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University  
of Glasgow

**International Pathways Guide**  
2020–22





# WELCOME

THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW IS A LEADING UNIVERSITY IN BOTH THE UK AND THE WORLD. WITH KAPLAN, YOU CAN GAIN ENTRY TO THIS PRESTIGIOUS RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY THROUGH A PATHWAY COURSE ON CAMPUS AT GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE.

## The University

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Learn about the impressive history of the University of Glasgow, and what to expect on its stunning city campus.

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# CHANGE THE WORLD

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 groundbreaking 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 seven 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.

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

JACQUELINE  
FROM CHINA



# WHY CHOOSE GLASGOW?

**MEMBER  
OF THE  
PRESTIGIOUS  
RUSSELL  
GROUP**

**CONSISTENTLY  
RANKED IN THE  
WORLD'S TOP 70  
UNIVERSITIES**

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2017-20

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

**29,000  
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**



# YOUR LIFE ON 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.



## Dumfries campus

Located about 90 minutes south of Glasgow in the Scottish countryside, this campus is home to the University's School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

## 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.



## 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
- International Society
- K-Pop Society
- Paintball Society
- Robotics Society
- Vegan Society
- and many more!





# DISCOVER SCOTLAND

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

Studying at Glasgow isn't just a great way to get a world-class education; it's also the perfect opportunity to discover Scotland, a remarkable place to live and study. As one of the four nations that make up the UK, it has a rich history and a unique, distinctive culture that's known around the world. The Scottish people are famously friendly and welcoming, making it ideal for international students.

Perhaps Scotland's greatest asset is its stunning countryside. While in Scotland, you can explore the rugged beauty of the Highlands, and the many lakes — or 'lochs' — found there, including the most famous: Loch Ness. These natural landscapes are perfect for hiking, spotting wildlife and, of course, taking spectacular photos! Who knows, maybe you can even get a photo of the Loch Ness Monster?

Glasgow itself is Scotland's largest city, with its position on the River Clyde helping it become a major seaport. The University of Glasgow, having existed for centuries, has played a much greater role in the development of its host city than most UK universities. It helped put Glasgow at the centre of the Scottish Enlightenment, which still influences the country's culture and identity to this day.

The character of modern Glasgow is progressive, diverse and lively. It's an exciting place for young people and students, with fantastic museums, great live music and a thrilling sports scene. The bohemian West End district is brimming with shops, bars and restaurants, and the city is one of the best in the country for shopping. It's not hard to see why visitors to Scotland are so quick to fall in love with it.



# TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN GLASGOW

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

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FROM KOREA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10.**  
Visit a traditional Scotch whisky distillery.



# LIVING 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 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, or you can opt for a private studio flat with its own kitchenette. The residence also has social rooms with a TV and games tables, so you can relax and socialise with your new friends!

Please note: due to limited availability, we may find you a third party residence; you will be advised at the time of booking.

## 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.

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YUKE FROM CHINA

## 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
- all bills, maintenance and WiFi included
- a student starter pack with bedding and cooking items
- varied room preferences, including under-18s and single-gender flats
- access to a shared laundry room (usage charges apply)
- a shared or private kitchen per flat

## Accommodation during your degree

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





# INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

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 to a degree. A pathway course is often necessary because of differences between the UK's education system and that of your home country. It'll boost your academic and language skills, and improve your subject knowledge, to the level needed for entry to an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University.

You'll take a pathway 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!



