

The University of Glasgow is the 4th oldest university in the English speaking world and ranked in the top 100 world universities. It is a member of the *Russell Group* of 24 universities committed to maintaining the very best research, outstanding learning and teaching and unrivalled links with business and the public sector. It is also a member of *Universitas 21*, a leading global network of research-intensive universities who work together to foster global citizenship and institutional innovation through research-inspired teaching and learning.

The University has been on Crichton campus in Dumfries since 1999. Its *School of Interdisciplinary Studies*, which has over 300 students from 20 different nationalities and 45 permanent staff based on the campus, is part of the University's College of Social Science.

The School delivers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees with a professional orientation and in-built employability skills. It provides opportunities for students to gain first-hand experience of working in their field of study by undertaking work placements in the UK or overseas – and all students have opportunities for 'study abroad' and/or international internships.

Teaching within the School is research led which ensures that students are learning as the cutting edge of knowledge. The academic staff contributed to the University's high ranking in the periodic national assessment of research quality, the *Research Excellence Framework*, in the subject of Social Policy (1st in Scotland, 8th in the UK), History (2nd in the UK) and English Language and Literature. It is also 'home' to a research centre *The Solway Centre for Environment and Culture* and lead partner in the *Crichton Institute*.

The *School of interdisciplinary Studies* provides all the benefits of a University of Glasgow education and degree on a friendly, local campus in Dumfries. We take care of our students and strive to provide the best possible education and student experience. As a result, our scores across a range of measures in the 2014 National Students Survey 2014 saw us ranked top in the UK for Social Policy and top in Scotland for Teacher Training.