

# Glasgow Maritime Academy – International Student Guide

## 2013



***We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to The Glasgow***

***Maritime Academy and also wish you a successful and happy stay in the city.***

This guide has been compiled to help you through most of the formalities and procedures both before and after your arrival.

You will find information ranging from How to get to Glasgow, the things to do in Glasgow to ordering your food.

Also included in this handbook are the contact details of the many services which are available to support you throughout your stay. After reading this handbook, if you have any unanswered questions, please feel free to contact our International Student Adviser for further information; email: [enquiries@glasgowmaritimeacademy.com](mailto:enquiries@glasgowmaritimeacademy.com)

### **1. Booking your course**

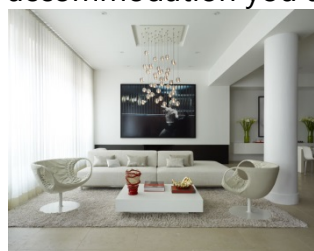
Browse through our website [www.glasgowmaritimeacademy.com](http://www.glasgowmaritimeacademy.com)  
Fill up an online query from our website and someone will get back to you within 24 hours. We will then ask you to fill up an online form. Once we have checked your identity we would ask you to make full payment for your course fee. Once we have received your course fee we would issue you with a visa letter. Meanwhile you can register on [www.colreg.net](http://www.colreg.net) and

[www.glasgowmaritimeacademy.com](http://www.glasgowmaritimeacademy.com)

This way you can access all our online content and at least start looking at materials relevant to your course from your home country before you arrive.

### **2. Booking Accommodation**

Accommodation will cost you anywhere around £250 to £450/ month depending on the quality of accommodation you are looking for.



One week before your arrival you should get in touch with us and we will

assist you in getting the right accommodation.

### **3. Getting to Glasgow**

Glasgow can be reached by the Glasgow International Airport. There are several cities which have flight connections to Glasgow. Alternatively you can travel to London Heathrow and then take a bus to Buchanan or Queen Street bus station in Glasgow. You can also take a train from London to Glasgow central or queen street railway station. The academy is in the heart of city centre so a taxi ride should not take more than 15 minutes to reach the academy.



#### 4. Before coming to Glasgow

Glasgow weather is quite cold and you are advised to come with warm clothing's. Do not buy sim cards from home country (they are usually very expensive). It is better if you buy a local sim card on arrival. Cigarette and alcohol limits. UK custom allows you to bring only one carton (200 cigarettes) and 1 litre of alcohol. Do not exceed these limits as could be fined on arrival.

#### 5. On arrival Glasgow



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There are Black Cabs which you can use to travel but although they are readily available they are more expensive.



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If you want to book a cheaper private taxi you should use HAMPDEN cabs. You can also use apps on your phone to book the taxis. If you arrive late night in Glasgow and want a meal then you can visit several 24 hour restaurants. One of them is *Spice garden* or several other *McDonalds*. If you have any issues on arrival you can phone up our out of office hour's numbers 07912933112 or 07940756198

#### 6. Exchanging foreign currency

Although you can exchange money anywhere with experience we have found that the best exchange rates are offered by any western union outlet. The nearest western union outlet near the academy is at 4 Bridgeton Cross Glasgow G40 1BW.

#### 7. Calling your home from UK

To find out cheapest way to phone up your home country use the international call checker by following the link below

<http://callchecker.moneysavingexpert.com/intcallchecker/>



You can also use phone cards available in denominations of £5, £10 and so on. These are available in news agents shop all across the city

#### 8. Health

It is advisable that you register with the local GP on your arrival in case you need any medical support. In case of an emergency you should dial **999** to call an ambulance.

#### 9. Travelling within the city

Either use Black cabs as mentioned before or private hampden cabs. If you prefer bus or underground then use the website [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info) to plan your journey.

#### 10. Food

If you want to prepare your own food then you can purchase Asian and African grocery from SUPER ASIA

[www.superasia.co.uk/](http://www.superasia.co.uk/)

If you prefer ordering from takeaways then you can use the website

[www.just-eat.co.uk](http://www.just-eat.co.uk)

Some of the beat eateries in glasgow are a. Sapporo, b. Mother India, c. Rishi's, d. Dakhin, e. Grill on the corner

## 11. Personal Safety

Just like any other big city Glasgow has bad pockets. Students are advised to take precautions after sunset hours. Take taxi to travel after hours or walk in groups in isolated areas. Feed academy's number under name of **ICE** in your phone. ICE means in case of emergency. Rescuers will always look for this number in your phone.

## 12. On your first day

Please bring all your documents with you including passport. Bring a 1GB memory stick with you as you would be given reading materials.

## 13. Glasgow Nightlife

Glasgow is host to hundreds of diverse nightlife hot-spots spread throughout the bustling districts of the city, guaranteed to meet the preferences of any visitor. Within the city centres, areas such as Sauchiehall Street, Bath Street and Royal Exchange square boast a selection of clubs, all most all of which serving food and operating late hours every night of the week. Bar Kandi (Hope Street), November (Princes Square), Kushion bar & night club (Bath St), All Bar one (St. Vincent Street) and Mosquito (Bath Street) are some of the most stylish bars in the area, while popular amongst the younger and student crowds are Bunker (Bath St), Bloc (Bath Street), Driftwood (Sauchiehall Street) and Nice 'n' Sleazy, a busy rock bar on Sauchiehall St.

## 14. Glasgow Population

Population: 580,000

Student population: 45,000

Ratio: 0.94 male(s)/female

## 15. Religion

The following is a list of places for worship in Glasgow within easy reach of the Academy.

### *Roman Catholic*

Turnbull Hall, 15 Southpark Terrace.

### *Baptist*

Hillhead Baptist Church, 53 Cresswell Street (off Byres Road).

Adelaide Place Baptist Church, 209 Bath Street.

### *Sikh Gurdwara*

27 Otago Street, Tel: +44 (0)141 334 9125

### *Buddhist*

Glasgow Buddhist Centre, 329 Sauchiehall Street

### *Glasgow Chinese Christian Church*

2 Melrose Street, Tel: +44 (0)141 332 8385

### *Hindu*

Hindu Temple 1 La Belle Place