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WEST of SCOTLAND

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POSTGRADUATE
GUIDE FOR

2026

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UWS DIGITAL PROSPECTUS.

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120+ YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

WHY UWS?

WITH EXCITING POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES ACROSS A RANGE OF SUBJECT AREAS, OUR INNOVATIVE AND ACCREDITED PROGRAMMES WILL HELP YOU ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS AND STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD.

The diverse range of full-time, part-time and online-based postgraduate programmes offered across our 5 campuses are designed around your needs, helping you to balance your studies alongside the commitments of your busy lifestyle.

Whether you want to build on your qualifications, boost your work experience, or change your career path, we're here to support your success every step of the way.

5 CAMPUSES

AYR / DUMFRIES / LANARKSHIRE / PAISLEY / LONDON

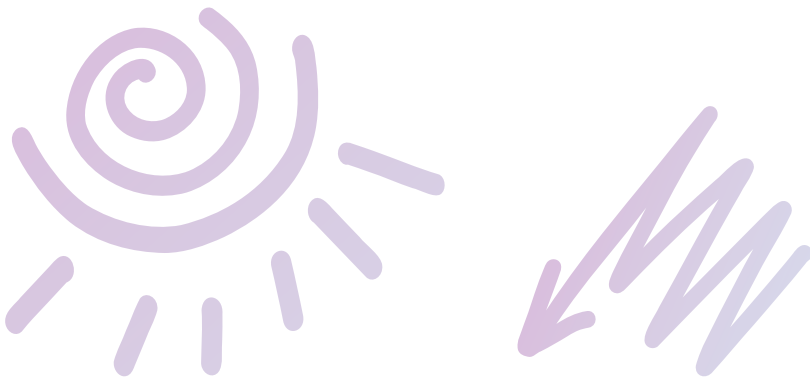
ONE LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE!



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



DISCOVER #LIFEATUWS!

JOIN US AT OUR OPEN DAYS AND
INFORMATION SESSIONS TO EXPERIENCE
WHAT LIFE AT UWS IS ALL ABOUT.

WE HOST EVENTS THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR, SO CHECK OUR
WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.



UWS RANKING FOR
REDUCED INEQUALITIES

source: THE Impact Rankings 2024

UWS IS COMMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS' SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

In the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024, UWS was proudly ranked 16th in the world for impact on reducing inequalities (Sustainable Development Goal 10).

Set by the United Nations General Assembly, the Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all" by the year 2030.



NEVER FAR FROM 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. 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 the beaches are just a short walk or drive from our Ayr Campus!

Remember, 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** by CNN Traveller. 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 Lewis Capaldi, Biffy Clyro and Franz Ferdinand have emerged from its venues and gone on to the world stage. 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 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, while the West End offers vintage boutiques and trendy charity shops.

A CREATIVE HOTBED

With an abundance 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) and the Riverside Museum, the city has one of Europe's best museum collections, with many of them free to visit!

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 are also world-class facilities at Tollcross International Swimming Centre and Scotland's first Olympic standard BMX track at the Glasgow BMX Centre.



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](http://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](http://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

Based in Scotland's largest town, Paisley campus offers a blend of historic charm and modern facilities. The campus offers excellent computer facilities, numerous labs, and a variety of extracurricular activities to ensure a balanced student life.

[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 TO CALL HOME

STAYING IN UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS!

We offer a range of **high-quality** University managed student accommodation at our Paisley and Ayr campuses with **Resident Assistants** and **security on hand** to providing **help and support 24/7**.



A WARM WELCOME

Our team of Resident Assistants 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.

AYR CAMPUS

Just a few minutes' walk from the main campus building, our student accommodation in Ayr offers spacious individual en-suite bedrooms in flats for 4 to 5 students, with shared open plan kitchen and lounge areas. Some studio flats are available.

PAISLEY CAMPUS

Located on the edge of campus, our accommodation is within easy reach of our teaching facilities 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. We also offer traditional one or two bedroom tenement flats with comfortable communal kitchen and lounge areas.

