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2020

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1st in
the UK

AND TOP 5 IN THE
WORLD FOR CAMPUS
ENVIRONMENT¹



Be Stirling
BE THE DIFFERENCE

¹ UK International Student Barometer (ISB) Benchmark and Global ISB Benchmark 2018

Be you.
 The potential lies within us all.
 Be ambitious. Be brave.
 Be determined. Be impactful.
 Be Stirling.
 Be the difference.

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Hello

At the University of Stirling, we're committed to helping you make a positive difference in the world.

We're proud to provide our students with an outstanding education, founded on innovation and excellence.

Our focus is on helping you to be the difference in your chosen career and equipping you with the lifelong employability skills to stand out from the crowd. We're delighted 96 percent of our postgraduate leavers are in work or further study within six months of graduating¹.

Our students, graduates and staff are having a positive impact internationally and we celebrate our global outlook, with more than 120 nationalities represented on our diverse, inclusive and multicultural campus.

The University's beautiful 330-acre campus offers an unrivalled living and learning environment. To further enhance our student

experience, we're investing £41.7 million to create world-class fitness and high-performance sports facilities, as well as a new 'Campus Central' social and learning space.

As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, we provide high-quality sports facilities for our students, high-performance and Olympic athletes, staff, and the wider community. Our athletes enjoyed incredible success at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia, returning with an impressive total of 11 medals.

Our award-winning Students' Union is the University's hub, providing entertainment and welfare services to make your life at Stirling the best it can be. With more than 120 clubs and societies to choose from, settling into university life couldn't be simpler.

You're about to make a very exciting and important decision about where you choose to study – and we're delighted you're considering joining us at Stirling.

I wish you the very best of luck with your studies and look forward to welcoming you on campus soon.

**Professor Gerry McCormac
Principal and Vice-Chancellor**

¹ Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17



BE
bold

Choose the University of Stirling and join a network of employment-ready graduates making a positive difference around the world.

COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYABILITY

At Stirling, we are proud of our commitment to equipping students with lifelong career management and employability skills. That's why 96 percent of our postgraduate leavers are in employment or further study within six months of completing their degree¹.

Our postgraduate courses offer plenty of hands-on experience, career support and unique opportunities to work with industries across the globe.

RESEARCH WITH IMPACT

Our world-leading academics are experts in their fields, whose work is centred on making an impact to society. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF2014), three-quarters of Stirling's research activity was classed as either world-leading or internationally excellent.

CAMPUS LIFE

Students rate Stirling first in the UK and top five in the world for its campus environment². Our stunning 330-acre campus was named one of the UK's top 20 heritage sites of the 20th century³ and has been awarded a five-star rating for facilities⁴. These include: newly renovated accommodation, catering outlets, shops, a thriving arts centre and even our own 18th-century castle.

**TOP 5
IN THE UK FOR
AGRICULTURE,
VETERINARY AND
FOOD SCIENCE⁶**

**1ST
IN SCOTLAND AND 12TH
IN THE UK FOR HEALTH
SCIENCES⁶**

A GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Stirling is a truly global university. We are proud to welcome international students from around the world, with almost half of our postgraduate community coming to us from overseas. We have teaching and research partnerships in more than 60 countries across the world, and our diverse student and staff body represents more than 120 nationalities on campus.

SPORTING EXCELLENCE

We are Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, and rank first in Scotland and top five in the UK for our sports facilities², which include Scotland's National Swimming Academy, the Scottish National Tennis Centre and a nine-hole golf course. Our students participate in more than 50 sports clubs, and the University offers a range of scholarships and bursaries for student athletes.

**3RD
IN SCOTLAND AND
TOP 20 IN THE UK FOR
PSYCHOLOGY⁶**

1 Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17
2 UK International Student Barometer (ISB) Benchmark and Global ISB Benchmark 2018
3 International Council on Monuments and Sites
4 QS World University Rankings 2018
5 Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018
6 Research Excellence Framework 2014

“It has been the best decision to study an MBA at the University of Stirling. I have developed myself as a person and I feel ready to face the business world. I have made lots of friends from different countries and it has been fascinating to learn about their different cultures. They have become like family for me.”

JENNIFER JEBATHOMA, INDIA
Master of Business Administration

1st in the UK
 AND TOP 5 IN THE WORLD
 FOR CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT²

**1st in
 Scotland**

TOP 5 IN THE UK AND TOP 15 IN THE
 WORLD FOR CAREERS SERVICES²

**1st in
 Scotland**
 AND TOP 5 IN THE UK
 FOR SPORTS FACILITIES³

96%

OF OUR POSTGRADUATE
 LEAVERS ARE IN
 EMPLOYMENT OR FURTHER
 STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS
 OF GRADUATING¹

ALMOST THREE-QUARTERS
 OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY
 IS RATED EITHER
world-leading
 OR INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT⁴

1 Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17
 2 UK International Student Barometer (ISB) Benchmark and Global ISB Benchmark 2018
 3 Times Higher Education Student Experience survey 2018
 4 Research Excellence Framework 2014

**SCOTLAND HAS
BEEN VOTED THE
MOST BEAUTIFUL
COUNTRY IN THE
WORLD¹**

EDUCATION AND INNOVATION

Scotland is renowned for its innovative, modern and cutting-edge research and teaching. Thousands of international students are attracted to Scotland for its academic excellence, and the Scottish education system has been adopted in many countries all over the world. Scotland is also famous for its inventions and discoveries, including penicillin, the bicycle, the television and the telephone. We are continuing that tradition and our researchers are at the forefront of their fields – which means you will be mentored by experts in each area of study.

BEAUTY

Our dramatic landscapes, distinct geography and countless scenic landmarks are breathtaking. Mountains, lochs, beaches, islands and castles offer you wonderful opportunities to get out and discover our country. The Scottish Highlands are also a short journey away on the train. For outdoor enthusiasts, this is the prime location for catching a glimpse of our incredible landscapes. Whether it's skiing, open water swimming or simply enjoying the beauty of one of the world's last wild places, you should definitely add a trip 'up north' to your to-do list.

FOOD AND DRINK

If you're into food and drink, Scotland has plenty to offer. For those looking for a traditional experience, you can't miss a hearty serving of haggis, neeps and tatties. Scotland also boasts nine Michelin-star restaurants, and some of the globe's top whisky distilleries are dotted throughout the country.

SCOTLAND IS

now

WALK WITH HISTORY

Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's grandest, and it was the childhood home of Mary, Queen of Scots. It's no wonder it's been named the UK's Best Visitor Attraction in the 2019 CIE Tours Awards. Stirling is also linked to two of Scotland's historic heroes: Sir William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. You can climb up the 246 steps of the Wallace Monument to enjoy breathtaking views of Stirling, or step back in time with a visit to the Battle of Bannockburn Experience to learn about the famous battle between Scotland and England.

ENTERTAINMENT

Seamlessly blending in with the city's rich history is Stirling's thriving nightlife. From the buzzing bars and clubs of the city centre to the more traditional real ale and whisky pubs, shopping, cinema and chic coffee houses, Stirling is a place that suits the needs of every student. Stirling city centre is just two miles from the campus – less than 10 minutes by bus.

GET EXPLORING

Stirling has everything you could hope for in a city, and even has its own cycle sharing network in the form of Nextbike. Stirling's central location means getting across Scotland couldn't be easier. Glasgow and Edinburgh are both within easy reach for a day of shopping or a night out. If you are into music, Glasgow hosts over 130 gigs a week – so you are sure to find one of your music idols playing near you.

FIND A home LIKE NO OTHER

**STIRLING
CASTLE: BEST
OVERALL VISITOR
ATTRACTION IN
THE UK²**

#ScotlandisNow

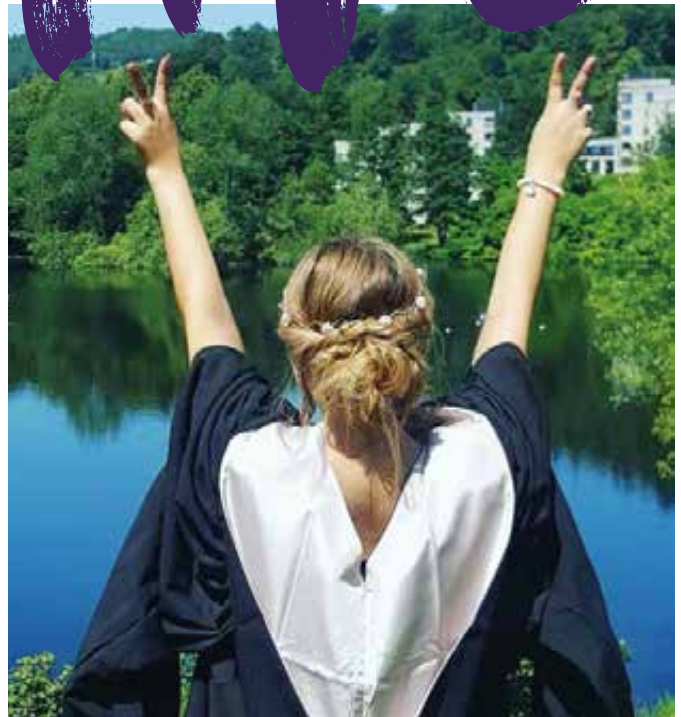




TOP 10 IN THE UK FOR CLUBS AND SOCIETIES¹



STIRLING life



¹ UK International Student Barometer Benchmark 2018



SCOTLAND'S
UNIVERSITY
FOR SPORTING
EXCELLENCE

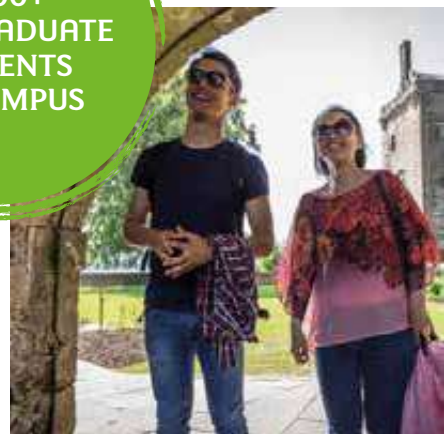


CHAT WITH A STUDENT BUDDY

No one knows more about life at Stirling than our students. Chat to one of our friendly students online about any aspects of student life and what's on in Stirling.

stir.ac.uk/chat

3,800+
POSTGRADUATE
STUDENTS
ON CAMPUS



BE innovative

Already top-ranking for campus environment and sport, we're investing £41.7M in cutting-edge campus and sports facilities.

At the University of Stirling, we want to give you the best-possible student experience – which means you'll need world-class facilities. That's why we're investing £41.7 million into updating our key student hubs for 2020, and we think you're going to love it.

Campus Central will be the new heart of our stunning campus, giving you cutting-edge learning facilities and dynamic spaces. It's going to be an expert blend of modern architecture and natural beauty, and will include:

- New meeting spaces and student support facilities
- Collaborative learning and research spaces
- Bigger and better food and shopping outlets
- Beautiful green space to sit and think
- A convenient transport hub

As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, you'd expect Stirling to have incredible sports facilities – and you won't be disappointed with our new complex. Integrating the National Swimming Academy and Scottish National Tennis Centre, you'll be able to enjoy our:

- Purpose-built fitness studios
- State-of-the-art gym
- Two sports halls and six indoor tennis courts
- Dedicated indoor cycling studio
- Strength and conditioning areas
- World-class high-performance suite
- Enhanced changing facilities
- Open plan communal spaces, café and reception area





**INVESTING
£41.7 MILLION
IN NEW FACILITIES
FOR 2020**

Artist's impression of the new University Campus Central development

AIRTHREY CASTLE

Our very own 18th-century castle is still in use today, and overlooks the University's picturesque golf course.

AIRTHREY PARK MEDICAL CENTRE

Our on-campus general medical practice and dental centre.

THE LINK BRIDGE

The scenic commute between Halls and University; you'll make your nine am lecture even if you leave at five-to-nine.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Home to our students: more than 2,500 bedrooms across 20 residences on and off campus.

PATHFOOT BUILDING

Where the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport and the Institute of Aquaculture are based. It also hosts an art collection.

AIRTHREY GOLF COURSE

Less than a five-minute walk from student accommodation, our nine-hole golf course is right on your doorstep.

COLIN BELL, IRIS MURDOCH AND RG BOMONT BUILDINGS

Where the Faculty of Social Sciences is based and home to some of our cutting-edge research centres.

ANDREW MILLER BUILDING

The heart of the University made up of the Library, Students' Union, the Macrobert Arts Centre and our new Campus Central development.

AIRTHREY LOCH

Our very own loch; home to our water sports teams, along with our resident swans.

**1ST IN THE UK
AND 5TH IN
THE WORLD
FOR CAMPUS
ENVIRONMENT¹**

COTRELL BUILDING
Home to the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Stirling Management School.

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING INNOVATION PARK
Home to some innovative research and development companies.

WALLACE MONUMENT
Our famous landmark, built to commemorate Scots hero, Sir William Wallace.

INTO BUILDING
Offers international students unique academic pathways that can help them gain a degree.

STIRLING COURT HOTEL
Awarded the Conference Centre of Excellence Award.

SPITAL HILL CHALETs
Popular student accommodation in our Scandinavian-style timber chalets.

NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE
Tennis superstars Andy Murray and Gordon Reid famously honed their skills on our courts.

THE PITCHES
Get a front-row seat to the action on our grass and artificial pitches.

NATIONAL SWIMMING ACADEMY
Home to Scottish Swimming and our world-class student athletes, who practise more than 35 hours per week in our Olympic pool.

NATURALLY *inspiring*

Our beautiful campus, at the heart of urban Scotland, gives you the best of both worlds.

Experience our campus first hand using our Virtual Tour.
stir.ac.uk/virtualtour



A polar bear is walking on a large, cracked ice floe. The bear is white with a black nose and is looking towards the camera. The ice is light blue and white with visible cracks. The background is a dark, rocky shore with green moss or algae.

BE impactful

Think differently.
Our research is changing
the world.

Tackle the biggest global challenges and improve lives worldwide at a research-led university.

LIVING WELL

With a multidisciplinary approach that includes sports science, psychology, marketing, economics and health, our research improves wellbeing across the world, allowing people to maintain, attain or regain good health.

Work includes exploring the impact of alcohol licensing and tobacco packaging; establishing how to help people live well with dementia; and ensuring the best nursing and cancer care is delivered to patients.

Our academics are pushing the boundaries of longevity and ageing, and informing National Governing Organisations (NGOs) on the long-term impact of contact sports.

GLOBAL SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

Our expertise in Global Security and Resilience spans a wide range of academic subjects and perspectives, but has the common goal of tackling the challenge of providing the world's growing population with a sustainable and secure way of living.

We explore how the world's forests and its flora and fauna are evolving in response to climate change; we investigate how humans interact with the world, whether that is in the field of international diplomacy or digitally within the context of cyber security; and we develop solutions to maintain sustainable and safe sources of fish, creating new and innovative ways of feeding global communities and improving access to fresh water around the world.

CULTURES, COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETY

Nothing exists in isolation, and researching subjects in their wider context forms the core of this thematic area. Social policy, history, computing science, and biological and environmental sciences, as well as media and communications, enable much broader and more comprehensive investigations into how we communicate with and understand each other.

By exploring the past and recognising how we learn from it; promoting innovation and change; and understanding distinctive cultures and political authority; our research brings communities together in mutually beneficial ways. Whether that involves analysing organised crime, or discovering the birthplace of James I of Scotland, our work spans continents and time periods.

For more information, visit:
stir.ac.uk/research

SHAPE A BETTER WORLD WITH *life-changing* RESEARCH

Grapple with big ideas and impactful solutions within the University of Stirling's research themes and programmes.

AGEING AND DEMENTIA

The world's population is living longer, presenting challenges to health, long-term care and economies. By investigating the health and social wellbeing of communities, our research results in positive change.

BEING CONNECTED

Social division and exclusion are increasing worldwide. We tackle inequality by analysing social networks, geographies and big data technologies.

CONTEXTUAL LEARNING IN HUMANS AND MACHINES

Intelligent machines are making increasingly sophisticated decisions, but without context they bring risk. We seek to enhance machine-based decision making to positively impact society.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Society's identity, wellbeing and progress are constantly challenged. We empower communities by heightening their understanding of their cultural past to allow them to positively influence their future.

DIGITAL SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Digital technologies are changing the way we live. Our critical thinking questions the impact of these changes and explores potential solutions to address the challenges this creates.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE

Driven by human influence, environmental change is accelerating. We explore sustainable solutions for a more resilient future.

EXTREME EVENTS IN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

Extreme events vary widely and can include bereavement, disease, flooding and social unrest. We research how societies and ecosystems might better respond to extreme events and prepare for the unexpected.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

The global population is expected to rise from 7.6 billion to 9.8 billion by 2050. Our ambition is to ensure that there is enough food for future generations.

HEALTH AND BEHAVIOUR

Human behaviour is having an impact on health. We explore behaviours that can improve lives.

HOME, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

Millions across the world remain homeless. Focusing on social justice, we influence the agenda for policy and practice, promoting a safe and secure home for everyone.

HUMAN SECURITY, CONFLICT AND COOPERATION

Regional and international conflicts, driven by climate change, pose a serious threat to world stability. We explore the impact of climate change on human security to manage and identify ways to resolve these conflicts.

MOBILE COGNITION

By investigating how human brains work in the real world, we offer a new perspective on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of neurological conditions.

For more information on the University's research themes and programmes, visit: stir.ac.uk/researchthemes



GRANTED £3.4 MILLION BY GLOBAL CHALLENGES RESEARCH FUND TO REDUCE TOBACCO-RELATED HARM IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

LAUNCHED PIONEERING IRIDIS DEMENTIA APP

AWARDED QUEEN'S ANNIVERSARY PRIZE FOR GROUNDBREAKING SOCIAL MARKETING RESEARCH

DEVELOPED WORLD'S FIRST SATELLITE-BASED GLOBAL LAKE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THROUGH £2.9M GLOBOLAKES PROJECT

SECURED £22 MILLION TO DEVELOP TWO NEW INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRES AT STIRLING

1. INTO UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS, SCOTLAND

The University of Stirling proudly entered into a joint-venture with INTO University Partnerships in 2014 to establish INTO University of Stirling. INTO University of Stirling delivers academic and English language pathway programmes to overseas students prior to their progression onto a postgraduate degree.

For more information on our INTO University of Stirling courses, see p29.

2. UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA, SPAIN

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) is one of the fastest-rising, dynamic young universities in Spain, with impressive international rankings. The University of Stirling has partnered with UPF to develop an innovative joint award delivered both on campus in Stirling and in Barcelona.

