

Undergraduate Admissions - Frequently Asked Questions

- How much are the programme fees for an undergraduate programme?

Please see our [Finance page](#) for a full list of programme fees and arrangements for paying your fees.

- I would like information about funding for undergraduate studies, where can I find it?

Scottish + EU applicants should contact the [Student Awards Agency for Scotland \(SAAS\)](#) for information on assistance with paying tuition fees, and any living cost support that may be available. Applicants can also apply for a student loan from [Student Loans Company](#). Scholarships are an alternative method of funding your studies. For further information about this please see the [Scholarships page](#) on the GSA website.

- Am I eligible to study at undergraduate level?

Please see the [How to Apply pages](#) for details of entry requirements.

[Fine Art, Design and Digital Culture](#)

[Product Design](#)

[Product Design Engineering](#)

[Architecture](#)

[Exchange/Study Abroad](#)

If you have qualifications from outwith the UK, please contact admissions@gsa.ac.uk to find out what the requirements are.

If you would like to arrange an appointment to visit the department, please contact:

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Design Admission Officer:	Elaine Bremner, E.Bremner@gsa.ac.uk
Digital Culture Admission:	Inga Paterson, I.Paterson@gsa.ac.uk
Architecture Admissions Officer:	architecture@gsa.ac.uk

- What are the Language Requirements for applicants whose first language is not English?
- IELTS with a score of 6 with no component less than 5.5
- TOEFL (ibt) 79 with the following minimum scores in each component, Listening (17), Reading (18), Speaking (20), Writing (17)

- How long is an undergraduate degree programme?

Our honours degree programmes are four years long. Students have the option to exit at the end of Year 3 with an Ordinary degree.

- When do undergraduate programmes begin?

Undergraduate level programmes begin in September each year.

- How do I apply for undergraduate programmes at GSA?

Fine Art, Design & Digital Culture

Application form – [UCAS](#)

E-portfolio & Statement – Uploaded to [GSA website](#)

Interview

Architecture

Application form – [UCAS](#)

Statement of Intent

Interview & Portfolio Viewing

- Where do I find the application form?

The UCAS application form is available on the [UCAS website](#).

- Is there an application fee?

Yes. Applying through UCAS costs £12 for one course or £23 for two to five courses.

- What is the institution code?

G43.

- Can I apply for more than one course via UCAS?

Yes, you can apply for up to 5 courses.

- Can I apply for more than one programme at GSA?

Yes.

- Which year should I be applying to?

As a general rule, please use the guidance below when selecting the Point of Entry

A-Levels/Highers/Advanced Highers - Point of Entry 1

HNC (within a relevant subject) – Point of Entry 1

BTEC (within a relevant subject) – Point of Entry 2

Foundation Degree (within a relevant subject) – Point of Entry 2
HND (within a relevant subject) – Point of Entry 2
GSA International Foundation Programme – Point of Entry 2

Undergraduate qualifications from another institution – This point of entry should be determined by successful completion of a relevant course at other institutions. i.e. an applicant who has completed year 1 should apply for year 2 etc .

- I am already at University, but want to come to GSA, how do I transfer?

All applicants must apply through UCAS.

- I want to apply to Year 2 or 3, how do I do this?

On the UCAS form, select the year you wish to apply to from the 'Point of Entry' drop down menu.

- Can I make an application for deferred entry?

Normally, applicants should apply for entry in the current admissions cycle. However, if you are holding an offer and your circumstances change, please let us know by e-mailing admissions@gsa.ac.uk

- What happens if I submit my application after the UCAS deadline of 15 January?

UCAS will continue to forward applications received after 15 January to GSA however we will only consider applications for those programmes with vacancies remaining.

- My qualifications are not listed as an option on the UCAS application form, what should I do?

If you can't find your qualification name in the UCAS list, try looking under the country where you completed the qualification (for example, France - French Baccalaureate). If you still can't find it in the list, click 'O' in the A-Z list and select the relevant 'other' option and enter the details into the application.

- I am applying to a variety of different programmes, and am worried about my UCAS personal statement, what should I do?

You are given the opportunity to submit an additional 500 word statement directly to GSA so you can use this to talk specifically about your application to Art School.

- Who can provide a reference for me and what should it include?