For more information on accommodation and details on pricing, visit uws.ac.uk/accommodation



I've never felt more supported than I have at UWS

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MA Music

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**

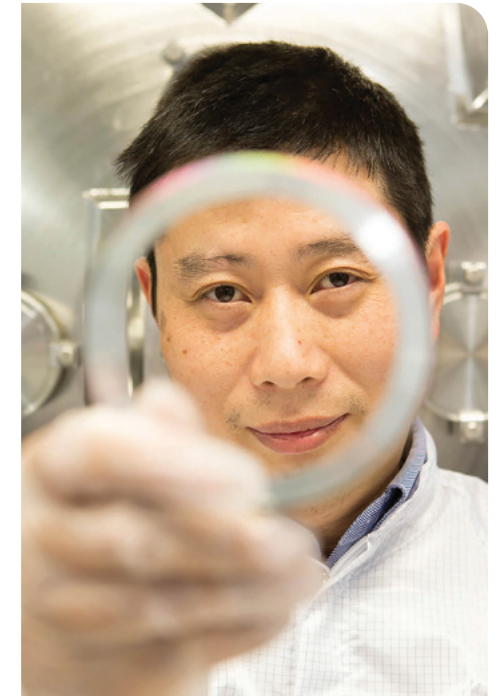
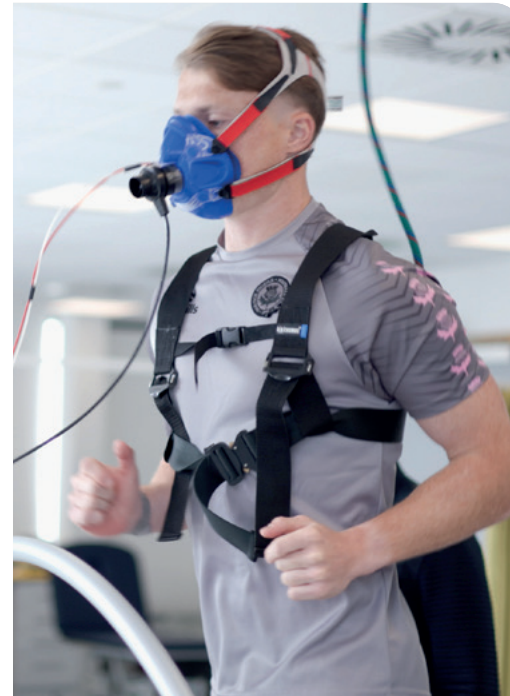
**IMMERSIVE PRE-HOSPITAL
SIMULATION SUITES ACROSS
OUR CAMPUSES**

**SIMULATED NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY WARDS**

**PROFESSIONAL FILMMAKING,
RECORDING AND
BROADCAST SUITES**

**SPECIALIST COMPUTER GAMES,
ANIMATION AND MUSIC
TECHNOLOGY LABS**

**WELL-EQUIPPED
INTERDISCIPLINARY
SCIENCE LABS**



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 (ITFSI) – 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.

OUR ECO-CONSCIOUS LANARKSHIRE CAMPUS

Powered exclusively by 100% renewable energy from windfarm and solar panels, and utilising rainwater harvesting technology to meet 89% of campus water demand, our Lanarkshire Campus has been making an impact for its commitment to delivering technology enhanced, sustainability-focused education.

The campus also boasts hi-tech simulated nursing, midwifery and paramedic teaching environments, an extreme environments laboratory, technology rich breakout areas that inspire individual and collaborative learning, and a state-of-the-art health and fitness centre, which offers free membership for all students.



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.

A PLACE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

DESIGNED TO HELP YOU SUCCEED

We want you to learn in a way that best suits you to 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.

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. If your course includes practical on campus classes and laboratory and skills-based activities, then these are also supplemented with virtual lab sessions and simulations.



DELIVERING THE UWS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

You will benefit from rich on-campus engagement supplemented by live, timetabled and non-timetabled online activities. We recognise our students have a busy lifestyle, and therefore, our interactive online learning environment provides flexibility in how you access your studies, enabling you to receive all the benefits of learning with others.

AS A UWS STUDENT, A RANGE OF LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU, SUCH AS:

SEMINARS, LECTURES, TUTORIALS & WORKSHOPS

LABORATORY-BASED STUDY & PRACTICAL CLASSES

PRESENTATIONS & PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS & FIELDWORK

SOCIAL & SPORTS ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT SESSIONS

DIGITAL LEARNING TOOLS INCLUDING PODCASTS, WEBINARS, VIDEOS & READINGS TO SUPPLEMENT CAMPUS STUDIES

A PLACE FOR RESEARCH

90%

REF2021

Research Excellence Framework

REF is the UK's system for assessing the excellence of research in higher education institutions.

UWS IS COMMITTED TO ADVANCING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION THAT HAS A TANGIBLE, EARLY AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON SOCIETY ACROSS THE GLOBE.

