

# **The University of Strathclyde**

## **About the University**

The University of Strathclyde is Glasgow's second oldest university which was founded in 1796 through the will of Professor John Anderson, Professor of Natural Philosophy at Glasgow University who left instructions for a 'place of useful learning', a university open to everyone, regardless of gender or class. His vision became reality with the opening of Anderson's Institution in late 1796. In 1828, the institution was renamed as Anderson's University which was again changed in 1887 to Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College as it had no legal authority to use the title of 'university'. During the beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century, the college had main focus on technical education, science, and engineering so it became the Royal Technical College in 1912 and Royal college of Science and Technology in 1956. After few years, the college broadened its horizon by the merger with the Scottish College of commerce in early 1960's .Finally the Royal College received its Royal Charter in 1964 and became the University of Strathclyde. In 1993, the University incorporated Jordanhill College of Education. Today, it is Scotland's third largest university with over 26000 students and is a major educational centre of UK.

## **Location**

The university of Strathclyde is situated in the heart of Glasgow which is Scotland's biggest and most cosmopolitan city and third biggest in UK. Glasgow has excellent national and international transport links. Superb air, rail and road links connect the city to the rest of the world. Wide range of airlines is available at Glasgow International airport. Edinburgh's airport is just an hour's drive away. Regular and frequent rail and bus service is also available.

## **Campuses**

The University of Strathclyde has two campuses. The campuses are connected very well by the free and frequent shuttle bus service .The campuses are:

1. **John Anderson Campus**: It is a student village located in the heart of Glasgow near George Square.
2. **The Jordan hill Campus**- It is located at the West End of Glasgow. It is very easy to approach this campus from the city centre through a short bus or train ride.

## Courses

The university currently delivers education to around 15000 undergraduate and 10000 postgraduate students. Over 30000 people take part in continuing education and professional development programmes. The university is organized into 5 major faculties as under:

1. **Strathclyde Business School**: It is a leading business school that provides undergraduate & postgraduate degrees in Accounting and finance, Economics, Human Resource Management, Management, Management science and Marketing. In addition, it has a European Policies Research Centre and Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship. The Department of Accounting and Finance has been ranked no. 1 in U.K. in the Complete University Guide Subject League Table for 2009.
2. **Faculty of Education**- This faculty has various departments providing courses at all levels such as Childhood and Primary Studies, Creative and Aesthetic Studies, Curricular Studies, Educational & Professional Studies, Glasgow school of Social Work, Professional Development Unit, and Sports, culture, and Arts.
3. **Faculty of Engineering**- It is the largest Engineering Faculty in Scotland and one of the UK's leading centres of Engineering education and research. It provides courses in Architecture, Bioengineering, Chemical and Process Engineering, Civil Engineering, Design, Manufacture & Engineering Management, Electronic & Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. There is also National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics and department of Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering.
4. **Faculty of Law, Arts and Social Sciences**-This faculty combines various departments which are English Language

Teaching Division, English studies, Geography & Sociology, Government, History, Law, Modern Languages and Psychology.

5. **Faculty of science**-It offers wide range of courses in chemistry (Pure and Applied Chemistry), Computer and Information Sciences, Mathematics & Statistics and Physics. It also includes the Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy & Biomedical Sciences.

## International Programmes

The University of Strathclyde has an English Language Teaching Division (ELTD) that offers wide range of programmes to international students including classes in General English, English for Academic Purposes and Study skills. It provides various pre-study English courses of varying lengths and at different levels throughout the year. The courses are:

1. **Pre-entry Academic English and Study Skills**- An intensive course of around 14 weeks designed for students with a lower starting level of English. It prepares students to improve their standard of English before starting their actual studies. It also provides special IELTS classes if the requirement demands.
2. **Pre-Sessional Academic English**-The international students who are already enrolled in postgraduate or undergraduate study at the university can avail this course available throughout the summer to improve their English language skills in an academic context. It can also be taken as a continuation of the Pre-entry course.
3. **In-sessional General English and English for Academic Purposes courses**- The ELTD also provides in-sessional English language support to international students in form of short courses in a wide range of areas such as academic writing, seminar skills, skills of oral presentations and vocabulary development during the session to help students in improving their English for both studying and everyday communication.
4. **General English**-The University also provides special spring evening classes & summer daytime classes for students who wish to learn General English.
5. **Post-Graduate Diploma in English for Post graduate studies**- International students who want to improve their

standard of English that is required to join any postgraduate studies can undertake this fully-accredited programme

6. **English for Specific Purposes**- These are special courses in areas such as English for Business and English for Law & can be designed according to the requirement of the students..

