Here’s your guide to UWS to help you take your next big step.

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22,000+ STUDENTS

120+ YEARS OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERTISE

90% OF UWS COURSES HAVE ADVANCED ENTRY POINTS

5 CAMPUSES

1 LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

There’s strength in numbers. And with its innovative learning environments and industry-accredited programmes, studying at the University of the West of Scotland will ensure your hard work adds up to a successful and fulfilling career.

Making the leap from college to university can be daunting. Here at UWS we have plenty of routes and excellent support facilities available to help you make an informed decision on your next big move. That’s why we’re proud to welcome over a thousand students from colleges in Scotland each year to our programmes.

Boasting buzzing social scenes, Students’ Unions and sports clubs, our campuses are situated in enviable locations throughout Scotland and London – meaning you can adventure further afield while enjoying everything that student life brings your way.

So, whether it’s achieving that dream job or broadening your horizons, whatever success means to you, we’ll help you achieve it. Because we believe in you. That’s why UWS is here to help you become the best you can be.

Visit the Experience UWS microsite at experience.uws.ac.uk for a taste of UWS student life.
Articulation is when a student who is studying on an HNC or HND course at college progresses into year 2 or year 3 of a degree programme at university.

Over 90% of our courses at UWS have possible advanced entry points with an HNC or HND – meaning you can take your college qualifications further into Higher Education.

UWS’s College Team works closely with our partner colleges across Scotland to ensure there are suitable articulation routes into our degree programmes, helping to create a seamless and straightforward transition from college to university life for students.

ASSOCIATE STUDENT SCHEME

UWS’s Associate Student Scheme is designed for students who are studying an HNC or HND qualification and plan to articulate into a degree programme at UWS.

This initiative has been developed to help you become familiar with the university, and ensure you are prepared for your transition from college to UWS.

To find out more about the benefits of being an associate student and to sign up, click here.
OUR SCOTTISH CAMPUSES

Located in Paisley, Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Ayr, our Scottish campuses lie at the heart of the best of what Scotland has to offer – from eclectic towns and cities to vibrant cultural scenes. Study with UWS to make memories that’ll last a lifetime.

**PAISLEY CAMPUS**

With excellent teaching and study facilities, including state-of-the-art specialist labs and a well-equipped library, our Paisley Campus will help you achieve every success in your academic career. And we know that all work and no play is no fun for anyone – which is why our on-campus gym, social spaces and Students’ Union will help you relax after some serious studying.

Visit [uws.ac.uk/paisley](http://uws.ac.uk/paisley)

**AYR CAMPUS**

Blending picturesque riverside surroundings, an extensive library and forward-thinking learning environments – including studios and labs for music, broadcasting, education and healthcare – our Ayr Campus is an exceptional place to study. Plus, our Students’ Union, fitness suite and café are the perfect places to wind down.

Visit [uws.ac.uk/ayr](http://uws.ac.uk/ayr)
LANARKSHIRE CAMPUS

Our £110 million Lanarkshire Campus was named the UK’s most sustainable and inspiring higher education building at the Guardian University Awards 2019. And it’s easy to see why. Running on 100% renewable energy, its cutting-edge technology and flexible study spaces embody UWS’s belief in sustainability and the power of collaborative learning. And with well-equipped social spaces, Students’ Union and impressive fitness facilities, there’s plenty of ways to have fun while you work towards your dream career.

Visit uws.ac.uk/lanarkshire

DUMFRIES CAMPUS

The smallest of UWS’s campuses, our Dumfries Campus features excellent teaching and study facilities, simulated clinical skills training labs, and a campus library shared with campus partners, University of Glasgow and Dumfries & Galloway College.

Visit uws.ac.uk/dumfries

LONDON CAMPUS

Situated in London Docklands, UWS’s London Campus lets you learn in inspiring modern facilities and seek out fun in one of the world’s most exciting cities. With its contemporary learning environments and experienced academic staff, you’ll be equipped with the skills you need to achieve your goals.

Visit uws.ac.uk/london
STUDENTS’ UNION
Our award-winning Students’ Union organises a diverse range of hybrid events throughout the year and offers a range of student-led societies ranging from dramatic arts to zoology. With spaces to socialise and relax, our Students’ Union buildings are your one-stop shop for what’s happening across our campuses.

