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UNDERGRADUATE
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120+ YEARS EXPERIENCE

WHAT MAKES UWS...

UWS OFFERS DYNAMIC UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AND INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS. OUR INDUSTRY-ACCREDITED DEGREES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP TURN YOUR HARD WORK INTO A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING CAREER.

Experience bustling social scenes, an award-winning Students' Union, a variety of sports clubs and societies, and a vibrant international student community across our four campuses in the West of Scotland and our campus in London. Whether your goal is landing that dream job or expanding your horizons, whatever success means to you, we're here to help you achieve it.

5 CAMPUSES

AYR / DUMFRIES / LANARKSHIRE / PAISLEY / LONDON

ONE LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE!



UWS STUDY AREAS:

- BUSINESS
- COMPUTING
- CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- HEALTH (NURSING & MIDWIFERY)
- LIFE SCIENCES
- PHYSICAL SCIENCES
- SOCIAL SCIENCES
- SPORT

SEE OUR FULL COURSE LIST AT THE BACK OF THIS GUIDE

FIND YOUR PLACE...

AT UWS, WE KNOW THAT EVERY STUDENT'S JOURNEY IS UNIQUE. THAT'S WHY WE OFFER A VARIETY OF FLEXIBLE ROUTES AND A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR ACADEMIC AND CAREER GOALS. EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS, GET IN TOUCH, AND TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS YOUR FUTURE WITH UWS!

AFTER SCHOOL

If you're finishing school and looking to start your university journey, UWS offers a wide range of opportunities to get you on the right path. Find out more about UWS and how to apply by visiting our website, attending our open days, and speaking with our friendly Enquiry Team.



COLLEGE TO UNI

This pathway is designed for students who have completed an HNC or HND and are looking to progress to degree study at UWS. You'll receive credit for your previous studies, allowing you to enter directly into the second or third year of a related degree.

It's the perfect way to build on your existing knowledge and skills while earning a university degree. Our dedicated College Team is on hand to make the transition from college to university life as smooth as possible and help you make an informed choice.

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UWS is committed to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) and was proudly ranked 16th globally for SDG10 (Reduced Inequalities) in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings (2024).



UWS RANKING FOR REDUCED INEQUALITIES
source: THE Impact Rankings 2024

FOUNDATION ACADEMY

We're proud to deliver the UWS Foundation Academy, for senior school pupils across the West of Scotland. This innovative programme is tailored for pupils who want to enhance their academic skills and confidence before starting a degree and it gives school pupils the opportunity to experience studying at university level first hand.



GRADUATE APPRENTICESHIPS

Graduate Apprenticeships provide a new way into degree-level study for individuals who are currently employed, or who want to go straight into work after school or college. You'll split your time between the workplace and the classroom, applying what you learn in real-world settings. It's an excellent opportunity to earn while you learn and fast-track your career.

There are many routes into university and our friendly Enquiry Team are here to guide and support you on your unique journey.



A PLACE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

AT UWS WE UNDERSTAND THAT PREPARING YOU FOR THE WORLD OF WORK IS IMPORTANT.

That's why our programmes are designed to meet the needs of employers and set you up for the future.

From day one of your studies to graduation day and beyond, UWS is here to nurture your potential at every step of your academic journey to help you achieve success.



Designed in partnership with leaders from business, industry and the professions, our programmes will equip you with the skills, knowledge and experience sought after by employers to help you stand out from the competition and make an immediate impact in the workplace. Many of our programmes feature regular guest lectures and workshops from industry experts – giving you an inside scoop on the ins and outs of working life in your chosen profession.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Many of our programmes include opportunities for practical work experience with employers across a range of sectors based at home and abroad. Not only can practical placements significantly enhance your CV, but the knowledge you'll gain from professionals and the hands-on skills you'll develop will give you a competitive edge in securing your dream job.



A PLACE FOR SUCCESS

Aidan

BSc (Hons)
COMPUTER GAMES
DEVELOPMENT

“UWS has connections with big studios, such as Rockstar North.

One of the best things about UWS is the lecturers: they're really supportive and really enthusiastic about games as well!”

PROFESSIONALLY-RECOGNISED COURSES



From Physics to Nursing and Computer Games Development many of our courses are recognised and accredited by professional bodies, demonstrating that they meet – and often exceed – industry requirements. Graduating with a professionally-recognised degree will enhance your job prospects and set you apart from the competition. For information on individual programme accreditation, check the course listings on the University website at uws.ac.uk/study

A PLACE FOR INNOVATION

WE PUT STUDENTS FIRST. THAT MEANS INVESTMENT IN FACILITIES, ACCESS TO THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY, AND FLEXIBLE TEACHING DELIVERED BY ACADEMICS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THEIR PROFESSIONS.



