



Exchange Experience Reports

University of Glasgow, Scotland

Host University Evaluation

Reports

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Academic life

How easy was it to figure out your course selection at your host university?

- Super simple!
- Relatively straightforward
- Pretty difficult to navigate
- It was complicated and frustrating

What did the process look like? Was it easy to register in your preferred classes?

It was not that difficult to register for the classes, once approved. The approval proved to be an issue. This is probably the reason it is suggested to take elective courses.

Were your courses as academically rigorous as your McGill courses?

- Yes, they were as rigorous as my McGill courses
- They were similarly rigorous to my McGill courses
- No, they weren't as rigorous as my McGill courses

We'd love to know more about the academic level of your courses compared to McGill. Please explain your answer to the previous question using examples, ex: assessments, readings, labs.

One of the courses was graded by an 100% final, which was terrifying. Apart from that, there were different teaching methods throughout the classes, which corresponds with McGill's different methods when in lower and upper level classes.



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How did the teaching quality at your host university compare to what you're used to at McGill?

<input type="radio"/>	It was better!
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Pretty similar
<input type="radio"/>	It was much worse

What were the main evaluation methods in your courses?

Main evaluation methods included: essays, online assignments, presentations, journals, and a final.

How would you describe the evaluation and grading methods at your host university? Please select as many adjectives as applies!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unfair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transparent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Complicated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Easy to understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficult to understand
<input type="checkbox"/>	Similar methods to McGill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Different methods from McGill

Is there anything else you'd like to share about the academic experience at your host university?

Before applying, when you have to look at different courses, it's possible that the courses they say are offered in a certain semester are either not offered at all or are actually offered in a different semester. Also, a few of their courses are full-year courses.

Student Life

Were you satisfied by the welcome and orientation services provided to you by your host university?

<input type="radio"/>	Very satisfied, everything was clear	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Pretty satisfied
<input type="radio"/>	I was able to figure things out, but it took some time	<input type="radio"/>	Pretty confusing
<input type="radio"/>	Very confusing, I was lost		

What is the best resource that helped you find your way at your host university?

The dorms have LSAs (living support assistants, equivalent to an RA) who are students at the school and were useful to talk to. It was also useful that I went second semester because the students who lived in the dorms had already been there for a few months and were helpful as well.



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What was the campus environment like at your host university? Please describe your experience on campus with regards to safety, social opportunities, accessibility, etc.

The campus environment was great. There was a lot of walking but it was nothing compared to McGill. The gym was great.

Where did you live? Was it easy to find housing? Did you receive any support from your host university?

I lived in a dorm (Cairncross House). I originally looked for an apartment, which I didn't find. Getting into the dorm was not that hard. The dorm is associated with the host university.

What advice would you share with students travelling to your host university? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Take advantage of what the school has to offer. You can join a club even if it's for a semester.

Make sure you have a LOT of possibilities for your courses, because the number of courses that they actually offer in a semester are a lot less than the ones they have on the website.

What advice would you share with students who will live in your host city? Briefly give up to 3 tips!

Uber is relatively cheap, and walking is not that bad, so it wasn't necessary to get a bus pass. Plus all the buses in the city were from different companies.

It's really easy to take the bus or train out of the city for a weekend. Take advantage of that!

An umbrella won't help because the rain comes with wind. Bring a raincoat and rainboots!