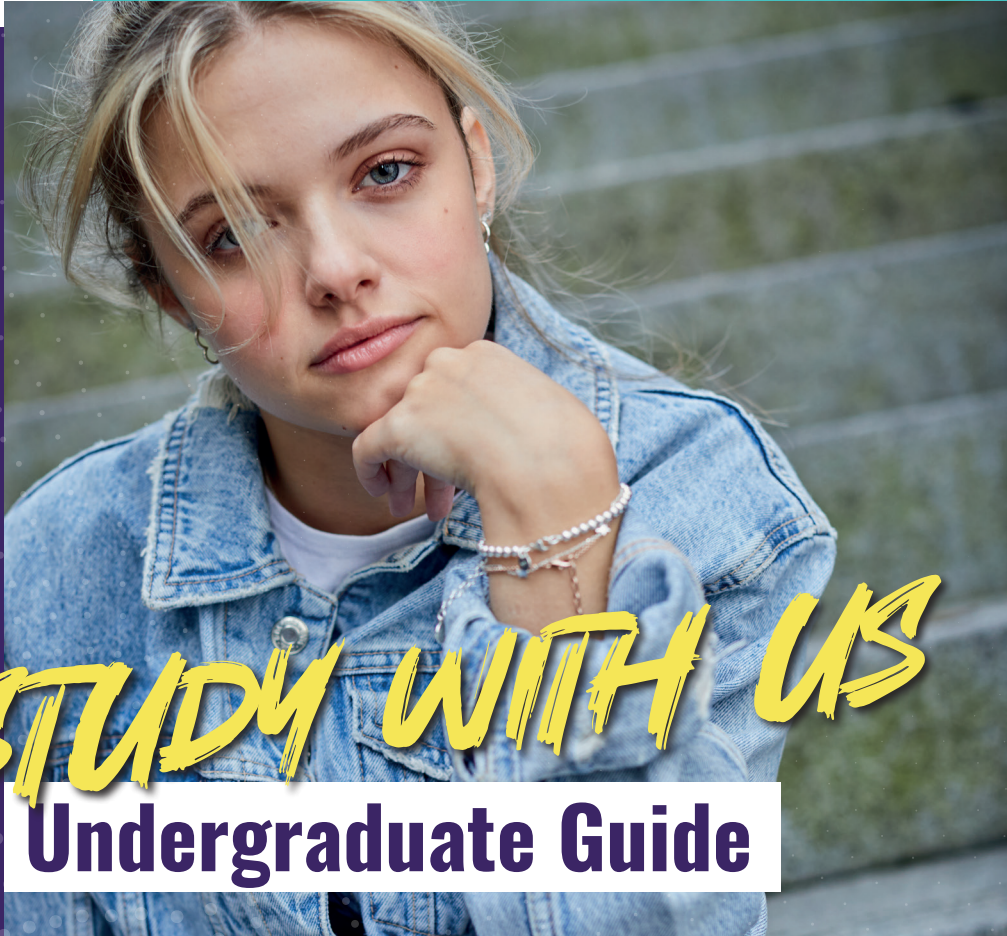




Glasgow Caledonian
University



STUDY WITH US

Undergraduate Guide

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EXPLORE Glasgow Caledonian University



Start your journey at Glasgow Caledonian

With exceptional support and opportunities to take your skills to the next level, you'll find Glasgow Caledonian a welcoming and inclusive place where you can establish yourself in your chosen career.

Join the top modern university in Scotland for highly skilled employment, as part of a community of over 22,000 students from nearly 120 countries.

Take a step towards your future with our wide range of high-quality courses and state-of-the-art facilities.



OUR Campus

Take your place in one of the best learning environments in the UK at our modern campus in the heart of Glasgow.



Campus highlights

- State-of-the-art facilities
- An award-winning library
- Excellent sport and leisure facilities
- Lively and welcoming social areas
- Located in Glasgow City Centre
- The popular Re:Union bar
- Relaxing green spaces



Your Students' Association

You'll find social activities, support and opportunities at the Students' Association, the heart of a University community that's centered on you.

