UK - Scotland
University of Glasgow Summer School
UCEAP Advising Notes

Objective of the Advising Notes Document
This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific
details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of
eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students
on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of
detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any
concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes
document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/advising

Applications 2018-19
Berkeley Study Abroad will be introducing a new application portal for the upcoming 2018-19 application
cycle in October 2017. You can use the document, “Preparing for the UCEAP application” to assist you.
http://stg.studyabroad.berkeley.edu/eap/how-to-apply

When applying for this program, keep in mind you want to apply for the exact title, “Science Summer School,
Univ. of Glasgow”. Do NOT apply for “Scottish Universities: Univ. of Glasgow” – that is for fall, spring or year
students only. You do not need a letter of recommendation for the summer program.

Program Location
The gorgeous Victorian campus is located in the posh West End of Glasgow about two miles from the city
center.

Curriculum
The program offers three tracks:
1. Physics
2. Pre-Med/Pre-Health
3. Math

Prerequisites
Physics for Life sciences applicants are required to have taken two sequential courses of Single-Variable
Calculus with a minimum grade of C- and no repeats. This equates to the following at UC Berkeley: Math 1AB,
Math 10AB, or Math 16AB.
Pre-Med/Pre-Health applicants are required to have completed one year of university-level Biology with a minimum grade of C.

GPA Requirement: 2.50 cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through the end of the last term prior to departure.

**Application Deadline and Selection**
The 2018 Science Summer School at the University of Glasgow program has a *rolling application deadline* beginning October 13, 2017 and ending December 4, 2017. Qualified and complete applications will be selected on a *first-come, first-served* basis. Within 2-3 weeks of submitting your application to Berkeley, you will receive an email from Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu) about your standing. There will be three tiers of students, 1. Student who meet the prerequisites at time of application 2. Students who will complete the prerequisites by the end of spring 2018 and 3. Students who don’t meet the prerequisites. Students will be officially selected once their fall 2017 grades are in CalCentral. Selected students will then be asked to submit a host university application to Glasgow. If you fail to submit your host university application to Glasgow by the deadlines provided to you, you will forfeit your spot on the program. Glasgow will make the final admission decision.

**Competitiveness of the Program**
The physics track at Glasgow has 20 spots. If you are not selected by the University of Glasgow, you will be asked if you would like to submit documents to apply to another university in the UK. If you are interested in submitting an application for a 'back-up' option, please contact UK Adviser Katie Weibel (weibel@berkeley.edu) before the application deadline.

**How to decide if a particular program is a good match for you**
If you are deciding between the three summer programs that offer physics, there is a document that reviews the differences and similarities between the programs. You can find it here: [Compare Summer Physics programs](#).

**Academics**
Many students have commented on how intensive this program is. Please keep in mind that you’re completing a year’s worth of physics in only eight-weeks. This means midterms and finals fall every other week. Berkeley students say the work is similar to Berkeley, but at a much faster pace.

Glasgow has a flipped classroom design where students are given new problem sets and readings to go over and work out independently prior to going to section (not lecture) to go over problems. There are traditional labs and extensive academic support from TAs and professors.

**Science Majors & Med Schools**
Many past students have taken the physics courses to fulfill pre-requisites for Integrative Biology, Molecular Cell Biology and some College of Natural Resources majors and also to fulfill requirements for the pre-med emphasis. Our Berkeley Career Center is very supportive of these summer physics programs and have stated that this is a pre-med requirement you can take abroad.

**Housing**
You are required to live in dormitory housing on campus that is prearranged by the University of Glasgow. After you've been accepted by Glasgow, the Glasgow accommodations office will email you a housing offer; you need to reply to accept the offer and also pay a deposit of 450 GBP online (approximately $720 USD). You will pay the remaining balance of the housing cost upon arrival in Glasgow. *Financial Aid students do not receive any dispensation to wait until their financial aid is disbursed to make these payments.*
Calendar
Physics students will participate in a different social program than non-Physics students although some events may overlap. This difference is due to courses being administered by different schools at the Univ. of Glasgow.

Students in the Pre-Med/Pre-Health track arrive (and depart) one week earlier than students in the Physics track, so there are two separate sets of orientations. There may be some overlapping events or excursions.

Fees
You will need to take action to accept your offer of admission by paying a non-refundable application fee of 150 GBP by Glasgow’s deadline to secure your spot. If you fail to pay the deposit by Glasgow’s deadline, you will forfeit your spot in the program.

Internships, Research, and Independent Study
Internship, research, and independent study are not possible on this program.

Travel & Entry Clearance/Visas
You may not travel to or through the Republic of Ireland on your way to the United Kingdom. Do not book your flight on Aer Lingus, as it will make a stop in Dublin on its way to the U.K.

U.S. Citizens: You will obtain an entry clearance called the Student Visitor Visa when you arrive in the U.K. from British immigration officers at the airport or at another port of entry. UCEAP will provide detailed information about this clearance. You need to show proper documentation of your student status and evidence of financial support for the coming term abroad.

If you are not a U.S. citizen, check the United Kingdom Visa and Immigration (UKVI) website to determine the visa process for your country of citizenship.