- MSc Strategic Communication and Public Relations

www.upf.edu

3. UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING, RAS AL KHAIMAH, UAE

In collaboration with Planet Core International Education, the University of Stirling is delivering a number of postgraduate courses from our campus in Ras Al Khaimah (UAE). The courses are delivered in English for students from the UAE and international students.

- MSc Finance
- MSc Financial Technology (Fin Tech)
- MSc Big Data

stir.ae

4. MUSCAT COLLEGE, OMAN

Muscat College is one of Oman's oldest privately owned colleges, and the University has enjoyed a partnership with the college for over a decade.

It's renowned for its creative and innovative approach to research and learning – which is why the University of Stirling Management School and our Faculty of Natural Sciences are working with the Muscat College to deliver unique courses, tailored specifically to meet the needs of the Omani economy.

- MSc Big Data
- MSc Management

muscatcollege.edu.om

**300+
OVERSEAS
TEACHING AND
RESEARCH
PARTNERSHIPS**

CONNECT WITH A global NETWORK

5. KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) and the University of Stirling have a long-standing partnership spanning 25 years. KGU is one of the most prestigious private institutions in Japan, and is a selected member of the Japanese Government's Top Global University Project. The University of Stirling offers a unique double award that is jointly delivered both on campus in Stirling and in Osaka.

- MSc TESOL (double degree)

global.kwansei.ac.jp



6. VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY – UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES (VNU-USSH) VIETNAM

VNU-USSH is one of Vietnam's most prestigious institutions, with the largest social sciences and humanities faculty in the country. The University of Stirling partnered with VNU-USSH more than a decade ago to develop a unique course jointly delivered on two sites, in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. The course is approved by the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training.

- MSc Media and Communications Management

hcmussh.edu.vn

Our students can study overseas, experience different cultures and gain a UK education overseas. We've highlighted seven of our 300+ teaching and research partnerships worldwide.

7. AMITY GLOBAL INSTITUTE, SINGAPORE

In 2018, the University of Stirling partnered with leading education provider Amity Global Institute to offer students from Singapore the opportunity to study for a UK postgraduate degree.

Benchmarking with the latest content and teaching across the world, the University has joined forces with Amity Singapore to deliver a range of industry-oriented management courses designed by leading academics and professionals.

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- MSc Banking and Finance
- MSc Data Science for Business

www.amitysingapore.sg

BE welcome

Personal and professional growth at a multicultural campus rated 5-star for inclusiveness¹.



We believe that our diversity helps us to develop outward-thinking graduates with limitless potential. Stirling might be a Scottish university – but thinking and working globally is part of our daily teaching, learning and research practice. It's part of who we are.

The University consistently earns five QS stars in the World University Rankings for internationalisation.

STUDENT SUPPORT

The University of Stirling has a dedicated International Visa Advice Team and experts within our Student Hub who can provide you with advice on application processes, tips on what you should do before you arrive and one-to-one guidance during your time here at Stirling. Services include: application support, financial advice, immigration information, travel support and cultural activities designed to help you make the most of your time in Scotland.

stir.ac.uk/77

If you'd prefer to speak with someone in person before you arrive, you can also get in touch with one of the University's international representatives in your own country.

stir.ac.uk/1ef

INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Here at Stirling, we consider a wide range of academic qualifications from across the globe as a means of gaining entry onto one of our postgraduate courses. Typically, you will need a strong Bachelor Honours degree or equivalent – but requirements do vary by country, and you may need to meet further criteria based upon your chosen course.

To give you an idea, here are the minimum requirements accepted from a selection of countries:

China	70% (65% for 211/985) in a four-year Bachelor's degree
Canada	2.8/4 or 70% or B in Bachelor's (Honours) degree or a professional degree
India	50% in Bachelor's/Special (Honours) degree from Tier 1 College/University or 55% from a Tier 2 College/University
Nigeria	Second class, lower division Bachelor's degree (CGPA 2.50/5.00)
Pakistan	2.6 GPA or 60% in a four year Bachelor's degree
Taiwan	65% in a four year Bachelor's degree
USA	Bachelor's degree with GPA of 2.7

If your country is not listed above, you can find more information on the specific entry requirements for your country here: stir.ac.uk/1ef

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you may need to provide us with evidence of your English language skills in order to receive a place on your chosen course. The University of Stirling accepts many forms of English language qualifications, including:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic)
- Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)
- DAAD: for applications through IEC Germany only

Students who do not currently hold these qualifications may still gain entry onto a postgraduate degree at Stirling by undertaking one of our pre-sessional courses.

We've partnered up with INTO University Partnerships to provide a range of intensive English language courses designed to increase your proficiency and prepare you for postgraduate study at the University of Stirling.

Please note that students coming to us from majority English-speaking countries, such as the USA or Canada, will not need to provide us with English language qualifications.

Learn more about English language qualifications and requirements: stir.ac.uk/1ae

VISA INFORMATION

All international students interested in coming to Stirling for a period of more than six months will need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa before travelling. You will need to apply through the UK Government, and include both an application fee and a health surcharge.

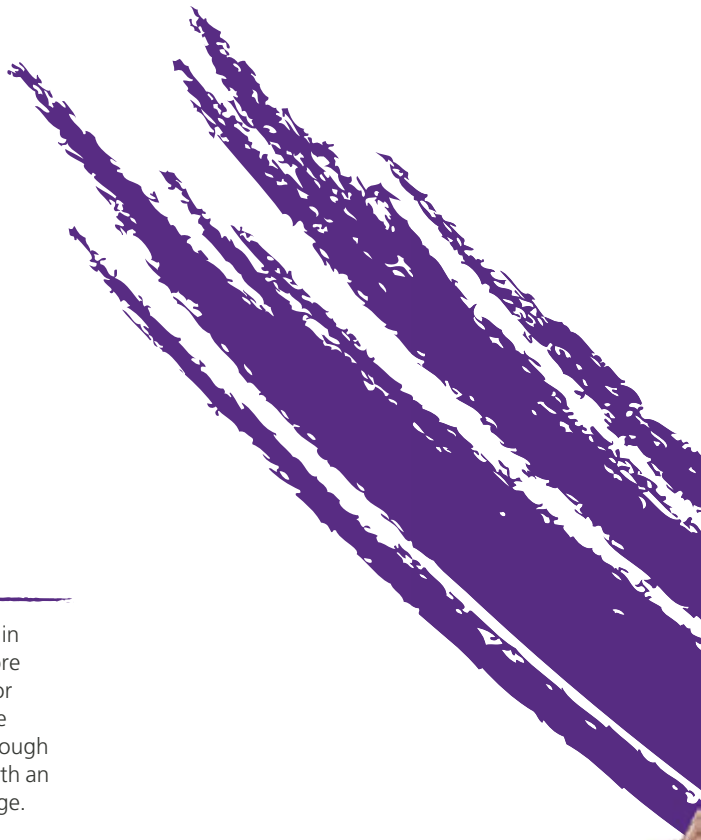
Your visa will last for the duration of your study; however, it will come with a few restrictions. As part of the terms of your visa, you will normally be allowed to work during your studies – but only up to a maximum of 20 hours per week during term time, and there are certain jobs that you may not be permitted to undertake.

Normally, you can apply to bring dependants, such as a partner or children, with you for the duration of your studies as part of your Tier 4 (General) student visa.

For advice on how and where to apply for your visa, get in touch with our International Advisors Team: internationaladvisor@stir.ac.uk

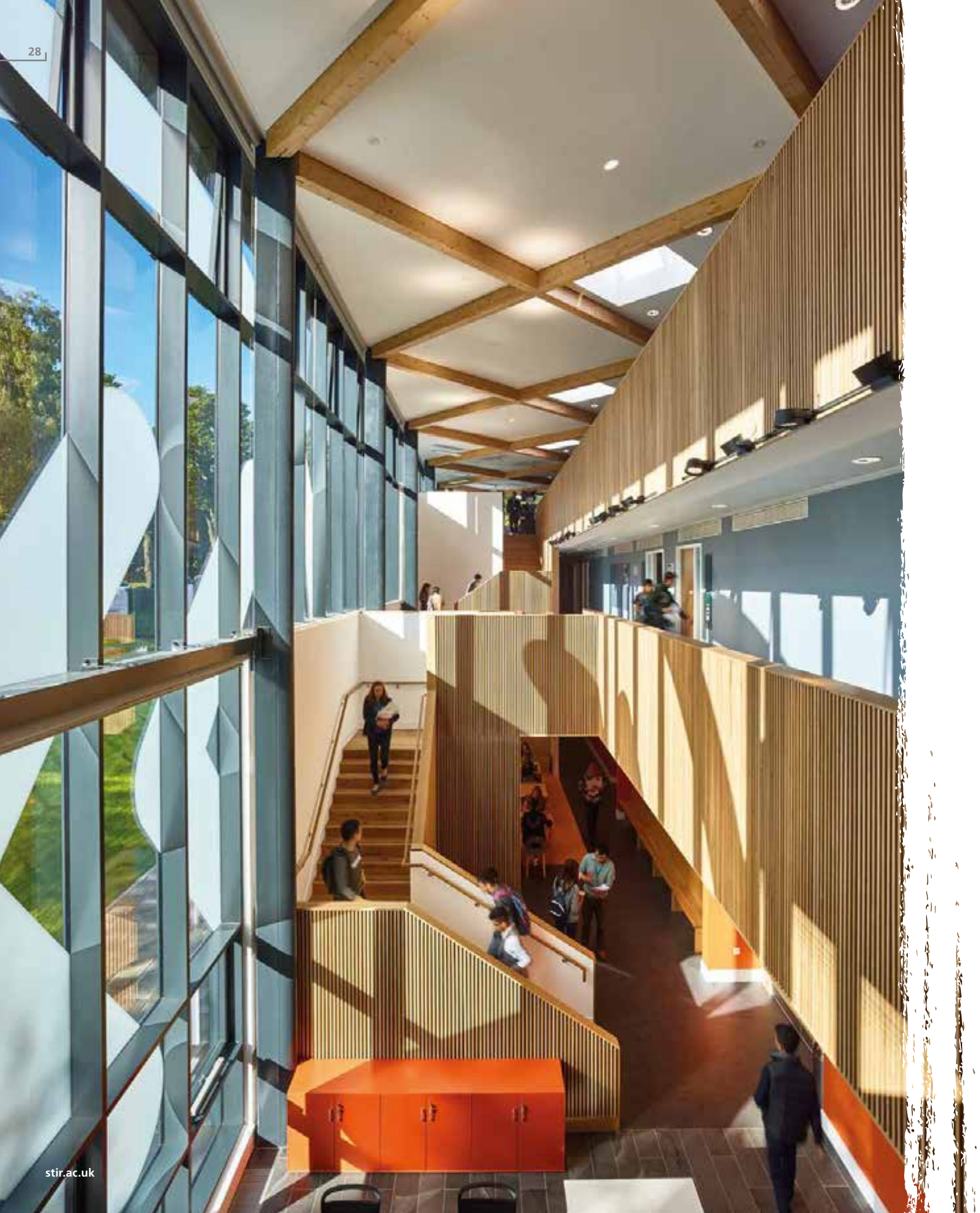
**MORE THAN 120
NATIONALITIES
REPRESENTED
ON CAMPUS**

**ALMOST HALF OUR
POSTGRADUATE
STUDENTS ARE
FROM OVERSEAS**





**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR
PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH COURSES,
SEE P32-33.**



INTO

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

We've teamed up with global education leader INTO University Partnerships to help you feel at home as you join a network of 90,000 alumni in 170 countries.

At INTO University of Stirling, our focus is on the provision of preparatory courses for international students, with the following postgraduate progression options:

- Graduate Diplomas
- Postgraduate Degree with Graduate Diploma
- Pre-Masters programme
- English language programmes

These programmes are designed for international students who have the potential to succeed, but do not yet meet the requirements for direct entry onto a postgraduate course at the University of Stirling.

stir.ac.uk/1dk

GRADUATE DIPLOMA PATHWAYS

The Graduate Diploma is a direct pathway that leads to postgraduate study at the University of Stirling. It's suitable for international students who need an introduction to their subject of choice before studying it at a postgraduate level, or for those who need to upgrade their qualifications in a relevant subject.

We offer three Graduate Diploma pathways:

- Business, Finance and Sport
- Media, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science, Computing and Engineering

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE WITH GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Our Postgraduate Degree with Graduate Diploma is a full-time academic programme that incorporates English language skills development, academic study skills, postgraduate research skills and subject-specific content.

If you successfully complete the relevant Graduate Diploma programme and meet the required progression grades for entry to your selected degree programme, you will be guaranteed entry onto designated postgraduate degree courses at the University of Stirling.

Students on the Postgraduate Degree with Graduate Diploma can choose from three pathways:

Business, Finance and Sport

This pathway offers you progression onto a wide range of management and finance-related Masters degrees at the University of Stirling.

Media, Humanities and Social Sciences

This pathway offers you progression onto a specialist Masters degree in Applied Social Research, Education, Media Management and Publishing Studies at the University of Stirling.

Science and Computing

This pathway offers you progression onto a wide range of specialist and technical Masters degrees at the University of Stirling.

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

INTO University of Stirling also offers a range of intensive English language courses. These are designed for international students who are already academically qualified, but either need to increase their English language level for entry to their postgraduate course or would like to undertake a short course to help them adapt to studying in a UK university environment. For more information, see page 32.

PRE-MASTERS PROGRAMME

Our six-month pre-Masters programme provides a direct route to a wide variety of Masters courses at the University of Stirling. You will improve your English language skills, develop the necessary study and research skills, and become accustomed to living and studying in the UK in advance of your postgraduate degree.

SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of our commitment to creating real opportunities for success, INTO and the University also provide a range of generous scholarships for international students from all over the world.

stir.ac.uk/1od



BE
happy

Count on professional student services that prioritise the wellbeing of all students.





Advance YOUR ENGLISH

We want you to make the most of your time with us. That's why we offer specialist language services to assist your progress.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

Pre-sessional English courses are delivered in partnership with global education leader INTO University Partnerships, and provide a short and intensive preparation in academic English for students who are already academically qualified and are due to start a postgraduate degree at the University of Stirling in September 2020.

**99% OF PRE-SESSIONAL
ENGLISH STUDENTS IN
SUMMER 2018 PASSED
AND PROGRESSED TO
THE UNIVERSITY OF
STIRLING**

What courses are on offer?

- **12-week Pre-sessional English course (June to August):** designed to improve your IELTS score by 1.0 in one or more skills.
- **6-week Pre-sessional English course (July to August):** designed to improve your IELTS score by 0.5 in one or more skills.
- **3-week Pre-sessional English course (August):** a short course that's ideal if you already hold an unconditional offer from us, but would like to improve your English language ability.

COURSE BENEFITS

The courses are designed to improve your English language skills to the level required by your chosen degree. There's a focus on content-specific vocabulary, academic writing, reading, listening and speaking. Other benefits include:

- Intensive language and study skills preparation in a UK university environment.
- Teaching and assessments tailored to the requirements of study at the University of Stirling.
- Learn with students who will be studying the same or similar subjects at university.
- Lectures from specialists on many topics relevant to your future studies.
- Adapt to living and studying in the UK prior to starting your degree studies.

For more information on how to apply, entry requirements, dates and fees, visit: stir.ac.uk/preessionalenglish



“Studying Pre-sessional English before undertaking my Masters course at Stirling was great, as I met lots of new friends before the semester began and improved my confidence with English speaking and writing.”

LIANG SEN, CHINA
INTO Pre-sessional English student
(12-week programme)



Alexander Court Townhouses

**STIRLING IS THE
MOST AFFORDABLE
CITY TO LIVE
IN THE UK¹**



¹ Bank of Scotland 2018

YOUR home FROM HOME

It couldn't be easier to settle into your new home at the UK's leading university for campus environment¹.

We offer a wide range of comfortable and secure postgraduate residences on our beautiful 330-acre campus, in nearby Bridge of Allan and in Stirling's vibrant city centre.

The University provides priority accommodation to all new students – and if you're a taught postgraduate student from outside the UK, we'll guarantee you an offer of University-managed accommodation as long as you confirm your place and apply for accommodation by 31 July 2020.

In 2019/20, accommodation costs ranged from £91 to £171 per week, and included utilities, Wi-Fi, insurance and bed linen. All postgraduate accommodation contracts are offered for 50 weeks.



Centro House

BUILT AROUND YOUR NEEDS

We have different types of accommodation to reflect the needs and budgets of our students. All accommodation options are self-catered and kitchens are equipped with a cooker, microwave, fridge, freezer and kettle. Toilets and showers are either en-suite or in shared facilities. Accommodation is single occupancy and you can choose from a range of flats, chalets and townhouses. We also have some family accommodation.

On campus, everything is planned around you – so you'll find card-operated laundry facilities, a supermarket, pharmacy, medical and dental centre, gym and bank within a

few minutes' walk, as well as all the facilities the University and Students' Union have to offer.

If you've got family or friends who would like to visit, we have the Stirling Court Hotel on campus, with a fantastic restaurant, bar and facilities. stirlingcourthotel.co.uk

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

We can provide or adapt accommodation for a variety of requirements following a pre-entry visit. If you have any specific needs, please get in touch with us as soon as you can and we'll take it from there. ask@stir.ac.uk

HOW TO APPLY

Students with a conditional or unconditional firm offer can apply online via the University Applicant Portal. Applications open in April each year.

For more information, please visit: stir.ac.uk/accommodation

¹ UK International Student Barometer (ISB) Benchmark and Global ISB Benchmark 2018



BE inquisitive



The library invests
£1.5 million each year in new
books, journals and databases.

Our state-of-the-art library is the perfect study hub, providing the best resources. Home to over 600,000 books with a spacious study-specific design, our library is boosted every year with the latest books, journals and databases.



ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Our expansive collections house everything from ancient poetry to quantum physics. As a student at Stirling, you'll also be given access to the University's dedicated archives reading room, where you can explore the wide range of historical collections, influential documents and quirky artefacts that have helped shape Scotland's past.

WORKING TOGETHER

Here at Stirling, we encourage our students to share ideas and create change. That's why our library - with beautiful views - offers a wide range of study options to suit all tastes. We've got bespoke study pods, training suites, 10-group study rooms, study desks with PCs and plenty of more relaxed options, including a designated wellbeing space to chill out and recharge.

THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Our students aren't limited to the resources housed in our four-floor library. Because the University is a member of the Society of College, National and University Libraries (SCONUL), Stirling students can use resources from universities all over the UK and Ireland.