As a student here you'll automatically be a member, and can enjoy the facilities and take part in a wide range of societies whatever your interest. You'll find your place with others who share your passion.

Find out about volunteering and how you can make a difference here and further afield as well as adding to your CV.

And you can enjoy fun events and activities throughout the year, such as gigs, quizzes, and end-of-term socials.



Follow us on Facebook or Tiktok and have a look at what we get up to! @gcustudents

ABOUT Glasgow student life

As the UK's third largest city, Glasgow is home to over 185,000 students.

Scotland's largest city has one of the largest student populations in the UK. You'll be part of a lively community with welcoming locals and a unique charm. It's a city that's proud to say "People make Glasgow!"

Student nightlife

Famous for its nightlife, Glasgow's got plenty of student-friendly spots around the City Centre and beyond to enjoy. Explore areas like Sauchiehall Street, the Merchant City and the West End, where you'll find cafes, gigs, bars and clubs offering a variety of special deals for students. In Glasgow a big night out doesn't have to be a big expense.

Scenic spots

There are over 90 parks and gardens across Glasgow to discover. Whether you're in the mood for a relaxing walk, a run, or a picnic with friends, you'll find a green space close to your doorstep. Glasgow Green, Kelvingrove Park, Pollok Country Park, the Botanic Gardens and dozens of other open areas make it clear why Glasgow's known as "The dear green place".





Action-packed

You'll be in Scotland's sports capital, a city with world-class facilities and internationally-known sports venues. From packed stadiums to gyms and exercise classes, you'll find your team. The great outdoors is on your doorstep, offering activities like rock climbing, water sports and hiking.

Taste of Glasgow

Hungry? Glasgow serves up everything from stylish destinations to street food, reflecting the diversity of the city's population. Whether it's local or international, a quick bite or a special occasion, there's something on the menu whatever your taste or budget.

Cultural hub

From world-famous music venues to theatres, cinemas and celebrated galleries and museums, Glasgow is alive with culture. Whether it's catching a superstar on tour, enjoying a festival, or going to a comedy club or a show, there's always something going on.

Treasure trove

Whatever your style you'll find something that suits, with big brands and local independent shops right at hand. Around the city, there are great vintage buys available alongside fresh designs, while the city's Barras Market offers an eclectic selection of unique goods every weekend.





GETTING AROUND GLASGOW

Glasgow Caledonian is easily reached either on foot or via public transport links, whether you're staying in student accommodation or commuting.



Subway

The Subway offers the most convenient way to travel around **Glasgow's City Centre** and **West End**. Trains run every four minutes.



Bus

You'll find Scotland's largest bus terminal, **Buchanan Bus Station**, right next to our campus. Buchanan Bus Station connects you to major cities and towns across Scotland and the UK.



Train

The University is a short walk from Glasgow's two main railway stations: **Glasgow Queen Street** and **Glasgow Central**, just 10 minutes from Queen Street and 15 from Central. Both offer excellent transport links across the UK.



OVO Bikes

OVO Bikes are an affordable and eco-friendly way of getting around Glasgow. With stations scattered throughout the city, just locate a nearby **OVO Bike** on the **Nextbike app** scan it and ride!

BUILDING Your career

Your success at University goes beyond academic achievement. At Glasgow Caledonian, industry-led content, career support and hands-on learning helps you get the knowledge and skills that employers really want.

91%

of our graduates were in employment or further study 15 months after completion. (HESA 2024)

Supportive environment


You'll reach your full academic potential here. With small class sizes and dedicated staff, you'll get individual guidance and mentorship to help you develop. We're proud of the supportive academic environment here.

Practice-based learning

Get a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in your chosen field and build on your learning with a relevant work experience placement while you study. Practice-based learning is a priority at Glasgow Caledonian, giving you a chance to showcase your passion and creativity to potential employers.

