



University
of Glasgow

Scottish Education System, the University of Glasgow and Widening Participation

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- Scottish Funding Council is the national, strategic body that is responsible for funding teaching and learning provision, research and other activities in Scotland's (43 colleges/20 higher education institutions). Approx. £ 1.5 billion per annum
- Higher proportion of students in Scotland graduate with first class (16%) and upper second class degrees (2.1) degrees (52%) compared to the rest of the UK
- 3 & 4 year Honours degree programmes
- Depth and breadth of study within a flexible system
- Sourced from Newsquest (Herald & Times) Ltd 2007



University of Aberdeen
The Robert Gordon University
University of Dundee
University of Abertay Dundee
University of Stirling
University of St Andrews
University of Glasgow
**University of Glasgow – Dumfries
Campus**
University of Strathclyde
University of the West of Scotland
Glasgow Caledonian University
University of Edinburgh
Heriot-Watt University
Napier University
Queen Margaret University

14 Universities, 20 Higher Education Institutions





www.glasgow.ac.uk/undergraduate

- Founded in 1451 – one of the four ancient Universities in the UK
- Ranked 79th in the World's Top 100 Universities
- Campus University based in the city
- 90% student satisfaction in National Student Survey
- Member of the UK top 20 research-led Russell Group universities



- 13th in UK in Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2008
- 6000 academic & support staff
- Appointed over 400 new academic staff, including 68 professors in last 5 years
- Invested £152M in facilities in last 5 years with £300M to be invested in next 3 years
- The Fraser Building - new student services facility



1737 - Adam Smith enters
The University aged 14

1894 – Marion Gilchrist and Lily
Cumming become Scotland's
first female medical graduates

1881 – Lord Kelvin
creates the first house
powered by electricity

1949 – Glasgow
graduate John Boyd
Orr awarded Nobel
Peace Prize

1981 - William Boyd wins
the Whitbread First Novel
award for *A Good Man in
Africa*

2007 Gerald Butler wins
Best fight scene at the
MTV movie awards for *300*

1957 – Glasgow becomes
the first University in
Scotland to have a
computer

2007 - Glasgow University
opens the James Watt
Nanofabrication centre

2010 - Become
part of the
Glasgow
University Timeline



- c. 20,000 full time students
- 15,500 undergraduates
- 15% international

Students and staff from over 100 countries world wide

- National Student Survey (<http://www.unistats.com/>)
 - 90% student satisfaction
- Glasgow's first year student survey
 - 86% student satisfaction



Student Life Cycle focus –

- Pre-entry – aspiration and awareness raising
- Admission/conversion activity
- Retention/support activities
- Employability



Why do we do it?- Part of our Mission

How do we do it?- Variety of provision

How long have we been doing it?- e.g., DACE Provision 1979, SWAP Provision 1986, Pre-GOALS pilot 1999.

Are we good at it?

-Top of the Russell Group (HESA PIs) – Numbers progressing into the University from Low participation neighbourhoods and state schools

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- **RAI/ FWPO Developments – steered, embedded and empowered by each Faculty relating to particular areas of the student life cycle**
 - **FOCUS West - Largest Schools Programme**
 - **SWAPWest – Vet Med/Med/Dentistry**
 - **Access to Primary Education (APE)**
 - **Working in Health Access Programme (WHAP)**
 - **School usage of university labs**
 - **Vets2B**

- Thank you for listening...any questions???