In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF), in 2021, **90% of research at University of the West of Scotland was classed as world-leading, internationally excellent, or recognised internationally.**



WORKING TOWARDS A WORLD WITHOUT WATER SCARCITY

Pioneering artificial intelligence developed through a partnership between FIDO Tech and University of the West of Scotland (UWS) is saving billions of litres of water being lost from pipeline networks, globally – tackling climate change and directly addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The technology – FIDO AI – created as part of University of the West of Scotland's award-winning Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) programme, is being successfully deployed globally. One example of the impact already achieved is the AI technology helping to secure the water supply – and the lifting of severe water restrictions for the first time in 20 years – on the remote Mer Island, in the Torres Straits, off the coast of Queensland, Australia.

Traditionally, water leaks are detected by an obvious breach, such as localised flooding or existing survey techniques. After identification, leaks require a manual excavation, which can often take several attempts to find the exact location of the leak. Generally, 46% of digs are dry, meaning there was a failure to pinpoint the leak, resulting in continued water loss from pipelines.

The FIDO AI system uses small sensors which attach magnetically to pipes and record simultaneous acoustic samples. The innovative cloud correlation technology, developed by UWS, receives sensor readings via a smart phone app, and has been designed to source the exact location of water leaks with the objective of eliminating unsuccessful "dry" digs and the subsequent continued water loss as a result of these. Find out more about this project on our website uws.ac.uk/news/artificial-intelligence-tackling-global-water-shortages

UWS – OXFAM PARTNERSHIP: A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE SCOTLAND

Formed in 2011-12, this innovative partnership brings together the academic expertise from UWS to contribute to the University's longstanding commitment to issues of social inclusion, social justice, and supporting impactful research that makes a real difference to people's lives.

Drawing on the local knowledge and capacities of a wide range of civil society organisations, the partnership has conducted research and informed policy debates, with the overarching objective to work together for a more equitable and sustainable Scotland. UWS researchers from across the social sciences discipline contribute to the work of the partnership.

The partnership has recently conducted two groundbreaking pieces of research; the first explores the experiences and issues impacting young carers in Scotland; the second investigates the COVID-19 crisis and food insecurity.

Find out more about UWS Oxfam Partnership on our website, uws.ac.uk/research/uws-oxfam-partnership

DISABILITY SPORTING EVENTS & SOCIAL CHANGE (PROJECT ECHO)

The project (Project Echo) involves an examination of policy, planning, development and implementation of multi-national disability sporting events, influencing strategies around parasport opportunities and accessibility, based on quantitative and qualitative research.

Project Echo also considers the broader experience of large-scale sporting events, exploring the positive long-term impacts on sport participation, aiming to better understand the experiences of disabled people participating in sport and physical activity.

A PLACE TO LEVEL UP

Ready to take your career to the next level? Whether you're aiming to advance in your current field or explore a new direction, UWS offers flexible postgraduate options to help you achieve your goals.

HEALTH & EDUCATION OPTIONS

Our range of postgraduate programmes designed to help Education and Health practitioners hone their skills and expertise. Explore the full range of programmes in our digital prospectus and on our website.

UWS's professional development courses in Health are designed in partnership with industry to meet modern-day demands. Our service level agreements with NHS Scotland's Health Boards give employees working for these Health Boards the chance to upskill through funded study of a UWS health-related programme relevant to their career aspirations.

Most of our postgraduate programmes are available parttime, with flexible learning options including on-campus, blended, and fully online study. Our courses are developed to fit around your life. Find out more at uws.ac.uk/study



UWS CENTRE FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Centre for Continuing Professional Development offers a flexible range of learning options, from half-day masterclasses and focused short courses to part-time degrees.

We can also create tailored programmes for your organisation and deliver them directly to your teams.

Explore all our CPD options at cpd.uws.ac.uk

For CPD opportunities in London, please visit uwslondon.ac.uk

TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

The UWS Centre for Continuing Professional Development also works closely with public, private and third sector partners to deliver effective training, development and upskilling of employees to encourage business growth.

UWS's professional development options include study in the areas of:

- **QUALITY & PROJECT MANAGEMENT**
- **MARKETING & BUSINESS SKILLS**
- **CREATIVE MEDIA**
- **HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & WELLBEING**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**
- **COMPUTING & ENGINEERING**



Our short courses and longer programmes aim to support individuals and businesses in upskilling, reskilling, and retraining.

For programme-specific information, visit the course pages at cpd.uws.ac.uk

AN INTERNATIONAL PLACE



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.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

UWS has established itself as a force for good through its internationally relevant research, which is making a real difference across the globe. Some of our most recent ground-breaking work includes the world's first preventative treatment for Acanthamoeba keratitis – a serious eye condition which affects millions of people across the globe each year. Not only this, our research into drone technology, artificial intelligence, sustainability, thin films and sensors, 5G networking, and arthritis and dementia care is driving innovative technology developments and helping to shape significant advancements in societies across the world.