MODERN FACILITIES FOR THE MODERN WORLD

The state-of-the-art equipment and facilities across our campuses allow you to put your knowledge into practice in real-world settings. You'll benefit from gaining experience and hands-on skills even from the early stages of your studies.

INDUSTRY-STANDARD ENGINEERING SUITES

STATE-OF-THE-ART SPORTS AND PERFORMANCE LABS

IMMERSIVE PRE-HOSPITAL SIMULATION SUITES ACROSS OUR CAMPUSES

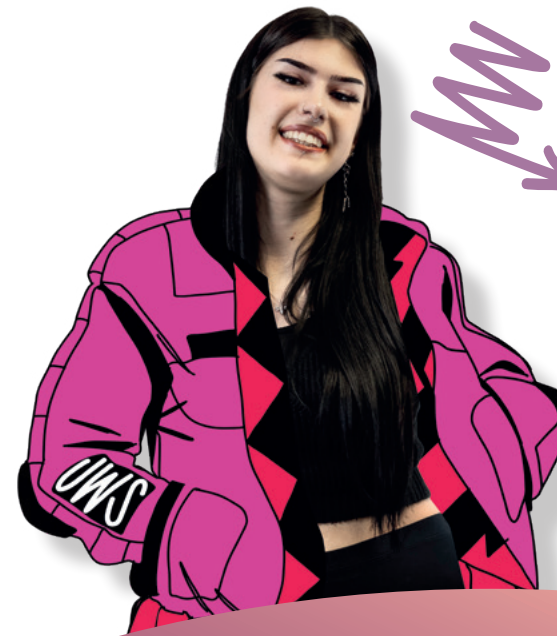
SIMULATED NURSING AND MIDWIFERY WARDS

PROFESSIONAL FILMMAKING, RECORDING AND BROADCAST SUITES

SPECIALIST COMPUTER GAMES, ANIMATION AND MUSIC TECHNOLOGY LABS

WELL-EQUIPPED INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE LABS

A PLACE FOR INNOVATION



Anna

BSc (Hons) APPLIED BIOSCIENCE & ZOOLOGY

“The facilities are all brand new. The labs have got great technology and it's perfect for everything we have done. Since starting, I have had access to a wide range of equipment.”

THE INSTITUTE OF THIN FILMS, SENSORS AND IMAGING

Our thin films laboratory is part of UWS's internationally recognised Institute of Thin Films, Sensors and Imaging – a centre of excellence and a key thin films laboratory in the UK.

The lab develops and specialises in industry-leading thin films research for various applications, including medical devices, sensors, engineering, optics, imaging systems, electronic devices and photonics.



IMMERSIVE LEARNING

Across the campuses, the University's immersive suites offer safe, realistic environments where students in paramedic science, nursing, midwifery, and health and social care can hone their clinical skills to tackle complex scenarios. These immersive suites simulate both indoor and outdoor settings, complete with the distractions, hazards, and complications of real-life situations.

Students get the chance to work within multidisciplinary teams, reflect on, and adapt their assessment and clinical decision-making skills, all within a controlled virtual environment.



KNOWLEDGE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

To support you during your academic journey, you'll have access to over half a million UWS library items, a wide range of online resources, free Wi-Fi, hundreds of computer workstations, and both individual and group study spaces.

Don't forget, there are plenty of spots to grab a coffee to keep you energized while you study. Our online learning environment allows you to access course material from anywhere, so you can stay on top of your studies even when you're on the move.

DESIGNED TO HELP YOU SUCCEED

We want you to learn in a way that best suits you to help you get the most out of your studies. You will benefit from dynamic and engaging on-campus learning and teaching, enhanced by both scheduled and flexible online activities.

We understand our students lead busy lives, so our interactive online learning environment offers the flexibility you need to manage your studies. This ensures you can fully benefit from learning with your peers, no matter where you are.

ASPIRE

Forming part of many of our degree programmes, our Aspire curriculum includes a set of common modules to support students shape and chart their own unique study path. Enhance your degree experience and develop the skills and employability for whatever the future holds.



LEARNING TOOLS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

You will have access to a suite of online tools to supplement your on-campus studies – including video material, academic readings, podcasts and guided activities, such as discussion forums and workshops.



Lisa

BA (Hons) EDUCATION

“The academic staff are so approachable and have first-hand experience of what works in the classroom.”

A SUPPORTIVE PLACE

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON CREATING A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE ACROSS OUR CAMPUSES. WE WANT TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR TIME AT UWS AND OUR SPECIALIST STUDENT SUPPORT TEAMS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE WHENEVER YOU NEED THEM.