PAISLEY
Our biggest Union houses everything from pool tables and our brand new beer garden, to cafe spaces and the Students’ Union head office – where you can share your ideas to improve life at UWS. Our Paisley Campus gym is also based here. The best part? Student membership is completely free.

STUDENT REPS
The Students’ Union exists to represent and support the interests of UWS students. Led by four full-time student sabbatical officers who are all elected by students, the Union works alongside teams of school officers, divisional and class reps to make UWS even better for students.

ADVICE & WELFARE
The Union advice service provides information and advocacy through a free, confidential and impartial service. Our advice workers support students across all UWS campuses.

AYR
Situated a 5-minute walk from halls, this is a perfect place to relax and socialise with your friends, have a game of pool or enjoy live sports on our large TVs. Enjoy weekly pub quizzes or karaoke with a regular weekly timetable of events.

LANARKSHIRE
Home to free pool and ping pong tables, phone charging stations and the comfiest couches on campus, our Lanarkshire Union is an ideal place to recharge your batteries.
UNLEASH YOUR COMPETITIVE STREAK

UWS strives to make sport as accessible as possible so that everyone gets the chance to raise their game. With over 20 teams across an ever-growing list of sporting activities – and the majority of academic programmes free from classes on Wednesday afternoons – it couldn’t be easier to get involved with Team UWS.

FREE GYM MEMBERSHIP

UWS students get free access to the gyms at our Ayr, Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Paisley campuses – meaning you can enjoy an active lifestyle without worrying about costs.
Over 90% of our courses at UWS have possible advanced entry points – full information on these routes can be found under entry requirements on each course page.

**BUSINESS**

- BAcc Hons Accounting
- BA Hons Business
- BA Hons Business & Finance
- BA Hons Business & HRM
- BA Hons Business & Marketing
- BA (Hons) Business Management (Graduate Apprenticeship)*
- BA Hons Events Management
- BA Hons Law
- BA Hons Management
- BA Hons Tourism Management (Year 3 Entry)
Choosing to study business at UWS will open up a world of life-changing possibilities. Our students are at the heart of our programmes, which is why we collaborate with business leaders to ensure you have the right skills and knowledge to meet 21st century industry demands.

**WORLD-READY GRADUATES**
Our programmes provide a strong platform to launch a career in your chosen industry. UWS graduates have gone on to secure jobs with organisations including Shell, Ford, Motorola and Citibank, as well as national charities and education providers.

**REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES**
You’ll learn industry theory in the classroom and gain first-hand experience through placement opportunities. And with regular guest lectures from organisations such as Finnieston Distillery Company, MadeBrave, Ocado and VisitScotland, you’ll gain invaluable insight from those at the forefront of the business world.

**IMMERSIVE LEARNING**
Many lectures are recorded with interactive touch technology, hosted on Google’s cloud platform and linked with social media. This content can be accessed via smartphones, meaning you can engage with material at your own pace – putting you in control of how you consume and create your learning.

**RESEARCH EXCELLENCE**
Our internationally-recognised activity in business-related research underpins curriculum development, teaching and learning. Many of our staff are working as consultants on international projects with partners in China, India, Russia, Europe and the Persian Gulf States.

**INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
Our programmes provide the opportunity to study abroad and learn a language alongside your core modules.

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UWS signed an agreement with the Federation of Small Businesses in 2019 to boost the number of university start-up and spin-out businesses and strengthen its community links.
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*Check website for the latest information on 2022-23 Graduate Apprenticeships.
Developed in line with industry needs and accredited by professional bodies, the practical experience you’ll gain on our Computing programmes will help you level up your skillset to launch your career in this exciting industry. Plus, our partnerships with IBM, NASA, Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems and international universities will ensure you’re receiving up-to-the-minute learning to keep you at the top of your game.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
With placement and networking opportunities available on our Computing programmes, you’ll gain invaluable experience and connect with major industry players. We also offer the chance to study abroad.

