

BC - Glasgow Caledonian University (Glasgow, Scotland) Exchange Program

The Brooklyn College exchange program with Glasgow Caledonian University is open to all Brooklyn College undergraduate students. Participants will have the unique opportunity to study for a semester or year in Scotland while paying affordable CUNY tuition, travel, and onsite living costs. With its exciting mix of culture, architecture, music, nightlife, shopping and sports, not to mention its friendly residents, Glasgow has everything you need. Accessible, affordable and multicultural, this is a great city for students from all backgrounds and cultures to study.

A. Eligibility

- 2.7 minimum GPA
- Clear academic and disciplinary record
- Open to all CUNY students with preference given to Brooklyn College students

B. GCU's Academic Offerings

As an exchange student at GCU, you are able to choose from more than 1,000 classes offered by the University. Courses are available in areas of Business, Fashion, Finance, Multimedia, Natural and Social Sciences, Urban Sustainability, and more! Visit the following link for a full list of course offerings. <http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/modules/>

C. BC's Academic Credit for Study Abroad

Students receive credit and grades for the courses taken at Glasgow. As part of your study abroad application process, you will need to complete a signed Study Abroad Course Equivalency Form. This helps guarantee that the coursework for which you register abroad will apply to the coursework you need at Brooklyn College. (Changes can be made to the Course Equivalency form once you arrive on site if you find other classes of interest).

D. GCU's Academic Calendar

GCU operates on a trimester basis. Trimester A is equivalent to the Fall semester and Trimester B is equivalent to the Spring semester. Trimester C is not open to undergraduates.

Trimester A: September 19th through December 9th, 2016

Trimester A/ Fall 2016

- Orientation Week: September 5 to September 9, 2016
- Induction: September 12 to September 16, 2016
- First Day of Classes: September 19, 2016
- Last Day of Classes: December, 9, 2016
- Private Study Period: December 12 to December 16, 2016
- Final Exams: January 9 to January 18, 2017
- Inter-Trimester Break: January 19 to January 27, 2017

Trimester B: January 30th-May 5th, 2017

Trimester B/ Spring 2017

- Induction: January 23 to January 30, 2017
- First Day of Classes: January 30, 2017
- Easter/Spring Vacation:
- Last Day of Classes: April 13, 2017
- Private Study Period: April 18 to April 21, 2017
- Final Exams: April 24 to May 12, 2017
- Inter-Trimester Break: May 15 to May 19, 2017

E. Housing

Students have multiple housing options both on campus and off campus at Glasgow. If joining Glasgow Caledonian University means living away from home, you can either apply for a place in Caledonian Court – their on-campus residences - or you can rent accommodations in Glasgow from a private landlord. The Student Accommodation Office will help you find the perfect home away from home.

- On-Campus:
<http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/accommodation/universityaccommodation/>
- Off-Campus:
<http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/accommodation/privatesector/>

F. Approximate Costs For One Semester

Glasgow Caledonian University reports that the average student should budget approximately 4,600 British pounds (6,200 US Dollars) a month for accommodation and other living expenses. Keep in mind variations in personal lifestyle and spending preferences.

	Estimated Monthly Costs in British Pounds	Estimated Semester Costs in British Pounds	Estimated Semester Costs in USD
Rent (1. Range of campus costs 2. Private Housing Costs)	£445	£2,002.50	\$2,900.70
Mobile Phone	£20	£90	\$130.37
Food, Laundry, Household Amenities	£150	£675	\$977.77
Local Travel	£40	£180	\$260.74
CUNY Required CISI Insurance (\$50 per month)	\$50	\$250	\$362.14
Books & Other Utensils		£150	\$217.28
Clothing	£50	£225	\$325.92
Socializing/Free Time	£100	£450	\$651.84
Roundtrip Airfare		£400-700	\$579.42-1,013.98
Estimated Total Semester Costs			\$6,406.18 -6,840.04

Plus CUNY Tuition and Fees (3,165 + fees based on 2015-16)

Dollar estimate based on GCU published costs in pounds multiplied by currency exchange of one British pound is equal to \$1.45 (1/6/16). Students should be sure to check online regarding the most current exchange rate for the most accurate information. There are plenty of resources online for referencing cost of living and student expenses in The UK. For up-to-date currency conversion rates visit <http://www.oanda.com/>.