“Mentors can help with areas you wouldn't expect, and this is an invaluable opportunity you shouldn't pass up. I learnt lots about myself, developed confidence and developed a good rapport with a reliable, experienced professional that understood my fears and concerns”

- SHANINE



“I think work experience - getting out there and getting involved in the professional environment - is invaluable. It’s given me the skills, the confidence, and most of all, the contacts and experience to achieve what I want.”

- RYAN

Career-focussed

Benefit from our connections with over 300 partners across the private, public and third sector

- Access to the latest technologies and industry-standard facilities
- Professionally accredited courses
- Masterclasses and guest lectures from professionals
- Career mentors
- Curriculum designed in collaboration with industry experts
- Careers fairs
- Employer-led activities
- Networking opportunities



- **1st for Physiotherapy in the UK**
(Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2024)
- **1st for Hospitality, Events Management and Tourism in Scotland**
(Guardian University Guide, 2024)
- **1st for Animation and Game Design in Scotland**
(Guardian University Guide, 2024)

GLASGOW SCHOOL FOR Business and Society

Enter the job market with in-demand skills like commercial awareness, initiative, and creativity. Experience innovative courses that provide opportunities to engage with industry and develop your professional talent.

State-of-the-art facilities

- Bloomberg Suite
- Fashion Factory
- Media Suite
- The Law Clinic and Moot Room



We thrive on ideas, support innovation and value the importance of social responsibility.

Employable graduates

You can get a range of placement opportunities through our extensive network of local and international industry partners allowing you to:

- Explore diverse career paths
- Network with industry professionals
- Build your professional confidence



Accountancy

UCAS Code: N400

Bachelor of Laws

UCAS Code: M114

Bachelor of Laws Fast-track

UCAS Code: M115

Business Management

UCAS Code: 8J9J

Fashion Design with Business

UCAS Code: 8U9N

Finance, Investment and Risk

UCAS Code: N390

International Business

UCAS Code: N120

International Business with Human Resource Management (Year 3 entry)

UCAS Code: 2T4T

International Fashion Branding

UCAS Code: W2N5

International Marketing

UCAS Code: 3G5B

International Tourism and Events Management

UCAS Code: 2H3V

Media and Communication

UCAS Code: PP93

Multimedia Journalism

UCAS Code: P500

Risk Management

UCAS Code: N291

Social Sciences

UCAS Code: L000

SCHOOL OF Health and Life Sciences

With hands-on learning, you'll gain confidence and skills. Choose diverse, career-focused courses like Biomedical Sciences, Psychology, Optometry, and Physiotherapy.

We are one of Scotland's leading providers of health and life science education.

State-of-the-art facilities

- Biological and Biomedical Sciences Laboratories
- Human Performance Laboratories
- Interprofessional Simulation Centre
- Nursing wards
- Operating room
- Simulated ambulance
- Vision Centre



Practice-based learning

You'll spend around 30% to 50% of your overall course on practice placements in diverse healthcare settings and teams.

No. 1

in the UK for subjects allied to medicine,
physiotherapy and radiography



Applied Biomedical/Biomedical Science (Year 2 entry)

UCAS Code: B940

Applied Psychology

UCAS Code: C810

Biological Sciences

UCAS Code: C100

Diagnostic Imaging

UCAS Code: B821

Food Science (Year 3 entry)

UCAS Code: D610

Human Nutrition and Dietetics

UCAS Code: B400

Nursing Studies - Adult

UCAS Code: B740 (BSc) | B700 (Hons)

Nursing Studies – Child

UCAS Code: B730 (BSc) | B731 (Hons)

Nursing Studies – Learning Disability

UCAS Code: B761 (BSc) | B763 (Hons)

Nursing Studies – Mental Health

UCAS Code: B760 (BSc) | B762 (Hons)

Occupational Therapy

UCAS Code: B930

Optometry with Independent Prescribing

UCAS Code: B515

Oral Health Science

UCAS Code: A990

Orthoptics

UCAS Code: B520

Paramedic Science

UCAS Code: B950

Pharmacology

UCAS Code: B210

Physiotherapy

UCAS Code: B160

Podiatry

UCAS Code: B985

Radiotherapy and Oncology

UCAS Code: B822

Social Work

UCAS Code: L500

SCHOOL OF Computing, Engineering and Built Environment

Choose from a range of modern and exciting courses that open the door to a variety of rewarding careers. Benefit from research and teaching that are based on the latest industry developments.