LANGUAGE OPTIONS FOR UWS STUDENTS

French, German and Spanish are offered as additional options for students on relevant programmes to complement your studies and equip you with the practical skills to thrive in international, social, academic and business contexts.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE OPTIONS

For students whose first language is not English, we offer pre-sessional English courses to enable students to meet the English language entry requirements for their chosen programme. For students who would like to continue developing their English language skills we also offer English modules during the academic term.



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 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

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING

MULTIFAITH TEAM

DISABILITY SUPPORT

ACADEMIC SKILLS

CAREER PLANNING

ACADEMIC SKILLS & CAREERS SERVICES

Our Academic Skills and Careers teams are here to support your success in University, in life and beyond. They're here to help develop your academic writing and study skills, enhance your CV and explore the career options available to you.

For more information, visit uws.ac.uk/careersandskills

STUDENT SERVICES

UWS's Student Services teams work in close partnership to ensure that you're supported, throughout your student journey. We're sensitive to the diverse needs of our students and strive to tailor our support to individual needs and circumstances. We're proud of our links to the external partners, employers and third sector organisations that help us continually improve the student experience.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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

WIDENING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Widening participation has always been central to UWS. We work 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. For more information, visit uws.ac.uk



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.

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.



HOW TO APPLY

We offer over 80 postgraduate degrees, including MAs, MScs, MBAs, and Professional Doctorates (DProf), as well as research qualifications like MRes, MPhil, and PhD.

Whether you're looking to advance your career or expand your knowledge, we have flexible options to suit your needs.

Explore our course details online to discover the best fit for your goals. You'll find information on duration, study modes, start dates, entry requirement and fees.

APPLY ONLINE:

For most postgraduate taught and research programmes, you can apply through the UWS website. Find step-by-step instructions for UK and international applicants at uws.ac.uk/study

TEACHER TRAINING:

Applications for PGDE (Primary & Secondary) are submitted through UCAS (ucas.com).



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry to most of our postgraduate degree courses you should hold an undergraduate degree from a UK institution or from an equivalent international institution. For some programmes, you may need additional academic qualifications. Professional experience and training may also be considered. You can find full details on the entry requirements for each course on the course pages of the University website at uws.ac.uk/study

APPLYING FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY

For most postgraduate programmes at UWS you should apply directly to the University through our online application system. To begin the application process, create a profile on our online application system. You'll be able to save your application and return to it to complete it at a time that suits you.

You'll be required to upload documents, including transcripts and degree certificates, to support your application. For more details on the information you need to provide visit uws.ac.uk/study.

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**OVER 80
POSTGRADUATE
DEGREES**
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CONTACT US

UK-based and non-UK EU students:
ask@uws.ac.uk

International students:
international@uws.ac.uk

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All programmes at UWS are taught in English. If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your English language skills to us. The International English Language Test System (IELTS) or its equivalents are used and, as a guide, levels of ability required are:

Undergraduate degree (BA, BAcc, BEng, BSc) – IELTS 6.0 with no skill below 5.5

Postgraduate Taught degree (MA, MBA, MSc) – IELTS 6.0 with no skill below 5.5

Postgraduate Research study (MRes, MPhil, PhD, DBA, DProf) – IELTS 6.5 with no skill below 6.0

Some courses, in health for example, may require a higher standard for admission. Check the individual course entries on the University website for details.

If you do not meet UWS English language requirements, the University's pre-sessional English language course may be of interest to help you achieve the required score. For more information visit uws.ac.uk/english

Find out more about English language requirements. uws.ac.uk/international

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are not UK residents should visit the UK Visa and Immigration website at gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration to find out more about studying in the UK, maintenance costs and applying for a student visa. EU/EEA and Swiss students are also required to satisfy UKVI conditions to apply for a student visa for study in the UK.



FEES & FUNDING

PROGRAMME COSTS

You can check details on the fees for individual courses in the individual course entries on our website. You will also find information on funding that may be available to help you meet these costs or help to support your living costs during your studies at uws.ac.uk/money-fees-funding