G. Scholarships and Financial Aid

Most scholarships and financial aid that a student receives for semester study at Brooklyn College can be applied on semester abroad exchange programs. Students should consult Marcus Richardson in the Financial Aid Office about specifics on how their financial aid applies. Scholarships are also available for semester study abroad. Refer to the [IEGE website](#) or visit the Brooklyn College [Scholarship Office](#).

H. Application Process

There are two parts to the application process. One application is submitted to Brooklyn College and, upon acceptance, a second one to GCU.

- Submit to IEGE (Brooklyn College's Office of International Education and Global Engagement):
 - [Online Brooklyn College Study Abroad Application/Notification of Study Abroad Plans](#) and supporting documentation. (Note that statement of purpose is very important. See separate handout.)
 - IEGE Application Deadline
 - Application must be submitted to IEGE no later than April 1st for the fall semester and October 1st for the spring semester.

- Glasgow Caledonian University Application:
 - After initial acceptance by IEGE, you will complete an online form to GCU.
 - GCU Application Deadline:
 - Fall term: No later than June 3rd
 - Spring term: No later than November 3rd

I. Visa Information

Students planning to study for less than six months will need a Short-term Study Visa (STSV). Students can obtain their STSV free of charge upon arrival at the airport in UK. However, there is a charge for students who wish to apply for the visa in advance.

- Students who are U.S. Citizens do not need to complete an application in advance.
- Students who are non-U.S. Citizens may need to complete an application in advance. Please check the UK Immigration website for further information.
- If applying for the STSV upon arrival in the UK, students MUST show their official GCU acceptance letter, passport, and proof of sufficient funds for the full semester in Scotland.
- Students planning to study for a full year and/or do an internship or volunteer during their semester abroad will need to apply for a Tier 4 visa prior to their departure from the U.S. Any student who plans to study in the fall semester and thinks they may wish to extend to full year study once they are in the UK, is advised to apply for a Tier 4 as it is not possible to extend a Short-Term Study Visa while in the UK. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/student-visas> for more information on Short-term Study Visas and Tier 4 Visas.

J. Health Insurance

Students are required to purchase UK health insurance (by the host institution) and also CUNY required CISI Health/Travel Insurance for their entire time abroad (approximately \$50/month). The insurances cover somewhat different aspects of your study/travel program and together provide powerful coverage while you are abroad. See links at the end of this document for more information about CISI Health/Travel Insurance and the 2015/2016 Policy Brochure/Claim Form. In order to obtain the special CUNY rate, students must use the link to the application and sponsor code provided on the information sheet.

K. Applications, Forms & Additional Information

- **Brooklyn College**
 - Online Brooklyn College Study Abroad Application/Notification of Study Abroad Plans:
<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/international/StudyAbroadApplication.php>
 - Office of International Education and Global Engagement: 1108 Boylan Hall, 718-951-5189 iege@brooklyn.cuny.edu

- Office of Scholarships: 213 West Quad Center, 718.951.4796,
scholarship@brooklyn.cuny.edu
- International Student Services: 235 West Quad Center,
<http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/about/offices/iss>, 718.951.4477
- CISI Health/Travel Insurance:
 - 2014/2015 Policy Brochure/Claim form:
http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/aca_international/CISI_2014-2015_Policy_Brochure.pdf
 - CISI Travel Insurance Information:
[http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/aca_international/CISI_Insurance - IEGE_Flyer.pdf](http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/aca_international/CISI_Insurance_-_IEGE_Flyer.pdf)
- **Glasgow Caledonian University**
 - New Student Guide:
<http://www.gcu.ac.uk/media/gcalwebv2/new2gcu/NEWSTUDENTSGUIDE.pdf>
 - Module Catalogue: <http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/modules/>
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