State-of-the-art facilities

- 360-degree Igloos
- Cisco labs
- Cyber Security and Networks Lab
- Cyber Security Clinic
- Forensic suites
- Virtual reality labs
- Testing facilities
- eMotion labs



Building industry connections

Get the chance to develop your own industry connections and broaden your employment opportunities. Our links to industry allows you to enter an annual prize-giving ceremony at Level 3 of every course. Supported by the GCU Foundation and sponsored by a prospective employer, it could be a major step to establishing your professional reputation.

Find out more about our Graduate Apprentice routes on p17





3D Animation and Visualisation

UCAS Code: 3DAV

AI and Data Science

UCAS Code: G510

Audio Technology

UCAS Code: J932

Building Services Engineering (Year 2 entry)

UCAS Code: K242

Building Surveying

UCAS Code: K230

Computing

UCAS Code: G401

Construction Management

UCAS Code: K251

Cyber Security and Networks

UCAS Code: I121

Digital Design (Year 3 entry)

UCAS Code: 3K7Q

Digital Security and Forensics

UCAS Code: I111

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

UCAS Code: H610 (BEng) | H611 (MEng)

Electrical Power Engineering

UCAS Code: H630 (BEng) | H631 (MEng)

Environmental Civil Engineering

UCAS Code: H220

Environmental Management

UCAS Code: FN82

Forensic Investigation

UCAS Code: F410

Games Development

UCAS Code: G750

Mechanical Engineering

UCAS Code: H380 (BEng) | H831 (MEng)

Quantity Surveying

UCAS Code: K240

Software Development

UCAS Code: G701

GRADUATE Apprenticeships

Discover a unique opportunity to excel as a Graduate Apprentice with our selection of undergraduate courses. Whether you're a school leaver or already in Scotland's workforce, they offer an alternative route to higher education by combining hands-on work with expert academic knowledge, creating a solid foundation to kickstart your career. Throughout your Graduate Apprenticeship, you'll receive all the support available from the University, as well as support from your employer.

Glasgow Caledonian is Scotland's leading provider of Graduate Apprenticeships.

Applicants can either

- Apply with support from your current employer
- Find a Graduate Apprenticeship job online at apprenticeships.scot


To apply, you must be living and working in Scotland in the same field as the Graduate Apprenticeship course you're interested in.

All Graduate Apprenticeships are funded by the Scottish Funding Council, so you pay nothing while earning a salary from your employer.

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to find out more
about Graduate
Apprenticeships





“Graduate Apprenticeships allow you to work towards a degree while working alongside it. You gain a lot of on-the-job training as well as all of the benefits of being an employee like a salary, paid holidays and support from colleagues.”

- SARAH

Graduate Apprenticeship Master of Accountancy

Graduate Apprenticeship AI and Data Science

Graduate Apprenticeship Business Management

Graduate Apprenticeship Business Management with Hospitality Management (subject to approval)

Graduate Apprenticeship Business Management with Human Resource Management (subject to approval)

Graduate Apprenticeship Civil Engineering (Environmental Civil Engineering)

Graduate Apprenticeship Construction and the Built Environment (Quantity Surveying)

Graduate Apprenticeship Cyber Security

Graduate Apprenticeship Engineering (Design and Manufacture) with specialisms in Control and Instrumentation, Electrical Power Engineering or Computer Aided Engineering

