

# GLASGOW SEMINARS: INFO FOR SPEAKERS

## 1. GENERAL REMARKS

The seminars typically take place at 16:00 in room 522 of the School of Mathematics and Statistics. Please arrange to meet up with the seminar organiser prior to your talk. Your talks should last 55 minutes to allow some time for questions. Since our seminars are attended by graduate students a low tech introduction is always welcome! In the seminar room we have chalk boards and a computer console for beamer (you can also connect your own computer if you wish).

## 2. HOW TO GET HERE

The best public transport planner seems to be Google Maps (you can get public transport directions by clicking on the train). Your goal is to get to G12 8QW (the School of Mathematics and Statistics), this is enough info for Google Maps. On the map on page 3 of this document, your destination is marked with a blue dot (near the bottom). You will probably go through the downtown to get here, and the map is on page 4.

**2.1. By train.** There are two main train stations in Glasgow, Queen Street and Central (both have rail symbols in red on the map on page 4). From both get to Buchanan Street (pronounced Bucannon) subway station which is essentially in the centre of the map on page 4 and marked with a blue . From Central go straight on in the direction your train came in (i.e. roughly north). Leave the station through the main entrance ahead. Turn right and walk about 200m. Turn left when you reach Buchanan Street, the main pedestrian zone of Glasgow. There will be stairs and escalators in the middle of the street after 300m or so, that is the subway station.

If arriving instead at Queen Street station, turn right after the ticket barriers and follow the crowd. When you get out of the station the entrance to the subway is just on the other side of the small parking place where the taxis stand, slightly to the right.

There is only one single circle line with trains in both directions. Get to Hillhead. There is only one exit there which brings you out on Byres Road. Turn left and then immediately left again into a small suspicious looking lane. At its end turn right into Ashton Lane full of bars. At its end (all this will take 3 mins) you go through the tunnel under the tall university building they call the Boyd Orr building and when you come out on the other side the maths department is on your left hand side and marked with a blue dot on the map on page 3.

**2.2. From Glasgow Prestwick Airport.** All very easy. You come out of security and follow the crowd into the check-in hall where you turn right. Do NOT go out onto the car park. Instead, go up the escalators at the end of the check-in hall (this is already the whole

airport). Continue straight through the doors, a tunnel/bridge takes you over the motorway to the railway station. You need the farer platform at the very end of the bridge. Almost every train goes to Glasgow Central which is the final stop, you might have to wait up to 30 mins. Buy tickets on the train (keep for refund). Takes about 45 mins. If you arrive before 6AM or after 10PM or so you will probably need to take a taxi.

**2.3. From Glasgow International.** Leave the terminal through any reasonable door. There are bus stances along the street. You can ask the drivers how to get to Buchanan subway station (they won't be particularly nice, but they'll help all the same). The Number 500 bus is the usual bus to get downtown. It takes approximately 21 minutes. Then a one minute walk will take you to the Buchanan subway station. Now refer to Section 2.1 to get to Glasgow University.

Another (possibly more reasonable) option is to take a taxi from the airport straight to Glasgow University. It will cost slightly above 20 pounds (keep receipts).

**2.4. From Edinburgh Airport.** In front of the terminal there is a bus stop. At stand C (you'll want to verify this when you arrive by asking the driver) there is a direct bus to Glasgow that arrives at the Buchanan Bus Station (marked with a red pointer on the map on page 4. The bus is approximately 12 and tickets are purchased from the driver. From the Buchanan Bus Station a 5 minute walk will take you to the Buchanan Subway Station. Now refer to Section 2.1 to get to the School of Maths and Stats.

### 3. MAP AND HOTEL

The map of the west end is on page 3. The blue dot near the bottom is the School of Maths and Stats. The  is the Hillhead subway station. Byres Rd is the main street of the west end (on this map it is labelled B808 for some reason), with supermarkets and other shops. In particular, there is a large Waitrose supermarket almost at the corner with Great Western Rd (labelled A82 at the top of the map and partially cut off) where you get food, stationary and other stuff.

Your hotel is most likely the Heritage which is also on the map (at the top right), on Great Western Rd pretty much in the middle between Byres Rd and the river Kelvin. It is not directly accessible form the street, you have to use Cecil St or Hillhead St to get to the terrace above the shops on Great Western Rd where the entrance to the hotel is.