OUR SUPPORT SERVICES INCLUDE:

FUNDING AND ADVICE

COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING

DISABILITY SUPPORT

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

MULTIFAITH TEAM

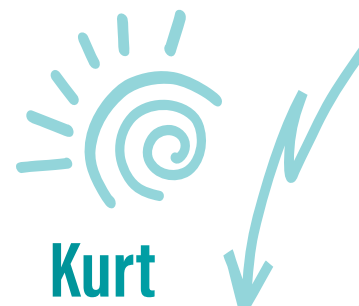
ACADEMIC SKILLS

CAREERS SERVICE



THE STUDENT HUB

The Student Hub provides information and easy access to a wide range of University services that offer student support and advice. Students can speak to the Student Hub team on campus, and digitally; as well as access information via the Student Hub portal 24 hours a day.



Kurt

BSc MIDWIFERY

“The best thing about UWS is that you're not another number - there is a very strong community feel to the University. And so much support available for students, especially mature students like me, for you to succeed.”



UWS LIBRARIES

Many of our library services and resources are available online 24 hours a day and will play a vital role in supporting your academic success. Our staff are dedicated to providing you with access to the up-to-the-minute information you need to develop your knowledge of your chosen subject.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

UWS works hard to increase the number of people entering higher education from under-represented groups, including students from low income backgrounds, students who are care experienced, students who are young carers and more. We aim to encourage and support all applicants, regardless of background or circumstance.

STUDENTS' UNION

Our Students' Union aims to represent your needs and provide support, wellbeing and social services for all UWS students.

Find out more at uwsunion.org.uk



STUDENT SERVICES

UWS's Student Services teams work in close partnership across the University to ensure that you're supported throughout your student journey. Support ranges from help with meeting the cost of childcare and strategies to promote your own wellbeing, to support with remote learning and academic writing. We also work with a range of employers, external and community partners to ensure students are supported as we continually strive to improve the student experience.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Our Disability Team are here to provide support to students with disabilities and specific learning requirements throughout their studies.

COUNSELLING

A free, confidential counselling service is available to all UWS students. The counselling team aims to create a safe, affirming and welcoming environment that embraces human diversity. It's important to us to provide equality of services and care to everyone, regardless of age, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religion or belief.

ACADEMIC SKILLS & CAREERS SERVICES

From developing your referencing techniques and preparing for exams, to honing your CV, gaining work experience, and exploring career options, we're here to help you achieve every success in University life and beyond.



UWS CAMPUSES

LOCATED IN AYR, DUMFRIES, LANARKSHIRE, PAISLEY AND LONDON, COMBINING ECLECTIC TOWNS AND ACCESS TO VIBRANT CULTURAL SCENES. STUDY WITH UWS TO MAKE MEMORIES THAT'LL LAST A LIFETIME.

AYR

Blending picturesque riverside surroundings, an extensive library and forward-thinking learning environments – including studios and labs for music, broadcasting, education and healthcare – our Ayr Campus is an exceptional place to study. Plus, our Students' Union, fitness suite and café are the perfect places to wind down. **VISIT [UWS.AC.UK/AYR](https://www.uws.ac.uk/ayr)**



DUMFRIES

Our Dumfries Campus provides state-of-the-art learning facilities including a simulated healthcare centre to provide health students with the hands-on skills and expertise for their future careers. Bridging the gap between theory and practical application an immersive learning suite creates complex indoor and outdoor virtual scenarios to help students gain a new perspective on, and insight into, their chosen subject.

VISIT [UWS.AC.UK/DUMFRIES](https://www.uws.ac.uk/dumfries)



AYR
DUMFRIES
LANARKSHIRE
PAISLEY
LONDON

LANARKSHIRE

Running on 100% renewable energy, our Lanarkshire Campus's cutting-edge technology and flexible study spaces embody UWS's belief in sustainability and the power of collaborative learning. With well-equipped social spaces, Students' Union and impressive fitness facilities, there are plenty of ways to have fun while you work towards your dream career.

The campus also boasts hi-tech simulated nursing, midwifery and paramedic teaching environments, an extreme environments laboratory and a state-of-the-art health and fitness centre. **VISIT [UWS.AC.UK/LANARKSHIRE](https://www.uws.ac.uk/lanarkshire)**



PAISLEY

With excellent teaching and study facilities, including specialist labs and a well-equipped library, our Paisley Campus will help you achieve every success in your academic career. We know that all work and no play is no fun for anyone – which is why our on-campus gym, social spaces and Students' Union will help you relax after some serious studying. **VISIT [UWS.AC.UK/PAISLEY](https://www.uws.ac.uk/paisley)**



LONDON

Situated in London Docklands, UWS's London Campus lets you learn in inspiring modern facilities and seek out fun in one of the world's most exciting cities. With its contemporary learning environments and experienced academic staff, you'll be equipped with the skills you need to achieve your goals. **VISIT [UWS.AC.UK/LONDON](https://www.uws.ac.uk/london)**

A PLACE WHERE COMMUNITY MATTERS

OUR STUDENTS' UNION PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORTS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THROUGH AFFILIATED CLUBS AND STUDENT SOCIETIES.