The library also connects students with full access to over 350 industry-specific research databases from around the globe - covering everything from American magazines and EU white papers to global financial data and biomedical repositories.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Our Maker Space is the newest addition to the library, offering everyone the opportunity to explore their digital creativity using the latest technologies. Maker Space facilities include 3D scanning, 3D printing, laser cutting and etching, and equipment to learn about the basics of coding.

For more information about our library services, visit: stir.ac.uk/library



**5-STAR
EXCELLENCE
AWARD FOR
FACILITIES¹**

COUNT ON OUR support

Our student support services are accessible to everyone and are tailored to meet diverse student requirements in a fast-changing world.

STUDENT SERVICES HUB

University is about finding your own way, but that doesn't mean you have to do it on your own. Our extensive support service teams are here for you every step of the way. The Student Services Hub brings lots of frequently used services together under one banner, meaning you can resolve a range of queries through a single point of contact.

We can help you with questions on all of the services listed below:

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

The Accessibility and Inclusion team provides professional expertise to enable students with a wide variety of needs to access all aspects of their university life. Dedicated advisers offer assessments for your learning and support requirements, and create a tailored support package to meet your individual needs. Please get in touch to discuss any specific needs or arrange a face-to-face meeting. We highly recommend pre-entry visits for students with mobility or sensory impairments.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

We operate a free, confidential counselling service on campus. Our qualified counsellors and mental health advisers are here for you throughout your time at Stirling.

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

The Chaplaincy is open to all faiths and none, and celebrates the wealth of nationalities, cultures and beliefs represented here at the University of Stirling. With a dedicated facility in the heart of the University campus, it offers a quiet room where you can stop by any time for reflection and meditation, and a communal area which is lively and sociable. Our team of Chaplains can offer emotional, spiritual or practical support and guidance, and we have a dedicated prayer and wash room for Muslim students.

IMMIGRATION

Our International Advisers Team, within our Student Hub, can provide you with advice and information to help you secure the appropriate visa for the duration of your studies at Stirling.

INCOME OFFICE

At the University of Stirling, we recognise that you need flexibility when paying your fees, so we provide a range of secure payment options.

MONEY SUPPORT

Student Money Advisers can help with budgeting and money management. They can also help you to apply for additional funding and financial support.

REGISTRY SERVICES

Academic Registry deliver a range of key administration and information services for students throughout their studies at the University of Stirling, from enrolment to graduation.

STUDENT LEARNING

We run a regular schedule of workshops and tutorials organised by our Student Learning Services team. No matter what stage of your studies you're at, you can take advantage of drop-in sessions, workshops and other services designed to help you become an independent, successful learner.

For further information, or to ask about any of the services above, please contact us or visit our website:

ask@stir.ac.uk

+44 (0)1786 466022

stir.ac.uk/studentsupport

**TOP 10
IN THE UK
FOR CLUBS
AND SOCIETIES¹**

Located at the centre of the University, the Union provides exciting social spaces, support, societies and sports clubs.

YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union offers independent advocacy and support for its members, and is here to ensure your student experience is the best one possible.

The Union works closely with a range of relevant postgraduate bodies to ensure all your views and issues are taken into account, and that you can make the most of your student experience.

FACILITIES FOR YOU

The Union also runs a number of award-winning and student-focused outlets. Studio serves food in a relaxed lounge atmosphere, with plasma screens for sports fixtures and music. The outside decking offers stunning views – while our cafe in Underground serves Starbucks coffee, paninis, soups and cakes.

Our multi-purpose space, Venue, offers a great place to relax and unwind. During the week you can enjoy a great selection of food, while at night it plays host to a range of student club activities for all to enjoy.

Check out the Union's website for all the latest news:
stirlingstudentsunion.com

POSTGRADUATE SOCIETY AND MORE

The University of Stirling Postgraduate Society gives taught and research postgraduate students the chance to come together through a range of planned social activities. From regular coffee mornings and pub quizzes, to lunches and research events, it's a great way to meet like-minded students from a range of disciplines. We also have clubs centred on business development, volunteering, music, travel, the arts and much more.



**Union
OF FRIENDS**

Our lively Students' Union is a great place to make new friends, get involved with our 120 clubs and societies and discover a wide range of extra-curricular activities and career-advancing opportunities.



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BE driven

Our campus offers the perfect environment for students to share ideas, be creative and develop their skills.



MORE THAN 50
OF OUR STUDENT
ATHLETES
CURRENTLY HOLD
WORLD
RANKINGS

TAKE THE Lead

at Scotland's University
for Sporting Excellence



**SPORTS
FACILITIES RATED
1ST IN SCOTLAND
AND TOP 5 IN
THE UK¹**

Artist's impression of the new University sports facilities

We have been at the forefront of Scottish and British sport for five decades, supporting incredible student athletes who have competed at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games, World Championships and Walker Cup.

Sport, health and wellbeing are in our DNA. Whether you're an Olympic athlete, fitness lover, sports fanatic or completely new to physical activity, we have facilities, programmes, classes and clubs to suit you.

We aim to ensure every student can enjoy our services and, following a transformational £20m investment, our redeveloped facilities will offer new and innovative opportunities for all students and provide an unrivalled sporting experience.

Find out more: stir.ac.uk/sport

Opening in summer 2020, the iconic new complex will integrate with our existing world-class facilities. These include:

- The National Tennis Academy, which features six indoor courts and two outdoor all-weather floodlit courts.
- The National Swimming Academy, which houses a 50-metre, six-lane pool and high performance preparation room.
- A nine-hole, par-three golf course, putting green, driving range, pavilion and video analysis suite.
- Eight-court sports hall and two squash courts.
- A 400m all-weather running track.
- Two artificial (3G and sand-based) and seven grass pitches.

...with a host of exciting new features including:

- Two purpose-built, air-conditioned fitness studios.
- State-of-the-art gym with top-of-the-range cardio and resistance equipment and interactive user experience.
- Professional-standard strength and conditioning area with free weights equipment.
- Additional three-court sports hall.
- High-spec indoor cycling studio with user interactivity.
- World-class high-performance suite for scholar athletes and clubs.
- Enhanced user and team changing facilities.
- Open plan communal spaces, café and reception area.

BE career-ready

Our graduates stand out. Stirling students not only achieve a qualification, but leave campus equipped with life-changing skills. Our graduates are motivated, self-confident, digitally aware, enterprising individuals who are making an impact on the world stage.

DEVELOPING YOUR FUTURE

Our world-leading academics will equip you with the specialist industry knowledge you'll need to make an impact in your chosen field – but it's our dedicated Careers and Employability Service, working closely with academic colleagues, that will help you to hone those skills and transfer them to the workplace.

The Careers and Employability Service provides a range of resources and support to help you make informed career decisions, achieve your goals and develop the tools that will enable you to excel in your career and throughout your life.

Our extensive services include:

- Daily appointments available with professionally trained consultants.
- CV, application and selection checks and advice.
- Careers events, workshops and fairs where you can meet employers.
- Wide-ranging resources, including practice psychometric testing, online interview practice and personality profiling.
- Access to our TARGETconnect platform to search for volunteer, graduate-level vacancies, internships and part-time work.
- Career planning workshops on how to build a brilliant CV, develop a LinkedIn profile and succeed at assessment centres.

stir.ac.uk/careers

stir.ac.uk

MAKING THE MOST OF MASTERS

A good way to make the most of your time at Stirling is to test and develop your skills in a real business environment. Our award-winning 'Making the Most of Masters' programme gives you the opportunity to undertake your dissertation with a business organisation. It's a mutually beneficial initiative: businesses gain from your research, insights and ideas, while you can acquire invaluable experience, build your networks and enhance your skills to increase your job prospects.

stir.ac.uk/mmm



INTERNATIONAL CAREERS INFORMATION

If you're thinking about returning to your home country or working abroad once you graduate, we provide support, information and links to key international job search resources such as GoinGlobal and access to employers and alumni worldwide.

THE STIRLING NETWORK

The Stirling Network is a dedicated social platform that allows students and alumni to connect, share advice, and provide support and guidance based on their experiences.





“My course has provided me with the knowledge and experience I need to pursue a career in environmental management. Thanks to my lecturers, I have been able to build a network of contacts and have found my preferred specialism for the future.”

HANNAH LIMBERGER, SCOTLAND
MSc Environmental Management

**1ST IN SCOTLAND,
TOP 5 IN THE UK
AND TOP 15 IN
THE WORLD FOR
CAREERS SERVICES!**

GO further

Employability is at the heart of everything we do at Stirling. We think outside the classroom to ensure our students graduate as confident and career-ready individuals prepared to make a difference in their chosen field.



COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WITH BUSINESSES

As part of the University's Making the Most of Masters initiative, we build strong links with organisations in the public, private and third sector. Many of our postgraduate courses provide opportunities for Masters students to undertake collaborative dissertation projects with businesses for mutual benefit.

These projects are the same length as a university-based dissertation and span a wide range of economic sectors.

Project work may take place at the organisation, at the university, or between both locations as required. We've already worked with more than 200 local, national and international business organisations.

VISITING SPEAKERS AND GUEST LECTURES

All of our Masters courses include the opportunity for guest lectures, where students can hear directly from professionals, external experts and industry leaders in relevant sectors, and discover how their theoretical knowledge can be applied outside the classroom.

MENTORING

Through The Stirling Network – our online community of students, alumni, staff and friends of the university – you will have the opportunity to find a mentor, share your experiences and access specialist career tools to build your CV. This global platform is different to social media sites such as LinkedIn, as all members proactively agree to help fellow networkers upon sign up.

Why join The Stirling Network?

- Get career-related advice, insight and inspiration.
- Learn about a profession or employment area from industry insiders.
- Request a mentoring relationship from someone with experience and knowledge.
- Join discussion groups for your sector, field of study or profession.

How can mentoring help you?

- Benefit from an independent perspective.
- Enhance your confidence in professional situations.
- Learn from an inspirational and friendly person who wants to help you develop.
- Build your network and contacts.



INDUSTRY VISITS AND FIELDTRIPS

Stirling uses its excellent relationships with local, national and international companies to provide students with the chance to take their campus-based learning into a real-world setting. Depending on your course of study, you may be given the opportunity to visit workplaces, attend sector events and put your learning into practice, allowing you to not only see the impact of your studies first-hand, but also to meet and network with employers and professionals.

NETWORKING AND CAREERS EVENTS

Working closely with faculties and the Alumni Team, the Careers and Employability Service arranges lots of opportunities for students to meet employers, professional bodies and industry experts on campus, including insight events, alumni panels, careers fairs and employer-led skills workshops.

**96% OF OUR
POSTGRADUATE LEAVERS
ARE IN EMPLOYMENT
OR FURTHER STUDY
WITHIN SIX MONTHS
OF GRADUATING¹**

¹ Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17

WORK PLACEMENTS

Students on specific courses may be eligible to undertake a work placement as part of their postgraduate studies. This involves a period of supervised work at an external organisation, enabling students to gain relevant experience within an industry whilst putting their theory-based learning into practice.

Work placements are a great opportunity for students to meet influential people within their sector, boost their CV and can sometimes even lead to an offer of employment. Placements are typically available in the areas of psychology, sport, social work, nursing and teaching.

Please note: work placements are not available for all courses. Please consult the relevant course pages to find out more.

SIMULATION LEARNING

Simulation learning is a technique which allows students to apply their theoretical study to a practical "real-world" setting. By replacing real experiences with an immersive simulation, students can put their knowledge to the test and practice their skills in the safety of a mock environment.

Examples of simulated learning at Stirling include:

- **The Amplify Trading Bootcamp** – students studying banking and finance subjects can trade on a simulated stock exchange market, bridging the gap between academic theories of financial markets and how they behave in the real world. See pages 65 and 108 for more information.
- **Markstrat** – MSc Marketing students have access to a web-based simulation platform to test and improve their skills in market analytics, decision-making, budgeting, planning and performance assessment.
- **Recorded peer-teaching** – through classroom observation and videoed peer-teaching sessions, students on the MSc Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) course can trial their practical teaching skills and receive immediate feedback from peers and lecturers.

We receive consistently high ratings from Times Higher Education and QS World University rankings for our teaching and course quality.

TEACHING

excellence





At Stirling, we are focused on providing education with a purpose. Our dedicated staff are here to prepare you to go out into an increasingly global society and be the difference to help transform it for the better. That's what makes our graduates stand out.

FIVE-STAR TEACHING

Our collaborative, research-led approach consistently earns us five stars for our teaching in the QS World University Rankings. But more importantly, our students love the way we teach. That's why they ranked us third in Scotland and top five in the UK for institute and course quality¹.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

The University offers a range of postgraduate courses on a part-time basis, which enables you to study at a pace that best suits your lifestyle. If you'd like to earn a Masters degree but are too busy to make it onto campus, we also offer a number of online distance learning courses that are available to students from all over the globe.

stir.ac.uk/flexiblelearning

A GLOBAL EDUCATION

Our campus is global – not only in terms of the students who come from around the world to study at Stirling, but also in terms of the community of researchers, academics and industry experts we attract.

Our world-class teaching is designed to inspire and motivate our diverse and exciting community. We help every student thrive in today's increasingly interconnected world.

**5 STARS
FOR
TEACHING AND
EMPLOYABILITY²**

BE A gamechanger



The University of Stirling Management School's Flying Start Leadership Programme helps students develop valuable personal skills and prepare them for their postgraduate journey through university and beyond.

During the first two weeks of your studies, you will participate in a number of challenges designed to enhance your understanding of self and set personal goals. The workshops cover a range of important skills that are highly sought after by employers, including:

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Learn to understand different ways of communicating and gain the confidence to speak out in a public forum.

PRESENTATION SKILLS

Learn the "dos and don'ts" of an excellent PowerPoint presentation using your communication skills to present confidently in public.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Understanding yourself, your strengths and weaknesses, means you can plan for your short-, medium-, and long-term future. This session provides you with the tools to articulate and action your goals.

THE BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Can you make the most profit within an allotted time? Working in groups, you will make decisions and perform tasks associated with the running of a manufacturing company.

NETWORKING SKILLS

Meeting new people can be nerve-racking, particularly in a business setting. These sessions are designed to give you the confidence to introduce yourself and make conversation with unfamiliar people.

TEAMWORK

Effective working relationships are essential in business. You will participate in a combination of indoor and outdoor activities specifically designed to help you understand the importance of working as part of a team.

Flying Start activities equip students with an understanding of self and prepare them for the next step in their career. The personal skills gained through this initiative set our students up as highly attractive candidates to future employers.

For more information on Flying Start activities, visit: stir.ac.uk/flyingstart

EMBRACE innovation

Through our unique Student Enterprise Programme and our campus-based University of Stirling Innovation Park, we take pride in offering student entrepreneurs the ideal space to create, collaborate and dream.

STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

Stirling's Student Enterprise Programme is designed to support students to develop their entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial skills, grow their networks and play a key part in developing the enterprise culture on campus.

The programme is run by the Research and Innovation Services team and offers a wide range of activities throughout the year, including skills workshops, competitions, mentorship, networking events, practical support, signposting and incubation.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL QUEST

The Student Enterprise Programme supports students to enter a number of national competitions. Our own internal contest – the Entrepreneurial Quest – is a great way to get started. This cleverly designed initiative allows students with a fully formed business idea to compete for prizes, including incubation space, and many students have turned their ideas into viable and successful businesses.

BUSINESS MENTORING

It takes more than a great idea to launch a successful business. That's why we put our students in touch with external mentors to discuss start-up logistics and how to break into new and existing markets.

Stirling's innovative 'Lunch with a Leader' initiative also gives enterprising students the opportunity to attend lunches with successful entrepreneurs and business leaders from across Scotland.

INCUBATOR

Stirling has its own Student Enterprise Incubator, which gives students the chance to apply for free office space and receive professional advice and resources to launch a new business idea. Based at the University of Stirling Innovation Park, our students work alongside internationally acclaimed start-ups and social enterprises.

To give you an idea of what you can achieve by working with our dedicated support staff, here are a few University start-ups that are already making waves across the globe.

1. Global Voices

Started by a student from Peru, this influential and award-winning translation and interpretation company is trusted by the UK Government, the BBC, Boeing and Disney, and has an ever-expanding client base across the world. The dedication and effort by the founder to grow his idea into a world-leading business continues to be an inspiration to many of Stirling's students – and staff.

2. Students United

Two Chinese students who met on Stirling's campus started this innovative venture to support Chinese students wishing to come to the UK to study. Today, the same two students now head an organisation, based in Glasgow, with branches in China, Hong Kong and Macau, with plans for other Asian territories in the near future.

3. Micro Fitness

Steven Reynolds, an enterprising Stirling alumni, had a dream to get Scotland's schoolchildren fitter. In 2010, he set up 'Micro Fitness' – a business to encourage children to get active. Since then, he has widened his ambition to helping people of all ages, from all over the UK. This award-winning business is now the UK's leading fitness company for children.

OUR faculties

Flexible, interdisciplinary teaching and research at a top UK university means you gain a world-class degree built around your interests and passions.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities is our largest faculty, and offers a unique learning environment in which you'll be encouraged to explore, question, innovate and create. The Faculty is comprised of four divisions: Communications, Media and Culture; History and Politics; Literature and Languages; and Law and Philosophy.

The Faculty places emphasis on graduate employability and providing students with ample work placement and internship opportunities. It is also internationally recognised for its commitment to research innovation, ranking first in Scotland for research impact in Communications, Cultural and Media Studies; and first in Scotland for research publications in Law¹.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SPORT

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport's primary mission is to be the natural first choice for everyone with an interest in health and sport, to develop global citizens through internationally relevant course content and to deliver excellence in teaching and learning through a research-led approach.

Stirling is ranked first in Scotland for the quality of its Sport research¹, with more than three-quarters of activity assessed as internationally excellent or world-leading. We're also first in Scotland and 12th in the UK for Health Sciences research, with almost 90 percent of our research outputs rated as internationally excellent or world-leading¹.

FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Natural Sciences explores the complex and challenging inter-relationships between human behaviours; technologies; and biological, environmental and aquatic systems. The Faculty brings together four academic divisions: the Institute of Aquaculture; Biological and Environmental Sciences; Computing Science and Mathematics; and Psychology.

The Faculty is internationally renowned for its research activity. Stirling is top five in the UK for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science¹; third in Scotland for Psychology¹; and was named as one of only four universities in the UK to have 100 percent of its Psychology research rated as world-leading¹.



