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As a GCU student you are automatically a member of GCU Students' Association. We are primarily here to represent you to improve your GCU student experience.

We also provide lots of services and activities on both the Glasgow and London Campus.

Location Key

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L LONDON

No matter where you study we want you to feel part of the GCU community.

Use your GCU student username and password to login to our website to buy tickets for events; join a sports club, society or group; volunteer; submit an idea; vote in our elections or to change your email communication preferences.

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Welcome Desk

Located on the Glasgow Campus in the Students' Association Building. Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm to answer your questions, buy memberships and tickets.

hello@GCUstudents.co.uk
0141 331 3886



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London Office

Our London Office is in Room 2.5 Fashion Street Building, where you can speak to our Students' Association staff based on the London Campus in person or you can email them directly at london@GCUstudents.co.uk.

Full Time Officers

The Students' Association is led by four elected students known as Full Time Officers. They each have a responsibility to represent the views of students from all the academic schools and the wider student body. These roles are full time paid positions. They represent students from: School of Science and Engineering (SSE), Glasgow School for Business and Society (GSBS), School of Health and Life Sciences (SHLS) and GCU London.



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Student Voice



Student Voice meets four times a year to discuss the student experience at GCU and how it can be improved. It sets our priorities as a Students' Association, such as our policy or campaigns. Recent achievements include Free ARC Gym Membership for all GCU students, 24 hour Library opening during exam period and the abolishment of graduation fees.

By getting involved in Student Voice, you will have a say on what happens on campus and meet lots of new people. There are dedicated places on Student Voice for first year students and postgraduates and meetings are preceded by friendly networking sessions over pizza. Students can request to attend Student Voice online.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/voice

“Student Voice has helped me integrate, make friends, feel involved and feel that I'm making a difference.”

MAJA JØRGENSEN
STUDENT VOICE MEMBER



Ideas

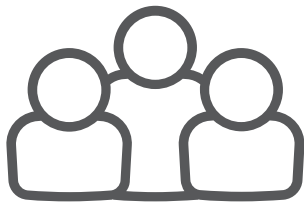


The Students' Association mission is to represent and support GCU students to have the best university experience. One way you can do this is by submitting your Idea through our website. If other students think it's a great Idea too, it goes to Student Voice where it's discussed, debated and sometimes improved. Then it's voted on. Ideas that pass Student Voice become our policy and an Officer is assigned to make it happen. Ideas can be on (almost!) anything—from training for student on the use of AI, to better signposting of vegan/vegetarian meal options. These Ideas all came from students like you. What's your Idea?

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/ideas



Academic Reps **G L**



Academic Reps play a crucial role in shaping the learning, teaching and research experience of their fellow students. Students are at the core of the University and the Students' Association works closely with GCU to ensure students are represented on all decision-making committees. Academic Reps gather student feedback on the Glasgow and London campuses and work with staff to create changes to improve the learning experience.

Class Reps

Every level of every programme should have Class Reps who are chosen at the beginning of each academic year. Your Class Reps will seek feedback on your learning experience and use these insights to address issues with academic staff and in Student Partnership Forums. No experience is required as full training is provided and you get to help make our student learning experience better.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/classreps



“ I decided to become a Class Rep to push myself out of my comfort zone and experience something new...”

JAMIE FERRIE
CLASS REP

“ Being a Post Grad Rep has allowed me to see what issues affect students on a broader level.”

CHARLIE BEAUMONT
PGT REP



Department, PGT & PGR Reps

Representing students doesn't just stop at the classroom doors—a valuable development opportunity for Class Reps is to become a Department Rep. Department Reps are involved in the decision-making process for their department and academic school. They also offer support and guidance for the Class Reps in their department. Postgraduate students are represented at this higher level by PGT Reps and PGR Reps. These leadership roles all receive an honorarium each Trimester.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/academicreps

Elections

You will have the opportunity to become a candidate in the Full Time Officer Elections and all current students will be able to vote. These Officers are the voice of the student body on University level committees including Senate and Court as well as working on a portfolio of policy remit areas such as wellbeing, careers, sustainability, sports and the international student experience. Any GCU student can stand in the election and you are encouraged to consider it—while it may seem a daunting task, it is also an amazing experience that will help you grow and realise your potential.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/elections

“It was a very uplifting experience and it boosted my confidence. The elections helped me engage with students and explore my potential.”