The team also organises events throughout welcome and induction week, a great chance to meet other students and become familiar with your new surroundings.

ADVICE & WELFARE

The Students' Union are here to support you and offer a confidential free advice service that can help with queries.



STUDENT REPS

The Students' Union represents and supports the interests of UWS students. Led by four full-time student sabbatical officers who are all elected by students, the Union works alongside teams of school officers, divisional and class reps to make UWS even better for students.

If you have questions about the Union, feel free to reach out directly at uwsunion@uws.ac.uk.



UNLEASH YOUR COMPETITIVE STREAK

UWS strives to make sport as accessible as possible so that everyone gets the chance to raise their game. With over 20 teams across an ever-growing list of sporting activities – it couldn't be easier to get involved with Team UWS.

UWS's Sport Scholarships provide training advice, financial aid, and academic support to help you achieve your sporting goals.

For more info contact sportenquiry@uws.ac.uk

FREE GYM MEMBERSHIP

UWS students get FREE ACCESS to the gyms at our Ayr, Dumfries, Lanarkshire and Paisley campuses – meaning you can enjoy an active lifestyle without worrying about costs.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our partnerships with Ayr Rugby Club and Community Rugby Trust, Celtic FC Women's Team, Caledonia Gladiators, St Mirren FC and more give you access to a number of exciting sport internships that will help you level up your skillset.



A PLACE TO CALL HOME



A WARM WELCOME

STAYING IN UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION IS A GREAT WAY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND GAIN SOME INDEPENDENCE.

Our team of staff and security are on site 24/7 to provide you with a safe environment to live, learn and relax. There's also a range of social events throughout the year to help you settle into your new surroundings and make new friends.

WE OFFER A RANGE OF HIGH-QUALITY, UNIVERSITY-MANAGED STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AT OUR PAISLEY AND AYR CAMPUSES.



AYR CAMPUS

Our Ayr Campus student accommodation is situated just a few minutes' walk from the main campus building. It comprises spacious, individual en-suite bedrooms in flats for four to five students with shared open plan kitchen and lounge areas. A number of studio flats are also available. The residence includes a games area, large screen television, vending machines, laundry facilities and 24-hour security.



PAISLEY CAMPUS

Our competitively priced residential accommodation is located on the edge of campus, within easy reach of our teaching facilities, Students' Union and Paisley town centre. The accommodation comprises flats for four to six students with spacious, individual en-suite bedrooms and shared kitchen and lounge areas. There are social spaces that include a pool table, large screen televisions, vending machines, laundry facilities and 24-hour security.

We also offer traditional one or two bedroom tenement flats with comfortable communal kitchen and lounge areas.

FOR ADVICE ON ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS FOR OUR DUMFRIES, LANARKSHIRE AND LONDON CAMPUSES, CONTACT OUR ACCOMMODATION TEAM AT ACCOMMODATION@UWS.AC.UK

AN INTERNATIONAL PLACE

FROM PAISLEY TO PAKISTAN, LANARKSHIRE TO LAOS AND BEYOND, UWS IS A TRULY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

With over 100 nationalities represented on our campuses and strong links to universities and organisations globally, we're committed to championing diversity and collaboration. Our curriculum is designed to help students stand out in the global job market. Our international partnerships continue to grow, to the benefit of all involved.



STUDY OR WORK ABROAD

EXCHANGE

Studying abroad is a great way to broaden your horizons and improve your career prospects. We offer a range of exchange options with our partner universities. These can last between 2 and 12 months, depending on your interests.

For more information, visit uws.ac.uk/current-students

LANGUAGE OPTIONS FOR UWS STUDENTS

French, German and Spanish are offered as additional options on most of our programmes to complement your studies and equip you with the practical skills to help you thrive in international, social, academic and business contexts. Many of these language options are taught by native speakers in the instructed language as much as possible to encourage immersive learning.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

SCOTTISH APPLICANTS

Applicants should hold passes in at least five subjects, including a minimum of three Scottish Highers (grade C or above). We're happy to consider other alternative combinations of qualifications and experience, including the Scottish Baccalaureate, and will consider a range of factors when assessing your application.

ENGLISH, WELSH, NORTHERN IRISH & REPUBLIC OF IRELAND APPLICANTS

Applicants from England, Wales & Northern Ireland should hold passes in at least five subjects, including at least three passes at GCE Advanced Level (at minimum grade D or higher) or equivalent. T-Level qualifications are also accepted for relevant courses – check the University website for details. Republic of Ireland applicants should hold an Irish Leaving Certificate with passes in at least three subjects at Higher level (grade H4/c or above).

