registration opens (academic & financial)
January 4, 2024	Earliest day to move into residence (you can move in later)
January 8 - 20	Add/drop period for classes
Jan 8, 2024 - Mar 22	Teaching Period
Mar 25 - April 12	Spring Vacation
April 15 - April 21	Revision Period
April 22 - May 17	Exam Period
June 7	Last day to move out of residence

**C) Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.**

- When you get to your residence there is a form to fill out where you can report any problems with the flat so that you don't get charged for any damage. This is done for your individual room as well as the communal rooms for your floor.
- An orientation session is held in the first week to learn about the university's services and course enrolment. This is where they'll tell you how to submit a course change request form and book a on-on-one meeting if needed.
- Most people don't have a full course load when they first get to Glasgow, and the first two weeks of class is the add/drop period for finalising your timetable. It's important to take initiative and submit course change request forms/schedule a meeting as soon as possible. There's lots of people trying to book a meeting and the time slots fill up very fast.
- You select a time slot for a visa registration through the myglasgow website. It's a short meeting and you get your student card at the same time.
- The university organizes activities during the first orientation week. These include trivia nights, ceilidh dances, and open mic nights. I recommend going to as many as possible they're fun and a great way to make friends!

- The university offers a mentor program which pairs you with a local student (you'll get an email to sign up). I recommend signing up for it because my mentor was really nice and had great advice.
- The housing team also holds a meeting in the Cairncross reception during the first week where they go over the rules and expectations.

**D) Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).**

- Flight (return ticket): \$1393.52
- Groceries: \$70 a week (lidl's has the best selection and prices)
- Travel: \$4000
- Housing: \$6600
- Miscellaneous (ubers, going out, coffees): \$50 a week
- There were no mandatory textbooks for any of my classes so I didn't spend any money on this.

**E) Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).**

- Once your nomination has been processed, you'll get an email from the University of Glasgow to submit an application. This application consists of basic questions and you select your choices for courses. I recommend selecting more than you think you should because you might not get approved for all of them and you will be able to change them to what you want when you get to Glasgow. When selecting classes, make sure to check if the course is offered during the semester you will be there for.
- Canadian students going to the United Kingdom for less than six months don't require a visa so this was not something I had to worry about. You do have to book a visa registration through the myglasgow website, which is a short meeting where you have to bring your passport and boarding pass from your flight to the United Kingdom.
- On December 4, 2023, the registration opened for academic registration, financial registration, and visa registration. These must be completed before you can be enrolled in any courses.
- I was accepted for accommodation on November 14, 2023. Once you're accepted, you must make a housing deposit of £600 before the due date to make sure your spot is reserved. There is also an induction you must complete before arriving which includes reading the accommodation rules and passing a short online quiz.

**F) Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.**

- I stayed in Kelvinhaugh Street residence.

- The cost for one semester (January 4 - June 7 2024) was \$6600.
- Address: 45 Kelvinhaugh Street, Glasgow G3 8PE
- Each flat has 5 single rooms, and all residents are exchange students.
- My flat was mixed, but there are also options to get a single gender floor.
- All the amenities are included.
- The laundry room is behind the building and uses the circuit app for payment, about £4 per load.
- The rooms have double beds, they also come with bedding and pillows but I chose to buy my own. Primark has nice room stuff for good prices.
- The rooms also have a desk, chair, closet, lamp, and full length mirror.
- You share one bathroom, one shower room, and a kitchen/common room with your flatmates.
- My kitchen didn't have any kitchenware when we first got there but I know people who were fully stocked so I think it just depends on the people living there before you left. It does come with a vacuum.
- There isn't any cleaning service so you and your roommates are responsible for keeping the flat clean and taking out the garbage.
- I've had a good experience with the kelvinhaugh residence and would recommend it. I've also heard good things about the Hillhead residence but it's a little pricier. I would stay away from Cairncross because they're known to have issues with mice.
- Payments are done directly through your myglasgow account.
- For maintenance requests, there is a form you can fill out at the Cairncross reception and someone will be sent to fix the issue.

#### **H) Other comments or recommendations.**

- Student discounts: There are many places that offer student discounts so make sure to bring your student card and ask the workers.
- Trips (in Scotland): Glasgow is a really nice city but I recommend exploring more of Scotland. The train is the easiest way to get around. I recommend Edinburgh, Sterling, Highlands, Oban, Aberdeen, Isle of Skye. International Student Tours Scotland does good day and weekend trips throughout Scotland and is a great way to meet other students.
- Amazon prime: you can get a 6-month free trial for amazon prime using your University of Glasgow email. This is very helpful for ordering room and kitchen supplies directly to your flat.
- Young scots card: All Scotland residents under 22 are eligible for a young scots card. This gives you free bus transportation all throughout Scotland. You can apply for the card online and it takes about a week to get delivered.
- Restaurants: Civerinos, Soba Bar, Derby Lane, 1082, Hillhead Book Club, Ralph and Finns, sano
- Bars: Kitty O'Sheas, Wunderbar, Garage, Malone's, Ashton Lane, Hive on Thursdays
- Things to do in Glasgow: Kelvingrove museum, botanical gardens, Buchanan Street shopping, Pollock Country park to see the highland cows, Kelvingrove park, Ceilidh

dances at the Student Union, watching rugby games (Glasgow warriors or university games).

- Clothes: It rains most days in Glasgow so make sure to bring a good rain jacket and rain boots. I would pack mostly clothes for cold weather, it only starts getting warm at the end of the semester.

**I) Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience.**

As someone who has never left North America before coming on exchange, I have had a great experience at the University of Glasgow so far. Right from the beginning, everyone has been really friendly and welcoming. I already have plans to meet up with the friends I've made here when the exchange is over. The city is beautiful with lots of things to see and do but I have also taken advantage of taking time to travel while I'm here. While I've been here, I've visited Lisbon, Porto, Brussels, Prague, Budapest, Rome, Paris, Copenhagen, and Amsterdam, and have plans to visit London, Dublin, and Athens before the end of my exchange. With only eight hours in a classroom per week, and a spring break that is almost a month long, there's plenty of time to travel and explore while balancing your studies.