FORMER ELECTION
CANDIDATE



Representation Networks

We have Representation Networks for students dedicated to community-building, awareness-raising and representing the interests of those who self-define to the Network. Our Networks are primarily based on the Glasgow Campus and we would welcome these extending to the London Campus. From Black History Month celebrations to Trans awareness vigil to Christmas Market visits, the Networks are a great way to meet new people and get involved.

- ▶ Ethnic Diversity Network
- ▶ Accessibility Network
- ▶ LGBT+ Network
- ▶ Women's Network
- ▶ Caledonian Court Residents' Network
- ▶ Care Experienced Network
- ▶ International Network
- ▶ Mature and Part-Time Network
- ▶ Carers' Network
- ▶ Ethical & Environmental Network

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/networks

Did you know?

We successfully campaigned for the installation of student microwaves on campus.



NEED AN EASIER WAY TO
FIND YOUR CLASS REP?



Advice Centre



The Advice Centre provides a free, non-judgemental and confidential service to all GCU students on the Glasgow and London campus. If you experience difficulties during your studies, whether academic or personal, we are here to help.

Our Advisers work for the Students' Association and not the University, so provide independent and confidential advice, guidance and advocacy to students on academic procedures such as Fit to Sit, EEEEC, Academic Appeals,

Student Conduct, complaints and bullying and harassment issues.

Our friendly Advisers also offer information and signposting to a wide range of areas including accommodation, money worries, loneliness and gender based violence.

We will listen and take the time to help you find the information, referral or support you need, whatever the issue.

You can collect free condoms, lubricant and reuseable period products from the Advice Centre waiting area or from our GCU London Office.

The Advice Centre is open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Our Student Advisers, can be contacted via the webform or phone to make an in person or online appointment in advance.

Students on the Glasgow Campus can drop into the Advice Centre located in the Students' Association Building.

Students on the London Campus can obtain initial support in person from our London Office in the Fashion Street Building (Room 2.5).



www.GCUstudents.co.uk/advice



0141 273 1650



Kirsty



Lucy



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Events

We run lots of different events, both regular and one-off, on the Glasgow and London Campus. Some of these are hosted by the Students' Association and lots are organised by GCU students or our clubs, societies, networks and groups. Lots of the events are free and some you need to buy tickets for.

We are constantly updating our website with new events so be sure to check it regularly.
www.GCUstudents.co.uk/events



London Volunteering

We are looking for students on the London Campus to volunteer to become GCU London Volunteers. Our GCU London Volunteers help deliver and support Students' Association activities and events. This will help you meet other students and make friends.

Find out more and sign up on our website.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/londonvolunteer



THE EDIT

The EDIT is the Students' Association magazine written by GCU students for GCU students. It is published in print and online and you can get involved while you study. The EDIT are always looking for students from either the Glasgow or London Campus to contribute, from writers and photographers, to designers and for help with social media.

Topics include fashion, arts and culture, news and features, music, writing reviews, entertainment and culture, sports or any other subject of interest to our students.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/theedit

www.TheEDITGCU.com



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“My time at the magazine was a huge learning experience I also made friends for life and have memories that will stay with me forever.”

**RACHEL-LOU GIBSON
FORMER EDITOR**



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RADIO CALEY

“Being able to watch people create shows and present live on air after getting encouraged by other members is a joy to experience, I wouldn't trade for anything.”

**ROSS CARMICHAEL
RADIO CALEY
STATION MANAGER
2025-27**

Radio Caley is the Students' Association online radio station and is managed by GCU students. Our studio is based on the Glasgow Campus, but you can listen from anywhere.

