



# Study Abroad

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## *USC Exchange Program*

### **Glasgow, Scotland** *University of Strathclyde*

USC's exchange program in Scotland is designed to expose students to the life and culture of the Scottish people. The program is located in Glasgow, Scotland's second largest city (pop. 612,000), approximately 45 minutes west of Edinburgh via train. Glasgow, known for its artistic energy, architecture and design, is filled with numerous museums, extensive galleries and theaters. Students will attend the University of Strathclyde. Only USC undergraduate students are eligible to participate in this program.



George Square, Glasgow, Scotland

The program in Glasgow offers a full curriculum. Students take classes with Scottish and other international students. Classes are taught in English.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending the University of Strathclyde. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required.

### **Courses and Credits**

Students typically take 60 Strathclyde credits (approximately 4 courses) per semester and typically earn 16 U.S. credit hours. Listed below are a few examples of subjects offered. A full list of courses can be found at <http://soolin.mis.strath.ac.uk/classcatalogue/control/browse>.

### **Subject Offerings**

Business	English	Mathematics
Biology	Entrepreneurship	Music
Chemistry	Foreign Language	Psychology
Education	Geography	Sociology
		Tourism

### **Living Arrangements**

Students are typically housed on campus in University accommodation that is within two minutes walking distance of all the main University buildings. For students who prefer to live off campus, the Accommodation Office staff at Strathclyde is available to provide assistance with finding a suitable flat. Students pay in-state tuition and fees to USC. Room and board costs are paid in Glasgow and vary based on the type of accommodation chosen. More information on the different housing options can be found at <http://www.strath.ac.uk/accommodation/>.

**Budgeting**

The United Kingdom is one of the most expensive places to study abroad due to the weak dollar against the strong pound. Due to this fact, students need to budget accordingly and be aware that prices will be approximately double while in the UK. For assistance in determining living costs and other fees, please refer to this site:

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/igo/preparing/costofliving/>.

**Master Calendar**

Classes begin in January and go until June for the Spring semester. Academic year students can expect to arrive in September and finish in June. A more detailed schedule can be found at

<http://www.strath.ac.uk/igo/preparing/dates/>.

**Insurance**

The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is required for this program and will cover basic emergency insurance while traveling abroad.

**Orientation**

The University of Strathclyde offers a welcome program for new international students during the first few days after arrival. Information on the local area, the university and other important details will be provided during this time. For more information you can visit <http://www.giswp.org.uk/>.

**Excursions**

Strathclyde's International Student Advisor organizes social and cultural activities throughout the semester, including a weekend trip to Carbisdale Castle in the highlands of Scotland. Students also have the opportunity for individual travel.

**Visa**

Students who attend the University of Strathclyde for one semester do not need to apply for a visa. Students studying for the full academic year will need to apply for the UK student visa. For information on how to apply, please visit:

<http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1125564448127>.

**Footnotes**

USC students can attend the University of Strathclyde during the spring semester or academic year. Visit the University of Strathclyde's website at <http://www.strath.ac.uk>. For specific information for exchange students, please see <http://www.strath.ac.uk/igo/exchangestudyabroad/>. More detailed information can also be found in the Pre-Departure Guide:

[http://www.strath.ac.uk/media/departments/administrativedepartments/igo/docs/media\\_139721\\_en.pdf](http://www.strath.ac.uk/media/departments/administrativedepartments/igo/docs/media_139721_en.pdf).

For information on tourism in Scotland, visit the Scottish Tourism Board web site at:

<http://www.visitscotland.com/>