CUTTING-EDGE FACILITIES
Our facilities will equip you with the skills to keep you at the forefront of your chosen industry. Our generalist and specialist lab facilities include:

- 3D visualisation labs
- Games development labs
- Audio mastering facilities
- Network labs with extensive Cisco equipment
- Animation studio facilities
- Industry-standard software for games, music technology, networking and business analysis
- Animation areas

RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION
We work with business and industry professionals to share knowledge and research expertise to inform our teaching – meaning you’ll learn from academic staff at the forefront of their profession. We also have regular guest lectures and seminars from industry professionals, including representatives from Sony Computer Entertainment and Blackrock Studios.

Remote surgery, driverless cars and smooth mobile HD streaming are closer to being realised thanks to ground-breaking research by UWS academics on a ‘self-healing’ 5G network.
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**95% of Creative Industries students in work or further study 6 months after graduating**

HESA Performance Indicator 2016/17
With state-of-the-art facilities, industry input, practical experience and professional recognition, our Creative Industries programmes are designed to equip you with the skills to succeed in your chosen career. From BA Broadcast Production to BA Performance, whatever your passion, there’s a Creative Industries degree with your name on it.

WORLD-READY GRADUATES
Recognised for their quality and flexibility, our Creative Industries programmes are the perfect springboards to launch your career in the dynamic media and creative industries. National broadcasters, such as the BBC, and a range of national and international media companies have employed UWS graduates.

INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE
Our cutting-edge Creative Industries facilities include:
• A screening space
• A performance suite
• Three-camera TV studios
• Well-equipped radio studios
• Music rehearsal rooms
• Recording studios
• A digital media suite
• The UWS student radio station

REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES
Our hands-on programmes reflect current industry best standards and are delivered by staff with extensive professional practice across screen, broadcast, journalism, music performance and visual arts. The Creative Media Academy works in partnership with the Centre for Contemporary Arts [CCA] in Glasgow as well as Film City Glasgow.

UWS Creative Media Academy is part of an industry-accredited network of excellence and is one of only three Skillset Academies in Scotland.

Programmes underpinned by internationally excellent/world-class research

Filmmaking and Screenwriting programme professionally accredited by Creative Skillset

Commercial Music professionally accredited by JAMES (Joint Audio Media Education Support)
### EDUCATION

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**Additional study options**
UWS also offers BSc Hons programmes in Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics with Education – meaning you can earn a professional teaching qualification alongside your science studies.

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**1ST IN THE UK FOR EDUCATION**

Guardian University Guide Rankings 2020
The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020
Our innovative Education programmes offer placements in preschools, primary schools and community settings to provide practical experience of interacting with children, young people and adults. And with regular guest lectures from teaching professionals that provide invaluable insight into the classroom, you’ll develop the skills needed to make a positive impact in education.

ONGOING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE
As well as practical placements, you’ll complete a research project in an area linked to your career goals. Plus, programmes that lead to qualified teacher status guarantee you an induction place in a Scottish school following graduation – allowing you to continue honing your teaching skills while working in the classroom.

FUTURE-FORWARD TEACHING
When it comes to teaching the teachers of tomorrow we’re recognised as one of the most innovative providers of education degrees in the UK. Here’s why:
• We’re a leading provider of initial teacher education through our two Professional Graduate Diplomas in Education (PGDE) in Primary and Secondary education
• We cater for continuing professional development for qualified practitioners via our range of online Masters programmes
• We’re actively engaged in research initiatives and offer a range of full-time and part-time research programmes of study

RESEARCH WITH REAL-WORLD IMPACT
UWS academics have a reputation for cutting-edge research and curriculum development in the education sector. UWS’s research on the provision of Holocaust education in schools has shaped United Nations’ programmes and influenced teaching approaches in Scotland and internationally. It also launched the Vision Schools Scotland partnership between UWS and the Holocaust Educational Trust, which aims to develop best practice in Holocaust education.
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3rd in the UK for Civil Engineering
Guardian University Guide Rankings 2020
With over 100 years’ of engineering expertise under our belt, UWS’s Engineering programmes will equip you with the skills required to succeed in your chosen industry. Developed in line with the accreditation standards of professional bodies, you’ll put your skills to the test in our well-equipped facilities. You’ll also have the opportunity for practical training and work-based placements – giving you the hands-on experience needed to hit the ground running.

**RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION**

With research staff working in a variety of areas involving collaborations with industry, business, academia and government, you’ll be taught by academics with a wealth of experience across a spectrum of engineering disciplines.

**INDUSTRY-STANDARD FACILITIES**

The excellent facilities available on our Engineering programmes are designed to equip you with the career-ready skillset to meet industry demand. Our Engineering programme facilities include:

- Material testing and analysis facilities
- A metrology laboratory
- A rapid prototyping centre
- Assembly and welding laboratories
- Manufacturing facilities

**PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Paid placement is possible on many of our Engineering programmes. In recent years students have undertaken placements with Spirit AeroSystems, Doosan Babcock and Rolls Royce.
HEALTH

BSc Adult Nursing (Limited entry to Year 2 available)

BA Hons Integrated Health & Social Care (Year 2 Entry)

BSc Mental Health Nursing (Limited entry to Year 2 available)

BSc Midwifery (Year 1 entry only)

BSc Hons Nursing Studies (Year 3 Entry)

Professional Health Studies (Year 3 Entry)*

*There may be the option for Year 2 entry at London from January 2022 – keep an eye on our website for details.
Achieve your health and social care career ambitions with our innovative and exciting programmes. As the largest provider of nursing and midwifery education in Scotland and a leading provider of integrated health and social care teaching, UWS graduates and staff are making an immense contribution to improving health and wellbeing on a national and international scale.

**PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**
Complementing the theory you study, our practice-led placement environments or work-based learning opportunities provide exciting opportunities to develop the skills to practise safely and effectively within diverse healthcare and social care environments. Hands-on experience is a key component of your learning and may include health and/or social care work-based learning in hospital, community, and care home environments.

**STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES**
All our campuses are equipped with state-of-the-art clinical simulation facilities and contemporary healthcare technologies to replicate the provision of care across a person’s lifespan in hospital, primary care and domestic environments. Investment in the Domus Initiative – a simulated home life environment – provides students with experience of caring for older people living with dementia. Our Lanarkshire Campus’s birthing room, complete with maternal simulator and birthing pool, allows you to develop knowledge of good practice in a safe, supportive and authentic environment.

UWS’s Midwifery Team were shortlisted for Team of the Year at the Royal College of Midwives Awards 2019

In 2020 the School of Health & Life Sciences won an AdvanceHE Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence for its Understanding Dementia: Class in a Bag programme

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**UNICEF**
Our Midwifery programme is accredited by UNICEF as Baby Friendly

On completion of the appropriate degree, you’ll be able to register as a Registered Nurse, Registered Nurse in Mental Health or Registered Midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)

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**Programmes underpinned by internationally excellent/world-class research**
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Developed in collaboration with industrial and educational partners, our Life Sciences programmes offer innovative teaching with a focus on providing solutions to real-world challenges. Our extensive research and consultancy expertise will not only provide you with a positive learning experience, it’ll equip you with the skillset needed to stand out from the crowd when you graduate.

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

Many of our programmes are accredited or approved by professional bodies, including the Health and Care Professions Council, the Institute of Biomedical Science, Royal Society of Biology, Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland and the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

**FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES**

The newly-developed facilities at our Lanarkshire Campus include technology-enhanced bioscience teaching labs, specialised zoology laboratory facilities and a microbiology suite. Our cutting-edge teaching facilities also include genomic, biochemical, cell biology and advanced image analysis systems. Investment in our paramedic simulation area provides students with experience in emergency care in a safe and supported environment.