GCU students can get involved in production, presenting, fundraising, music, PR and technical. No experience is necessary and full training is provided.



www.GCUstudents.co.uk/radiocaley | www.RadioCaley.com

Societies

Every society is run by GCU students. There are around 60 active societies running events and activities throughout the year either on the Glasgow or London Campus. There are academic, culture, faith, charity-based, political and hobby-based societies. Many of these societies host weekly activities as well as large end of year events.

You can also volunteer to be on a society committee to help with the running of the society and to gain experience. Great for the CV. If you can't see the society for you, then it's really easy to start your own!

Visit www.GCUstudents.co.uk/societies to contact a society and get your membership or email societies@GCUstudents.co.uk to find out more. Most societies are free to join, some have a charge.



Sports Clubs

GCU Sports Clubs are collectively known as GCU Wolves and getting involved can help you to make new friends, have some fun, be active and feel good. There are around 30 different clubs run from the Glasgow Campus, all organised by GCU students. Most hold weekly activities and participate in competitions throughout the year. You can also volunteer to be on a club committee and could be responsible for co-ordinating activities, leading the team on the pitch or organising social events. If you don't find a club you like then you can start your own.

Sports Club Membership includes personal accident insurance and where applicable use of club equipment, coaching, facilities, competition entry fees and subsidised transport; however, some sports clubs may make an additional charge for each activity. Buy your membership online.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/sport



“ I cannot recommend enough how beneficial joining a sports club is to your mental, physical and emotional wellbeing. Whether it be a new sport or something you've done before, joining a club is a fun new experience regardless of if you're in it socially or competitively.

ANANDA BRUCE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CLUB

LEARN



LEAD

ACHIEVE

Student Leaders Programme

Exclusive to GCU Students and developed in partnership with the Social Enterprise Academy (Scotland), the Student Leaders Programme is a series of free self-guided workshops on GCU Learn that you complete at your own pace and designed to help identify and develop your leadership skills.

We have designed the programme around the competencies or 'meta-skills' that employers are seeking, so not only will you develop your leadership, but you will boost your future employability.

Enrol today and begin your leadership journey....



www.GCUstudents.co.uk/SLP

Students' Association Building (Glasgow Campus)



LEVEL 0

Social Learning Space: A place to study or meet friends
Student Pantry. Hot Water Boiler & Student Microwaves

Computer Lab: 120 computers for student use

Bookable Group Study rooms:

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/groupstudyrooms



LEVEL 1 (Entrance)

Welcome Desk: For any questions and buy memberships

Advice Centre

Re:Union Bar: Eat, drink, relax or play pool

Radio Caley Studio



LEVEL 2

Open Plan Area: The place for you to hang out and meet other students

Meeting rooms: NH208 and NH209

Full Time Officers and Staff Offices

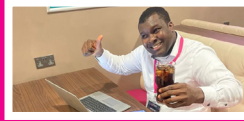


OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Take some time out from study and use the Outdoor Basketball Court, Outdoor Gym or Traverse Wall next to the Students' Association Building. The areas are free to use and is a great way to relax and be active.

Building Code NH | www.GCUstudents.co.uk/building

Re:union



The Re:Union Bar is open Monday to Friday, 12pm to late during Trimester A and B and is located on level 1 of the Students' Association Building.

The Re:Union Bar is a place to grab a drink, food, play pool or socialise with classmates and friends. There is a weekly Quiz and Karaoke night in Trimester A and B with cash prizes to be won! There are also lots of events planned by our Sports Clubs, Societies, Groups and Networks.

You are the DJ and can choose what songs you want played in the bar on SUB TV. Use the QR code to download the app.



Quizzicalay

The Weekly Quiz!

Every Monday 5-7pm

Cash Prize!

Re:union
Bar



Caleyoake!

It's like karaoke
but spelt different

EVERY THURS

Re:union
Bar



RE:UNION BAR
CASH PRIZE





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