FUNDING & SCHOLARSHIPS

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COURSES 2026/27

DEGREE OPTIONS
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PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	INTAKE
BUSINESS		
MSc Digital Marketing	Paisley	January & September
MSc Finance & Accounting with CIMA	Paisley	September
MSc Human Resource Management	Paisley	September & January
MSc International Events Management	Paisley	January & September
MSc International Management	Paisley	January, May & September
MSc Logistics & Supply Chain Management	Paisley	January, May & September
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)*	tbc	tbc
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	Paisley, Online	January, May & September
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with Banking & Finance	London, Paisley	January, May & September
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with Digital Marketing	London	January, May & September
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with Enterprise	Paisley	January, May & September
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with Leadership	London, Paisley	January, May & September
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with Logistics & Supply Chain Management	London	January, May & September
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with Luxury Branding	London	January, May & September
Master of Business Administration (MBA) with Risk Management	Paisley	January, May & September
Graduate Diploma Business & Management	Lanarkshire & Paisley	January & September

COMPUTING		
MSc Advanced Computing	Paisley	January & September
MSc Advanced Drone Technology	Lanarkshire	January & September
MSc Artificial Intelligence	Paisley	January & September
MSc Big Data	Paisley	January & September
MSc Cyber Security	Lanarkshire London	January & September January, May & September

PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	INTAKE
COMPUTING CONT.		
MSc Information Technology	London, Paisley	January, May & September
MSc Information Technology with Data Analytics	London, Paisley	January, May & September
MSc Information Technology with Project Management	London, Paisley	January, May & September
MSc Information Technology with Web Development	Paisley	January, May & September
MSc Internet of Things	Paisley	January & September

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES		
MA Creative Media Practice	Ayr	January & September
MA Filmmaking	Ayr	September
MA Music (Songwriting/Sound Production/Industries)	Ayr	January & September

EDUCATION		
Graduate Diploma Childhood Practice	Online with face-to-face learning at Ayr, Dumfries, Lanarkshire	September
PGDE Education (Primary)***	Ayr, Lanarkshire	August
PGDE Education (Secondary)***	Ayr	August

CAREER-LONG LEARNING FOR EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS		
Education Studies (full-time)	London	January, May & September
Education Studies (part-time)	Online	September
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Paisley	September

ENGINEERING		
MSc Project Management	London, Paisley Online	January, May & September September
MSc Quality Management	Paisley, Online	January & September
MSc Sustainable Technology	Paisley	January & September
MSc Sustainable Technology and Energy	Paisley	January & September
MSc Sustainable Technology and Environment	Paisley	January & September
MSc Sustainable Technology and Management	Paisley	January, May & September

PROGRAMME	CAMPUS	INTAKE
HEALTH		
MSc Advanced Practitioner	Lanarkshire, Online	September
Postgraduate Certificate Child Protection	Online with face-to-face learning at Paisley	September
MSc Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	Paisley	January
MSc Forensic Mental Health	Online	January & September
MSc Health Studies (Community Health)	Online	January, May & September
Postgraduate Certificate Integrated Community Nursing	Online	September
Graduate Diploma Integrated Community Nursing	Online	September
MSc Leading People-centred Integrated Care	Online	September
MSc Nursing	Lanarkshire, Online	January & September
Graduate Certificate Personality Disorder	Online with face-to-face learning at Lanarkshire	September
MSc Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting / School Nursing / Occupational Health Nursing)	Online with optional face-to-face learning at Lanarkshire	September

SCIENCE		
MSc Advanced Biomedical Science	Lanarkshire, online [^]	January & September
MSc Biotechnology	Lanarkshire	January & September
MSc Environmental Management	Paisley	January & September
MSc One Health: Environment, Animal and Human Disease	Lanarkshire	January & September
Master of Public Health (MPH)	Lanarkshire	January & September

SOCIAL SCIENCES		
MSc Applied Social Science	Paisley	September
PGDip Career Guidance & Development	Hybrid learning at Paisley, Online	September
PgCert, PgDip, MSc Contemporary Drug & Alcohol Studies	Online with face-to-face learning at Paisley, Online	September

SOCIAL SCIENCES CONT.		
MSc Criminology & Criminal Justice	Online with face-to-face learning at Paisley	September
MSc Politics and Social Justice	Paisley	September
MSc Policy Analysis and Global Governance	Paisley	September
MSc Psychology (Conversion)	Paisley	September
MSc Social Work (Conversion)	Paisley	September

SPORT		
MSc Sport and Exercise (with Sport Coaching/ with Strength and Conditioning)	Lanarkshire	January ^{**} & September

For full details on course duration and delivery modes check the individual course entries on the University website. The UWS Centre for Continuing Professional Development also offers a range of short courses and professional development options. Details can be found at cpd.uws.ac.uk

[^] An online study mode is available to students who are employed by a UK-based healthcare provider (e.g. NHS biomedical laboratory).

^{***} Applications are made through UCAS (ucas.com).

^{**} January start will take approximately 16 months to complete.

^{*} Programme will run subject to final University approval – check our website for the latest information.

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