EU & INTERNATIONAL (NON-EU) APPLICANTS



EU & international applicants will need an equivalent qualification to those shown on the website for each degree in order to apply to UWS. Equivalences can be found using UK ENIC – the UK National Information Centre for the recognition and evaluation of international qualifications and skills at [enic.org.uk](https://www.enic.org.uk). We are happy to consider other alternative combinations of qualifications and experience, including the international Baccalaureate Diploma. All EU & international applicants are required to meet minimum English language standards.

More details at uws.ac.uk/international

COLLEGE APPLICANTS & MATURE STUDENTS

We offer advanced entry to Years 2 and 3 of many of our programmes to college students with appropriate qualifications and mature students with relevant work experience and professional training. For more information and advice, **email us at collegeteam@uws.ac.uk**



ADVANCED ENTRY

Advanced entry into Years 2 or 3 of some of our courses is possible. Candidates with a combination of Highers and Advanced Highers/AS level and A levels (or equivalent qualifications) are encouraged to consider advanced entry into Year 2. Candidates who have achieved a Higher National Certificate (HNC) or a Higher National Diploma (HND) (from bodies such as SQA and BTEC etc.) are encouraged to consider advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 respectively.

The academic requirements for individual courses accepting advanced entry can be found in the course entries on the University website.



SCOTTISH WIDER ACCESS PROGRAMME (SWAP)

We're committed to widening access to education and are active participants in the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP), which is designed for adult learners who have few or no academic qualifications but who have the ability to study to degree level.

By undertaking a one-year, full-time SWAP course candidates gain the qualifications for entry onto undergraduate programmes at UWS. Many of our undergraduate courses include SWAP criteria as part of their entry requirements.

TO FIND OUT HOW SWAP COULD HELP YOU TO BECOME A UWS STUDENT PLEASE CONTACT ASK@UWS.AC.UK OR PHONE OUR COURSE ENQUIRIES TEAM ON 0800 027 1000 OR +44 (0)141 849 4101.

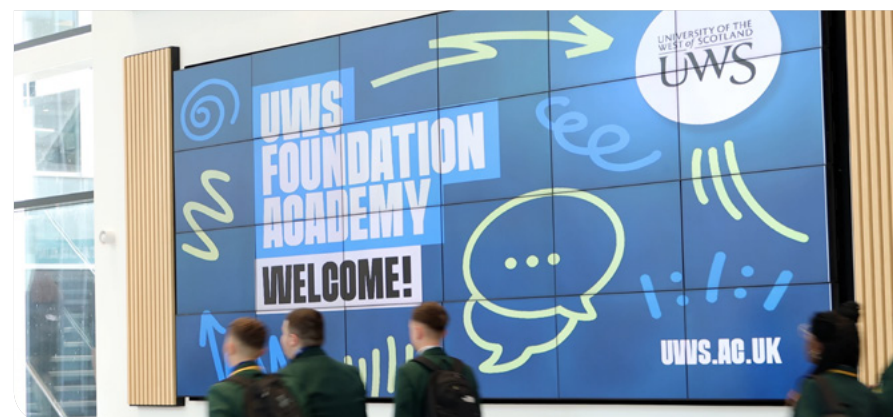
OUR FRIENDLY ENQUIRY TEAM ARE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE:
ASK@UWS.AC.UK

FOUNDATION ACADEMY

The UWS Foundation Academy is a university-level module which is delivered in a blended approach, both in-school and on-campus. Successful completion of the Foundation Academy is equivalent to 20 credits at SCQF Level 7, and the University considers the programme to be equivalent to one Higher at B. Please note, Foundation Academy may only be considered towards your offer if you are already undertaking this module at a participating school.

ENTRY INTERVIEWS

For in-demand courses where we have more applications than places available, an interview will be arranged with our academic colleagues – meaning that an offer will only be processed if you are successful at interview stage. If you are invited to interview you will be sent a link beforehand to helpful details on what to expect and how to stand out in your interview.



FEES AND FUNDING

SCOTTISH APPLICANTS

For eligible Scottish students, undergraduate tuition fees (£1,820 per year for session 2025/26 - check our website for the latest fees for 2026/27) are met by the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS). For more information on tuition fee costs and support for Scottish students, visit the University website. As well as tuition fee support, SAAS also administer a range of funding packages that may be available to help you cover the programme costs and living expenses you'll incur throughout your studies.

For more information visit saas.gov.uk

ENGLISH, WELSH, NORTHERN IRISH & REPUBLIC OF IRELAND APPLICANTS

Tuition fees for undergraduate students from England, Wales, the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man entering UWS in the 2025/26 academic session are £9,535 per year of study (4 years of study for the price of 3 years / 5 years of study for the price of 4 for MEng courses). For more information on tuition fee costs for English, Welsh, Northern Irish and Republic of Ireland students in session 2026/27, visit the University website.