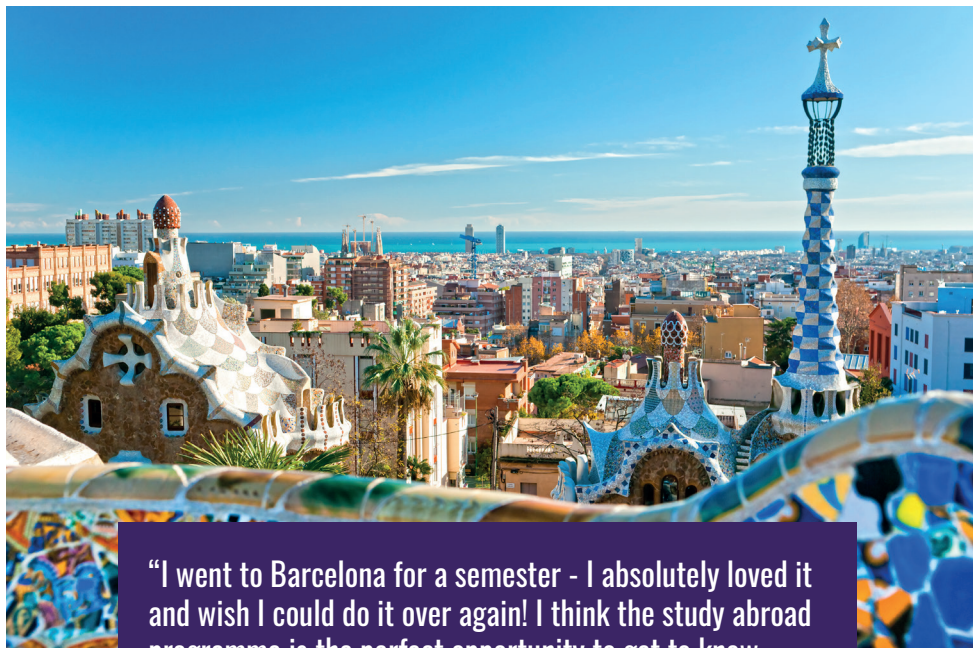
Graduate Apprenticeship Software Development

ADVENTURE Awaits

Enjoy a host of benefits and opportunities that go beyond the classroom.

Through our partnerships with businesses and other higher education institutions all over the world, almost all of our courses offer the option of an exchange programme where you can study abroad for a year, a semester or a summer.

Gain independence and skills that are incredibly valuable both personally and professionally.



“I went to Barcelona for a semester - I absolutely loved it and wish I could do it over again! I think the study abroad programme is the perfect opportunity to get to know yourself, meet new people from all over the world, take part in new experiences and traditions... this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity I wouldn't pass up on.”

- RACHEL



We collaborate with over

100 PARTNERS
across
27 COUNTRIES

“My experience was far better than I could have ever imagined. I made best friends, we became so close that I went back to visit two months after coming home because I missed them so much. My experience has also made me more confident in many ways, and it has made me realise that I can accomplish anything I want.”

- OLIVIA



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to find out more
about studying abroad



STUDENT Support

You'll have all the tools you need for a smooth transition into university life so you can reach your full potential. We provide a full range of exceptional student support addressing both mental wellbeing and academic needs.

Academic support

You'll get a personal academic tutor to talk things through one-to-one, in addition to our Learning Development Centres which provide workshops on skills like academic writing, time management, and study skills.

Healthy minds

We're the first Scottish university accredited by Student Minds' University Mental Health Charter.

The Student Wellbeing Team provides a free and confidential advice and support service available both online and in person where trained advisors provide emotional support, coping strategies, and referrals in a non-judgemental environment.

Other resources include

- Drop-in support sessions
- Virtual support groups
- Self-help tools

Embracing diversity

We're an inclusive University that wholeheartedly welcomes, values and celebrates diversity. We take an institution-wide approach through policies and projects that aim to tackle important issues like racism, disability support, LGBTQIA+ inclusivity and gender equality head-on and provide a welcoming environment and tailored support to all of our students.



Building community

Our PALS (Peer Assisted Learning Support) programme partners first year students with senior students on the same course. They'll provide a listening ear and answer any questions you have about the course or the University, making the transition into University life a whole lot easier.

“GCU really stood out, I think it’s their open-door policy. All the lecturers are very accommodating and very friendly and that made the jump from high school to University a lot more comfortable and a lot less daunting.”