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Social Sciences is a dynamic, multidisciplinary collective of around 70 academic staff and researchers focused on Dementia; Education; Housing Studies; Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology; and Social Work.

The Faculty's interdisciplinary research, along with its hands-on approach to learning, have earned Stirling recognition as Scotland's number one university for Criminology and top five in the UK for Education².

STIRLING MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

Stirling Management School is home to a cutting-edge collection of business-related subjects, and is organised into five divisions: Accounting and Finance; Economics; Management, Work and Organisation; Marketing and Retail; and the Centre for Advanced Management Education.

The academic staff at Stirling Management School are constantly developing new ideas that influence industries across the globe. The most recent Research Excellence Framework placed us among the UK's top 25 institutions for Business and Management¹.

1 Research Excellence Framework 2014

2 Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019

TAUGHT DEGREES

Most of our taught postgraduate students choose to pursue a Masters degree. Stirling's Masters courses are intensive programmes of study that typically take one year to complete. Research-informed teaching consists of lectures, seminars and a wide range of practical assignments, research projects and work placements.

The University of Stirling offers a range of taught qualifications:

MSc/MA Stirling's Master of Science (MSc) and Master of Arts (MA) qualifications are typically undertaken by students who wish to develop an advanced subject knowledge in a particular area, or to change their subject of study following the completion of a Bachelor's degree. Generally, these qualifications are taught through seminars, lectures and project work, and are assessed by coursework, exams and a dissertation.

MRes A Master of Research (MRes) qualification at Stirling offers advanced research methods and skills training in interdisciplinary and discipline-specific contexts, and is ideal for students keen on pursuing a future in research or doctoral study.

MLitt Stirling's Master of Letters (MLitt) is similar to a taught MA or MSc and is typically in literature, history or law.

MBA The Stirling Master of Business Administration (MBA) is an internationally recognised qualification that enables students to develop their skills and knowledge in leadership and management.

LLM Our Master of Laws (LLM) is a qualification that enables students to specialise in a niche law subject, such as Environmental Policy or International Energy Law.

MPP A Master of Public Policy (MPP) at Stirling is a professional qualification that offers essential training in policy analysis and how to help solve major societal issues.

MPH Stirling's Master of Public Health is a multidisciplinary qualification designed to provide graduates with the advanced academic background required for leadership roles in public health.

All taught postgraduate courses are graded at Level 11 of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), with research degrees and professional doctorates at Level 12. The difference between Masters degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates is the number of credits earned and the time taken to complete them.

We have 90 postgraduate degrees for you to choose from to achieve your career objectives and realise your life ambitions.

Choose

THE DEGREE FOR YOU





RESEARCH DEGREES

In addition to taught postgraduate courses, we also offer a range of research degrees:

MPhil Stirling's Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is an advanced research degree that is typically shorter than a PhD qualification, but is completed to the same academic quality. It includes a major independent research project and provides a significant grounding in research methods that will equip students to enter a career within a professional field, or continue on to complete a PhD.

PhD A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is an advanced postgraduate qualification comprising three or more years of independent research on a subject-specific question. It is carried out with the support of an academic adviser and culminates in the completion of a thesis that offers a significant contribution to the academic field. It is the highest academic degree a student can achieve.

stir.ac.uk/researchdegrees

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

A Professional Doctorate is a qualification that integrates professional and academic knowledge. It is designed for professionals who want to focus on a particular area in their field and make a contribution to theory and practice through further study. Courses include a taught element in the first year, followed by a significant period of independent research, and typically take a full-time student three to four years to complete.

Also delivered on a part-time basis to better suit working professionals, a Professional Doctorate is a degree that will help you deepen your understanding of your area of work or practice, while also contributing to the field academically. Examples of Professional Doctorates at the University of Stirling include the DBA (Doctor of Business Administration), the NursD (Doctor of Nursing), the DDipl (Doctor of Diplomacy) and the EdD (Doctor of Education).

stir.ac.uk/postgraduate



STIRLING IS THE
MOST AFFORDABLE
CITY TO LIVE
IN THE UK¹

LOANS

If you're in need of funding to support the cost of your tuition fees, we are able to connect you with a range of generous loan schemes.

Scottish/EU Students

The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) offers loans to eligible students. In 2019/20, this contribution was up to £10,000 towards tuition fees and living costs.

English, Welsh and Northern Irish Students

Student Finance England currently offer a loan of up to £10,906 per year as part of the UK Postgraduate Loan Scheme to help

English students with the cost of tuition fees and living expenses. Student Finance Wales offer up to £13,000 for tuition and living costs. Northern Irish postgraduate students may also be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £5,500 from Student Finance NI and should consult Student Finance NI for full details.

UK students

UK residents who meet the desired eligibility criteria may also be entitled to apply for a specific bank loan called a Career Development Loan.

For more information on postgraduate loans and funding, visit: stir.ac.uk/1cj

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Stirling offers a wide range of scholarships to support the diverse academic and extra-curricular interests of students from all backgrounds and nationalities. Some are available exclusively for international students, as well as generous offers for students from the UK or the EU.

For our full range of scholarships available, visit: stir.ac.uk/scholarships

FEES AND financial SUPPORT

We offer a range of scholarship options to support your career choice.

TUITION FEES

Postgraduate course tuition fees cover the cost of registration, supervision of research and study, the use of academic facilities, and all examinations. Our 2020/21 fees are categorised into various bands, which are assigned to each course. It's worth noting that some courses may require you to pay an additional fee for laboratory or field-based work. Please consult individual course web pages for up-to-date fee information. Fees may vary depending on your chosen course of study.

EU FEES

The Government has confirmed that EU students enrolling for a taught postgraduate course in the 2020/21 academic year will be admitted as Scottish/EU fee status students, and will be eligible for the same tuition fee loan support as Scottish domiciled students.

COST OF LIVING

In addition to your tuition fees, you'll also need to consider your living costs during the course of your studies. Fortunately, Stirling is the most affordable city to live in the UK*.

	Monthly	Three Semesters
University Accommodation Rent**	£364–£670	£4,550–£8,350
Food	£180	£2,160
Leisure	£120	£1,440
Clothing	£30	£360
Books	£25	£300
Phone	£25	£300
Travel***	£30	£360
TOTAL	£774–£1,080	£9,470–£13,270

* Bank of Scotland 2018

** Includes utilities, Wi-Fi, bedding and bed linen, insurance, housekeeping assistance, and 24/7 staff assistance.

*** This does not include any travel home.

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AUSTIN WYANT, USA
MSc Health Psychology



Apply **HERE**

You can get closer to studying for your future at the University of Stirling in just four simple steps.

1 Check your entry requirements

Before you start working on your application, you should check the entry requirements for your chosen course. For most of our postgraduate degrees, we ask for a minimum of a second-class Honours degree or equivalent, but some courses also require relevant work experience or prior knowledge within a related subject area.

You'll be able to find all of the information you need about current entry requirements on our website: stir.ac.uk/da

2 When to apply

At Stirling, we don't have a formal deadline for postgraduate applications. You can apply up to two years in advance of your course start date and we accept applications throughout the year. Most of our students apply when they're in their final year of undergraduate study.

If you're an international student who requires a Tier 4 (General) student visa, we recommend you apply as soon as possible to get your visa processed in plenty of time.

Fast-track application

If you are a current undergraduate student at the University of Stirling, you will be eligible for our fast-track application to postgraduate study.

As we already hold your details and academic history, the process couldn't be easier. Provided you meet the minimum requirements for your chosen course, we will be able to guarantee you an offer. If you choose to apply before your final results are confirmed, please note this offer will be conditional.

To apply, simply log in to the Portal, select your course and proceed with your application.

3 Completing your application

You can apply directly to the University by using our simple online application form: stir.ac.uk/1cq

If you're coming to us from overseas, you can also apply via one of our in-country International Representatives (agents). You can find your in-country agent by checking out our country-specific web pages: stir.ac.uk/1ef

Once your application is received, you'll get a confirmation email from the University's Admissions Team.

4 Responding to our offer

If you receive an offer, congratulations! You'll be sent an invitation to access our Applicant Portal to respond to your offer.

The Applicant Portal is used to upload documentation, apply for University accommodation and select fee payment options. It's also a good way to get in touch with our Graduate Admissions team if you have any questions.

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ACCOUNTING, FINANCE, BANKING AND ECONOMICS

At the University of Stirling Management School, the principles of responsible business, policy and practice are central to everything we do. This vision enables us to equip our students with the skills to act as global citizens, capable of addressing the needs of society.

Our Accounting, Finance, Banking and Economics courses are delivered by leading academics in their field who have expertise in teaching, research and practice. Students will develop the knowledge and analytical skills necessary to succeed in a fast-paced business environment, and will gain an understanding of the interactions between financial corporations, regulatory agencies and households.

Globally recognised bodies such as the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Chartered Banker Institute (CBI) and the Chartered Financial Analysis Institute (CFA) recognise some of our accounting and finance courses and employers around the world will be reassured of the close link between course content and the needs of industry.

Students will also benefit from our Flying Start Leadership Programme, which is unique to Stirling, and provides postgraduate students with an intensive induction that will develop leadership skills, build networks and enhance employability. See page 50 for more information.

Students on courses in these disciplines also participate in the award-winning and innovative Amplify Trading Boot Camp and have the opportunity to join the University of Stirling Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF).

Hear more from our Finance and Banking expert on page 108

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Corporate governance
- Financial management and market regulation
- Finance and investments
- Macroeconomics
- Economic forecasting
- Labour economics
- Behavioural science
- Public health economics
- Environmental and energy economics

BANKING AND FINANCE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



This course combines theoretical insights into the operation, strategy and regulatory functions of institutions in the banking and finance sector, with a practical understanding of key concepts and financial reporting and risk management tools.

You will develop an understanding of banking practice, an appreciation of the value and limitations of research, and a critical awareness of the current and potential problems facing the industry.

As this course is one of the few in the UK accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute, after graduating you will be eligible to become a member of the Institute. This gives graduates an accelerated route to obtaining the Associate Chartered Banker and Chartered Banker statuses, both of which are globally recognised professional qualifications.

Students will benefit from our award-winning financial trading boot camp run by our partner, Amplify, and will have the opportunity to apply for work placements in the banking sector.

CORE MODULES

- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Contemporary Issues in Banking
- Corporate Finance
- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Professionalism, Regulation and Ethics
- Risk Management in Banking

CAREER PROSPECTS

The most common career path for graduates of this course is to work in banking, although many have gone on to succeed in different areas of the financial sector. The focus on the analysis and resolution of problems with ethical dimensions is highly attractive to employers who are committed to addressing structural and social challenges, and rebuilding corporate and industry reputations.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/c

Chartered Banker

BEHAVIOURAL DECISION MAKING FOR FINANCE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



Understanding the psychology of financial markets has never been more important. In the age of big data, there is unprecedented opportunity to uncover winning investment strategies. Our Masters course is designed to make you uniquely competitive in a newly recognized employment niche.

Drawing on the combined expertise of our Behavioural Science Centre and Stirling's Accounting and Finance Division, this course will train you in the skills needed to design customer journeys through the world of personal and corporate finance.

As well as giving you a thorough grounding in behavioural decision making (e.g. the role of emotions and attentional biases in judgment and decision making; the rich array of conscious and unconscious motivations that guide behaviour), we cover the core theories in financial decision making. You'll develop the critical skills to assess investment strategies, product designs and regulations, plus the technical skills to develop and pilot test your ideas.

CORE MODULES

- Behavioural Economics 1: Concepts and Theories
- Corporate Finance
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Behavioural Finance
- Business and Finance Applications of Behavioural Science
- Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Empirical Methods in Finance and Accounting

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course will equip you with skills for a successful career in finance, insurance, trading, real estate, banking, regulation, consultancy and related areas.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/2h0

ECONOMICS FOR BUSINESS AND POLICY

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



In a rapidly changing world, this course provides you with the analytical and decision-making skills to pursue a successful career as a business and policy analyst. During your studies, you will explore the interaction between international institutions, governments and households, and apply the insights of economic analysis to business and policy. Students learn to evaluate business performance, management styles, official statistics and public, social and macroeconomic policies.

With a strong focus on applied research, the latest thinking in key areas such as fiscal policy, unemployment, the environment and ageing is accessed. The course also investigates current macro- and micro-level issues, including the impact of Brexit on business, the role of the national living wage and the justification for public intervention when markets don't function properly.

CORE MODULES

- Microeconomics for Business and Policy
- Understanding and Using Data Statistics
- Business Analytics
- Macroeconomics for Business and Policy
- Sustainable Business and Policy Analysis in Practice
- Evidence-Based Decision Making

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters course places great emphasis on applying economic thinking to real-world business and policy challenges, ensuring that our graduates are highly employable. Your career prospects are further enhanced by the excellent links with business, industry and policy think tanks that this course provides.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1cp

FINANCE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



Financial management is at the heart of business decision making. This specialist Masters course will equip you with the theory and analytical techniques required for a successful career as a finance professional.

You'll gain hands-on experience of the financial decision-making process and practical knowledge of the workings and role of financial markets in the allocation of capital. The course also gives you an understanding of the qualitative and quantitative techniques needed to interpret market reactions to geopolitical events such as Brexit, oil-price shocks and financial crises.

As well as timetabled classes, students are invited to guest lectures delivered by leading finance industry professionals, including University of Stirling alumni. These provide opportunities for networking and learning about the latest developments in finance practice.

The course covers many of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme learning outcomes, which helps you progress towards CFA Charterholder status.

CORE MODULES

- Financial Reporting
- Corporate Finance
- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Quantitative Methods in Finance

CAREER PROSPECTS

The MSc Finance leads towards opportunities in a range of careers, including fund management, security dealing, financial market regulation, treasury management, financial engineering and corporate finance within merchant banking firms. Working in locations across the world, our graduates can be found in major financial organisations such as Morgan Stanley, Standard Chartered Bank, Bank of China and HSBC.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/r



AMPLIFY TRADING

As part of the Management School's focus on enhancing the employability of its graduates, students on these courses will benefit from our award-winning financial trading boot camp, run in collaboration with our partners, Amplify. During this intensive week, students will be presented with live market data and will have the opportunity to trade across multiple asset classes, gaining first-hand experience of how intraday trading actually works.

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



Developed in response to increasing globalisation and the convergence of international accounting practices, this course meets the growing demand for graduates who are educated to Masters level in International Accounting and Finance. You will gain a thorough grounding in international accounting, developing the reporting and analytic skills required by global organisations. You will also establish an understanding of issues relating to financial markets and international investments.

The course is ACCA accredited and graduates can obtain exemption from up to six ACCA exams. Some MSc modules also cover elements of the learning outcomes from all three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme, helping you progress towards CFA Charterholder status.

CORE MODULES

- Accounting and Society
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Quantitative Methods in Finance

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates from this course are highly sought after, building successful careers in accounting, finance and senior management roles around the world and across a wide range of industry sectors.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/10r



INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



The University of Stirling MSc Investment Analysis has a world-class reputation and is the UK's longest-established postgraduate course in the field. It is one of a select group of Masters degrees in the UK to have membership of the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Institute University Affiliation Program (UAP). This status acknowledges that the course covers at least 70 percent of CFA Levels 1, 2 and 3, emphasising the quality of the course and relevance to professional practice and career advancement.

You will study the use of qualitative and quantitative techniques to value investments, and will develop and evaluate portfolio management strategies. You will also develop the ability to extract essential information from financial reports, understand risk management tools, assess macroeconomic and financial market trends, and analyse financial data relating to investments.

CORE MODULES

- Financial Reporting
- Corporate Finance
- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Investment Regulation and Ethics
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Derivatives
- Investments: Equity Portfolios and Pricing
- Investments: Fixed Income and Alternative Investments

CAREER PROSPECTS

Many of our graduates hold senior positions in the investment profession. Others have developed successful careers in related fields, such as banking, financial media and business consultancy. You will have career opportunities in both the 'buy side' and the 'sell side' of the investment industry, including with asset management firms, hedge funds, broking firms and investment banks.

For more information about this course, visit: stir.ac.uk/1a



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IN SCOTLAND AND
TOP 20 IN THE UK
FOR ECONOMICS**

The Complete University Guide 2018

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OUR FINTECH
COURSE,
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AQUACULTURE

The University of Stirling is home to the world-renowned Institute of Aquaculture – a leading international centre in the field and the largest of its kind in the world. The Institute brings together world-class, cross-disciplinary researchers to address a wide range of global challenges facing industry and society.

With more than 80 percent of our research rated either world-leading or internationally excellent, students benefit from our focus on research-led teaching in key areas such as Sustainable Aquaculture; Health, Breeding and Genetics; Welfare and Behaviour; and Nutrition.

Our first-class staff, facilities and networks – including the Scottish Aquaculture Innovation Centre based on campus – make us the first choice for both students and researchers from across the globe. The University has also secured £17 million for a new Institute of Aquaculture and Global Aquatic Food Security facility as part of the UK Region City Deal.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Aquaculture health and welfare
- Aquaculture nutrition
- Sustainable aquaculture
- Marine biology and ecosystems
- Fish health and biotechnology
- Bioinformatics
- Global food security
- Fish parasitology

SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), D (Overseas)

FT Flexible pathways available

Our Sustainable Aquaculture course explores the principles of aquaculture and the key factors influencing the viability of aquatic animal farming and food production systems. By studying at Stirling's Institute of Aquaculture – the leading international research centre in sustainable seafood production – you will gain an understanding of aquatic animal biology, environmental issues, nutrition, reproduction and genetics, disease and health management.

With practical application at the core of your studies, you can choose to focus on specific aspects of sustainable aquaculture, including aquaculture system design/engineering, advanced broodstock management, aquaculture policy and planning, livelihood analysis, environmental management, feed formulation and resources, aquatic animal health control, epidemiology, and ecotoxicology. You will also explore the commercial business of sustainable aquaculture, with optional modules covering marketing, business studies and economics.

CORE MODULES

- Principles of Aquaculture
- Aquaculture Husbandry
- Aquaculture Systems
- Research Project

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc Sustainable Aquaculture, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:

- Aquaculture Business Management
- Aquaculture and Development
- Aquaculture and the Environment
- Aquatic Food Security

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will graduate with the skills necessary to establish and manage aquaculture enterprises and development projects. The comprehensive nature of the course, and our close links with industry, offer strong opportunities for employment in commercial aquaculture. Some graduates have pursued research and academic opportunities, while others are now working with government departments around the world as specialists in aquaculture development and management.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/2f

AQUATIC PATHOBIOLOGY

MSc, PG Dip

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), D (Overseas)

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Currently the only Masters degree of its kind in the world, Stirling's course gives you a unique opportunity to study the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of aquatic animal diseases in cultured organisms at the Institute of Aquaculture, one of the top institutions in this field. It combines high-quality, practical work and field visits with class-based training in aquatic disease diagnosis and health management challenges drawn from real situations. You will also gain an understanding of the biology, husbandry and environment of farmed aquatic species.

