
Studied at the University of Glasgow during Fall 2018

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

I am studying International Management at the Telfer School of Management. At the University of Glasgow, I was able to take either business (which included management, economic, computer science, or law classes) or third language classes. The classes, their formats, and their assignments and exams are listed below.

Class: Management Control Systems	Credits: 20 ECTS
Format: One three hour lecture per week, and one hour tutorials approximately every second week.	
Assignments and Exams: This class has a 5000-word group paper due mid-November worth 25%. Groups are made of 4-5 members. The paper is about a balanced score card that the students create for a company. There is also a final exam in early December worth 75%. The exam is on a case that is given beforehand.	

Class: Managing in the Public Sector	Credits: 15 ECTS
Format: One two hour lecture once a week, with a reading break.	
Assignments and Exams: This class has two papers, each of 2000 words and worth 50%. One is due mid-November and the other due mid-December. The papers are based off a prompt given by the professor.	

Class: Development of International Business	Credits: 15 ECTS
Format: One two hour lecture once a week.	
Assignments and Exams: This class has a 2000-word paper due in mid-November worth 25%. The paper is about inward FDI in a country of the student's choice. There is also an exam in early December worth 75%.	

Class: Project Management	Credits: 15 ECTS
Format: One two hour lecture once a week.	
Assignments and Exams: This class has one approximately 3000-word paper due early December. It is about a project that the student has previously managed.	

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.

For 2018, the important dates were as follows:

Date	Description
September 4 2018 – September 7 2018	Welcome group from the University of Glasgow was at the airport
September 5 2018 – September 7 2018	Free bus from the airport to the University of Glasgow’s housing accommodation was available
September 7 2018	Orientation meeting for Exchange students (to discuss class options and important things about campus)
September 7 2018 – September 10 2018	Exchange orientation and events (for example, campus tours, meet-and-greets, and movie nights)
September 10 2018 – September 16 2018	“Freshers” week (orientation week for the whole university and first-year students)
November 30 2018	End of teaching period
December 3 2018 – December 14 2018	Exam and revision period
December 16 2018	Exchange students were allowed to leave the country (to return home)
December 17 2018	Christmas vacation started

For exchange, it was mandatory to be at the September 7 2018 orientation meeting and to remain in (or close-by to) Scotland until September 16 2018.

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.

The International Exchange Office will first send information via email to your uOttawa account. At some point, it will send you a student ID and a student email address. The student should make sure to continue checking this email address as the University of Glasgow will begin to send all information to it.

I have explained course registration in Section H. In order to know which classes may be offered, the student must look at the previous year’s course catalog.

In late August, the University of Glasgow emails its students to finalize registration online. The student must sign into their University of Glasgow account (like uOzone), called MyGlasgow. In

this account, students will be able to finish their academic and financial administration. This is important to do immediately as the University of Glasgow will not sign the student up for classes without the completed registration and the student will be unable to pick up their Student ID.

Once at the University of Glasgow, the student will be able to pick up their Student ID (there will be information provided for the location) if they have finished registration online. Before getting the Student ID, students have to register their visa or passport stamp with the University. There will also be information provided as to the location to register visas and passport stamps.

Finally, there is an orientation for incoming exchange students provided by the International Exchange Office. This includes meet and greets, campus and city tours, movie nights, scavenger hunts, and tours around Scotland. Information on when to sign up will also be provided through an email from the University of Glasgow. I would recommend signing up as soon as possible because the spots fill up extremely quickly (within hours) and with the time change, Ottawa is at a disadvantage if the email is sent in the morning (Glasgow time).

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

These are my approximate costs so far (as of October 1 2018): *

Transportation to and from Glasgow	
Airplane to Glasgow from Ottawa (with connecting in Toronto)	600 CAD
Airplane to Ottawa from Glasgow (with connecting at Heathrow)	600 CAD
Housing	
Airbnb in Partick, Glasgow	9 000 CAD
Vacation & Tours	
Isle of Skye Tour Cost (3 days)	1 500 CAD
Loch Lomond (1 day)	20 pounds
Loch Ness (1 day)	24 pounds
Harry Potter Bridge (1 day)	22 pounds
St Andrews (4 days)	400 pounds
Daily Travel	
Bus Rides within the City Centre	1.50 pounds per ride
Bus Rides within the city, but outside of City Centre	2.90 pounds per ride (5.00 pounds for a return ride)
Subway Ride	1.40 pounds per ride
School Materials	

Textbooks	50.00 pounds
Pens, Paper/Notebooks	20.00 pounds
Printing	30.00 pounds
Food	
Eggs (6)	1.25 pounds
Milk (litre)	0.79 pounds
Apples (6 small)	1.50 pounds
Beer (4)	5.00 pounds
Bread (loaf of white)	0.75 pounds
Butter	0.75 pounds
Bag of Clementines	1.75 pounds
Cheese Slices (10, Edam)	2.00 pounds
Box of Cereal (Cheerios)	1.50 pounds

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

Visas

Since I am a Canadian citizen and was studying in Scotland for less than six months, I did not need to get a visa ahead of my arrival to Scotland. Still, at the Scottish border (at the airport since I flew in from Toronto, Canada) I had to show proof of my attendance at a University (the University of Glasgow emails you a letter during the summer that acts as this proof), proof that I could afford to live in Scotland until the end of the semester (a print-out of my bank account balances), proof that I had accommodation (my Airbnb receipt), and proof that I intend to leave Scotland before the end of six months (my return-flight ticket). However, at the border I was only asked to produce proof that I was attending the University of Glasgow.