- CHLOE



EXPLORE Accommodation

If you're moving away from home, there are lots of options for living in Glasgow. If you want to apply for a place in Caledonian Court – our on-campus residences – or want to rent privately, our dedicated team is on hand to help you make your move.



Here's what Caledonian Court has to offer:

Prime location: Positioned in the heart of Glasgow's City Centre, right next to the University campus.

Safe and supportive environment: Round-the-clock security and support.

Modern facilities: Enjoy modern self-catering accommodation with fully equipped kitchens.

Inclusive amenities: Heating, electricity, and internet are all included in the rent.

Affordable pricing: 24/25 academic year costs for 41 weeks start at £125 per week for rooms with shared bathroom facilities and £148 per week for those with en-suite facilities.



“Staying at Caledonian Court was great for my first year. It pushed me to get involved in many University activities and all kinds of events at the Re:Union Bar, which is so handy to have a drink and socialise after class.”

- CATALINA



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to find out more
about accommodation



FUNDING your studies



SAAS funding

If you're an eligible student from Scotland, the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) provides financial assistance to help cover a range of higher education expenses.

Tuition fee loan: covers tuition fees and is paid directly to the university or college

Maintenance loan: supports living expenses including accommodation costs

Bursaries and grants: SAAS provides additional bursaries and grants based on financial need, personal circumstances, and academic achievement.

How to apply to SAAS

- Meet specific eligibility criteria
- Complete an online application form
- Submit required documentation

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to find out how
to apply to SAAS





“If you provide opportunities to young people, you will be amazed at what they can achieve.”

- SIR ALEX FERGUSON

Scholarships and bursaries

Explore Glasgow Caledonian’s scholarships, bursaries, rewards and discounts.

A range of additional funding options are available to help you benefit from the life-changing opportunities on offer at Glasgow Caledonian. We believe education is for everyone, regardless of your financial circumstances.

If you’re a student from a disadvantaged background support may be available, and if you’re applying for certain specific courses you may be eligible.



to find out about
scholarships

**Glasgow Caledonian
offers over £1 million
in discounts and
scholarships each year**

YOUR Application journey

HOW DO I APPLY?

For full-time degree study:
apply online through UCAS at ucas.com

For part-time degree study:
find more info at gcu.ac.uk/parttime

UCAS code for GCU:
University G42



WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

For the course you want to study, you'll need qualifications and/or experience, and a reference.

For some specific courses, you may also need to

- Come to an interview
- Submit an art/design portfolio
- Sit an admissions test
- Provide evidence of relevant work or voluntary experience
- Evidence of recently assessed study completed within the last five years
- If English is not your first language, you will normally need to provide evidence of your English language skills through certificates such as IELTS

YOUR NEXT STEPS



Attend an **OPEN DAY**
in September or October



Choose a course



Complete your UCAS
application by the
end of January



Keep an eye out for
your offer and attend
an Applicant Day in
February and March



Make funding
arrangements



Apply for
accommodation

APPLYING FROM COLLEGE?

You'll find that lots of our students have taken the step from college to university with us.

Our College Connect Team provides a dedicated service to guide you through the college-to-university process and prepare you for university life.

VISIT US on campus



The best way to get a taste of life at Glasgow Caledonian is to visit us, whether in person at one of our Open Days, or virtually at one of our online events.

Open Days are an opportunity to check out the courses you're interested in, interact with current students, gain insight into University life and explore the campus.