CORE MODULES

- Foundations of Aquatic Production
- Aquaculture in Practice
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills
- Microbial Diseases
- Parasites and treatments
- Aquaculture Health Control
- Research project

CAREER PROSPECTS

The course will equip you for a wide range of careers in aquatic animal health. Graduates have gone on to work as aquatic health consultants with government fisheries departments, and as managers of seafood farms and aquaria. It also provides a route towards studying for a PhD, especially in aquaculture, aquatic health, fisheries and aquatic resource management.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/9

AQUATIC VETERINARY STUDIES

MSc, PG Dip

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), D (Overseas)

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Our Aquatic Veterinary Studies course is specifically aimed at students who already have a veterinary science qualification. With wild catches of seafood declining in many places, the rise of aquaculture is playing an increasing role as an alternative source of high-quality, nutritious food – and as an employer. Controlling disease is important to the ongoing success of this industry. This course provides you with training in the wide range of disciplines and skills you need for the investigation, prevention and control of aquatic animal diseases. You will gain an understanding of the biology, husbandry and environment of farmed aquatic species, as well as specialist expertise in aquatic animal diseases.

CORE MODULES

- Foundations of Aquatic Production
- Aquaculture in Practice
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills
- Microbial Diseases
- Parasites and treatments
- Aquaculture Health Control
- Research project

CAREER PROSPECTS

Many of our graduates have gone on to positions as fish health consultants or veterinarians. Other career options open to you upon graduation include working in government fisheries departments or in the commercial sector as managers of farms or aquaria. A significant number of our students remain in academia, pursuing further research, undertaking PhD studies or gaining employment as university lecturers.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/b

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BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

At the University of Stirling Management School, the principles of responsible and sustainable business, policy and practice are central to everything we do. This vision helps us to equip our students with the skills to act as global citizens, capable of addressing the needs of society.

Our internationally recognised academics deliver an industry-focused curriculum, with a strategic focus on engagement with practice. As a member of the Chartered Association for Business Schools, we have strong links with industry and were awarded the Small Business Charter for engagement with local and regional enterprise.

Students benefit from our Flying Start Leadership Programme, which is unique to Stirling, and provides an intensive induction that will develop leadership skills, build networks and enhance employability. See page 50 for more information.



STUDENT CONSULTANCY PROJECTS

Students seeking to enhance their employability and add value to a business client have the opportunity on some courses to undertake a three-month consultancy project over the summer, as an alternative to the traditional dissertation.

Consultancy projects allow you to work with an organisation to investigate

a 'real-world' issue, enhance your transferable business skills and make professional connections. Current clients range from start-up businesses to international organisations in public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

For more information, visit: stir.ac.uk/1dd

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Work and wellbeing
- Retailing
- Branding
- Sociology of work
- Town centres
- Consumer behaviour
- Consumer cultures and society
- Strategic management
- Sustainability

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE FOR MANAGEMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

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Behavioural Science seeks to answer key questions about how people behave and how that influences economic, political, commercial and social decision making. Our pioneering Masters course will provide you with an in-depth knowledge of the theory and practice of behavioural science and behavioural economics, and how this can be applied to business and policy-related issues. The course draws on the expertise of our academic staff in the Stirling Behavioural Science Centre, a globally recognised research hub, and students gain insights into human behaviour and decision making in this dynamic environment. Our student body has typically been diverse in terms of nationality, age and experience in the workplace.

By the end of the course, you will have designed and run your own experiment, learnt how to craft survey questions to measure the traits and characteristics that you are interested in, learnt to critically assess evidence, and have experience applying the statistical techniques used to answer commercial and policy questions. You will also have the opportunity to engage with researchers and practitioners in our seminar series.

CORE MODULES

- Behavioural Economics 1: Concepts and Theories
- Psychology of Work
- Understanding and Using Statistics
- Behavioural Economics II: Concepts and Theories
- Evidence-Based Decision Making
- Survey Measurement and Analysis

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course meets increasing demands from industry, government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for graduates with behavioural skills that can be applied to policymaking and commercial issues. Graduates have gone on to work in behavioural insight teams, with the UN Food Programme, Sustainable Energy Ireland, governments, undertaken PhD's and set up their own consultancies.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/a4

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT (MBM)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



Stirling's MBM course is designed to create effective, resilient managers of the future. Taught by internationally recognised subject experts, who also teach on Stirling's prestigious Master of Business Administration (MBA), this course will provide you with a unique combination of general management theory and the practical skills essential for long-term career success.

This course gives an insight into modern management practice, and an opportunity to develop the functional, creative and operational skills you'll need to manage a responsible business.

CORE MODULES

- Personal and Professional Development
- Accounting and Finance
- Economics
- Operations Management
- Entrepreneurship, Theory and Practice
- Responsible Business in Society
- Marketing Management
- People Management
- Research Methods
- Strategic Management

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our MBM prepares you to add value to your employer as soon as you start working. Many graduates have built careers in global corporations, while others have enjoyed considerable success as entrepreneurs. Some have also pursued PhD studies.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/gj

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH METHODS

MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)



Business and Management Research Methods is a specialised degree that will provide you with the skills to carry out high-quality research into business, management, organisations and other related areas. You will work closely with academic staff, who are internationally recognised research experts with profiles of global standing. When you graduate, you will be a reflective, astute researcher who is aware of the assumptions, strengths and limitations of your research.

Our Masters in Business and Management Research Methods is accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Scottish Graduate School of Social Science for the training of PhD students.

CORE MODULES

- Fundamentals and Philosophy of Management Research
- Research Methods in Business and Management
- The Evolution of Management and Organisational Research

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course is ideally suited to you if you want to pursue a career in a research-related field or undertake a PhD. Our graduates have gone on to work as research specialists with organisations including universities, research institutes, policymaking organisations, governments, large corporations and market research consultancies.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/j8



DATA SCIENCE FOR BUSINESS

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



Our pioneering Masters course has been developed with organisations at the forefront of business analytics including SAS, HSBC and The Datalab. The course addresses the acknowledged shortage of business leaders and managers with a detailed working knowledge of data analytics.

When you graduate, you will have a highly sought-after blend of data analytics, business acumen and advanced management skills. Your understanding of the industrial and scientific relevance of advanced analytics and their application in strategic and operational decision-making will be greatly enhanced. As part of your studies, you will also have the opportunity to develop specialist skills by choosing elective modules from finance, computing science or management.

CORE MODULES

- Business Analytics
- Business Consulting Group Project
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Data Analytics
- Statistics in R
- Personal and Professional Development

CAREER PROSPECTS

Demand for employees with data analytic skills is projected to grow rapidly. Average salaries are higher in these roles than the IT average and the skills shortage will further enhance employment prospects for data-aware graduates. This course is designed to produce graduates with the skills that businesses need.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/17r



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ONLINE COURSE OPTION LAUNCHING SEPTEMBER 2020

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DBA

Tuition fee bands: See course web page



Our specialist Doctorate in Business Administration will provide you with the research competency of a PhD, together with an in-depth and reflective knowledge of management theory and practice. Aimed at experienced professionals and typically completed over three years of study, this course will equip you with the skills to carry out cutting-edge business and management research. You will also be prepared to successfully manage the pressures and challenges of an increasingly dynamic business environment, and to offer original and creative solutions to emerging issues.

Our course has a unique focus on fundamental business and research skills, combined with academic research, and is taught by experienced academic staff who are respected worldwide.

CORE MODULES

- Fundamentals of Philosophy of Management Research
- Research Methods in Business and Management
- The Evolution of Management and Organisational Research
- Research Design
- Pilot Empirical Study
- First Doctoral Research Project
- Third Year Doctoral Thesis

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Doctorate gives you the skills and knowledge you need to lead in either an academic or a boardroom setting. You will have specialist training to enable you to advance your career in management consultancy or senior management positions in private or public sector organisations. Graduates also go on to pursue an academic career in a wide range of institutional settings, both in the UK and internationally.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1dc

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



FT Flexible pathways available

Our Masters course will help you to understand how international business is conducted, with a focus on developing the managerial skills necessary to succeed in our interconnected world. You will develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills within the context of trading across national boundaries. By the end of the course, you will understand how organisations operate across economies, currencies and regulatory frameworks. You will also develop skills to help you engage with stakeholders from different cultures and work effectively in a multi-location team.

CORE MODULES

- Accounting and Finance
- Responsible Business in Society
- Managing Across Cultures
- Marketing Management
- Professional Skills for International Managers
- Managing Entrepreneurial and Family Business
- Doing Business Globally
- International Strategy

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, MSc International Business, or opt to specialise with the MSc International Business with Marketing pathway.

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our International Business graduates have forged successful careers in the public, private and voluntary sectors around the world. With knowledge and skills that are sought after by organisations with global operations, you will be equipped to take on demanding leadership roles in general business areas or in the specialist areas of marketing.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/15

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



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MSc Human Resource Management is designed to be practice-oriented and provide opportunities to develop the essential skills needed by human resource management practitioners. It builds on core human resource management theory and practice to examine the unique factors which organisations face, and is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

You'll be introduced to the key concepts and practices in HRM, the practical skills needed by HRM professionals, and the business context that HR contributes to. You'll also be given the opportunity to choose from a selection of specialist HR topics, followed by a consultancy case study where you'll have the opportunity to act as an HR consultant to fictional companies with realistic HR problems to solve.

CORE MODULES

- Strategic and Operational HRM
- Professional Skills for HRM
- The Business Context
- Employment Relations

CAREER PROSPECTS

Many career opportunities will be open to you, including roles such as HR specialists, business partners, development consultants, recruitment specialists, talent managers and management trainers. Our graduates have gone on to work with employers as diverse as central and local governments and multinational corporations.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1zx

MARKETING

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



Flexible pathways available

Study with one of the leading marketing research centres in the UK and gain a theoretical and practical understanding of marketing and its role within organisations. You will learn about current trends in areas such as brand identity creation, digital, multi-channel marketing and sport marketing.

The course is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), the world's largest professional marketing body, and provides credit toward the CIM Professional Diploma in Marketing. Upon successful completion, you will only need to complete two modules with CIM to gain the Diploma.

CORE MODULES

- Responsible Marketing Management
- Strategic Marketing Practice
- Marketing Communications and the Consumer
- Marketing Management Applications

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc in Marketing, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:

- MSc Marketing with Brand Management
- MSc Marketing with Retail

CAREER PROSPECTS

With strong links to industry and the opportunity to undertake a consultancy-style marketing project with an organisation as part of your studies, Stirling's marketing students have excellent career prospects. Our graduates have gone on to work with well-known brands and with organisations across the world.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1d



MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), C (Overseas)



The Stirling Master of Business Administration (MBA) prepares business professionals for senior leadership roles globally. If you are looking for a step up the career ladder, want to move in a new direction or have plans to start your own business, the Stirling MBA will provide the springboard. You will gain the personal resilience to respond to continually developing circumstances, the skills to build and lead a team, and the theoretical and practical knowledge to successfully manage the challenges of the modern business environment.

Our MBA places an emphasis on responsible leadership, sustainable strategy and how to effectively manage limited resources with maximum impact. You will also have an opportunity to undertake a three-month consultancy project.

CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Research Methods
- Leadership and Responsible Business
- Project Management
- Strategy and the International Environment
- Accounting and Finance
- Marketing Management
- Economics for Sustainable Business
- Managing the Human Resource
- Personal and Professional Development
- Strategy for Sustainable Success
- Research Methods
- Operations Management

CAREER PROSPECTS

By undertaking the prestigious Stirling MBA qualification, you have a route to securing a more senior management position and a higher salary. Our graduates have gone on to work in senior management in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1e



STRATEGIC SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)



Delivered by Stirling Management School, together with our Centre for Sustainable Practice and Living, this cutting-edge course provides you with the academic foundations and practical knowledge to lead organisations towards a more sustainable future. You will explore strategic sustainable management and its environmental, social and economic dimensions. Learning from real-life situations and examples provided by inspirational practitioners, your studies will focus on three key areas: sustainable business, strategic management and entrepreneurship to lead sustainable change. By the end of the course, you will have an in-depth understanding of sustainable management and its opportunities and challenges.

Our Masters course is endorsed by leading organisations in sustainability such as the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA). The University of Stirling is a member of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

CORE MODULES

- Evolution and Practice of Sustainable Business
- Leadership for Strategic Sustainable Futures
- Responsible Business in Society
- Personal and Professional Development
- Strategic Management
- Business Consulting Group Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

With sustainability professionals in high demand, you will have access to a wide range of opportunities in the private, public and non-governmental organisation sectors. Specific roles open to you include Manager of Sustainable Strategy, Sustainable Investments Analyst, Social Responsibility and Stakeholder Relations Manager and Environmental Manager. Many of our alumni have also started their own businesses.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1db

COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND CULTURE

Communications, Media and Culture, within the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, is internationally renowned, attracting visiting scholars and practitioners from across the world.

Its subject areas consistently draw high ratings for research and teaching and include: Strategic Public Relations; Media Management; International Journalism; Digital Media and Society; Television Content Development and Production; as well as Gender Studies.

Hear more from our
Communications, Media and
Culture expert on page 112

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Film
- Journalism and digital journalism
- Sport community and heritage
- Cultural archive research
- Feminist, gender and LGBTQ studies
- Media and civil society relationships
- Culture and heritage
- Media and communications
- Digital Media and Society

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

NEW FT PT

The world is changing rapidly as a result of digitalisation, globalisation, web connectivity and social media, making it an exciting time to study digital media. Our MSc course has a strong emphasis on understanding the contemporary environment of multi-platform content development and the potential of multi-channel networks and their consumption.

The course will equip you with the skills and experience to become a digital media expert, providing an ideal pathway to a successful digital career across a range of different sectors.

With this course, you'll gain transferable skills for a digital career, with the flexibility to choose your own learning pathway and learning goals. We have an excellent track record in understanding the needs of students and preparing them for careers where they can contribute to the transformation of the digital economy.

CORE MODULES

- Living in a Connected World
- Mass Media Research Methods
- Advanced Social Media Marketing

CAREER PROSPECTS

Digital competency in a range of fields is essential, both now and in the future. Our MSc Digital Media and Society takes an interdisciplinary approach to teaching the skills and knowledge needed for success in a multi-sectoral job environment. You'll graduate with an up-to-date knowledge of the fast-changing pace of digital technologies, media industries and the socio-economic underpinnings of global connectivity. This course creates global (and globally aware) citizens, many of whom originate from a variety of international backgrounds.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1ma

GENDER STUDIES (APPLIED)

MLitt, MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT PT

This interdisciplinary course provides you with the very best theoretical and practical skills in gender analysis and research. It has been developed by specialists who are passionately engaged with gender, feminist and queer issues.

Our Masters degree examines the history and context of the development of key feminist debates, exploring commonalities and differences in the ways they have played out in a range of contemporary, historical and global cultures. It delves into the ways in which academic debate informs, is shaped by, and is – at times – distanced from how gender ‘works’ in real-world contexts.

Housed in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, you will have access to events and speakers throughout the year. You will leave the course confident of your ability to apply classroom learning to real-world contexts.

CORE MODULES

For both MSc and MLitt:

- Understanding Gender Feminist Research
- Key Feminist Thinkers

For MSc:

- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters course combines in-depth knowledge of gender studies with the transferable skills in research and analysis that are indispensable in a range of public, private and third-sector organisations. The course can also serve as a launching pad for further postgraduate studies.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/ji

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

NEW FT PT

Our Masters course introduces students from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds to the theory and practice of journalism in a global context. The course is internationally focused and deals with the practice of journalism across different media, cultural and regulatory environments.

With a combination of practice and theory, the MSc International Journalism at Stirling stands out in the market. You can tailor your studies, choosing a practice-led or theory-led route depending on your interests and career ambitions.

The course is delivered by a team with a strong international profile, and builds on our existing strengths in teaching and research.

CORE MODULES

- International Journalism
- Journalism Practice 1
- Journalism Practice 2
- Research Methods
- Investigative Research Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

The course will prepare students for careers in journalism, photography and film-making, public relations, political communication, and publishing and will also give them transferable skills for a range of careers in other fields, including advertising, political analysis and humanitarian work.

The journalism sector is continually changing and journalists have to learn a number of new skills to remain relevant. The demand for people with new skills in IT and digital media, public relations, entrepreneurship, freelancing and communications is growing. The MSc International Journalism will prepare you for this rapidly transforming sector, and will also give you transferable skills for a range of other careers in the fields of entertainment, environment, human rights and migration.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1mb

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT (VIETNAM)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT PT

Our course gives you an exciting opportunity to study for your Masters in Vietnam while being enrolled at the University of Stirling. It is delivered in English by academics from the University, with teaching from Western-educated local media specialists and leading Vietnamese media practitioners.

You will gain a thorough grounding in communications management, including marketing, branding, internal and crisis management, media economics, and social media community management. You will improve your management skills as well as your analytical perspective on the communications and media industries.

CORE MODULES

Our programme includes modules such as:

- Business Intelligence and Management
- International Communications
- Global Media Industries
- Business Strategy and Applied Marketing
- Research Methods
- Strategic Public Relations

CAREER PROSPECTS

As a Media and Communications Management graduate, you will leave with a comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of the subject. Many former students are successful practitioners, entrepreneurs and executives in the media and communications industry, as well as other fields. They regularly return to share their professional experience with current students.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/j3

**1ST IN SCOTLAND,
TOP 5 IN THE UK
FOR JOURNALISM,
PUBLISHING AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The Guardian University Guide 2019

MEDIA MANAGEMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT

The first of its kind in the UK, our Masters course in Media Management offers excellent preparation for meeting the challenges posed by unprecedented changes and increased competition in the media industries. This course continually evolves to keep up with the rapidly changing media landscape.

Students will benefit from being taught by highly qualified, international-standard tutors, and will graduate with strong management skills and an analytical perspective on the media industry. You will also have an understanding of the evolving regulatory and policy environment in which the media operates. This course provides a theoretical and case-study-based foundation in media economics, finance and business strategy, with advanced study in contemporary media and cultural theories training in appropriate research methodologies.

