

GLASGOW: ACADEMIC PLANNING & UWEC COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

Understanding U of Glasgow Academic System and Restrictions

To plan for your semester at Glasgow, you need to discuss the courses (or *modules* as they are sometimes called in the UK) you wish to take with your UWEC academic adviser. You can find additional information directly from the University of Glasgow [here](#).

Credits

One Glasgow (Scotcat) credit point = 1/4 US semester credit. If you want to know how many U.S. credit a course is worth, simply divide the credits listed in the course description by four. Glasgow requires semester students to take a minimum of 60 credits and a maximum of 65 credits. Semester students must take 60-65 Scotcat credits. Full year students will take 120 Scotcat credits, which converts to 30 credits in the US system.

Selecting the Appropriate Course Level

In reviewing course descriptions, you can determine course difficulty by looking at the level:

Level 1 and 2 = Lower Division

Level 3 and 4 = Upper Division (Note: Level 3 and 4 are also called "Honours" courses.)

In general,

- You want to **take "Level 1" courses**. These begin with a "1", i.e. 1001
- If you are taking **a course in your major**, and you have already done entry-level work in your major, you may wish to take a "Level 2" course. These will begin with a "2", i.e. 2001
- If you need **upper division courses in your major**, and you **will have already completed several courses** in your major prior to studying at Glasgow, you can select Level 3 and 4 courses (starting with a "3" or "4", respectively). Note that **Level 3 & 4 course offerings are typically not announced until late July**- shortly before the start of the academic year.

Level 5-Graduate Courses

Do not take level 5, graduate courses! UWEC cannot transcript them. UWEC undergraduate students are not allowed to take U of Glasgow graduate courses as they are not cross-listed courses and do not fulfill undergraduate degree requirements at U of Glasgow. Although Glasgow materials state that study abroad and exchange students cannot take Level 5 classes, a few UWEC students have registered for them in the past. Even if you successfully pass a Level 5 class, the UWEC Registrar cannot put them on your UWEC transcript. **You get no UWEC credit for the course. This can affect your academic standing, financial aid, etc.**

Term Offered

In the course description, you should look at the line "Typically Offered" to see if the course is typically offered in the fall or spring.

Semester 1=fall semester

Semester 2= spring semester

Course Access

Typically, you will have access to courses across the university as long as you can demonstrate that you meet the pre-requisite requirements established by the University of Glasgow. (Note that you do not have to have taken the U of Glasgow course, just a course that would have given you similar background at UWEC.) University of Glasgow faculty members evaluate your UWEC transcript to assess your academic background. **If you are studying at Glasgow during your sophomore year (second year) you will be most likely be restricted to level 1 and 2 courses.** However, some courses are closed to "Visiting" (e.g. study abroad or exchange) students. Look

for the line “Available to Visiting Students” in the description. If it says “Yes”, you can take the course. If it says “No”, you cannot.

Example

Finance 1 ACCFIN1003 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Session: 2014-15• School: Adam Smith Business School• Credits: 20• Level: Level 1 (SCQF level 7)• Typically Offered: Semester 2• Available to Visiting Students: No Short Description <p>The course focuses on identifying the financial objective of the firm and on understanding how the principal financial decisions should be made in order to achieve the objective. Coverage will include corporate financing and investment decisions, the operation of capital markets and an introduction to the concept of risk and return.</p>	Based on this example, we can see that: Credits: 20/4= 5 UWEC credits Level: It is a first-year or lower division course Typically Offered: Spring semester Available to Visiting Students: No, you could not take this course as it is not open to study abroad/exchange students. Look for descriptions that say “Yes”.
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IMPORTANT NOTE: Students studying for fall semester only are not allowed to take Level 3 & 4 Computer Science, Math or Statistics classes. Academic year and spring students may take these classes.

Course Catalogue/Schedule Availability

University of Glasgow issues their course catalogue once a year typically in late June/July for the following academic year. For example, the 2017-2018 catalogue is published online in June/July 2017. The catalogue lists the courses offered during the academic year. Due to the timing of the catalogue release, fall students must use the current year catalogue to planning for the following academic year. Typically level 1 and 2 courses roll over year. However, there is more variation at levels 3 and 4.

Glasgow Course Catalogue and Unique Courses

University of Glasgow offers two types of courses to visiting students: regular university courses which regular degree-seeking students take as part of their program and unique courses which have been developed specifically to meet the interests of visiting students. You will find both types of courses linked here:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/studyabroadprogramme/coursecatalogue/>

For **regular university** courses, scroll down to the “Select a subject” section, then choose the department you are interested in.

For **unique courses for study abroad students** (Glasgow School of Art, piping, functional anatomy, service learning, etc), click on the links at the top of the page for more information.

UWEC Course Equivalencies for Glasgow

Due to a change in the course numbering system at the U of Glasgow in 2011-2012, there are only a few courses at the University of Glasgow that have been evaluated for UW-Eau Claire credit. To find courses that have been evaluated for Glasgow, you will go to the Transfer Wizard site here:

https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU_SS_CUSTOM.EAU_TRNCRDWZ.GBL

Please keep in mind that this is a **historical record of past course equivalences**. There is no guarantee that the same courses will be offered in the future, or that they will be offered during the term in which you are abroad.

1. Choose United Kingdom in from the “Country” pull down menu, then hit “Search”*
2. Select “Univ of Glasgow” by clicking the link.
3. There are a few different ways to search for course equivalencies:
 - Search the first 300: To see the first 300, simply hit the “Search” button without putting in a subject. The first 300 courses, in alphabetical order by the U of Glasgow “School Subject” (e.g. ACCFIN for accounting and finance or BIOL for biology) will appear.
 - Search by U of Glasgow “School Subject”: For example, if you only want to see courses designated as biology by U of Glasgow, input “BIOL” in the search function, which is the biology subject code at U of Glasgow. To find the Glasgow subject codes, look at the course catalogue: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/>.
 - Search by course: If you want to see if a particular U of Glasgow course has an established UWEC equivalency, you can enter the U of Glasgow subject code and course number (e.g. ACCFIN) in the “Search”. Some courses may not have an established equivalency. An official equivalency can be established for the course if you list it on your U of Glasgow online application.
4. On the right hand of the Transfer Wizard page, you will see the UWEC equivalency. Below you will find a list of abbreviations that may appear in the UWEC “Long Course Title”. The key below will help decipher what they mean.

Key to Site Abbreviations:

LD = lower division (100 & 200 level courses)

UD = upper division (300 & 400 level courses)

No credit = you will not receive UWEC credit if you take this course

GE3, 4, etc = general elective, category 3, category 4, etc

Consult = you will get elective credit unless you take a Prior Course Approval Form and course description to UWEC department chair, get a written equivalency, and turn it in to the Registrar’s Office

Defer = you will not receive UWEC credit unless you take a Prior Course Approval Form and course description to UWEC department chair and get a written equivalency, and turn it in to the Registrar’s Office