**WORLD-IMPROVING RESEARCH**

With research staff at the forefront of their profession, our academics are making a difference in areas including:

- Creating a viable preventative treatment for Acanthamoeba Keratitis – a devastating eye condition which affects millions of people each year
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) research
- Preventing Coronavirus transmission
- Aquaculture – fish health and welfare, disease mitigation

**REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE**

Get hands-on experience and enhance your CV with a placement opportunity. Some of our students have worked with the Scottish Ambulance Service, local authorities, NHS laboratories, Amazonia and industry giants including DEVRO, Ferring Controlled Therapeutics and GlaxoSmithKline.
PHYSICAL & CHEMICAL SCIENCES

- BSc Hons Chemistry
- BSc Hons Chemistry with Education
- BSc Hons Criminal Justice and Forensic Science (Year 1 entry only)
- BSc Hons Forensic Science
- BSc Hons Mathematics
- BSc Hons Mathematics with Education
- BSc Hons Physics
- BSc Hons Physics with Education
- BSc Hons Physics with Nuclear Technology

100% OF OUR FORENSIC SCIENCE AND PHYSICS WITH NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY GRADUATES IN WORK OR FURTHER STUDY 6 MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING

HESA Performance Indicator 2016/17
Our Physical and Chemical Sciences programmes are designed around your future and rooted in industry best practice. Offering professionally-recognised qualifications and placement opportunities, our programmes will provide you with the skills needed to establish your career in physical and chemical sciences.

**RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION**
Many of our programmes offer industry-based projects and paid work placements in the UK and abroad. We also offer placements within the University’s own research groups to give you first-hand experience of academic research. Our research is clustered in international collaborations and industry partnerships.

**INDUSTRY INSIGHT**
Our Industrial Advisory Board provides input from industry professionals to help shape our teaching and to ensure we provide you with the cutting-edge experience that sets you apart from the competition.

**STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES**
Well-equipped labs provide opportunities for placements and research projects. Investment in facilities includes the University’s Institute of Thin Films, Sensors and Imaging, which houses forward-thinking academic and industry research.

**DARING TO BE DIFFERENT**
We’re creating new routes for tomorrow’s teachers by offering the opportunity to combine your passion for physical and chemical sciences with a career in secondary teaching. Our BSc Hons programmes in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics with Education let you earn a professional teaching qualification alongside your science studies in the final two years of your programme.

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**UWS graduates hold leading positions in companies including BAE Systems, Fujitsu, Motorola, Nikon, GSK, Sellafield Ltd and Scottish Biomedical**
SOCIAL SCIENCES

BA Hons Criminal Justice/Criminal Justice (Policing)
BSc Hons Psychology
BA Hons Social Sciences
BA Hons Social Work

50+ YEARS’ EXPERIENCE IN DELIVERING SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION IN THE WEST OF SCOTLAND

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND
A degree in Social Sciences will help you make a positive contribution to society. As a Social Sciences student, you’ll gain the skills sought after by organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Many of our graduates have gone on to work in teaching, politics, research, public services and health and social care.

REAL WORLD READY
From examining the way we think to questioning the decisions that shape our social environments, the field of our Social Sciences programmes is diverse. Designed to develop your critical, analytical and communication abilities – and with practical placements and professional accreditation available on certain programmes – a UWS Social Sciences degree will provide you with the skills you need to succeed.

LINKS WITH EMPLOYERS
We have close working relationships with an extensive range of employers and professional bodies in the government and the social, education, healthcare, private and third sectors.

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
With research output spanning academic publications and official reports, our research-led teaching blends high-quality knowledge with the professional expertise of our staff – meaning your learning will benefit directly from the extensive experience of our academics.

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
We aim to give our students the chance to take part in an international placement through our range of exciting exchange programmes. Some of our students have gained first-hand experience of social work practice in Laos and taken part in a criminal justice exchange programme with students from the USA.

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We’ve developed a reputation for sporting excellence at UWS. Integrating biological and behavioural theory to enhance human health and performance, our Sport programmes are developed alongside professional bodies to guarantee cutting-edge approaches. With excellent facilities and teaching staff with in-depth experience of working with major sporting organisations, you’ll learn the skills you need to score your dream job.

**FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES**
Home to a human health and performance laboratory, a sector-leading environmental chamber, an exercise biochemistry laboratory, a cardiovascular imaging laboratory, a biomechanics laboratory and a physiotherapy suite, our campuses are equipped to carry out future forward research and teaching.

**RESEARCH WITH REAL-WORLD IMPACT**
Our research covers the full range of sport and exercise sciences from developing sport in communities to helping elite sport performers reach their full potential.