## **Sports and Activities**

The University of Strathclyde is very active in sports. The sports Union of the university offers a wide range of facilities and team sports from football and rugby to athletics, windsurfing and orienteering. Being a member of the Sports Union provides access to 42 organized clubs which cater to all levels of talent from beginners to world-class athletes. The university also has The Centre for Sport and Recreation which is located within the John Anderson Campus and is a great place to enjoy sports and leisure activities. It offers variety of opportunities and choices for the students to participate in Sport, Health and Fitness. The activities at the Centre for Sport & Recreation include volleyball, indoor cricket, trampolining, table tennis, resistance training, swimming and much more. It has a large twin-court sports hall for all major indoor games, space for up to six badminton courts, an activities room, a weight training area and a cardiovascular fitness suite. The Jordanhill Campus also has games hall for indoor games, a gymnasium and a small cardiovascular unit. For outdoor sports there is provision of seven grass football & rugby pitches, a floodlit sand-dressed artificial turf-pitch, a blaize hockey pitch and an artificial cricket wicket. The university also offers various sports scholarships and bursaries to encourage students with outstanding sporting ability.

## **Why to study at University of Strathclyde**

The University of Strathclyde was the UK's first technological university & specialist in practical subjects. Today, it is one of the UK's leading universities and is ranked 37<sup>th</sup> in the UK, 113<sup>th</sup> in Europe and 270<sup>th</sup> in the world by the QS World University Rankings. It is amongst the top 15 in the UK for accounting and finance, architecture, business, chemical engineering, education, hospitality, law, medicine & pharmacy according to the Complete University Guide. The MBA provided at the University of Strathclyde was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Scotland and 30<sup>th</sup> in the world in 2008

Financial Times MBA rankings. It was also number 1 in the world terms of value for money. The University is one of Glasgow's largest employers and is the only Scottish University in the top 10 UK university careers services cited by employers in a 2004 survey of excellence. The research done at the university has been recognized worldwide. Its total research patent royalty income topped 30 million pounds in 2003 thus placing Strathclyde among the UK's top 10 universities for patent income. Strathclyde's research and technology has created more than 40 spin-out companies and it was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the 'Number of Active Spin-Off Firms' by the Times Higher Education Supplement. Not only this, in the view of the Cabinet Office of Science and Technology, Strathclyde is one of UK's most successful universities for working with industry and commercializing research. More feathers on its cap include the establishment of Europe's first interactive classroom in 1997, pride of being the first IBM ThinkPad University in 2001 and being the first university in Scotland to invest in Multimedia wired and wireless teaching spaces. The 10-storey Student's Union Building of the university is the largest of its type in the UK. The Centre for Forensic Science of the university under the Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry is seen as the leading educator of forensic science in the UK. The popularity of the university can be judged from the fact that it has used Anderson Lion and Professor Bright as mascots.

The university has a very rich academic heritage. It offers more than 200 undergraduate degree combinations and more than 160 postgraduate courses across five faculties. The teaching staff holds lot of expertise in their particular subjects and there is good learning environment with high tech classrooms. The university has some of the best student libraries. The Andersonian Library at the John Anderson campus has around 750,000 volumes and over 8000 current journal subscriptions, the majority of which are also available electronically. It offers 200 networked computers with access to the internet, e-mail, a wide range of software & databases and a wireless area for laptops. The University of Strathclyde believes in continuous curriculum development and innovation which ensures that its courses remain cutting edge meeting all the student demands and addressing social and economic needs.

## **Advantages for International students**

The University of Strathclyde gives a very warm welcome to the international students from more than 100 countries around the world. The university has around 10% overseas students. The university offers a range of special support services for the international students. The International Society of the university helps students to build their social life. The student Advisers provide all kind of practical support and guidance. In case of financial guidance, the students can refer the International Student Adviser. Range of counseling services and English Language programmes are also available. The university provides first hand accommodation facilities with more than 2000 rooms which are at just few minutes distance from the main university buildings. The university helps the International students by providing them various scholarships as under:

1. **Strathclyde University Prestige Scholarships-**  
Scholarships of the value of 5000 pounds will be offered to students who register for undergraduate study only during the first year of study based upon their level of academic capability.
2. **International Undergraduate Bursaries in Physics-**  
Up to 5 awards of the value of 2000 pounds per year are available for full duration of the course of International students based upon their academic merit.

In addition to the undergraduate scholarships, various scholarships for postgraduate study and research are offered by the university under various departments. But these scholarships are very competitive and students should have outstanding academic record to become eligible for them. In all The University of Strathclyde is a must seek place for students who aim to get quality education.