Academic References can be supplied by someone who has known you in an academic capacity, such as a teacher, tutor, director of studies, or programme leader. Where applicable, references can come from a current or recent employer.

If you're applying through a school or college, your referee can access your application using their Apply system, and will add the reference once you've sent your application to them.

If you're applying independently and would like your reference to be written by a registered school, college or other organisation, you can request that the centre completes the reference for you in Apply. Go to the 'Options' section and click 'Ask a registered school, college or organisation to write your reference only'. Your referee will then add a reference to your application.

If you're applying independently and your referee is not at a registered centre, enter their contact details in the reference section and click 'Ask referee to complete reference' at the bottom of the page. We'll send them an email containing login details so that they can enter the reference for you.

If you apply independently, you can see when your reference is complete - if there's a red tick next to the reference section, it means that it has been added successfully and you can now complete your application and send it to us.

- My English Language test is scheduled to take place after the deadline for application. Can I submit my application while my IELTS/TOEFL results are pending?

Yes. You should mark on your UCAS form that your results are pending and state the date your test is due to take place. You should forward a copy of your results as soon as you receive them to admissions@gsa.ac.uk

- I am a Scottish/EU/RUK applicant. Do I need to send evidence of my qualifications to GSA?

No. New students are asked to bring evidence of their qualifications with them to enrolment where checks are carried out.

- I am an International applicant. Do I need to send evidence of my qualifications to GSA?

Yes. You should e-mail copies of your original certificates to admissions@gsa.ac.uk

- What do I do if my personal details change after I have submitted my application, for example a change of e-mail address?

It is really important that you keep us up to date with any changes to your personal details. Please e-mail admissions@gsa.ac.uk to notify us of any changes.

- I am an architecture applicant, do I need to upload an e-folio?

No. When your UCAS application has been received, the department will contact you directly regarding the next stage of your application. You will need to present a portfolio of work at interview if selected.

- I am trying to log in to upload my e-folio and my surname and personal ID is not recognised, what should I do?

You are probably using a different Personal ID than we have registered to your application. Please e-mail admissions@gsa.ac.uk or call 0141 353 4512 to confirm your correct Personal ID .

- What should my portfolio consist of?

EXACTELY 25 images for Fine Art
EXACTELY 15 images for Design and Product Design
EXACTELY 20 images for Digital Culture
Between 10 – 15 images for Architecture

Please see the following for exemplar e-folios and technical specifications.

[Fine Art Admission Guide](#)

[Design Admission Guide](#)

[Product Design Admission Guide](#)

[Digital Culture Admission Guide](#)

[Architecture Admission Guide](#)

- When I click Next after inserting my supporting statement, nothing happens, why?

Your statement must be no more than 500 words in length. You are unable to proceed unless your statement is less than 500 words.

- I have started uploading my e-folio. Can I save it and return to it later to complete?

No. You must complete the entire upload process in one go.

- When I submit my images, the page refreshes and nothing happens, what am I doing wrong?

You must ensure that the following criteria are met in order to upload successfully:

1. The EXACT number of images required is being uploaded.
2. All of your images are smaller than 200kb in size.
3. All of your images are .jpg, .gif or .png

- How will I know if I have been selected for Interview?

You will receive an e-mail from GSA inviting you to attend an interview. You can then book an interview through our online booking system.

- I have already booked an interview, am I able to change my interview slot to another date/time?

Yes, as long as you do so at least 48 hours in advance. First you must cancel your interview slot and then re-book a new one.

- I don't live in the UK, can I book a telephone interview?

Yes.

- What are the possible outcomes of my application?

1. You may receive an unconditional offer.
2. You may receive a conditional offer. This happens if you have not already gained the necessary passes for entry to your chosen subject. GSA will look at the qualifications you are taking when you apply and may make an offer based on these, in line with our published entry qualifications.
3. You may be advised that your application has been unsuccessful and we cannot make you an offer.

- My application was unsuccessful, can I request feedback?

Yes, e-mail admissions@gsa.ac.uk We aim to provide feedback within 5 working days of the request.

- When does the term start?

[Term Dates](#) are available in the Key Information section of the GSA website.

- How will I find out about enrolment?

You will receive e-mails and a letter to your home address confirming details of enrolment. It is vital that you let us know of any change of email or postal address. Information about Enrolment is also available on the [Enrolment pages](#) of the GSA website.