ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS

Glasgow is Scotland’s largest city and one of Europe’s most vibrant and cosmopolitan, and has an excellent supply of student accommodation, wherever in the city you choose to live. The Glasgow School of Art offers new undergraduate and postgraduate students the opportunity to join a diverse community of our students in one of two purpose-built Halls of Residence; Blythswood House, or Margaret Macdonald House.

In GSA Halls, you will have the chance to meet and socialise with students from across all programmes at the School, and take part in events and activities designed to help you settle in to art school life.

Both of our Halls of Residence are located in the heart of the city centre, and within five minutes’ walk of the main GSA Garnethill campus. They are secure, fully-furnished and utility-inclusive, with an array of facilities chosen with creative students in mind, making your move to study at The Glasgow School of Art as stress-free and comfortable as possible.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR RESIDENTS

GSA Halls is home to the ResLife team, dedicated to building a strong and inclusive community by looking out for students’ wellbeing and making sure Halls are safe, secure and comfortable for everyone. The majority of the ResLife team are GSA students themselves, and all live on site at Margaret Macdonald House or Blythswood House.

As well as providing onsite support, the ResLife team regularly organise events and activities for residents of Halls, often in collaboration with other groups at the School such as GSA Sustainability, The Art School and Student Support. Recent events and activities have included themed walking tours of Glasgow for new residents, including a vintage and thrift shop tour of the West End and a food tour of the city; fitness sessions including yoga, pilates, and a running club; and craft sessions using recycled materials in a dedicated making common room, complete with sewing machine.

You can find out more about ResLife online at gsa.ac.uk/reslife

Promoting Sustainability

Blythswood House is also home to Radial, a collective of students from Glasgow’s Universities working together to inspire action towards a zero waste society. Radial regularly organise talks, screenings and workshops within Halls, the wider GSA community, and across Glasgow, using creative means to promote food waste prevention, extended product life cycles and increased recycling.

Find out more and get involved at radialproject.wordpress.com

Students’ Association

The GSA’s Students’ Association, known locally as The Art School, is a short walk away from both Halls of Residence, next to the Reid Building on Renfrew Street. An iconic music venue, The Art School has played host to bands including FFS, Chvrches, Savages and the Jesus and Mary Chain, and has a long history of establishing cutting-edge club nights that sit at the intersection of art and music. During the day, The Art School is also home to an affordable vegan and vegetarian-friendly café bar, and project spaces for students to use for exhibitions and events.

See upcoming events at The Art School at theartschool.co.uk

Support for Students

The GSA’s Student Support department works closely with the Accommodation and ResLife team, and its main office can be found within 5 minutes’ walk of both halls of residence at the main Garnethill campus. Here, students can access help with welfare issues, English language skills (for international students), disability support and more.

Find out about the services available at gsa.ac.uk/studentsupport

LIVE IN THE CENTRE OF GLASGOW

Blythswood House and Margaret Macdonald House are both located in the heart of Glasgow, within walking distance of the main GSA campus and the bars, clubs and venues of Sauchiehall Street, and a five minute tube ride from the attractions of the West End.

Halls are home to a community of students from across all programmes at the GSA, and are closely linked with other departments in the School such as Student Support, the Students’ Association and GSA Sustainability.
APPLYING FOR HALLS

Making an application to stay in one of our Halls of Residence is simple and straightforward – just follow the link to apply online:
www.gsa.ac.uk/hallsapplication

1 — Complete online application
2 — Submit application by 31 May
3 — Confirmation of a place usually by the end of June

We still accept applications after the deadline of 31 May, but priority goes to applications meeting this deadline and spaces can only be offered if rooms remain available. Applicants should note that sometimes the demand for accommodation outweighs the number of rooms available. If this is the case, priority is given to students who have accepted an offer of full-time study at GSA; have no previous experience of living independently; have a recognised and declared disability or special need; or live outwith daily travelling distance.

A guide to applying for Halls and a list of frequently asked questions is available on our website at gsa.ac.uk/accommodation

WHERE TO FIND US

For details of how to get to the GSA and a map of the surrounding area, please visit our website at gsa.ac.uk/campusmap

OUR HALLS OF RESIDENCE

Blythswood House, 200 West Regent Street, G2 4DQ

• Under 5 minutes’ walk from the main GSA campus
• A selection of fully-furnished flats with 6, 7, or 8 bedrooms
• Limited 1 or 2 bedroom suites with private bathroom, kitchen/ lounge area and double rooms
• Lounge/kitchen area in each flat, fully equipped with kitchen appliances
• A private exhibition space, a boardroom, a small cinema and a games room available for use
• Large common room area on each floor
• Dedicated postgraduate floors, flats and common rooms
• Large area for indoor cycle storage

Margaret Macdonald House, 89 Buccleuch Street, G3 6QT

• Under 5 minutes’ walk from the main GSA campus
• A selection of fully-furnished flats with 4, 6, or 8 bedrooms
• Some bedrooms ensuite
• Shared lounge/kitchen area in each flat, fully equipped with kitchen appliances
• Limited car parking available

Detailed specifications of both Halls of Residence are available at gsa.ac.uk/accommodation

RENT COSTS

From £110 for a single room in Margaret Macdonald House.
From £135 for a single room with ensuite bathroom in Blythswood House.

Please note these costs are for the 2017/18 academic year and are subject to change. Applicants should check the GSA website for current fees and costs for different room types.
gsa.ac.uk/hallsfees

CONTACT US

Visit our website for detailed specifications, information for parents, the Halls application form and more:
gsa.ac.uk/accommodation

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Images / Bedroom, kitchen and living area in Blythswood House