KOBENA  
FROM GHANA

RICKY  
FROM CHINA

MARIA  
FROM ECUADOR





# 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.

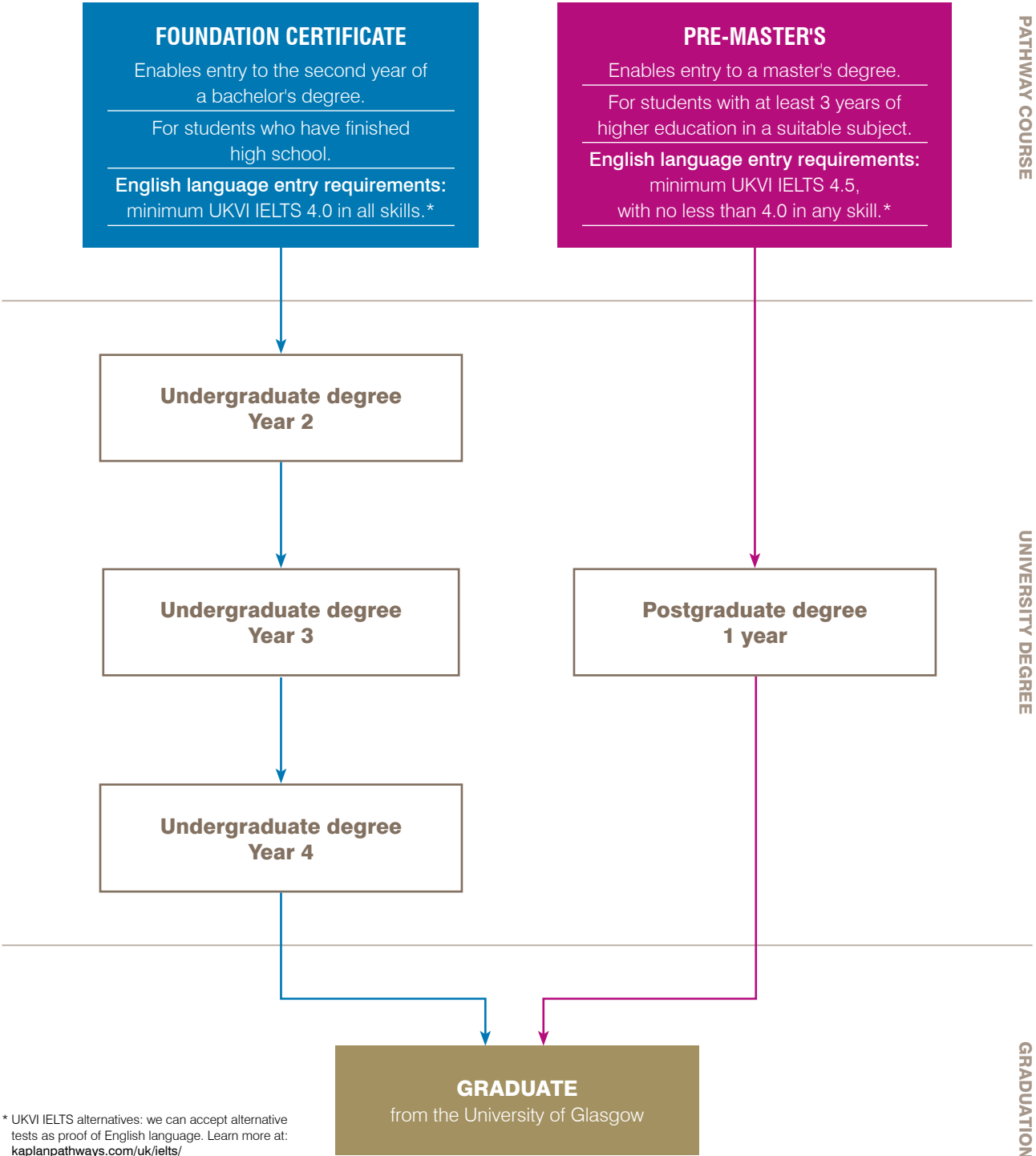
### Scottish education system

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 course booklet at the back of this brochure to explore the full range of pathway course options and progression degrees available.

## FIND YOUR PATH





# LEARN YOUR WAY

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. It's a great way to make sure that you remember what you learn! 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, and are tailored to the unique challenges you might face as a student from outside the UK. The course will focus on your academic skills, subject knowledge and English language level, which are all key components of getting ready for a degree. Your pathway course will allow you to customise what you study to some extent, based on your chosen progression route and personal interests. You'll also receive relevant learning materials before your lessons, helping you prepare for each class and engage fully with the topic of the day.