**INDUSTRY EXPERTISE**
Our academics are experts in their field, many with international profiles in science, health and sport, and experience with professional sports teams and organisations such as NHS Scotland, the Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Rugby Union, and Scottish Cycling.

**A TEAM SPORT**
We work with a wide variety of partners including Celtic Football Club, Glasgow Rocks Basketball, Ayr Rugby, and Scottish Volleyball. We also have links with sports governing bodies such as sportscotland, BASES, and UK Sport. Plus, our connection with FC Barcelona can provide the opportunity to visit their training grounds to learn about the team’s training and playing methodologies.

Our Lanarkshire Campus’s Extreme Environments Lab is the highest specification lab of its kind in Scotland.
Hi, my name is Marie MacDonald and I am currently a fourth year student studying Business at the UWS, Lanarkshire campus.

I chose UWS because my college was affiliated with UWS. As an UWS associate student I was able to access their library services which really helped with my graded unit. I also researched UWS and was really impressed with what I read, especially with the reported 95% student satisfaction result.

My experience of UWS has been really positive. Right from the get-go I have been made to feel valued and important and supported.

There are also lots of other types of support available at UWS. I recently utilised the academic support team who quickly put me in touch with an academic expert who advised me on how to conduct a literature review.
Marie MacDonald - BA(Hons) Business

The business programme itself has been varied and interesting and is made up of relevant theory and practical application and the course is partially delivered by industry experts who share their personal business experiences and successes. This really helps to understand the business theory that we study.

Another great thing about studying at UWS is the number of job opportunities that arise and they are communicated to all students via email. Last year I was employed as a Digital Buddy where I was responsible for a number of students to help them navigate their course remotely. This role was set up in response to covid and to facilitate remote learning. During the summer break I was employed by UWS as an asymptomatic testing operative, this helped me to support myself financially throughout the summer holidays. It is now the start of fourth year and I have a two month contract as a Welcome Buddy to help students enrol and traverse any difficulties they may have. I am also employed as a UWS Student Ambassador and this role lasts for the full academic year. This role allows me to network between the different campuses and departments and to meet with lots of different students.

My own student journey began 4 years ago when I returned to the UK after living in Cyprus for 5 years. I decided to undertake an HNC in Business at New College Lanarkshire in the hopes of improving my CV and finding work. However, that first year flew by and I found myself wanting to continue the journey so I applied for the HND. During the HND year I discovered we were associated with UWS and my college lecturer could not speak highly enough about the university. It was from his recommendation that I applied to UWS to continue my studies. I was initially concerned that the transition from college to university would be a difficult one but I couldn't have been more wrong. The lecturers and support staff have all been fantastic and very welcoming.

When I graduate, I hope to complete the Teaching Qualification in Further Education so that I too can become a college lecturer. Hopefully I can teach and inspire others to study at UWS and fulfil their potential.
SCOTTISH WIDER ACCESS PROGRAMME

We are very proud to say that a high percentage of Scottish Wider Access Programme students choose to study at UWS.

UWS has a long tradition of supporting SWAP students and has dedicated support in place to support them throughout their studies.

UWS’s College Team works closely with SWAP West to support students during the pre-entry stage and their transition to UWS. The College Team also holds regular SWAP Study Skills events and dedicated transition events to support students from the beginning to the end of their studies.

SWAP students have progressed into many areas, including:

- Adult and Mental Health Nursing
- Education
- Community Education
- Social Sciences
- Social Work
- Society, Politics and Policy
- Psychology
- STEM
- Forensic Science
- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Chemistry
- Bioscience
- Broadcast Production
UWS’s College Team are here to support you in your journey from college to UWS.

We run a number of events and presentations throughout the year to provide information on the diverse range of courses on offer at UWS, the ins and outs of the application process, the UWS Associate Students Scheme and what to expect from student life at UWS. A number of transition events are also held throughout the summer to help you settle in to university life before term begins in September.

The College Team works closely with colleges to make sure the transition from college to university study is as stress-free and straightforward as possible for you.

Whether you’ve got some questions, need more information, or are simply looking for advice on making the move from college to UWS, the College Team is here to help in whatever way we can.

Drop us a message at collegeteam@uws.ac.uk.
We can’t wait to hear from you.