EU & INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Tuition fees for EU and international (non-EU) applicants in the 2025/26 academic session are £15,500 - £18,000 per year of study, depending on the type of course. EU & international students considering entry in 2026/27 should refer to the University website for further tuition fee, application and funding information or contact ask@uws.ac.uk.

FUNDING OPTIONS

A range of funding packages, including tuition fee and maintenance loans, may be available to help you cover the programme costs and living expenses you'll incur throughout your studies. Check our website to find out more about the funding package that may be available to you, along with information on budgeting and planning ahead for your studies at UWS.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Depending on your chosen course, you may need to pay additional costs for things such as field trips, specialist equipment, books, uniforms, membership fees or placement expenses etc. Check the individual course pages on the UWS website for more information on these additional costs.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FEES AND FUNDING AT UWS VISIT
[UWS.AC.UK/MONEY-FEES-FUNDING](https://uws.ac.uk/money-fees-funding)**

HOW TO APPLY

UWS UCAS CODE U40

All applications for entry into undergraduate degree programmes at UWS should be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). Apply online at ucas.com. The UCAS application deadline for 2026 entry is 29th January 2026. You can still apply beyond this deadline, subject to availability of places on our programmes.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY

You'll need to provide a record of your academic qualifications, a personal statement, a reference and information on any relevant work experience. Depending on the programme you're applying to, you may also be invited for a test, interview or audition as part of your application process. You'll be advised through the UCAS Hub if this applies to you. Full information on programme codes, application costs and more can be found at ucas.com or **call our Applicant Enquiry Team on +44 (0)141 849 4101**.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Check our website programme pages for the latest information on entry requirements for your subjects of choice. We offer advanced entry into Year 2 or 3 on many of our programmes for college students as well as for mature students with relevant work experience and professional training.

For more information and advice, **visit uws.ac.uk or email us at ask@uws.ac.uk or call us on +44 (0)141 849 4101**.

FIND YOUR COURSE

BUSINESS

Choosing to study business at UWS will open up a world of life-changing possibilities. We collaborate with business leaders to ensure you have the right skills and knowledge to meet 21st century industry demands. UWS graduates have gone on to secure jobs with organisations including Ford, Motorola and Citibank, as well as national charities and education providers.



COMPUTING

Developed in line with market demands, the practical experience you'll gain on our Computing courses and in our industry-standard facilities will help you level up your skillset to launch your career in this exciting industry. Plus, our partnerships with organisations like IBM, NASA, Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems and international universities will ensure you're receiving up-to-the-minute learning, and opportunities for practical placement, to keep you at the top of your game.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

With state-of-the-art facilities, industry input, practical experience and professional recognition, our Creative Industries courses are designed to equip you with the skills to succeed in your chosen career. Our courses are delivered by staff with extensive professional practice across screen, broadcast, journalism, music, performance and visual arts.



EDUCATION

Our innovative Education courses offer placements in pre-school, primary school and community settings to provide practical experience of interacting with children, young people and adults. With regular guest lectures from teaching professionals who provide invaluable insight into the classroom, you'll develop the skills needed to make a positive impact in education. The University's research on the provision of Holocaust education in schools has helped shape United Nations' programmes and influenced teaching approaches in Scotland to develop best practice in Holocaust education.



ENGINEERING

With over 100 years of engineering expertise, UWS will equip you with the skills required to succeed in your chosen industry. Developed in line with the accreditation standards of professional bodies, you'll put your skills to the test in our industry-standard labs and facilities. You'll also have the opportunity for practical training and work-based placements to provide hands-on experience. With research staff working in a variety of areas involving collaboration with industry, business, academia and government, you'll be taught by academics with a wealth of experience across the engineering disciplines.



HEALTH

In addition to the theory you study, our hands-on placement environments and work-based learning options offer exciting opportunities to develop the skills needed to practice safely and effectively. Hands-on experience is a key component of your learning. This may include health and/or social care work-based learning in hospital, community, and care home environments.

All of our campuses are equipped with clinical simulation facilities and contemporary healthcare technologies. This replicates the provision of care across a person's lifespan in hospital, primary care and domestic environments.

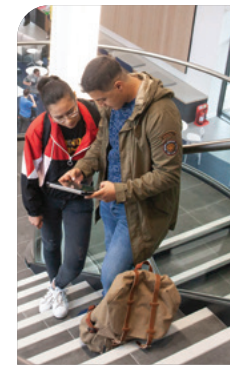


LIFE SCIENCES

Developed in collaboration with industrial and educational partners, our Life Sciences degrees offer innovative teaching with a focus on providing solutions to real-world challenges. Our extensive research and consultancy expertise will not only provide you with a positive learning experience, it'll equip you with the skillset needed to stand out from the crowd when you graduate. Many of our courses are accredited or approved by professional bodies. Our facilities include technology-enhanced bioscience teaching labs, specialised zoology laboratory facilities and a microbiology suite.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Offering professionally recognised qualifications and placement opportunities, our Physical Sciences degrees will provide you with the skills needed to establish your career. Industry-based projects and paid work placements in the UK and overseas are also offered. Investment in facilities includes the University's Institute of Thin Films, Sensors and Imaging, which houses forward-thinking academic and industry research and whose academics were behind the development of sensors for non-contact thermometers to help combat the spread of coronavirus.



