



Institution Profile for University of the West of Scotland

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Profile Bullet Points:

- A five campus university, with campuses in Ayr, Dumfries, Lanarkshire, Paisley & London
- Six academic schools offering undergraduate, postgraduate and research study
- Career-focused programmes, with professional recognition and practical experience options
- Officially recognised in the top 5% of Universities worldwide – Times Higher Education September 2016
- 94% of UWS graduates in work or further study six months after graduating
- Top in Scotland for Student Satisfaction in a range of subjects in the National Student Survey 2014 – Broadcast Production, Journalism and Education
- 4* rating in the 'WhatUni' Student Choice Awards 2015
- Ranked 6th in the UK for Education – Times Good University Guide 2014
- Ranked 5th in the UK and top in Scotland for Civil Engineering – Guardian League Tables 2017
- World leading and internationally excellent research (Research Exercise Framework 2014)
- Awarded highest possible rating for quality and standards in the 2014 Enhancement-Led Institutional Review
- Excellent travel links from across the UK and further afield

Profile Pull Quote:

University of the West of Scotland is one of Scotland's biggest modern universities offering students a world-class education at a competitive price.

About UWS

University of the West of Scotland is one of Scotland's most modern, innovative and dynamic universities. With a rich history that can be traced back to 1897, the University's four easily accessible campuses in Ayr, Dumfries, Hamilton and Paisley are based in the heart of the west of Scotland.

The University offers an exciting range of career-focused undergraduate, postgraduate and research study options across Business and Enterprise; Computing and Engineering; Education (6th in the UK, Times Good University Guide 2015); Health, Nursing and Midwifery; Media, Culture and Society; and Science and Sport.

With around 16,000 students – of which there are 1,393 international students from 70 countries – UWS is a truly international university. Our programmes will give you a global outlook, preparing you for the best international career opportunities available.

Why study at UWS?

- Over a 100 years of academic excellence

- One of the largest universities in Scotland with state-of-the-art facilities
- Excellent selection of professionally-recognised, career-focused programmes across diverse subject categories
- Four beautiful campuses in the west of Scotland – Ayr, Dumfries, Hamilton and Paisley, close to major Scottish cities such as Glasgow and Edinburgh
- Dedicated support for international students
- Programmes taught by academic experts
- Cutting-edge research
- Expert careers support and advice
- Strong industry links
- Affordable, convenient and comfortable on-campus accommodation
- International Student Accommodation Bursary worth £1000 available
- Generous academic scholarships for international students

Campuses

Ayr Campus:

The £81million riverside Ayr Campus opened in September 2011. Inspired by the area's woodland surroundings, the campus is an exceptional place for study. Just 10 minutes from Ayr town centre, the campus offers some of Scottish higher education's finest facilities, including:

- Suites, studios and laboratories for performance, music, broadcasting, education and healthcare
- Industry-standard recording facilities and a student radio station
- New self-catered student accommodation composed of 200 en-suite bedrooms grouped in student flats – from £109.50 a week for an en-suite bedroom
- An award-winning library
- Full range of student support services
- A Students' Union with a diner, games room and student shop
- A fitness suite and access to extensive riverside walkways and cycle paths

Dumfries Campus:

Combining historic buildings with modern facilities, Dumfries Campus is a shared campus (University of Glasgow and Dumfries & Galloway College) and is situated in a truly beautiful setting. Located within a historic 85-acre parkland estate, just two miles from the centre of Dumfries, facilities include:

- State-of-the-art nursing skills labs
- Well-equipped library
- Full range of student support services
- Active Students' Association
- Access to new sports facilities at Dumfries and Galloway College

Hamilton Campus:

Just eleven miles from Glasgow, one of Europe's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities, Hamilton Campus offers a vibrant, friendly place to study. Campus highlights include:

- State-of-the-art simulation wards for nursing and midwifery training
- Complete range of sport and exercise labs

- Refurbished library
- Full range of student support services
- Centre for Engineering Excellence
- Sport and leisure centre
- Purpose-built, self-catering flats, accommodating 156 residents – from £85 a week
- Students' Union
- Student dining rooms and coffee bar

Paisley Campus:

Located in the centre of Paisley – just 10 minutes from Glasgow by train – this urban campus is based in Scotland's second largest town. Facilities include:

- Interdisciplinary science labs; specialist computer games, animation and music technology labs; nursing and midwifery simulation facilities; and industry-standard design and engineering labs
- Students' Union – including a café, coffee shop, main bar and games area, cafeteria and an events space
- Robertson Trust Library
- Range of student accommodation including a new £13.2million student residence offering 336 en-suite rooms, as well as a range of on-campus student flats – from £109.50 a week
- Robertson Trust Sports Centre including – external sports areas including rugby and football pitches, sports hall and gym facilities
- Full range of student support services
- New classroom suite featuring touch screen technology, tablet PCs and audience response handsets

London Campus:

Located in a vibrant part of the city centre, just over 15minutes' walk from London Bridge underground and Borough Market, and close to Elephant and Castle and Borough tube stations, the campus will provide a delivery point for UWS degree and postgraduate programmes in London to our growing international student population.

