



Congratulations on your decision to apply to the University of Glasgow! As part of your application to the University of Glasgow, you are required to write a statement of purpose describing why you have chosen to study abroad at Glasgow and how you are prepared academically for that challenge. A well-written personal statement can make the difference between a regular application and an incredible one. The University of Glasgow admits applicants who are driven, motivated and prepared for an academically rigorous semester.

Think of this as a college admissions essay. Your personal statement should be 300 to 500 words, outline the reasons why you want to study abroad at Glasgow and study the subjects you've chosen. A statement can be especially useful for providing additional information which is not immediately apparent from your transcript and which is relevant to your course and departmental selection.

You should discuss your reasons for wanting to study abroad and what led you to choose Glasgow. Describe specific study and research interests that you intend to pursue while at Glasgow. Mention a course you'd like to take at Glasgow and discuss why it's important to you: Is it not available at your home university? Is it in an unusual or interesting subject area that would be inaccessible outside of the U.K.? Why will studying at Glasgow broaden your academic horizons? What do you hope to take from your experience at Glasgow?

**In conclusion, your personal statement should include:**

- Why you have chosen to study abroad
- Why you have chosen to apply to the University of Glasgow
- How you have prepared academically for your semester or year abroad at Glasgow
- What you hope to learn from your study abroad experience

**This personal statement is due at the same time as the other forms in this packet.**