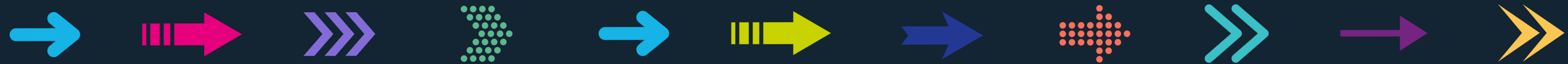


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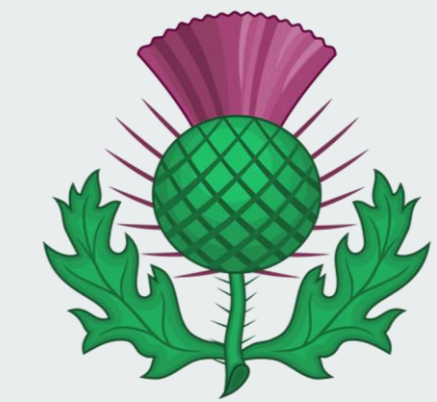


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Fàilte!
Welome!



What do you already know?

Write down what you know about:

- Qualifications
- Student Finance System
- HEI Provision
- Language spoken
- Fun facts/Myths





Education in Scotland

- The Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) is the national curriculum for all schools, from nursery to secondary school. It emphasizes interdisciplinary learning, skills development, and personal achievement.
- Primary School P1 – P7 / Secondary School S1 – S6 (No 6th form Colleges)
- National 5 are equivalent to GCSE's and are usually sat in S4
- Highers/ Advanced Highers are studied in place of A Levels and are sat in S5 and S6
- Pupils may also take a Scottish Baccalaureate in Sciences, Languages, Expressive Arts, or Social Sciences and these consist of related Highers and Advanced Highers and an interdisciplinary project
- College courses – HNC/HND



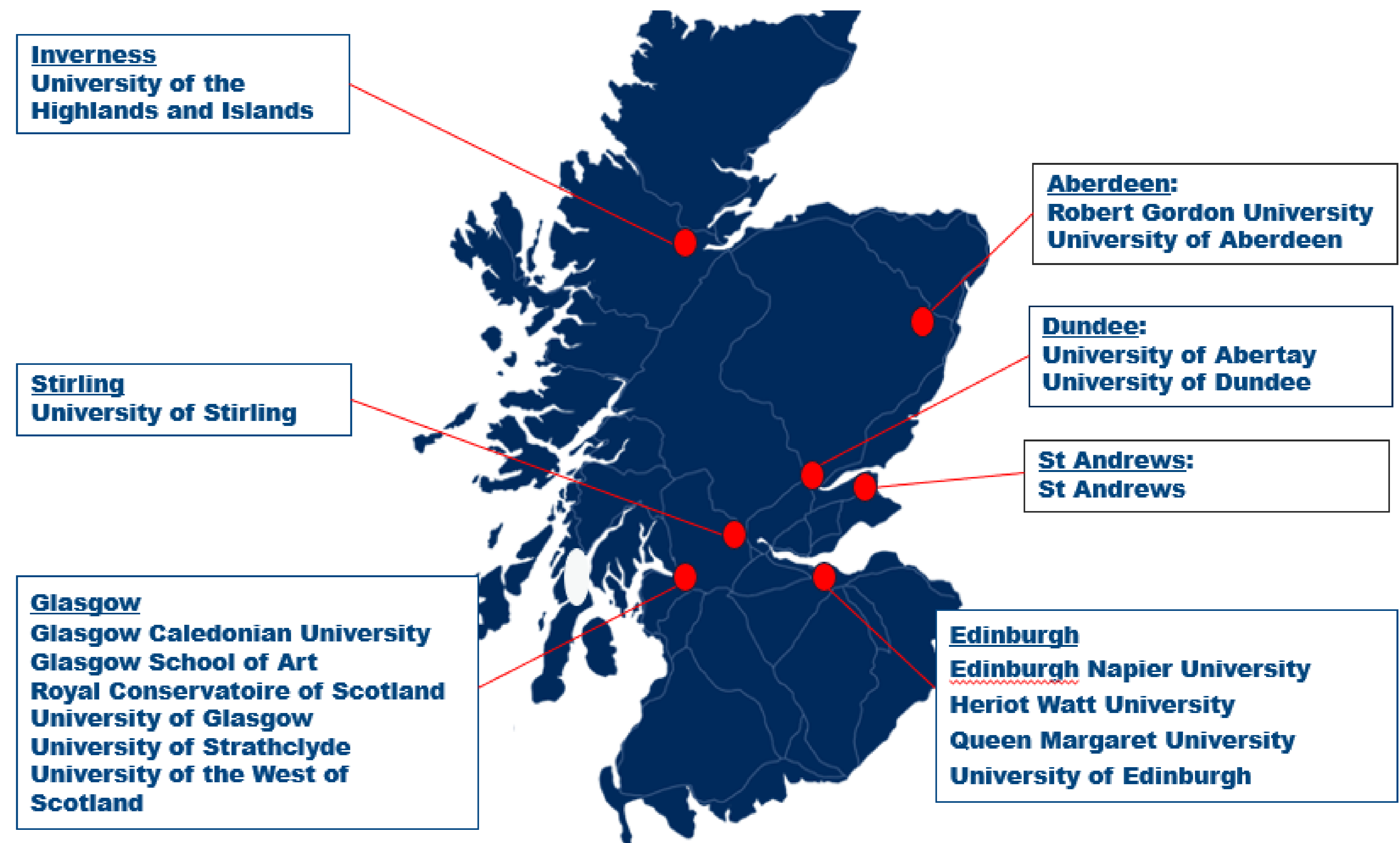
Gaelic Language in Scotland/ Gàidhlig ann an Alba