CORE MODULES

- Global Creative Industries
- Mass Media Research Methods
- Media Regulation and Policy
- Digital Culture for Media Managers

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will leave this course with a range of practical skills and attributes that are widely sought after by employers. Our graduates are located throughout the world, successfully working in a variety of organisations and roles, both in media and in other fields.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1g

**1ST IN SCOTLAND,
TOP 15 IN
THE UK FOR
COMMUNICATIONS
AND MEDIA**

Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2019

MEDIA RESEARCH

MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT

The Stirling Masters in Media Research provides you with the skills needed to carry out advanced interdisciplinary research in the broad field of media and communications studies. Jointly taught by leading academics in media and social science research, you will gain both a theoretical and practical understanding of social science research methods, and how to apply these to the media and cultural industries.

Covering social sciences and humanities approaches, our interdisciplinary Masters will give you a solid, extensive training in advanced media research methods. You will be encouraged to explore your own research interests, gain real-world experience of research and develop your own approach to research throughout the course.

CORE MODULES

- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Media Research Methods 1
- Applied Methods
- Qualitative Data Analysis

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course is ideal preparation for those who want to go on to complete a PhD. It also offers an excellent grounding in social science methods, which are transferable to media research for industry, marketing and advertising research, and production research. Graduates have successfully developed careers as academic researchers and in a range of media-related careers.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1h

**1ST IN SCOTLAND,
TOP 10 IN
THE UK MEDIA
AND FILM STUDIES**

The Guardian University Guide 2019

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS (POMPEU FABRA, BARCELONA)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

Immerse yourself in a variety of cultures while you study with this interdisciplinary, advanced-level course delivered jointly by the University of Stirling and Pompeu Fabra University. You will benefit from an international perspective on strategic communication and public relations, while having the opportunity to study in both Stirling and Barcelona.

Taught entirely in English, the course offers a hands-on approach, while at the same time providing you with the theoretical foundations you need to practise public relations at a managerial level. Awarded with a CEI label (International Campus of Excellence) by the Spanish Ministry of Education, Pompeu Fabra is a modern university with prestigious international rankings.

Students can elect to have their dissertation supervised either by academics at the University of Stirling, or at Pompeu Fabra University.

CORE MODULES

AUTUMN (STIRLING)

- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Media Relations and Production
- Research for Dissertation/Research Design

SPRING (POMPEU FABRA)

- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research and Evaluation for Practice
- Public Affairs and Advocacy
- Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communication
- Public Relations and Digital Media

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course prepares you for an international career in public relations, strategic communication and related areas in consultancies, private sector companies, NGOs and international organisations, including the EU and the UN. Graduates may also stay in academia or go on to start their own companies.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/81

STRATEGIC PUBLIC RELATIONS (ONLINE)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

PT

Combine study with work or other personal commitments with our flexible online Masters. This course gives you a thorough understanding of the role of public relations in contemporary society, as well as developing key analytical, management and communication skills that are tested through a variety of academic assessments and practical exercises.

By the end of your studies, you will have the necessary skills to work at a managerial level in public relations. You will be able to analyse environments, issues, organisational cultures and relationships, as well as set objectives, and design and implement public relations strategies.

CORE MODULES

- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research for Dissertation
- Public Affairs and Advocacy

Plus, a choice of one of the following core modules:

- Public Relations and Digital Media
- Communication and Democracy
- Strategic Communications Research Placement

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters will suit those who want managerial careers in public relations, organisational communication, corporate communications and communication management. Our alumni are found around the globe, in public, private and voluntary sectors. Many graduates work in PR consultancy roles for companies around the world, or have started their own businesses. Others stay in academia, going on to gain PhDs and then work as lecturers, teaching and researching in universities.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/2c

STRATEGIC PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

During this course, you will design, implement and evaluate public relations campaigns – giving you the practical and analytical skills you need for a successful career in strategic communications. You will develop a critical appreciation of the role of public relations in society, as well as key analytical and professional skills. Students will gain a solid understanding of the theory behind public relations and have many opportunities to put this theory into practice.

We are continually updating the course in line with new advances, including how communication campaigns may successfully integrate digital media. Field trips and guest lectures offer the opportunity to discuss strategic communication issues with leading practitioners. These also give you networking opportunities and an understanding of current best practice. The course is recognised by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

CORE MODULES

- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research for Dissertation/Research Design

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of our Masters degree have successfully established careers in the public relations field, working for a wide range of organisations, spanning public, private and voluntary sectors, all around the world. Many work in public relations consultancies, and some have started their own businesses. Others have stayed in academia, and have successfully completed PhDs.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/2d



TELEVISION CONTENT DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

NEW FT

The first of its kind in Scotland, this MSc focuses on development and production of factual content for broadcast television. It has been developed with industry and is taught by experienced practitioners. Students will learn how to create great ideas and quality factual content, how the modern business of television works and how issues of editing and ethics affect programme-makers today.

Practice is at the heart of everything we do. Developed to mirror professional practice in the industry, teaching will include masterclasses, workshops and pitching ideas to industry professionals.

CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Television Development
- Access Documentary Development
- The Business of Television
- Access Documentary Production
- Television Industry Experience
- Dissertation/Creative Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters will suit students interested in a career in factual broadcasting. Many Stirling graduates now work for broadcasters and independent production companies, in editorial, production and technical roles.

For more information about this course, visit: stir.ac.uk/1mc

OUR CLOSE PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY OFFER EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING AND EXPERIENCE

COMPUTING AND DATA SCIENCE

Our team of academics investigate novel and effective approaches to dynamic and uncertain real-world problems in complex systems and environments. We explore the interdisciplinary connections between computer science, mathematics, life sciences, social sciences and management.

We work collaboratively with a number of organisations, including The Data Lab (Scotland's Data Science Innovation Centre, which supports students with funding, networking and routes to employment), and the Scottish Informatics and Computing Science Alliance (SICSA), to ensure our students have the best platform to succeed.

Skilled computing and data science graduates are highly sought after by the sector, with a 160 percent increase in UK labour market demand for big data skills expected between 2017 and 2020, according to a recent European Commission report.

Hear more from our Computing and Data Science expert on page 114

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Computational heuristics
- Computational neurosciences
- Neuroinformatics
- Artificial intelligence
- Clinical decisions support systems
- Speech and language processing
- Process algebra
- Computational intelligence and machine learning
- Data mining
- Cognitive computation
- Modelling and analysis of complex systems

BIG DATA

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

PT FT

Big data is increasingly important in today's commercial landscape. As a data scientist specialising in big data, you will help companies make sense of large amounts of structured and unstructured data, providing rapid insights that enable them to make better, quicker decisions. Our Masters course will equip you with practical skills in big data technology, advanced analytics, and industrial and scientific applications.

Stirling is a member of The Data Lab, an Innovation Centre that aims to develop the data science talent and skills required by industry in Scotland. It facilitates industry involvement and collaboration, and provides funding and resources for students. On this course, you will learn cutting-edge technologies, including Python, R, Hadoop, NoSQL and Machine Learning.

CORE MODULES

- Mathematics and Statistics for Big Data
- Big Databases
- Big Data Analytics
- Hadoop and MapReduce
- Heuristics for Big Problems
- Scientific and Commercial Applications
- Python Scripting
- Dissertation Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

Big data is a skill set that is in high demand. You will have opportunities with data-driven companies from a wide variety of sectors and command a salary that is typically higher than the IT average. The Stirling Masters has been developed in partnership with companies that employ data scientists and includes the possibility of an internship that will enable you to make industry connections that could benefit your future career.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/je

CLOSE LINKS WITH THE DATA LAB AND THE SCOTTISH INFORMATICS AND COMPUTING SCIENCE ALLIANCE (SICSA)

FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY (FINTECH)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT **PT**

Fintech is taking over the banking and finance industry. The way we handle money is changing and the industry is taking note – from international banks to back room start-ups. To do well in fintech, you need to understand technology, finance and business creation.

If you are looking to enter the fintech industry, our new MSc Financial Technology is the course for you, providing a solid foundation in computing technology, financial theory, ethical and regulatory constraints, and business skills.

Fintech combines the technology from big data and analytics, mobile computing and modern financial services. Some of the activity in the sector is being carried out by large, existing financial institutions, but the majority comes from small companies that are developing disruptive technologies.

CORE MODULES

- Principles and Practice of Programming
- Blockchain Technology
- Cyber Security
- Contemporary Issues in Banking
- Data Analytics
- Finance Apps and Open Banking

CAREER PROSPECTS

Fintech is a growth sector in its own right at the moment and there are opportunities across the career spectrum from new and exciting start-up companies to established banks and insurance companies. This course has been developed in partnership with global organisations specifically to provide the skills that employers in the fintech industry need. Companies such as HSBC, Sainsbury's Bank, JP Morgan and MBN helped us shape the course with employability firmly in mind.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1jm

MATHEMATICS AND DATA SCIENCE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT **PT**

The field of Data Science has seen rapid growth in recent years, with vast amounts of data now being generated by major companies and service providers. At the same time, it is recognised that there is a shortage of qualified analysts, particularly those with both mathematics and computational data analysis skills needed to meet the demands of industry.

This Masters course will provide you with a solid foundation in the mathematical analysis of data-driven systems and develop your computing skills so that you can apply the techniques on a large scale. You will learn through real-life applications, and hear from external speakers about how big data is used in industrial and scientific applications. Stirling is a member of The Data Lab, an Innovation Centre that aims to develop the data science talent and skills required by industry in Scotland. It facilitates industry involvement and collaboration, and provides funding and resources for students.

CORE MODULES

- Concurrent and Distributed Systems
- Statistics for Data Science
- Networks and Graph Theory
- Modelling in Financial and Medical Settings
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Stochastic Processes and Optimisation
- Data Analytics
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Dissertation Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

Data Science skills are in very high demand, and often command a salary that is higher than the sector average. Graduates typically go on to work in the financial sector - with many in Edinburgh or London - in logistics, engineering, industry and government bodies. The Stirling Data Science Masters courses have been developed in partnership with companies that employ data scientists, and include the possibility of an internship. This will enable you to make industry connections to benefit your future career.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1jn

**FOR DETAILS ON
OUR DATA SCIENCE
FOR BUSINESS
COURSE,
SEE PAGE 70**

EDUCATION

At the University of Stirling, we view education as having a vital role to play in developing a fair, inclusive, sustainable and flourishing society. Our education students go on to make significant differences to the lives of learners and their communities, including provision in early years, primary, secondary, tertiary and lifelong learning.

Based in the Faculty of Social Sciences, we have internationally recognised expertise in curriculum theory and practice, pedagogy, teacher education, language teaching and the development of practitioners. We are proud of the high-quality initial and in-service teacher education and career-long professional learning we provide.

We have a positive impact on global and local education communities through international research, consultancy and inter-professional networks.

Hear more from our TESOL expert on page 118

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer the following research postgraduate degrees:

Doctor of Education
PhD in TESOL Research
PhD (Education)

Research areas:

- Curriculum and pedagogy
- Language and learning
- Philosophy of education
- Citizenship, participation and rights
- Digitisation in learning and education
- Professional leadership
- Professional and inter-professional learning

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

EDUCATION STUDIES AND TESOL

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

If you already have some teaching experience or an education degree but want to learn more, this Masters course will be ideal for you. It combines a strong educational element with a focus on Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). The design of the course also makes it suitable for students who might want to teach subjects other than English.

You will graduate with a solid grounding in the principles of language learning and teaching, as well as an understanding of research methods in TESOL. As part of the course, you will visit local schools and learn about the pastoral role of teachers – particularly in relation to issues of difference, diversity and inclusion.

CORE MODULES

- The Nature of Educational Enquiry
- Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
- Difference and Diversity
- Research Methods in TESOL

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course would suit those who are planning to teach in a domestic or international school, or who may want to teach other subjects as well as English. The degree will also be relevant if you want to go on to study for a PhD or to work in teacher education or school management.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/10h

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION FOR HEADSHIP)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT

This Masters is a specialist practice-based course for aspiring and early-career school leaders. The course will help you to gain the knowledge and understanding required to articulate and enact informed strategic vision, values and aims in relation to leading change for improvement. Participants will develop and enhance their strategic leadership and management practices in a supportive, flexible, creative and challenging learning environment.

Prospective candidates for the Postgraduate Certificates Into Headship and In Headship must be sponsored by their local authority to apply for this Masters through the Education Scotland/Scottish College for Educational Leadership.

CORE MODULES

- Engaging Critically with Professional Practices
- Examining Professional Practices: Work-Based Learning
- Middle Leadership: Principles and Practices or Coaching and Mentoring: Principles and Practices
- Into Headship 1
- Into Headship 2
- In Headship 1
- In Headship 2

CAREER PROSPECTS

The Specialist Qualification for Headship is a nationally approved course developed in partnership with the Scottish College for Educational Leadership and other stakeholders across the education community. The PG Certificate Into Headship enables candidates to demonstrate the Standard for Headship and is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland. Into Headship will be a mandatory qualification for candidates applying for head teacher posts in Scotland from 2020. Graduates may also want to continue their studies through a PhD in Education.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/yc

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT PT

Stirling's innovative Masters course prepares you for a career in educational research, whether you plan to go on to a doctorate or take your research in other directions. Under the expert guidance of our team of leading academics, you will develop a broad range of research skills. You will learn to design and plan research projects and collect, analyse, interpret and report qualitative and quantitative data.

Students on this course graduate with a deeper understanding of the theoretical, ethical, political and comparative aspects of carrying out educational research. This course also covers digital methodologies, and you will be involved with cutting-edge research projects currently being carried out by education staff in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

CORE MODULES

- The Nature of Educational Enquiry
- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- The Nature of Social Enquiry
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Theory and Methods of Digital Social Research

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters course improves the career prospects of researchers in education, training and related subjects, and professionals who need to understand, use, and commission research in these fields. The MRes is a valuable preparation for doctoral research in education. The qualification is recognised by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as meeting its criteria for postgraduate research training, helping students learn core and transferable research skills and improving their future employability.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/jf



MANAGEMENT AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

Our Management and English Language Teaching course is for current and prospective English language teachers who also see themselves as potential managers of language teaching departments or schools. During this Masters course, you will learn the key knowledge and skills needed to be a professional teacher of English as a foreign language. In addition, you will develop the competencies to manage a multicultural working environment, through modules taught by the internationally renowned University of Stirling Management School.

Graduates with this unique combination of practical language teaching and professional management skills are highly sought after. You will graduate with the proven skills and training you need to successfully manage people and run a commercial language school or language teaching department in this flourishing international sector.

CORE MODULES

- Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
- Managing Across Cultures
- Applied Research Methods in ELT

CAREER PROSPECTS

This degree will particularly suit novice teachers who want a mix of training in English language teaching and management skills. It is also ideal for experienced teachers who plan to move into a management position. You may have a medium- to long-term plan to run a commercial language school or a language teaching department, or you could go on to study for a PhD.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/18m

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT Flexible pathways available

Stirling's Masters in Professional Education and Leadership draws upon current research to facilitate participants in developing a critical and enquiring approach to leading professional practice in the current policy context. The Professional Education and Leadership team in the Faculty of Social Sciences has worked in partnership with local authorities and other stakeholders over a number of years to develop this highly regarded professional education course, designed to impact directly on professional practices and pupils' learning experiences and outcomes.

The course offers opportunities for professional learning in a supportive, flexible, creative and challenging learning environment.

CORE MODULES

- Leading Critical Collaborative Professional Enquiry 1
- Leading Critical Collaborative Professional Enquiry 2

PATHWAYS

Students studying the MSc Professional Education and Leadership have the opportunity to select one of following pathways:

- Advanced Professional Practice
- Middle Leadership
- Curriculum
- Digital Social Trends and Professional Practices
- Coaching and Mentoring
- Promoting Equity

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters provides high-quality, career-long professional learning for those working in the education sector. It will develop and enhance knowledge, understanding and skills which support professional development. The course is designed in partnership with local authorities to make sure it is up to date and relevant for furthering your career and improving your prospects.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/20v

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT PT Flexible pathways available

This Masters will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the principles and practice of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Suitable for both novice and experienced teachers, this course will provide you with the knowledge and practical classroom skills needed to become a confident, critically reflective and enterprising teacher.

You will join a multinational network, and benefit from being taught by professionals who have experience of living and teaching all over the world.

CORE MODULES

- Methodology
- Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
- Research Methods in TESOL

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc TESOL, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:

- MSc TESOL (Applied Linguistics)
- MSc TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning)

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will leave the course with an advanced knowledge and understanding of the TESOL sector, enabling you to take on more responsibility in current or future roles overseas or in the UK. For more experienced teachers, the qualification has provided access to positions with the British Council or in the tertiary sector.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/vu

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL) ONLINE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT Flexible pathways available

Our online TESOL course is an advanced training and professional qualification for people who already work in any area of teaching English as a foreign or second language. You will leave with the knowledge and practical classroom skills to be a confident, critically reflective and enterprising teacher.

Delivered completely online, but with the option of attending modules on campus, this course is ideal for those who want to study while continuing to teach. Delivered by experienced professionals who have lived and taught around the globe, the course offers an excellent balance between theory and practice using a range of cutting-edge, innovative teaching methods.

CORE MODULES

- Methodology
- Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
- Discourse Analysis
- Grammar for TESOL
- Research Methods in TESOL

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc TESOL (online), or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:

- MSc TESOL (Corpus Linguistics)
- MSc TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning)

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will leave the course with an advanced knowledge and understanding of the TESOL sector, enabling you to take on more responsibility in current or future roles overseas or in the UK. As experienced teachers, the qualification provides access to a wider range of career opportunities and increases the opportunities for promotion to more senior roles.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/7x

TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION (IN-SERVICE)

PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT

This is the recognised teaching qualification for people who are already lecturing in further education – called In-Service. The course is based on the Professional Standards for Lecturers in Scotland's Colleges, and is fully accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

This course allows lecturers who already teach in a further education college, or similar environment, to complement their previous experience and qualifications with a post-graduate degree in teaching for the further education sector. You will develop your personal and professional abilities to help you adopt greater responsibility and leadership in your own work environment.

CORE MODULES

- Learner Identity and Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment

Plus, a choice of one of the following four core modules:

- Accreditation of Prior Professional Development Award
- Professional Experiential Learning
- Adult Education
- Professional Practice

CAREER PROSPECTS

As the recognised teaching qualification for employees within Scottish further education, the TQFE provides you with a highly relevant and marketable postgraduate qualification. It will help you to progress in your career either within employment or if you want to go on to further study.

For more information about the In-Service course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/yf



TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION (PRE-SERVICE)

PG Dip

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT

The Pre-Service TQFE course is the recognised qualification for people who want to go on to be a lecturer in Scottish further education (FE). The course is based on the Professional Standards for Lecturers in Scotland's Colleges, and is fully accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland. The course supports students in developing their capacity as professional educators so that they can make a positive contribution to the modern further education sector.

