



Admission to MA Religious & Philosophical Education

Key Information

- **Accommodation**

Once you have been notified by the School of Education that you have been made an offer - whether conditional or unconditional **and you have accepted that offer**, you may apply for accommodation.

For information on student accommodation and how to apply, please see:

www.gla.ac.uk/accommodation

- **Attendance Dates**

The MA RPE programme dates for the academic year 2018-2019 are as follows:

Semester 1: Monday 10 September 2018 – Friday 14 December 2018

Semester 2: Monday 7 January 2019 - Friday 24 May 2019

Planned Absences

GTC Scotland require the School of Education to ensure that a strict attendance rule is applied to the MA RPE programme in order to meet the required number of days of attendance in University and on school placement. Consequently, it is not possible to authorise absences either during the University block or during the school experience block except under exceptional circumstances in consultation with the Programme Leader. Holidays should not be organised for any period during the MA RPE programme and any such absences will result in unsuccessful completion of the programme.

Applicants should note that the school October break is not a University holiday and full attendance is required during this period.

- **Catholic Teacher's Certificate**

Catholic students, who intend to teach in a Catholic school after qualifying, can undertake the Catholic Teacher's Certificate (CTC) concurrently within their studies at no additional cost. Successful applicants interested in this option must be practising Catholics and will be required to provide a Priest's Reference.

A Priest's Reference form will be sent to all applicants who accept their offer.

On the School Experience questionnaire that will also be sent, applicants will be asked to indicate whether or not they intend to pursue this Certificate. This information is essential in order to ensure that placements are allocated in Catholic schools as required.

- **Criminal Record Checks and Membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme**

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG)

All Initial Teacher Education students are required to be members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG) or to provide the University with a Scheme Record Update.

In August, we will post a PVG application form to those applicants holding an offer who are classed as Home students.

If you are an EU or International applicant you will be required to become a member of the PVG Scheme when you arrive in Scotland and the Programme Secretary will be in contact on Induction Day.

Foreign Police Checks – Home/UK applicants

Applicants who have been resident outside the UK for three months or more (in a single period) within the last ten years, must obtain written evidence of a police check from the relevant country (or countries) for the period of time lived there. **We strongly recommend that you start this process at the earliest.** You will need to contact either the authorities in the relevant country or their embassy or consulate in the UK. Once received you must send the evidence of the police check to us. Further information on this process is available at:

<http://www.canadavisa.com/canadian-immigration-police-clearance.html>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-records-checks-for-overseas-applicants>

Foreign Police Checks - EU or International applicants

If you are an EU or International applicant you will be required to provide a criminal record check from your country of residence. Full details of the requirements will be forwarded to you in early July.

Applicants who have been resident outside their country of permanent residence for three months or more (in a single period) within the last ten years must obtain written evidence of a police check from the relevant country (or countries) for the period of time lived there. **We strongly recommend that you start this process at the earliest.** You will need to contact either the authorities in the relevant country or their embassy or consulate. Once received you must send the evidence of the police check to us.

If for any reason a check reveals anything in your past which might impact on your suitability to be registered as a teacher, or as a student teacher, your offer of a place on the programme may be rescinded.

Students will not be permitted to progress to any school placement until the University is in receipt of original copies of all required documentation. This may impact on your ability to complete the programme within one year and therefore affect your ability to participate in the Teacher Induction Scheme – details of the Scheme are below.

- **Deferred Entry**

Due to the high number of applications received, we are not able to permit deferred entry to the programme. Applicants are welcome to re-apply for a subsequent session.

- **Disability Support**

For information on support available to students who have a disability, please contact the School of Education's Disability Coordinator, Ms Fiona McGregor, either by telephone on 0141 330 3401 or by email to: Fiona.McGregor@glasgow.ac.uk.

We encourage you to disclose any disability or medical condition to ensure that appropriate support is arranged for you.

Further information on the University's Disability Service is available at <http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/disability/>

- **Fees and Funding**

Tuition fees for 2018 entry will be available at:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships/fees/>

If you are unsure whether you would be classed as an International student or a Home student, please complete the Fee Status Enquiry Form at:

http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_33970_en.pdf

For general information on funding and student finance, please see our website at:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/registry/finance/>

For information on scholarships, see:

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/scholarships>

Scottish and EU applicants can apply to the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) (<http://www.saas.gov.uk>) after receiving an offer.

- **Handbook**

The MA RPE handbook including exams and assignments details will be available in September when the programme commences.

- **Placements in Schools**

Placement Dates

The MA RPE Year 1 placement dates will be confirmed at the start of the programme in September.

Placement Allocation

The School of Education organises your school placements with local authorities via the national Student Placement System. Students should expect travel times of up to 90 minutes from their term-time address to the school each way. This may be increased to two hours in exceptional circumstances and support arrangements would be discussed with any student in this position.

Please note that if you state that you have a car available for travel to placement schools, then it will be assumed that this will apply to all placements and travel times will be calculated based on the use of a car rather than public transport.

A School Experience questionnaire will be sent to all applicants who accept their offer.

The term-time address provided on the questionnaire is used when placements are arranged. If your term-time address is unknown at the time of completing the questionnaire or if it later changes, you should advise staff in the Undergraduate and ITE Office as soon as is practicable and, if possible, before the programme commences in September. After commencing the programme, any student who changes address during the session must contact the Undergraduate and ITE Office to ensure staff are working with up-to-date information when arranging placements. Any updates to school exclusion information should also be provided. MA RPE applicants should email Vanessa.Loison@glasgow.ac.uk with details of any changes to information provided on the School Experience questionnaire.

MA RPE placements cannot be completed outside of Scotland.

- **Probation Year: The Teacher Induction Scheme**

Currently, Home/EU and Rest of the UK students are eligible for the Scheme. International students are not eligible and may wish to choose the Flexible Route. Further details of this are available at:

<http://www.in2teaching.org.uk/teacher-induction-scheme/what-is-the-teacher-induction-scheme.aspx>

- **Social Media**

You can follow us on social media for latest information on the School of Education and our community:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UofGEducation/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UofGEducation>

Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-161625818>

- **Timetables**

The MA RPE Programme is a full-time programme and you may be timetabled for classes in the School of Education any time between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday. The timetable can vary from week to week and final timetables will be issued in August.

If you have any questions about the programme not covered above, please contact the Year 1 Secretary Linda Kyle (Tel: 0141 330 7416, Email: Linda.Kyle@glasgow.ac.uk)