- . The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 was passed by the Scottish Parliament with a view to securing the status of the Gaelic language as an official language of Scotland commanding equal respect to the English language.
- . Scotland's most recent census (2021) showed that from a population of 5.5 million just over 1%, only 60,000 people, can speak Scottish Gaelic. Most are located in the Western Isles, Highlands and Glasgow.
- . Gaelic Medium Education is available in 14 out of 32 local authorities with 60 primary and 29 secondary schools
- . You can also study Gaelic as a Modern Language from Primary School up to Advanced Higher level
- . There are university courses taught wholly in Gaelic available at UHI & you can study Gaelic medium Education (primary and secondary teacher training)



HE provision in Scotland

- 19 Higher Education Institutions including 15 Universities, a College of Higher Education, an Art School, a Conservatoire and the Open University in Scotland
- Glasgow School of Art / Scotland's Rural College degrees awarded by others
- 4 Ancient Universities – oldest founded in 1413 / newest in 2011



World-leading university

- Scotland's largest University with ~40,000 students (25,000 undergraduates)
- Extraordinary teaching, social and sports facilities across the heart of Scotland's capital
- Diverse population from all over the world
- Around 400 broad based degrees split across 3 Colleges



College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Accounting & Finance, Acoustics & Music Technology, Applied Sport Science, Archaeology, Architecture, Art & Design, Business & International Business, Classics, Cognitive Science, Economics, English Literature & Scottish Literature, History, **Interdisciplinary Futures**, International Relations, Landscape Architecture, Languages & Cultures, **Law (incl. Global Law)**, Linguistics, Music, Nursing, Philosophy, Physical Education, Politics, Primary Education with Gaelic, Psychology, Social Anthropology, **Social Work**, Sociology, Sport Management, Sustainable Development, Theology & Religious Studies

College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

Biomedical Sciences, Medical Sciences, **Medicine**, Veterinary Medicine

College of Science & Engineering

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OUR COURSES

Humanities and Social Sciences

BA Humanities and Social Sciences

Vocational: Psychology & Counselling, Social Work, Speech and Language Pathology

Engineering

Architecture, Biomedical, Chemical, Civil, Design, Electronic, **Aero-Mechanical, Naval, Prosthetics & Orthotics**