You will gain valuable work experience in one of our partner colleges across Scotland, and will enhance your understanding and professional practice within the FE sector.

CORE MODULES

- Link Practice
- Learner Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment 1
- Teaching and Assessment 2
- Professional Development

CAREER PROSPECTS

As the recognised teaching qualification for people who want a lecturing career in Scottish further education, the TQFE provides you with a highly relevant and marketable postgraduate qualification. Graduates are able to confidently seek employment as a further education lecturer. They could also go on to do further study.

For more information about the Pre-Service course, visit: stir.ac.uk/yg



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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Environmental Science students at the University of Stirling seek to understand the fundamental processes driving the evolution and maintenance of biodiversity – from how environments and ecosystems have changed over annual and millennial timescales, to predicting and mitigating the future impacts of anthropogenic change and natural hazards.

Staff at Stirling are involved with many international projects around the world, including in Malaysia, Botswana, Nigeria, Iceland, Norway, Greenland, Ukraine, Hungary and China.

Our research and impact positions us as leaders in the area of Environmental Protection and Biological Conservation. We are organised into two research groups:

- Ecology, Evolution and Conservation
- Environmental Systems, Change and Protection

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Conservation
- Plant ecology and biogeography
- Evolutionary ecology
- Environmental protection
- Environmental change
- Landscape history
- Biogeochemical cycling
- Terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems
- Environment, heritage and policy

EARTH AND PLANETARY OBSERVATION

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

NEW FT PT

This is the only MSc in the UK to combine Earth observation and space exploration. The course is a response to the growing investment in the space sector, and the increasing need by industry for trained individuals to exploit remote sensing tools. This course provides a thorough scientific grounding in remote sensing and professional training in geospatial technology and programming, with a unique focus on environmental applications and space exploration. Our course is highly relevant to the recruitment needs of employers and offers a range of career opportunities in the space sector with unique focus on environmental, heritage and resource management sectors.

We'll cover satellite, space, (un)manned airborne and remote sensing to give a core professional and academic training in GIS, data analytics, modelling and theoretical, field and lab skills.

CORE MODULES

- Fundamentals of remote sensing
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Applications in Earth Observation
- Geomatics
- Planetary exploration
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Upon completion of this course, you will be prepared to build a successful career in the fast-growing downstream space and technology-driven industries or work in environmental, heritage and resource management sectors including government regulators, local authorities, universities and space agencies. The course will allow you to get industry experience through modules including work-related assessments and guest speakers from public, private and third sector.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/2ax

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT **PT** Flexible pathways available

Our Masters degree provides a solid grounding in the scientific principles that underpin environmental management. We cover topics including ecological, economic, social, political and legal aspects of environmental management, and provide comprehensive training in quantitative, theoretical, analytical and practical skills.

Established more than 30 years ago, this course is now widely recognised as an international leader in training environmental managers. Students learn to address issues such as adaptation to climate change, conserving biodiversity and sustainable energy management. Students will also benefit from employability skills training, a residential field skills course and the chance to carry out a work-related dissertation.

CORE MODULES

Students choose three of these modules in the autumn:

- Analysis of Environmental Data
- Environmental Policy
- Environmental Economics
- Field Techniques

Students choose three of these modules in the spring:

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Geomatics
- Environmental Law
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- Environmental Impacts of Energy Production
- Tropical Ecology

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc Environmental Management, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:

- MSc Environmental Management (Conservation)
- MSc Environmental Management (Energy)
- MSc Environmental Management (Informatics)

CAREER PROSPECTS

The University of Stirling has an excellent record in graduate employability in the environmental sector. Our graduates work for organisations such as environment protection agencies, major conservation bodies, local authorities and independent environmental consultancies, many in senior positions.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/p

STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN A RESIDENTIAL FIELD TRIP, ALONG WITH A TWO-WEEK FIELD COURSE IN AFRICA

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

PT Flexible pathways available

Studying Health Sciences at Stirling means being a part of a team dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and the wider population. We pride ourselves on our research-led, practice-driven and people-focused ethos.

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport is committed to research that makes an impact on society and works closely with partners to ensure our research makes a difference in the world. Our taught postgraduate courses integrate academic learning, research and professional practice, and are designed to develop graduates with the employability skills required by their sector.

We are the premier research-intensive education and research provider for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals in Scotland, and have close links with industry, including NHS Forth Valley. The University of Stirling has also won at the Student Nursing Times Awards six times in the last seven years, including 'Educator of the Year' in 2018.

Hear more from our Health Sciences expert on page 120

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer the following research postgraduate degrees:

- Doctor of Nursing
- Doctor of Midwifery
- Doctor of Professional Health Studies

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

Research areas:

- Cancer care
- Dementia and social gerontology
- Enhancing self-care and self-management
- Epidemiology
- Occupational and environmental health
- Maternal and child health
- Social marketing
- Tobacco, alcohol and substance abuse
- Pregnancy and midwifery
- Nursing education and practice
- Health education
- Population health and public healthcare
- Allied health professions

The health and social needs of the population are changing globally. An ageing population coupled with changing patterns of ill-health and the use of health and social care services have strongly influenced the development of our Advancing Practice course. Working in partnership with clinical experts, patients, and health and social care providers, our course is designed for any health and social care professionals working in a clinical, education, management or research role who are keen to challenge their thinking, gain new skills and make a real difference to their practice.

Teaching at Stirling is practice-focused, with an emphasis on employability and transforming careers. We offer two pathways: Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice) and Advancing Practice. Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice) is designed for health professionals in the UK who are working towards an advanced practice role or who require advanced skills to meet the demands of their current role and whose work is primarily clinically focused.

The Advancing Practice pathway is especially designed for health professionals within and outside of the UK, who are keen to gain advanced knowledge and expertise in contemporary healthcare issues to lead and influence within their role. Each pathway can be studied part-time over two, three or four years and module choices tailored to your specific area of practice.

CORE MODULES

- Advanced Practitioner
- Methodologies for Project Work in Practice
- Advancing Practice Project (based in practice)

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc Advancing Practice, or opt to specialise in the following pathway:

- MSc Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice)

CAREER PROSPECTS

This flexible course aims to help nurses, allied health professionals and social care practitioners to develop their professional role, leadership skills and contribution to their own area of practice, whether clinical practice, management or education, or practice development.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/d3

EARLY YEARS PRACTICE HEALTH VISITING

MSc, PG Dip

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT **PT**

Delivered in collaboration with the NHS Board and local authority partners, this course provides nurses and midwives with an enhanced knowledge in health visiting practice. You will graduate with the required Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) qualification as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse-Health Visitor.

Led by a group of world-leading academics, the course integrates both academic and practice learning, giving you the opportunity to connect theory and practice knowledge. You will learn the skills you need to respond to the demands of contemporary public health practice in the community, and to improve the standard of care for children, young people and their families.

CORE MODULES

- GIRFEC – A Multi-Agency Approach to Practice
- Principles and Practice of Child and Family Health and Wellbeing
- Understanding Children and Young People's Experiences: Assessment and Decision Making
- Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People
- Contemporary Leadership in Early Years Practice
- Health Visiting in Practice
- Early Years in Health Care (Health Visiting): Action Research

CAREER PROSPECTS

Early Years Practice is an 'Approved Programme' of the Nursing and Midwifery Council. When you complete the course, you will be eligible for employment as a qualified Health Visitor or Specialist Community Public Health Nurse-Health Visitor.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/yd

HEALTH RESEARCH (ONLINE)

MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT **PT**

With fast-paced developments in medical sciences comes a need for research on new treatments, as well as research related to the organisation, delivery and experience of healthcare. This course has been specifically designed to develop the knowledge, skills and techniques necessary to conduct high-quality research. It will suit people from a range of backgrounds, including health and social care professionals or those with qualifications in social or behavioural sciences. This course is taught entirely online, so you can study wherever suits you.

You will carry out a research placement (either remotely or on campus) with world-class researchers working on live projects. You will leave the course with in-depth theoretical and practical healthcare research skills, taught by our team of experienced health professionals and social scientists.

CORE MODULES

- Skills for Knowledge Enquiry
- Qualitative Research and Analysis
- Quantitative Research and Analysis
- Research Ethics and Governance
- Study Design in Practice
- Research in Practice

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Health Research course suits students who want a variety of careers in health where research plays a core role. It will give you all the practical and theoretical skills and knowledge you need to progress as a researcher or to go on to pursue a PhD.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/v

GLOBAL ISSUES IN GERONTOLOGY AND AGEING (ONLINE)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT

How can more than a billion people age well across the world? Globally, the number of older persons is growing faster than the number of people in any other age group, putting pressure on all sectors of society. This course cuts across two key areas.

The process of ageing challenges students to consider how this happens across an individual's lifespan, not just in later years. Secondly, social gerontology takes a multidisciplinary approach that brings in cultural, psychosocial, cognitive and biological aspects.

This course considers experiences from around the world in a range of health, social care and policy contexts. Core modules have been developed for students who would like to specialise in this fast-growing sector. This enables critical awareness of strategies, supports and interventions that facilitate ageing well with complex multi-morbidities, frailty and dementia.

CORE MODULES

- Global Issues in Ageing Societies
- Health and Wellbeing of People with Dementia
- Multi-morbidity in the Older Person
- An Integrated Approach to Frailty
- Skills for Knowledge Enquiry
- Qualitative Research and Analysis OR Quantitative Research and Analysis
- Dissertation: systematic literature review related to ageing and/or social gerontology

CAREER PROSPECTS

This online course supports the development of expert knowledge in care of the older person. It helps prepare professionals in health, allied health, social care and not-for-profit sectors to deliver the specialist knowledge and skills required to support their practice. The course is ideal for graduates or experienced practitioners who want to make a difference in their practice and service delivery, alongside older people in a range of settings.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1da

PUBLIC HEALTH (ONLINE)

MPH, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT

We have specifically designed this course for students who have an interest in public health research, policy and practice. It will be relevant to those who are planning a future public health career, either in the UK or abroad.

This interdisciplinary course is online, which is ideal for those who want to gain a Masters qualification while working. The module choices are extremely flexible, which allows you to create a tailored programme that suits your own learning needs, interests and goals.

This online Master of Public Health course is ideal for those who have an interest in how we can improve public health using policy, practice and research. The online and part-time nature of the course will allow you to create a bespoke course that balances with your life and work commitments. You will graduate with an in-depth and unique insight into modern public health and will know how to apply this to your work.

CORE MODULES

- What is Public Health?
- Epidemiology and Its Numbers
- What is Public Health Research?
- Policy in the Real World

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will graduate with the relevant theoretical and practical skills needed for a career as a public health researcher, policymaker or practitioner across the public, private, voluntary, community and not-for-profit sectors.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1e3

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HISTORY AND POLITICS

History and Politics at Stirling is at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary research within the faculty and at the University. Since the University's foundation, it has produced internationally excellent and world-leading research.

Stirling's History and Politics students not only work alongside each other, but they share a number of common thematic interests that mark out our Division from others in the country. Our particular strengths are environmental history and heritage throughout all periods, Scottish history, contemporary history and politics, policy studies, public policy, and the study of conflict and cooperation in the past and in the present.

We are home to two interdisciplinary research centres: the Centre for Environment, Heritage and Policy; and the Centre for Policy, Conflict and Co-Operation Research. History and Politics academics at Stirling regularly appear in the media, work as advisers to government agencies in Scotland, the UK and abroad, and work together with the public and private sector to make our research relevant for civil society. Our highly successful Masters programmes in Public Policy, International Conflict and Co-Operation, and Environment, Heritage and Policy reflect this research agenda.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer the following research postgraduate degrees:

- MRes Historical Research

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

Research areas:

- Culture and heritage
- Nationalism
- Political history
- Medieval to modern Scottish history
- Peace history
- History of Spain and Portugal
- Post-1707 British and imperial history
- Colonial and early American history – interactions across the Atlantic
- Relationship between states and civil society
- History of religion and religious movements
- Historical research

ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND POLICY

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT | PT

Our interdisciplinary Masters course is ideal if you are already working in the heritage sector, or if you're looking for a career in this field. It offers a comprehensive balance between the practical and intellectual elements of heritage and policy.

The course explores cultural, natural, tangible and intangible heritage with a particular focus on environmental history. You will also develop strong practical skills, both in the field and in the classroom, and will carry out an individual research project. We have strong links with industry, so you will benefit from guest speakers who are experts in their field and external partners who offer opportunities for work-based projects.

CORE MODULES

- An Introduction to Environment and Heritage
- Project Skills
- Putting Theory into Practice

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course is designed to give you the advanced skills required for a career in the cultural and natural heritage sectors, particularly in resource management and curation, interpretation and presentation of heritage, promotion and marketing of heritage, and sustainable tourism. Typical careers include management roles within NGOs, National Park authorities, government agencies, and heritage-focused charities.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/cx

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

MRes, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT PT Flexible pathways available

This Masters provides research-oriented modules and allows specialisation in particular research areas. It will enable you to become a well-trained historian or go on to research at doctoral level.

The course will allow you to develop a substantial body of historical knowledge and understand how people have existed, acted and thought in the context of the past. You will additionally develop an appreciation of the complexity and diversity of historical contexts.

It is also possible to follow an Environmental History pathway and complete an MRes Historical Research: Environmental History.

CORE MODULES

- Historiography for Masters of Research
- Sources and Methods for Masters in Research
- Dissertation

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MRes Historical Research, or opt to specialise in the following pathway:

- MRes Historical Research: Environmental History

CAREER PROSPECTS

The MRes will also enhance continuing professional development, particularly in teaching, journalism, marketing, and heritage management through in-depth study of particular fields. By aiming to develop critical analytical skills and research techniques, the programme provides preparation for a wide variety of research-based careers in the public and private sectors.

For more information about this course, visit: stir.ac.uk/x

INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND COOPERATION

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

Delivered by our experienced practitioners and leading scholars, our Masters degree in International Conflict and Cooperation prepares students to address a variety of challenges facing states and international organisations today. This course looks at the dynamics of international conflict and cooperation in light of major events, such as the end of the Cold War, the 9/11 terror attacks and the Arab Spring.

We take a thematic approach to conflict resolution and the role of international organisations to focus on conflict prevention and management in specific geographical areas. The course also explores the development and regulation of conflict in relation to factors like natural resources and migration.

As part of the focus on employability, there is a study trip to Brussels or Geneva to allow students to interact with policymakers and potential employers.

CORE MODULES

- International Conflict and Cooperation Analysis
- International Organisations
- Approaches to International Politics
- Researching International Politics

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters is a gateway to employment in areas such as the diplomatic service, government agencies, political risk analysis, conflict resolution, the NGO sector and international organisations, as well as research and academia. Many graduates have also gone on to study PhDs.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/18

PUBLIC POLICY

MPP

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

Our Masters course gives you an advanced qualification in research and policy analysis, taught by world-leading experts in the field. You will develop the conceptual, analytical and practical skills you need to flourish in the policymaking world, preparing you for a career using research, such as in the public sector or vocations that contribute to the development or delivery of public policy.

The course is extremely flexible and you can tailor it to fit your particular interests. If you want to use the degree to pursue research, you can take optional modules in Applied Social Research. Alternatively, you could combine a focus on policy and research with options in areas like law, economics, behavioural science, social marketing, and energy, environmental and international politics.

CORE MODULES

- How Does the Policy Process Work?
- Policymaking: Theories, Approaches and Applications

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will graduate with subject-specific knowledge of the policy process as well as transferable skills in research and analysis. Previous graduates have entered government, the voluntary sector, and private companies offering research and policy analysis. The degree also equips you to study a PhD.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/jj

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LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

Law and Philosophy delivers high-level graduate teaching driven by internationally recognised world-class research.

Law offers two courses: Human Rights and Diplomacy and International Energy and Environmental Law. In the latter, graduates engage with key research themes in energy and environmental law and policy, with options from other fields which may include history, economics and environmental science.

The MSc Human Rights and Diplomacy is taught by top academics researchers alongside with experienced UN human rights and diplomacy practitioners.

Our collaborative Philosophy centre, in partnership with the University of St Andrews, combines the expertise of two highly ranked Scottish institutions to cover a number of key research pathways, including: Legal, Moral and Political Philosophy; Epistemology, Rationality and Normativity; History of Philosophy; and Philosophy of Mind and Metaphysics. This joint venture is Scotland's leading centre for graduate study in Philosophy and one of the highest-ranked and largest Philosophy schools in the UK, with an outstanding placement record for its graduates.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Private/commercial law
- Public law
- Competition law
- Intellectual property law
- Legal philosophy
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Energy law
- Environmental law
- Human rights

- Police and judicial cooperation in the EU
- Socio-legal aspects of policing
- Scottish criminal law
- Compliance (anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing and trafficking in human beings)
- Legal, moral and political philosophy
- Mind and knowledge – philosophy of cognitive science
- Philosophy of logic and language
- History of analytic philosophy

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIPLOMACY

LLM, MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

NEW FT

Study a unique Masters course in Human Rights and Diplomacy, taught in partnership with the lead training entity of the UN, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

You will learn about the practice and the theory of human rights law and politics, the UN human rights institutions, their history and their philosophical foundations. You will be taught by both top human rights researchers and will be given practical training from experienced UN personnel in negotiating, drafting documents, and learning how to make a difference.

Our Masters includes a study visit to Geneva for all students, to observe the Human Rights Council in session. Additionally, in the final three months of the course, you will have the opportunity to apply for a highly desirable internship or to pursue projects with human rights organisations or to tackle a traditional dissertation.

CORE MODULES

- Human Rights Practice
- Human Rights Theory
- Approaches to Human Rights
- Skills for the International Human Rights Institutions

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters course gives you a solid foundation to work either in the public and private sector – including the UN agencies, civil service, NGOs and business corporations – or to further academic research through a PhD building on the Master's.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/2cf



INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

LLM

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

The regulation of energy and environment is one of the most hotly debated topics of the moment. Accordingly the aim of the programme is to provide a rigorous and intellectually challenging multi-disciplinary education at an advanced level in current issues relating to the environment with particular emphasis on the energy sector and the current and future challenges being faced by society and this sector. The programme will prepare you for, or enhance, a career in this area.

The multi-disciplinary programme is designed to enable both law and non-law graduates to become well trained and equip them with skills that will aid with the future regulation of the energy and environment Sectors or to further your research interests in this area.