Still, it is necessary that you bring all of this documentation with you and that you have it each time you want to return to Scotland (after some travelling) as they will require it to allow you entry back into Scotland.

I would recommend checking on this website to see what kind of documents you may need [<https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa/y>].

Course Registration

I have explained course registration in Section H.

Housing

I chose to stay in an Airbnb, and not in University accommodations, so I am unsure of what is needed in order to stay at the University. In order to stay in an Airbnb, I had to create an account (a username and password), search on the Airbnb site for a place that I wanted that was available during the Fall 2018 semester dates, then contact the owner to see if they would accept my long stay. Once I requested the apartment, the owner must respond within twenty-

four hours to let me know if they accept or deny the request. I would recommend starting your search as early as possible, as there weren't many options for a lengthy stay that were within walking distance to the University that were at least somewhat affordable.

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

I did not stay in University accommodations; I decided to stay in an Airbnb in Partick, a neighbourhood to the west of the University of Glasgow. My address was 17 Stewartville Street. It was in an excellent location, as it had multiple restaurants, drug stores and grocery stores within a five-minute walk. It was also five minutes from the Kelvinhall subway station, which allowed for a less than a fifteen-minute ride to the city centre. It was also very close to multiple bus stops – one of which allowed for a mere twenty-minute bus ride to IKEA, which was handy when I was trying to set up.

The Airbnb itself was also great. It was pre-furnished, had utensils, a dish washer and washing machine, mail box and flat screen TV (with Netflix). It also had bi-weekly cleaning. The owner was very helpful in showing me how everything worked and whenever I had questions about Glasgow. The building in which the apartment was located was overall very clean and the other residents were very friendly.

For a stay from September 4 2018 until December 16 2018 (103 nights), it cost a total of \$11373.74 CAD (including service and cleaning fees).

G) Work term (if applicable).

Due to my visa, I was not permitted to work during my exchange in Glasgow, Scotland.

H) Other comments or recommendations.

I only really have one key piece of advice, and it's about class selection. Since this exchange is most likely the first time a student will have studied at the University of Glasgow, the class registration system will register the student as a first-year student. This means that the student will be unable to register for any third or fourth year classes (which is most likely what they will need in order to gain approval from the Telfer School of Management).

This is how the process works:

1. Student gets the University of Glasgow classes approved by the Telfer School of Management.
2. Student sends the University of Glasgow the list of approved classes. At this point in time, the dates and times of the classes will be unavailable.
3. The University of Glasgow gets the students approved for each individual class by speaking with the course coordinator. However, some classes may conflict timing-wise with each other or may not be offered.

4. The University of Glasgow will send the student back the classes the student is able to take, but this will most likely not be all the classes the student originally sent the University of Glasgow (as the student may not have been approved by the course coordinator, the classes may conflict, or the classes may not be offered).
5. The student will not be able to remedy any shortage in classes until they arrive in Glasgow, Scotland where they will have to personally email or meet with the course coordinator to be approved for any classes they need to reach 60 ECTS.
6. Once the student is approved by the course coordinator for the classes, the student must forward the approval email to the exchange office to be registered for the course.

At this point, classes are most likely almost full, and students may have to be approved multiple times in order to get into a class. This was all explained to us at the orientation meeting on September 7 2018 (see above in the list of important dates). At this point, the dates and times of classes was available.

I would recommend sending as many classes as possible to the Telfer School of Management to be approved, then sending all the approved classes to the University of Glasgow. This will give the student a bigger chance of getting into classes that they want to be in and of putting all their classes on only a couple days of the week so it will be easier to travel. It is really simple to drop classes, so once the student arrives in Glasgow they can just email the Exchange Office which classes they would like to drop.

That being said, the University of Glasgow's staff are very nice people, and they genuinely want to help their students. They are very easy to talk with and I would recommend asking for help whenever you think you might need it.

Moreover, It is difficult to drive in Scotland. Students under the age of twenty-three will find that it is very pricy and pretty inconvenient. Due to insurance, rental dealerships will either not allow people under the age of 23 to drive their vehicles, or will charge pricy daily rates (approximately 50 pounds or more). At this point, it is cheaper to take a train, plane or tour bus to most (if not all) locations. Furthermore, since the Scots drive on the left (and Canadian drive on the right) and most cars are stick-shift (and, in my experience, most Canadian drive automatic), it's hard to learn to drive in Scotland, even if one chooses to rent a car.

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

My experience (so far) in Scotland has been amazing. Glasgow is often seen as more of the "working" town, instead of a cultural centre (that is more Edinburgh), but I would have to disagree. Glasgow has a lot of culture, and the locals have all been really kind and welcoming, especially since I'm Canadian.

Glasgow itself is very pretty and it's easy to get around. The University of Glasgow is located in the west end of the city, but is still surrounded by very vibrant streets. Two streets, Byres Road

and Dumbarton Road, are both filled with shops, pubs and restaurants, and services. To get downtown, where there is a large shopping scene, is very easy. The city itself feels very safe.

The University of Glasgow is very well organized and I would definitely recommend this university to any Telfer students considering exchange. The Adam Smith Business School has great teaching staff and is located in the old, Hogwarts-looking building in the university, so it is also very scenic.

Finally, Scotland is just gorgeous. I went up to the Highlands and the Isle of Skye for a couple of days, and I would highly recommend doing this. The scenery is unbelievable and everyone is so kind. This was definitely a highlight thus far. Furthermore, I have also travelled to St. Andrews and Edinburgh, and both of these cities/towns were lots of fun.