Electric Fields

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“HERE AT THE COLLEGE, WE WORK HARD TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO BE INDEPENDENT LEARNERS. I THINK TEACHERS ARE A BIT LIKE EXPLORERS: WE MAKE THE CHALLENGE AN ADVENTURE. WE HAVE ALL THE BEST MAPS, WE KNOW ALL THE BEST ROUTES AND WE HELP OUR STUDENTS CLIMB MOUNTAINS!”

Paul  
College Tutor





# 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 we'll send you a pre-arrival pack with useful information about the UK. If you're under 18 years old, we can arrange the legal guardian you'll need during your studies for your well-being. Once you've arrived in the UK, we can meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation. The first week of term is Welcome Week, which will feature 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 always 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 and make sure you're fully prepared.

“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  
Administrator



# HEAR FROM OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS

WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT STUDENT LIFE IN THE UK? SEE WHAT OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS 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

The Student Ambassador programme is a cross-college initiative that brings students' experiences and stories together. Students who have joined the project have posted great videos and articles about what it's like to be an international student. Seeing what our students have to say about their time studying and living abroad can really help you understand what to expect.

## Become a Student Ambassador

As an Ambassador, you can give your CV a boost by gaining useful experience of using key skills such as networking, creativity and leadership, all of which are highly valued by employers. You can also receive exclusive rewards such as a free railcard, short stays at our various fantastic residences around the country, and there's even an exciting bonus gift for overachievers.

**"IT HAS TRULY BEEN A REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE BEING A STUDENT AMBASSADOR FOR KAPLAN. IT HAS HELPED ME DISCOVER MYSELF, AND I'M EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS AND ALL THE VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME WITH IT!"**

Izza from Malaysia  
Student Ambassador

To hear more from our Student Ambassadors, just visit:  
[kpln.org/ambassador](https://kpln.org/ambassador)

# GO 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](https://kaplanpathways.com/university-of-glasgow)

**Degree options at Glasgow:**  
[kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-degrees](https://kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-degrees)

**The University's website:**  
[gla.ac.uk](https://gla.ac.uk)

## The College

**About the College:**  
[kaplanpathways.com/glasgow](https://kaplanpathways.com/glasgow)

**Student accommodation:**  
[kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-accommodation](https://kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-accommodation)

**Student services at the College:**  
[kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-support](https://kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-support)

**Costs of studying abroad:**  
[kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-fees](https://kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-fees)

## Important information

**Student visa:**  
[www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa](https://www.gov.uk/tier-4-general-visa)

**Student insurance:**  
[kaplanpathways.com/insurance](https://kaplanpathways.com/insurance)

**College guardians for under-18s:**  
[www.collegeguardians.co.uk](https://www.collegeguardians.co.uk)

**Information for parents:**  
[kaplanpathways.com/parents](https://kaplanpathways.com/parents)

## Further questions?

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**  
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**Get in touch:**  
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JIE FROM CHINA

MARYCARMEN  
FROM VENEZUELA

# 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 so far hasn't been too different from my time at the International College; the timetables are similar. Each year at the University we have 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.

This year we are doing a hand project, like a bionic hand. The hand moves according to my own; it basically simulates it. I feel 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!

This is my path so far.”







# 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](https://kaplanpathways.com/glasgow-contact)

## Course information

Use the course [information booklet](#) online to find out more about the pathway courses available at the International College, as well as the university degrees you can progress to. You'll also find pathway course tuition fees, start dates, entry requirements and module information, giving you all the information you need to plan your studies abroad.

GABRIEL FROM  
SINGAPORE



## Where is Glasgow?








## Who's on the cover?

Weiwei from Taiwan is on her path to a University of Glasgow degree.

## Find out more

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