SOCIAL SCIENCES

As a UWS Social Sciences student, you'll gain the skills sought after by organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Many of our graduates have gone on to work in politics, research, public services, teaching, and health and social care. From examining the way we think, to questioning the decisions that shape our social environments, the field of our degrees is diverse. You will develop your critical, analytical and communication abilities. Practical placements and professional accreditation are available on a number of degrees.

SPORT

Integrating biological and behavioural theory to enhance human health and performance, our Sport degrees are developed alongside professional bodies to guarantee cutting-edge approaches. Our sport science labs are the only BASES-accredited facility in Scotland for physiology testing. Our teaching staff have in-depth experience of working with major sporting organisations.



Specialist equipment includes: labs for health and performance, exercise biochemistry, cardiovascular imaging, and biomechanics; a physiotherapy suite; and sector-leading environmental chamber.

A PLACE FOR ADVENTURE

Travel around Scotland couldn't be simpler from our Scottish campuses. For example, here are just a few places within easy reach of our Paisley Campus:



LESS THAN 15 MINS

Glasgow city centre
Glasgow International Airport

AROUND 30 MINS

Loch Lomond and
The Trossachs National Park
Ardrossan Ferry Terminal
for crossing to Isle of Arran

AROUND AN HOUR

Edinburgh, Stirling
& Ben Lomond

A COUPLE OF HOURS' DRIVE

Fort William – mountain
biking trails and Ben Nevis
Picturesque east coast
fishing villages

SCOTLAND IS KNOWN FOR ITS GREAT OUTDOORS. AND WHETHER YOU'RE HEADING UPHILL OR DOWN, THE TRAILS ARE WORLD CLASS.



BREATHE IT ALL IN...

Climbers from all over the world come to 'bag Munros' – that's climbing a mountain of 3,000ft or more. There are 282 in Scotland and we're within easy reach of some of the most popular, including Ben Vorlich and Ben Lomond.

Head north to Fort William for mountain biking routes so good they host the sport's World Cup there. And while you're in the area, check out the spots favoured by water sports enthusiasts who visit for kayaking, canoeing and more.

With great train connections all along the west coast you'll be at the seaside within the hour. And even better, from our Ayr Campus the beaches are just a short walk or drive.

But you're not restricted to the mainland. Take the ferry from Ardrossan over to the Isle of Arran – known as 'Scotland in miniature.' It has a wee bit of everything that makes Scotland special: towering mountains; deep glens; famous hospitality; and, of course, whisky.



GLASGOW ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Whether you're local to the area or coming to us from further afield, one of the biggest attractions of the west of Scotland is the city of Glasgow, which was voted **friendliest city in the UK in 2024** (Conde Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards). Once you've visited, it's easy to see why.



A CITY FOR SOCIALISING

Glaswegians are famous for their welcoming nature, meaning you'll never struggle to make friends in the city's pubs, bars and restaurants. From bargain comfort food to gourmet grub, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to dining. And with an array of meat-free options, it's little wonder Glasgow ranked on PETA's list of the UK's top 10 vegan-friendly cities.

A FAMOUS MUSIC SCENE

Glasgow loves its music. Acts like Chvrches, Biffy Clyro and Mogwai have emerged from its venues and gone on to the world stage. And there's no shortage of gig venues and clubs. Head to places like King Tut's Wah Wah Hut, The Barrowlands, Sub Club, Saint Luke's, Ovo Hydro and more to catch up-and-coming acts and headliners.

SHOPPING FOR EVERY BUDGET

No matter your style, you'll find something that fits in one of the UK's best shopping destinations. High street names and designer brands rub shoulders in Glasgow's city centre. Venture to the city's west end for a rummage through the area's vintage stores and trendy charity shops.

A CREATIVE HOTBED

Having produced a glut of bands, writers and a world-class arts scene, creativity is a key strength of Glasgow. There's plenty of ways to appreciate it too. With venues like Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, the Glasgow Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA), The Burrell and the Riverside Museum, the city has one of Europe's best museum collections.

UNRIVALLED FOR SPORTS

There's more to Glasgow's sporting landscape than football rivalries. Check out the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome for cycling, or Bellahouston Park for the Glasgow Ski and Snowboard Centre. There's also world-class facilities at Tollcross International Swimming Centre and Scotland's first Olympic standard BMX track at the Glasgow BMX Centre.

