

Representation

GCU Students' Association primarily exists to represent GCU students and make sure your voice is heard when decisions are made. GCU students elect our Full Time Officers and we support all students on campus. You could build your confidence and become a Class Rep, feeding back the issues affecting your course. We also work alongside the university to make positive changes to your experience studying here. Here are some examples of the difference we have recently made for GCU students, our members:

- Course timetables are now produced and available significantly earlier than in previous years, for instance 2 ½ months earlier in Trimester 2 2015/16.
- We stopped GCU from introducing exam fees of £40. In August 2014 we saved students £88,000 from not having to pay these fees.
- We stopped GCU from increasing the cost of re-sitting a module from £40 to £300.
- We campaigned to ensure that current and prospective students were consulted about changes to course programmes (called Portfolio Refresh).
- We doubled the number of student reps on Senate (GCU's highest academic committee) to ensure that the student voice is listened to when important decisions are made.
- We successfully campaigned to extend the library opening hours over the Christmas break for exam studying and kept our own 24 Hour Computer Lab open 24/7.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/representation

"I came here from City of Glasgow College and there were some things I thought could be improved so I got involved in representation and worked hard to become a Full Time Officer. You can make a big impact too; all you need to do is grasp opportunities to have your opinions heard."
John Gaughan,
BA International Retail Marketing

"A large number of students have successfully made the move to GCU from college and we look forward to welcoming you to the GCU community and supporting you through the College Connect Academy to take the next step on your path to a brighter future."
Professor Ruth Whittaker,
Director of Academic Quality & Development

"I came here from Glasgow Clyde College and as a mature student and a single parent coming back to education was a big step. I worried about not being good enough for university but I have gained so much by coming here. Yes I've worked hard but I have gotten so much from attending GCU and you can too! Good luck."
Anne-Marie Docherty,
BSc (Hons) Computing

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Have you just joined GCU from College?



Welcome to Glasgow Caledonian University

Congratulations on taking this step in starting Glasgow Caledonian University.

Every year hundreds of students come from college, some of you go onto courses with lots of other new students from colleges and some where you might be the only new face. University life can be very different to how college works, in how you are taught, course work and exams and you will be expected to become an independent learner. You might feel anxious and we are here to help, whether through the support we provide, the opportunity to try something new or continue doing something you enjoy, meet new people from different backgrounds and make new friends. GCU Students' Association wants you to feel you belong and to **Be part of something... Bigger.**

As a GCU student you are automatically a member of the Students' Association. Come visit us in the Students' Association Building, Building Code NH and number 5 on the campus map. Not only can you join our clubs and societies, volunteer and get involved with representing your fellow students, you can also use our 24 Hour Computer Lab, Group Study Rooms and have a bite to eat in the Student Bistro.

Support

Advice Centre

Our Student Advisers can support you with any personal or academic difficulties you experience whilst studying at GCU as well as giving information and advice on all aspects of student life. You can also access our free condom service. We are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and you can either drop in or make an appointment. Advice Centre is located in the Students' Association Building.

Tel: 0141 273 1650

Email: advice@GCUstudents.ac.uk

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/advice

Campus Life Services

The Campus Life Desk, located on the first floor of the George Moore Building, is your first step to Student Services. The Campus Life Desk is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm and can help with the following: Visa Immigration Support and Advice, Careers Service, Student Funding, Registry (registration, student cards, council tax etc), Positive Living Team (Counselling and Wellbeing Team), Disability Team and the Faith and Belief Centre

Check out www.gcu.ac.uk/student for student information including IT Services, how to access the Library Services, Trimester Dates and downloading your course timetable.

Learning Development Centres

Each School in the University has a Learning Development Centre (LDC) which provides support with academic writing, computer skills and other academic support and guidance.

www.gcu.ac.uk/learningdevelopmentcentres

Student Mentors

Student Mentors can help students settle by offering a point of contact, a friendly ear, re-assurance, information and advice. Any GCU student can get in touch with a student mentor but priority is given to students who have come to GCU from college.

Email: mentors@gcu.ac.uk

Opportunities

Here at the Students' Association we offer students the opportunity to gain more than just a degree.

There are many ways you can get involved to have fun, learn new skills to boost your CV and meet new friends:

- 60+ societies
- 35+ sports clubs
- Radio Caley (radio station)
- The Edit (student magazine)
- Photography Group
- Nightline Volunteering
- Wellbeing Volunteering



www.GCUstudents.co.uk/getinvolved

Events



Our sports teams, societies, liberation and representation groups run events year round for anyone to come along to. Whether they are free or have a small fee, are regular or one-off you can attend as many or as few as you wish.

www.GCUstudents.co.uk/events

Student Leaders Programme

If you volunteer on or off campus you have the opportunity to participate in the Student Leaders Programme. This programme will help you develop skills to become a more effective leader and develop the attributes sought by employers.



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