Academic Schools

UWS comprises the following six academic schools:

- School of Business and Enterprise
- School of Education
- School of Engineering and Computing
- School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery
- School of Media, Culture and Society
- School of Science and Sport

Business and Enterprise:

The UWS School of Business and Enterprise – one of the largest business schools in Scotland - offers career-focused undergraduate and postgraduate business programmes that will help you achieve your professional goals. Your student experience is at the heart of our programmes and we collaborate with business leaders to ensure you have the right skills and knowledge to meet the demands of 21st century industry and commerce. The BA in Marketing, MSc in Logistics and Supply Chain Management, MBA and

new MSc in Finance and Accounting with CIMA certification are popular programmes and a range of new Masters programmes are on offer for 2015 entry. Our Human Resource Management degree is the first undergraduate degree in Scotland to gain accreditation from the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development; and our BA Marketing course was voted top in Scotland for student satisfaction in the Complete University Guide 2014.

Education:

The UWS School of Education offers professionally-recognised courses, hands-on work experience, a rigorous academic focus, and first-rate facilities, preparing you for the challenges of a career in the education profession. The BA (Hons) in Education programme and Childhood Practice programme are popular among students and we also offer a range of postgraduate programmes and continuing professional learning opportunities for those already working in the profession. Our undergraduate Education programme came top in Scotland for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2014; was ranked fifth in the UK by the Times Good University Guide; and was rated 6th in the UK in the 2016 Complete University Guide.

Engineering and Computing:

The School of Engineering and Computing offers a diverse range of career-focused, professionally-recognised undergraduate and postgraduate programmes which benefit from our strong industrial links. For over 100 years, the School has trained engineers who have gone on to succeed in their professional roles. Popular programmes include the BEng in Civil Engineering, MSc in Mobile Web Development and MSc Engineering Management. We have a range of cutting-edge facilities available in both computing and engineering disciplines which allow you an opportunity to put your skills to the test in an industry-standard environment.

Health, Nursing and Midwifery:

With over 5,000 students, the School of Health, Nursing and Midwifery is one of the biggest providers of nurse education in Scotland. Acquiring the necessary practical, as well as academic skills, is a key element of our programmes, and we offer students placements across six NHS Health Boards and in a variety of private and independent sector providers in both urban and rural areas across the West of Scotland. With state-of-the-art simulation laboratories, students are well-prepared to face the challenges of a career in the health sector, either in the UK or internationally. BSc and MSc programmes in Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing and Midwifery are popular among students and there is a wide variety of additional postgraduate and post-registration courses available.

Media, Culture and Society:

The School of Media, Culture and Society offers programmes that develop key skills in creativity, critical and analytical thinking, and enterprise in students. UWS Creative Media Academy is one of only three higher education institutions in Scotland to be endorsed as a centre of excellence by Creative Skillset.; and our media and culture graduates have some of the highest employment rates across Scotland. A number of our media and culture undergraduate programmes offered are accredited by Creative Skillset, British Journalism Training Council, JAMES and Drama UK. Undergraduate programmes are offered in Broadcast Production, Film-making and Scriptwriting, Digital Art, Commercial Music, Music Technology, Performance and a range of postgraduate programmes. Our society programmes have been delivered in the west of Scotland for over 50 years, and include Social Work, Psychology, Social Sciences and Criminal Justice; while at postgraduate level we offer Career Guidance and Development, Applied Social Science, Alcohol and Drug Studies and a new Masters in Psychology.

Science and Sport:

Bringing courses in two diverse fields under one category, the School of Science and Sport offers an variety of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes that include field-work and practical experience. Many courses are professionally recognised/accredited by leading professional bodies, including the Society of Biology, Health & Care Professions Council, the Royal Environmental Health Institute for Scotland and many more. MSc Drug Design and Discovery, MSc Project Management, MSc Sports Coaching and the MSc Waste and Clean Technologies are some of the popular programmes offered by the School.