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PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	UCAS CODE
BUSINESS		
BAcc (Hons) Accounting	Paisley	N400
BA (Hons) Business	Dumfries, Lanarkshire & Paisley	N100
BA (Hons) Business with Finance	Paisley	N1N3
BA (Hons) Business with HRM	Paisley	N1N6
BA (Hons) Business with Marketing	Paisley	N1N5
BA (Hons) Events Management (Year 3 entry)	Paisley	N820
BA (Hons) Events & Tourism Management	Paisley	N833
BA (Hons) Law	Paisley	M101
LLB (Hons) Scots Law	Paisley	M102
BA (Hons) Tourism Management (Year 3 entry)	Paisley	N832
COMPUTING		
BSc (Hons) Computer Animation Arts	Paisley	GW48
BSc (Hons) Computer Games Development	Paisley	G610
BSc (Hons) Computer Networking	Paisley	H601
BSc (Hons) Computing Science	Dumfries, Lanarkshire & Paisley	G401
MEng (Hons) / BEng (Hons) Cyber Security	Lanarkshire	I201/I200
BSc (Hons) Data Science & Artificial Intelligence	London & Paisley	tbc
BSc (Hons) Music Technology	Paisley	W350
BSc (Hons) Web & Mobile Development	Paisley	G450
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES		
BA (Hons) Commercial Music	Ayr	W340
BA (Hons) Creative Practice (Year 2 entry)	Dumfries	W903
BA (Hons) Filmmaking & Screenwriting	Ayr	WW68
BA (Hons) Graphic Arts & Moving Image (Year 3 entry)	Ayr	W902
BA (Hons) Journalism / Journalism (Sport) (Year 3 entry)	Ayr	P500

PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	UCAS CODE
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES cont.		
BA (Hons) Performance	Ayr	W400
BA (Hons) TV, Radio & Podcast Production	Ayr	P391
EDUCATION		
BA (Hons) Childhood Studies (Year 2 entry)	Ayr, Dumfries & Lanarkshire	L560
BA (Hons) Community Education	Lanarkshire	L540
BA (Hons) Education	Ayr	X100
BA (Hons) English Language	Paisley	Q3W3
ENGINEERING		
MEng (Hons) / BEng (Hons) Aircraft Engineering	Paisley	H411/H410
BEng (Hons) Civil Engineering	Paisley	H200
BEng (Hons) Energy & Environmental Engineering	Paisley	H607
BEng (Hons) Engineering Management (Year 4 entry)	Paisley	H703
MEng (Hons) / BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	Paisley	H301/H300
HEALTH		
BSc Adult Nursing	Ayr, Dumfries, Lanarkshire & Paisley	B740
BSc Mental Health Nursing	Ayr, Dumfries, Lanarkshire & Paisley	B760
BSc Midwifery	Lanarkshire	B720
BSc (Hons) Collaborative Health & Social Care	London & Paisley	L432
BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies	Paisley	BB70
LIFE SCIENCES		
BSc (Hons) Animal Care with Entrepreneurship*	Lanarkshire	tbc
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience	Lanarkshire	C710
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience & Zoology	Lanarkshire	CC93
BSc (Hons) Applied Bioscience with Forensic Investigation	Lanarkshire	C7F4
BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science / Applied Biomedical Science	Lanarkshire	B940
BSc (Hons) Environmental Science & Sustainability	Lanarkshire	B913
BSc Paramedic Science	Lanarkshire	B950

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PHYSICAL SCIENCES		
BSc (Hons) Chemistry	Paisley	F100
BSc (Hons) Chemistry with Education	Ayr & Paisley	CE10
BSc (Hons) Criminal Justice & Forensic Science	Paisley	F420
BSc (Hons) Forensic Science	Paisley	F410
BSc (Hons) Mathematics	Paisley	G100
BSc (Hons) Mathematics with Education	Ayr & Paisley	G11X
BSc (Hons) Physics	Paisley	F300
BSc (Hons) Physics with Education	Ayr & Paisley	PE30
BSc (Hons) Physics with Nuclear Technology	Paisley	F390
SOCIAL SCIENCES		
BA (Hons) Criminology & Criminal Justice / Criminology & Criminal Justice (Policing)	Paisley	M211
BA (Hons) Criminology & Psychology	Paisley	M212
BSc (Hons) Psychology	Paisley	C800
BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Politics & Policy / Sociology & Policy / Sociology)	Lanarkshire & Paisley	L310
BA (Hons) Social Work	Dumfries & Paisley	L500
SPORT		
BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching	Lanarkshire	CX6C
BSc (Hons) Sport Development	Lanarkshire	C600
BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science / BSc (Hons) Sport & Exercise Science (Physical Activity & Health)	Lanarkshire	C602
BSc (Hons) Sport Coaching & Development	Ayr	C621

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