

83rd PSSL: detailed practical information

Directions around Glasgow

Note on city centre There are two main train stations, Central and Queen St. The closest subway/underground stations are St Enoch and Buchanan St, respectively. Ignore signs for ‘Low level trains’; this is not the underground.

From Glasgow Airport First option: taxi. If you get one from the taxi rank to your hotel, it should be about £20. Alternatively, you can call 0141 9542000 or 0141 9547070 for a fixed price of £10.

Second option: bus to city centre (~£3.70 single or £5.50 return). The best place to get off is when the driver calls ‘Queen Street’. If you miss that, just get off when it reaches the end of the line (the bus station) and ask for directions to Buchanan St underground (‘byooKANan’), a few minutes’ walk away. Then follow the directions below.

From Prestwick Airport Take the train to Glasgow Central. Trains are every half hour. Buy your ticket on the train; show your e-ticket to the inspector to get it half price (~£2.70 single). Then follow the directions below.

From Glasgow Central station A taxi from here to the University is ~£6. Cheaper is the subway. Leave the station by the downwards escalator by Platform 12. Keep going down; you’ll emerge from the station under the railway bridge. Turn left and walk straight on for a couple of hundred metres, passing Woolworths on your right. Just after The Gap on your right, you’ll see the entrance to St Enoch underground. Take an Inner Circle train to Hillhead.

From Queen St station/Buchanan St underground There are clear signs and walkways between the two. From Buchanan St, take an Inner Circle train to Hillhead.

From Hillhead underground to hotels This is ten minutes’ walk. Turn right out of the station. Walk straight on (up a busy street, Byres Rd) for a few hundred metres. Just after you pass the Somerfield supermarket on your left, you reach a big crossroads. Turn right. Very soon you come to the Bank of Scotland/Halifax on your right.

Kelvin and Lomond hotels: cross the road. In front of you and to the right, up a slight slope, you see the red sign for the Kelvin. For the Lomond, go to the Kelvin then carry on 50m in the same direction.

Heritage and Botanic hotels: continue past the Bank of Scotland for 50m, to Aladdin Magical Fast Food. Turn right onto Cecil St; walk 30m uphill; turn left; walk 2m; turn left again and start walking. You’re now on *top* of Aladdin. Follow this path round to reach the hotels.

From hotels to maths dept Go back to the Bank of Scotland. It’s on the corner of a major road and a side street (Kersland St). Walk down Kersland St, passing Naked Soup (recommended!) on your right. It stops after about 200m. Turn right and walk 50m downhill. Turn left into Lilybank Gardens. It stops at a big 1960s building (Boyd Orr) and the blue barriers of a building site. Turn left, and Maths is the first building you come to, four storeys of concrete, on your right. The entrance is at the far end.

Friday night For those who want to meet up, I suggest Upstairs at the Chip (a nice pub) from 8pm. They do food. Directions: go to Hillhead underground station. Next to it is Iceland (shop, not country). Next to that is Ashton Lane. Walk along it (passing The Wee Pub) and turn right. Immediately on your right is a sign for ‘The Pub’. Go through the door but don’t go into the bar in front of you; instead, go up the stairs to your right. (I won’t be able to join you until later.)

Going home Non-obvious points: (i) The subway only runs 10am–6pm on Sundays. A taxi to the city centre is ~£6. (ii) Trains from Central to Prestwick are only once an hour on Sundays. (iii) The best place to board the bus for Glasgow Airport is Buchanan St bus station. Directions from Buchanan St underground: after the ticket barriers, go up the escalators in front of you. Continue uphill to a green statue of a sharp-nosed man in a suit. Turn left; take the first right; take the first right again. You’ll see the bus station on your left. Total walking time: < 5 minutes.