Science

Biomedical Sciences, Computer Science, **Chemistry**, Mathematics & Statistics, **Pharmacy**, Physics

Strathclyde Business School

BA Business (Management & Development Programme)

Business Administration, International Business, **International Business & Modern Language**



Over 4000 Degrees on offer

- . 5 medical schools in Scotland: Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews
- . 2 Dental schools: Dundee and Glasgow
- . 2 Veterinary Schools: Edinburgh and Glasgow
- . 2 Pharmacy programmes: Robert Gordon University and University of Strathclyde
- . Unique/ Unusual courses

Prosthetics & Orthotics: University of Strathclyde

Brewing and Distilling: Heriot-Watt University

Ethical Hacking: University of Abertay

Marine & Coastal Tourism: University of the Highlands and Islands



Degree Flexibility



1st Year Entry

Level/Year 1

Choose up to 3 subjects per semester

Usually:

- Main subject
- Joint honours
- Other Arts/Science subjects

2nd Year Entry

Level/Year 2

Choose up to 3 subjects per semester

Usually:

- Main subject
- Joint honours
- Other Arts/Science subjects

Level/Year 3

Specialise in degree subject (s)

Specialist course to suit interests

Level/Year 4

Specialist course to suit interests

Semester or year abroad?
Placement?

Dissertation or project begins

Level/Year 5

Specialist course to suit interests

Complete dissertation or project with support from an academic

Undergraduate Masters
e.g. MEng

* Not for professional degrees



Student Numbers



- “Free Education” for Scottish Students – What does this mean?
- Commissioner for Fair Access – Outcome Agreements: 2030 target 20% of students entering university to be from Scotland's 20% most deprived backgrounds



Student Finance in Scotland – Scottish Students

- Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) is Scotland's student funding agency:
 - Provide government money to Universities and colleges to pay tuition fees
 - Provide bursary and/or loans for living cost support
- Students can receive funding for HND followed by degree study and are allowed a +1 year for change of course/ repeat of year
- Scottish students studying elsewhere in the UK are entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan for the full cost



Student Finance in Scotland – Rest of UK Students

- Tuition fees for students from the rest of the UK are £9535 per annum
- Students apply to their own Funding body
 - Student Finance England
 - Student Finance NI
 - Student Finance Wales
- Students can apply for a full tuition fee loan to cover the cost
- Students are entitled to the same living cost support as if they study elsewhere in the UK



Care Experience(d) - definitions

- In Scotland we define care experience as any time spent in care up to the age of 18. So we advise that applicants tick the UCAS box to be considered as a care-experienced student regardless of their current age
- Types of care experience that is considered:
 - Foster care - living with foster carers, on a short-term or long-term basis
 - Kinship care - living with extended family, neighbours or family friends (usually agreed with social work)
 - Residential care - living in a residential care home with other Care Experienced people
 - Compulsory supervision order (looked after at home) - staying at home with family, but with support from social services
 - Compulsory supervision order (looked after away from home) - living outside of the family home, cared for by foster or kinship carers, prospective adopters, in residential care homes, residential schools or secure units

Care Leaver

- A young person aged 16-25 who has been 'looked after' at some point since they were 14 years old and have been in care on or after their 16th birthday
- The leaving care age in England is 18 years, although some young people choose to leave care aged 16 or 17



. Time to test your knowledge...



Any Questions?



Useful Links

- UCAS Scotland Guide <https://www.ucas.com/study-in/scotland>
- HELOA Scotland pages <https://www.helo.a.ac.uk/groups/scotland/>
(you'll find links to an [Open Day poster](#), [University contacts sheet](#) and [Admissions Guide](#) updated annually)
- Scottish Funding Council <https://www.sfc.ac.uk/>