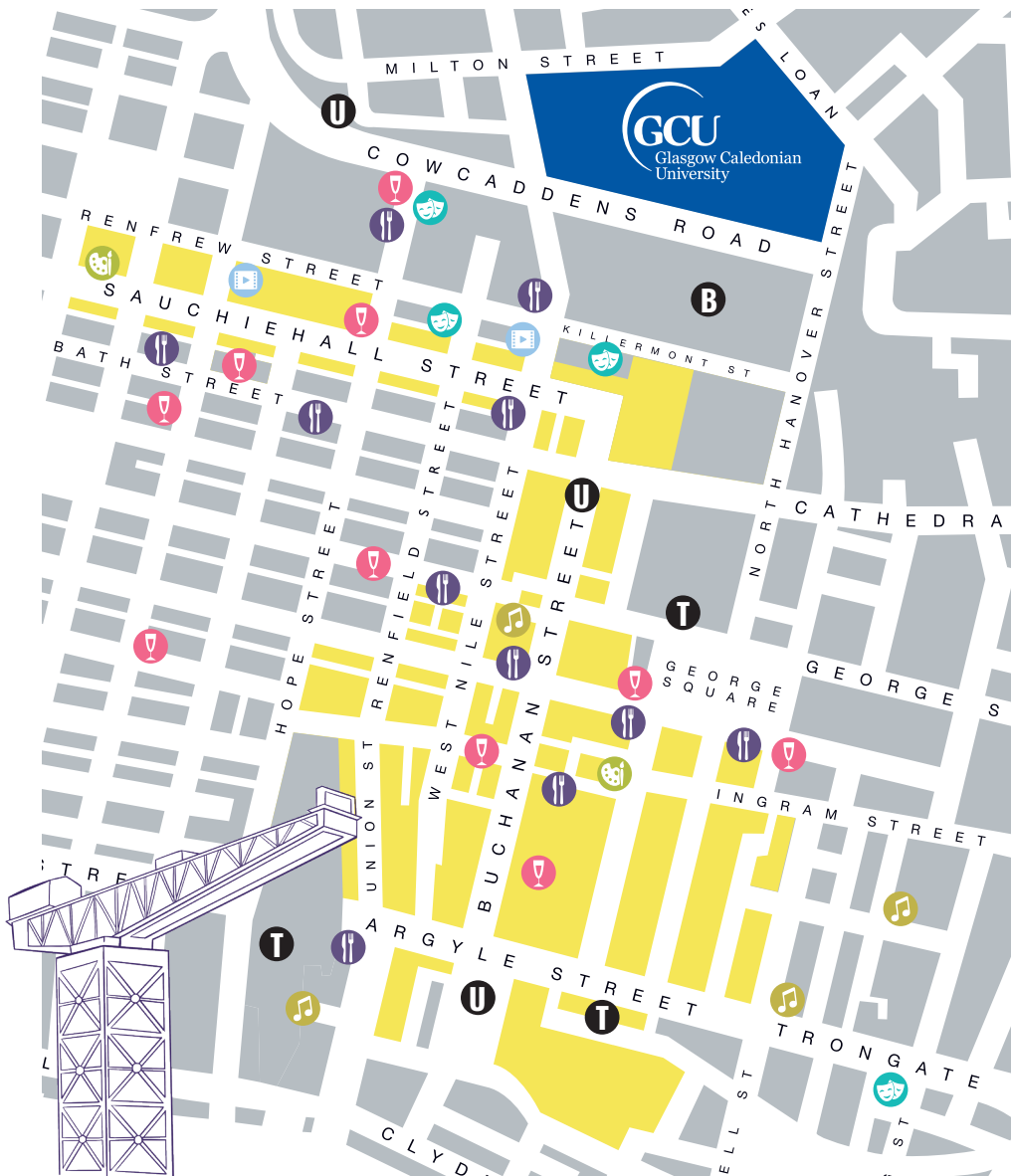
Can't make one of our Open Days?

Don't worry! We run campus tours year-round. Alternatively, you can sign up for a virtual information session where our team cover topics like student life and personal statements followed by a virtual campus tour and live Q&A session with current students.

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to find out about
our Open Days






B Bus station


T Train station

U Underground

○ Main shopping district

 Bars and clubs

 Restaurants and fast food

 Music venues and comedy clubs

 Theatres

 Cinemas

 Art galleries and museums

BELONG

AT GLASGOW CALEDONIAN



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 [facebook.com/GlasgowCaledonianUniversity](https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowCaledonianUniversity)

 [linkedin.com/school/glasgow-caledonian-university](https://www.linkedin.com/school/glasgow-caledonian-university)

 [youtube.com/watchgcu](https://www.youtube.com/watchgcu)

 twitter.com/caledoniannews

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