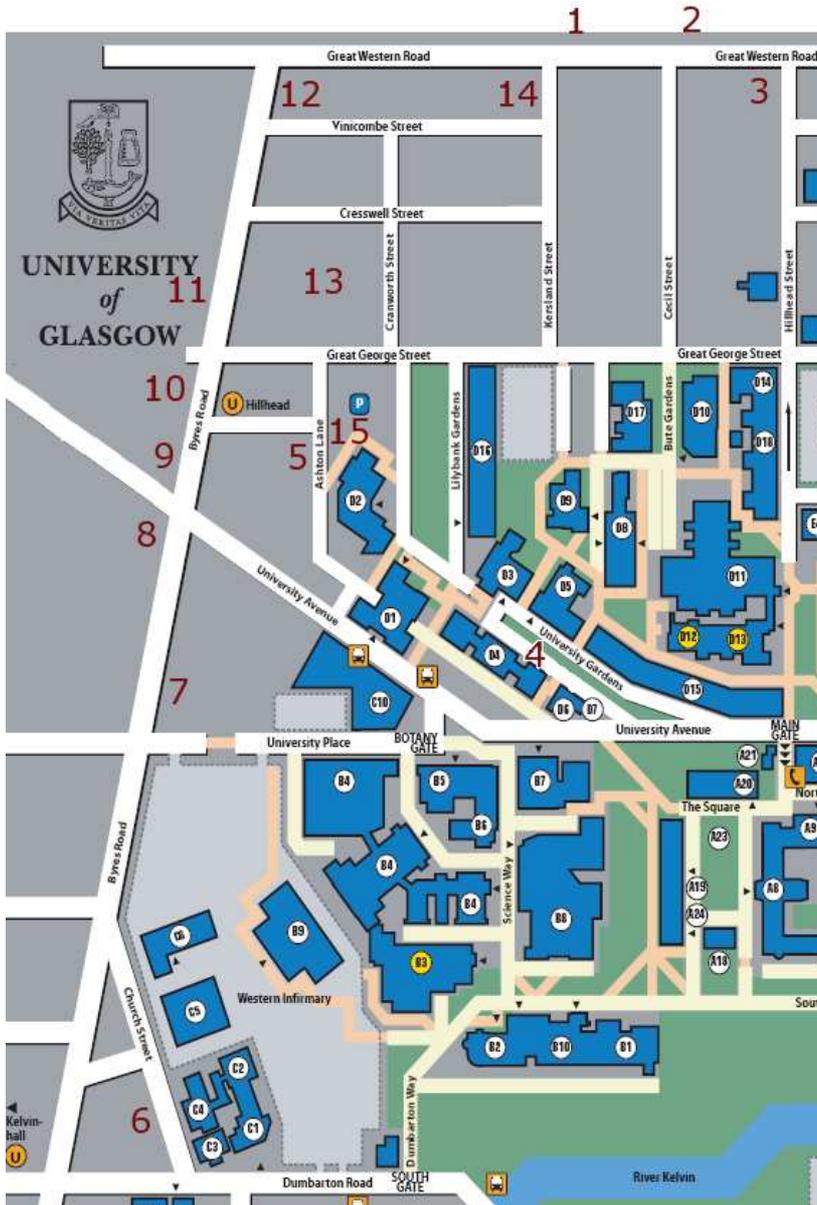
Miscellaneous

Money £1 ≈ €1.5. Scottish and English bank notes are different, but both are valid in both countries.

Phone numbers The code for the UK is +44. Heritage Hotel: 0141 3396955. Botanic: 0141 3377007. Kelvin: 0141 3397143. Lomond: 0141 3392339. Tom: 0141 3306533 (office), 0141 3410178 (home), 07981 251688 (mobile). Taxi: 0141 9542000 or 0141 9547070.

Entertainment In the city centre there are lots of art galleries, shops, interesting buildings, etc. There are various attractions in the University area too, e.g. Botanic Gardens, Mackintosh House, Hunterian Museum, Hunterian Gallery, Kelvingrove Park, old University buildings; hotel staff can direct you to any of these.

University area



1. Kelvin hotel
2. Lomond hotel
3. Heritage and Botanic hotels
4. Maths department (PSSL venue)
5. Upstairs at the Chip (Fri night pub)
6. Balbir (Sat night restaurant)

Some recommended cafés etc:

7. Chow: good quality, low price Chinese
8. Tinderbox: best coffee in town
9. Little Italy: best pizza in town
10. Stravaigin 2: modern Scottish-influenced restaurant
11. Greggs: cheapest possible lunch
12. Heart Buchanan: superior sandwiches and fancy food
13. Beanscene: nice, laid-back coffee shop
14. Naked Soup: good sandwiches and breakfast too
15. Wee Curry Shop: excellent, original Indian restaurant (but very wee)

Hotel rates:

- Heritage: single £32.40, double £50.40
- Botanic: single £35
- Kelvin: single (en suite) £39
- Lomond: single (not en suite) £28, double £60

City centre (S = subway)