Research

The Graduate School manages research at UWS and facilitates the admission and recruitment of research students. UWS has a strong research community and hosts a number of research groups and institutes that are classified into the following subject areas:

- Business & Enterprise
- Computing
- Media & Culture
- Education
- Engineering
- Health
- Science
- Social Sciences

REF 2014 ratings:

The findings of the Research Excellence Framework 2014 has placed UWS at number 12 in the 'Million+ group' of UK universities and has moved us into the top 100 in the UK.

UWS's research outputs were particularly highly rated, with more than half of the submissions being ranked as world-leading (4*) and internationally excellent (3*) research. This means that every aspect of our curriculum is underpinned by world-class research.

Highlights:

- 100% of the Impact Case Studies in Communication, Cultural and Media Studies, Library and Information Management were judged to be World-leading/Internationally Excellent
- 63% of the Allied Health Professions, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy submission was judged to be World-leading/Internationally Excellent
- 60% of the Impact Case Studies in General Engineering as well as Education were judged to be World-leading/Internationally Excellent

Apply to UWS

International applicants aspiring to study at UWS can apply using the direct online application system. You will need to register on the website and complete the application process. Applicants to

undergraduate programmes can apply through UCAS, if you are applying for multiple universities. Alternatively, if you are applying to UWS alone, you can use the direct UWS online application system.

Entry requirements:

Programme entry requirements vary and you are advised to read the programme descriptors to ascertain if you meet the prescribed entry requirements before submitting your application. An IELTS score of 6.0 with no score less than 5.5 in each skill, is the basic English language requirement required for application.

Scholarships:

A number of scholarships and bursaries are available for international students. Some are focused on research and postgraduate students, additionally external scholarships like the Scotland's Saltire Scholarship and British Marshall Scholarships are available.

International student support:

Be it advice on immigration and visas, pre-arrival and post-arrival services, health insurance and general wellbeing, there is a dedicated team of specialist UWS personnel who can help international students with their queries and help them to settle into life at UWS.

Enriching Experience

UWS offers a great living and learning environment. Our campuses are based in the heart of the west of Scotland and offer a gateway to the best of what Scotland has to offer. UWS students come from all over the world and you'll find a great community feel and real energy on our campuses.

Accommodation:

Our Ayr, Hamilton and Paisley campuses offer a variety of accommodation options for students. For advice on accommodation in Dumfries email accommodation@uws.ac.uk

International students are advised to apply well in advance for accommodation. En-suite accommodation is offered and units are self-catered with dedicated cooking facilities. All on-campus accommodation is designed to offer the best amenities to students and costs are inclusive of includes electricity, gas and insurance.

We provide all students with a bedding pack containing duvet, duvet cover, pillows and a fitted sheet. Students also receive a crockery starter pack.

SAUWS:

The Students Association of the University of the West of Scotland, also known as SAUWS, works to benefit and support students. SAUWS offers advice and support; campaigns on your behalf; and organises a range of exciting events and activities and opportunities for volunteering. In 2013, SAUWS was named 'University Students' Association of the Year' by NUS Scotland.

Clubs and societies:

There are a number of student clubs and societies that host a wide variety of events throughout the year. Be it drama, filmmaking, chess, photography or the environment; there is a group for just about

every interest. Our International Society also host a number of integration and cultural celebration nights.

Sports:

We're keen to support students participating in sport at every level, whether you are competing internationally, nationally or just keeping fit. There are an impressive range of services and facilities for students, with excellent low-cost facilities at Ayr, Hamilton and Paisley campuses, including sports halls, fitness suites, external sports areas and a range of exercise and fitness classes on offer. In Dumfries, students have access to sports facilities in Dumfries & Galloway College. Sports clubs such as - cricket, hockey, football, basketball, and badminton are also available. We work closely with organisations such as Winning Students; give financial support to talented athletes; and liaise with external sports organisations to give you access to off-campus facilities.

An education at UWS is a cherished experience that creates everlasting memories. The strong and mutually supportive global alumni network is testimony to this statement.

Student profiles

Here's what some international students have to say:

"If you are thinking of studying at UWS, go for it! The staff are very helpful and even offer assistance in securing placement experience!" – **Emma Frotan, Iran – BA Business Law**

"My time at UWS has been exciting! It has been easy to meet friends and the campus accommodates to the needs of international students!" – **Joyline Chalmers, BA Business - Philippines**

"I am so happy to be in Scotland! UWS has so many facilities – perfect for studying!" – **Anastasia Khatuntseva, Waste & Resource Management – Russia**

"I have loved my time at UWS! The learning environment, support and facilities are exceptional, a real taste of world class education!" – **Avijit Mallick, Bangladesh – MSc Advanced Biomedical Science**