CORE MODULES

- International Law and Sustainable Development
- Energy Law and Policy
- Environmental Law
- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities (LLM)

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates will be well placed to take up careers in legal firms, the energy industry, regulatory bodies and international organisations.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/7w

PHILOSOPHY

MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT Flexible pathways available

Our Masters course provides you with an excellent postgraduate foundation in Philosophy. You can use it to pursue further philosophical research at doctoral level, or a stand-alone Masters. You will graduate with a solid general understanding of philosophy and skills which will act as a basis for sound philosophical research. We offer modules in four fundamental areas of philosophy: logic and metaphysics, moral and political philosophy, epistemology and mind, and history of philosophy.

This course is a collaboration between the University of Stirling and the University of St Andrews, which together form Scotland's premier centre for Philosophy and one of the top institutions in the UK. The modules are jointly taught by the Philosophy departments of both universities, and the course is currently administered by the University of St Andrews.

CORE MODULES

- Current Issues in Philosophy I (first semester)
- Current Issues in Philosophy II (second semester)
- Research Methods

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MLitt in Philosophy, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:

- MLitt in Epistemology, Mind and Language
- MLitt in History of Philosophy
- MLitt in Logic and Metaphysics
- MLitt in Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course also prepares you for a wide range of careers in public policy, public administration and governance. Many of our graduates have gone on to study Philosophy at PhD level, and a large number of graduates have secured permanent university teaching positions.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/11t

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25 IN THE WORLD
FOR PHILOSOPHY

Philosophical Gourmet Report,
Leiter Report 2017/18

LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES

Literature and Languages at Stirling encompasses teaching and research across a wide range of courses, including: Creative Writing; English Language and Linguistics; Publishing Studies; Scottish Literature; Humanities; Translation and Conference Interpreting; and The Gothic Imagination.

As a student within the literature and languages cohort, you will have access to a vibrant, transdisciplinary team of academics whose research-led curriculum focuses on a spectrum of topics, from Book History and Creative Writing, to Religion and Scottish Studies.

Our staff also give us important links to other sectors and practitioners in Scotland and further afield. For example, Publishing Studies staff provide links with the publishing industry, while academics within Creative Writing regularly invite established and renowned writers to give workshops and readings on campus.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer the following research postgraduate degrees:

- MRes Humanities
- MRes Publishing Studies

Research specialisms include:

- Translation and interpreting
- Creative writing
- Literature and religion
- Hermeneutics
- Modern literature
- Book history
- Scottish studies
- Language and linguistics
- Global cinema
- Gothic studies
- Publishing studies

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

CREATIVE WRITING

MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT **PT**

During this creative, stimulating year, you will learn to produce fine, nuanced writing and a body of work in either poetry, fiction or creative non-fiction. Our Masters course combines intensive writers' workshops, technique-focused option modules and one-to-one tuition by distinguished writers, along with fascinating and useful visits from authors, agents and publishers.

The course is designed to develop the talents of creative individuals. It allows you to focus deeply on a project while engaging with a range of genres and working practices that draw upon Stirling's rich expertise in contemporary literature, publishing, film, media and journalism. You will also develop skills in listening, critiquing and editing.

CORE MODULES

- Writers' Workshop A
- Writers' Workshop B
- Writers' Workshop C
- The Writing Life
- Research Skills for Writers

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates find a place for their creativity in many areas, including teaching, broadcasting, librarianship, publishing and community work. Many choose to become self-employed as writers and tutors. Some develop their interest further by studying for a PhD.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/g

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT PT

Our Masters course gives you an excellent opportunity to study the intricate workings of language and explore its central role in society. With the guidance of expert staff, you will explore how language works, how people use it, what people use it for, where it came from and how it changes.

You will learn to carry out independent research and engage with other researchers by writing, debating and delivering oral and written presentations. The course provides a grounding in methods and skills useful to a range of careers. You will graduate with a knowledge of contemporary linguistic theories and their application in a wider cultural context, including both generative and cognitive approaches to linguistic description.

CORE MODULES

- Linguistic Structures
- Linguistic Contexts
- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters provides you with a solid grounding for a wide range of positions. Many of our graduates go on to careers in areas such as teaching, private and public sector management and research, marketing and advertising, government administration, journalism, banking and finance, while others have gone into specialist areas like linguistic consultancy and speech therapy.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/cg

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The Complete University Guide 2018

HUMANITIES

MRes, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

NEW FT PT

Whether your aim is to go on to do a doctorate or to undertake research for personal or career development, this Masters offers an academically rigorous research preparation focused on your interests. It is particularly suited to interdisciplinary research, and is available across a broad range of arts and humanities disciplines.

You will develop critical transferable skills, including textual analysis, theory, methodologies of empirical research, close reading and deconstruction of discourses, and the expression of your ideas in lucid writing and argumentation. The course will culminate with a 20,000 to 25,000 word dissertation, designed collaboratively by you and your supervisor(s).

The skills you will learn on this course will allow you to continue on to doctoral research or are easily transferable to a wide range of employment in the media and the arts, public sector, voluntary sector, civil service, teaching, non-governmental organisations, in international relations, and in publishing.

CORE MODULES

- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities 1
- Research Preparation
- Dissertation Preparation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Students emerge highly qualified for employment in manifold areas, including the public sector, the voluntary sector, the civil service, the foreign office, non-governmental organisations, international relations, primary and secondary teaching, journalism and publishing, the media, the arts, and in many other professional fields and positions well-suited to the training and knowledge gained in the programme.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1oi

PUBLISHING STUDIES

MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT PT

The Stirling Centre for International Publishing and Communication has a global reputation for its postgraduate degrees in publishing, its research activities and its industry links. Our Masters covers all forms of publishing, including book, magazine, journal and digital publishing. You will learn about the whole process of planning, editing, production, marketing and publication management in print and digital environments.

We update the content every year to reflect the rapid changes that transform the industry, so students will leave with cutting-edge skills and knowledge of current publishing industry practice and standards. All staff in the Stirling Centre for International Publishing and Communication have a background working in the industry, and extensive contacts within publishing.

CORE MODULES

- Publishing Dynamics
- Editorial Practice and Content Creation
- Publishing Project
- Marketing Management and Communications
- Skills Training for Publishing

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters course is designed to lead directly into publishing and publishing-related careers, providing the required skills, knowledge and networks to succeed. The course offers excellent employability prospects and we have over 30 years of graduates now working in publishing - and related industries - across the world.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/22

PUBLISHING STUDIES

MRes, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT PT

Our research-focused Masters course in Publishing Studies encourages an analytical and research-driven approach to publishing. Stirling is a well-established deliverer of postgraduate degrees in this field, and is known for its strong research activity and industry links. Students can choose to specialise in either contemporary publishing issues and trends or the history of the book and print culture.

Our academics have a strong research profile and background working in the industry, and extensive contacts within publishing. Students will have the chance to attend regular lectures by visiting speakers and industry events such as the Publishing Scotland conference and the London Book Fair.

CORE MODULES

- Portfolio of Work
- Skills Training for Publishing

CAREER PROSPECTS

This research-focused Masters course can be used to advance existing publishing careers or for students to pursue further study at PhD level. The course offers excellent employability prospects and we have over 30 years of graduates now working in publishing - and related industries - across the world.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/23

SCOTTISH LITERATURE

MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT Flexible pathways available

With debate continuing over Scotland's political status, this course examines the role of literature in shaping the image and reality of the nation. You will learn to view Scottish writing in the light of this ambiguity, from a perspective shaped by critical theory as well as traditional literary history.

Stirling's postgraduate degree in Scottish Literature focuses on the strong role played by literature in sustaining the reality and difference of Scottish culture over the past three centuries. Ranging across four centuries of the Scottish literary imagination, this course explores key figures, texts and debates from the period of Regal Union (1603) to the present, often placing literary writing at the heart of cultural and political debate. Students do not need to have any previous experience in studying Scottish literature.

CORE MODULES

- Regal Union to Empire
- Scottish Renaissance
- Romantic/Modernist Engagements
- Training for Masters in Arts and Humanities

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MLitt Scottish Literature, or opt to specialise in the following pathway:

- MLitt Scottish Literature (Creative Writing)

CAREER PROSPECTS

Advanced education in the arts, the practical experience of research and producing a dissertation are significant transferable skills for many careers in business and the professions. Our graduates have gone on to a variety of roles in recent years, including research, teaching, journalism and editing. Many others have gone on to study a PhD.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1e2

THE GOTHIC IMAGINATION

MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

Ours is one of the few Masters courses worldwide that is devoted exclusively to the academic study of the dynamic and ever-expanding field of the Gothic. The course gives you the unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the scholarly appreciation of the Gothic, and you will explore an intensive historical survey of its literary origins and developments. You will also chart the dispersal of the Gothic imagination across a broad range of media and national contexts.

You will learn the theoretical vocabulary needed to address and critically reflect upon the Gothic as a complex and multifaceted cultural phenomenon. You will also graduate with many invaluable transferable skills, including critical thinking, theoretical conceptualisation, historical periodisation and independent research.

CORE MODULES

- Gothic Studies
- Monsters, Theory and Culture
- Modernity and Gothic
- New Directions in Gothic

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters equips you with many skills and abilities that are sought after by employers across the private and public sectors. Many previous graduates of the course have gone on to study a PhD, and our graduates have pursued successful careers in such fields as teaching, publishing, research, academia, advertising, journalism and the film industry.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/2m

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PUBLISHING AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Guardian University Guide 2019

TRANSLATION AND CONFERENCE INTERPRETING

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

NEW FT PT

Our professionally orientated MSc opens the door to exciting career opportunities by providing advanced training in translation and conference interpreting – two professional areas that are highly in demand by public bodies and private businesses alike.

You will be able to work either from two languages into English or between English and another language both ways. The languages on offer are Chinese, French, German and Spanish. Others will be subject to sufficient demand.

In addition to extensive practice in both core activities, using industry-standard facilities and software, it will provide a grounding on the state of the art in the discipline, which will combine current debates and professional skills. The inclusion of an optional module will also afford you the opportunity to acquire subject specific knowledge in areas such as linguistics, policy making, international journalism and applied skills for teaching and research.

CORE MODULES

- Subject Knowledge and Professional Skills
- Translation Workshop 1
- Conference Interpreting Practice 1
- Translation Workshop 2
- Conference Interpreting Practice 2

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our MSc has a strong focus on employability. It is a fantastic gateway into a career in translation and conference interpreting. The transferable skills that you will develop will set you apart from the crowd. The professional options that will be open to you include: Translator, Translation Project Manager, Interpreter, Editor and Localiser.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/fj

TRANSLATION STUDIES WITH TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT PT

Available in four languages paired with English: Chinese, French, German and Spanish (one of which must be your native language or you must have a near-native competence or hold a degree in one of these languages).

Our Masters course has a strong focus on practical translation and specific situations in which people communicate with one another across cultures. You will also benefit from a sustained focus on contemporary theory and practice in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Stirling's course is one of only a small number in the UK offering this combination.

In the Translation part of the course, you will carry out extensive practical translation work and have considerable flexibility in choosing the areas of translation you wish to specialise in. In the TESOL part of the course, you will focus on TESOL methodologies, and develop your teaching practice through classroom observation and peer assessment of your lesson planning and teaching.

CORE MODULES

- Subject Knowledge and Professional Skills
- Translation Workshop 1
- TESOL Methodology
- Translation Workshop 2
- Microteaching

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course opens up a range of opportunities across diverse sectors where linguistic fluency and language teaching are key. It provides a fantastic gateway into a career in translation, and also prepares you for a career in teaching English to speakers of other languages, in the UK or beyond.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/7u

Hear more from our TESOL expert on page 118

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH (INTO)

Tuition fee bands: Visit stir.ac.uk/18q

Three study options available

Working in partnership with INTO, the University offers a wide range of academic programmes and English language courses designed specifically for international students.

We will help you to develop the academic study skills and the English language skills you need to take the next step in your career. The Pre-sessional English programmes are short and intensive, and led by expertly trained staff on our Stirling campus.

The courses are useful for students who are already academically qualified, but need to improve their English skills before starting postgraduate study. By completing a course suited to your requirements, you will fulfil the English language condition of your offer, allowing you to progress to your degree.

COURSES ON OFFER

INTO University of Stirling offers the following courses on campus:

- **12-week Pre-sessional English (June – August):** designed to improve your IELTS score by 1.0 in one or more skills.
- **6-week Pre-sessional English (July – August):** designed to improve your IELTS score by 0.5 in one or more skills.
- **3-week Pre-sessional English (August):** suited to students who already hold an unconditional offer at Stirling, and would like to improve their English language skills.

For more information about fees and how to register, visit: stir.ac.uk/18q

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology at Stirling brings together complementary perspectives to address fundamental psychological questions, with activities falling under three main themes. Each explores a number of different research populations to improve our understanding of behaviour, welfare, communication and cognition.

Our three research groups are:

- Behaviour and Evolution
- Centre for Health and Behaviour Change
- Cognition in Complex Environments

Psychology students at Stirling aim to understand mind and behaviour in rich, complex, real-world physical and social environments. Our teaching is research-led, and we have key societal impact in areas such as improving face recognition, welfare of captive animals, and human health and wellbeing.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer the following research postgraduate degrees:

- Doctor of Health Psychology
- Professional Doctorate Health Psychology

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Animal behaviour
- Animal intelligence
- Animal social learning
- Cognitive and behavioural neuroscience
- Mobile cognition
- Developmental psychology
- Health psychology
- Evolutionary psychology
- Face research
- Evolution of perception and behaviour
- Social psychology
- Human–animal interactions

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT | PT

If you are looking to become a Health Psychologist, this course is for you. Our Masters degree meets the British Psychological Society's requirements for Stage 1 training in Health Psychology, giving you the skills you need for professional training (Stage 2) to become a registered Health Psychologist. Students will learn to use their knowledge of psychology to promote general wellbeing and understand physical illness. This course is also designed to equip students with the skills to help people deal with the psychological and emotional aspects of health and illness, as well as supporting people who are chronically ill.

Health Psychologists promote healthier lifestyles and try to find ways to encourage people to improve their health; they also aim to improve the healthcare system as a whole – for example, helping people to lose weight or stop smoking, or advising doctors on better ways to communicate with their patients.

CORE MODULES

- Perspectives in Health Psychology
- Applications of Health Psychology: Communication, Systems and Context
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Individual, Social and Cultural Differences
- Approaches to Illness, Disability and Coping
- Research Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters provides you with the first stage of professional training towards becoming a registered Health Psychologist. Students intending to go on to become fully registered Health Psychologists can then go on to complete further stage 2 training. There are other opportunities for students who complete our MSc in many areas, for example in research, health education or health promotion, or in community-based health improvement projects.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/u



HUMAN ANIMAL INTERACTION

MA, MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

This course will introduce you to interdisciplinary approaches and a diverse range of methods used to research our relationships with other species. It introduces you to a broad range of topics, and looks at human–animal interactions across a wide range of contexts – from pet-owning to animal-assisted interventions, zoos, farms and conservation.

You will undertake a placement and produce a research project to gain direct experience tailored to your individual career goals. You will learn from our noted experts in the human–animal interaction field, with specialisms including conservation, animal-assisted therapy, and the study of animal behaviour and animal welfare.

CORE MODULES

- Human Animal Interaction
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement (four weeks)
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

The course is designed for those going on to do further research in the field of human–animal interaction. It would also suit those who want to pursue careers where it would be useful to understand the theoretical and practical aspects of this field.

Psychology hosts Paws for Progress, the Dog Training Rehabilitation Programme which offers vocational, educational and therapeutic benefits to the human participants, improving their future outcomes. We provide a range of networking opportunities that will enable students to interact with a range of industry professionals and research scientists.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/sb

PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY IN PRIMARY CARE

MSc

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT

Our Masters course provides expert training in delivering evidence-based psychological therapies to adults in primary care. Delivered jointly by the University of Stirling and the University of Dundee, it is designed by NHS professionals and clinical academics to give graduates the clinical and professional skills needed to work as a Clinical Associate in Applied Psychology within the NHS.

The course will develop your knowledge of the prevalence, diagnostic criteria, presentation and treatment of common mental health disorders within a cognitive behavioural framework. You will develop the abilities to meet a range of performance targets safely, while responding constructively to clinical supervision in line with professional and ethical guidelines.

CORE MODULES

- Assessment, Diagnosis and Formulation
- Professional and Ethical Issues
- Research Project
- Principles and Methods of Psychological Therapy
- Problem-specific CBT for Common Mental Health Disorders
- Research, Evaluation and Outcome

CAREER PROSPECTS

This is a professional training course designed to give you both the clinical and professional skills to work competently in a modern NHS environment as a Clinical Associate in Applied Psychology (CAAP). Recent graduates have also gone on to work in other clinically related posts in both the private sector and public sector across the UK.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1x



PSYCHOLOGY (CONVERSION COURSE)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

This is an intensive Masters course covering the basics of psychology, designed for students who already have a degree in another subject but want to ‘convert’ to Psychology. You will learn the key concepts and core knowledge of psychology, and also develop your research skills with the specifically designed research methods modules. The course includes a one-month placement to broaden your practical experience in psychology.

You will carry out a three-month independent empirical research project supervised one-to-one by a leading academic specialist. After completing the course, you will be able to apply for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society on a graduate basis. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

CORE MODULES

- Core Psychology 1
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Practical Placement (four weeks)
- Core Psychology 2
- Psychology (Conversion) Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of this course are well placed for careers in clinical and health psychology, educational psychology and teaching, and human resources management and personnel. The skills you gain are also readily transferable to other careers, as you will leave able to analyse complex forms of data and communicate ideas clearly to others, and with a good understanding of human behaviour.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/wo



PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS GENERAL

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT **PT** Flexible pathways available

The Psychological Research Methods (General) course provides broad training in the fundamentals of psychological science – the modern approach to studying mind and behaviour. This course combines training in psychological theory with practical skills development, and provides a thorough introduction to quantitative and qualitative research, the analysis and interpretation of data, and a critical, sceptical approach to psychological science.

The unique feature of the General pathway is flexibility – you will be free to investigate a wide array of topics across the discipline. This aims to encourage an understanding of different methods and perspectives within the field of Psychology.

Opportunities for practical hands-on skills development are built in, ranging from low-tech observational assessment to high-tech eye-tracking.

CORE MODULES

- Psychological Research Methods (General)
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

PATHWAYS

The following specialist pathways are also available:

- Autism Research
- Bilingualism Research
- Child Development
- Cognition and Neuropsychology
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Perception and Action
- Psychology of Faces

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course is designed as a springboard for a career in psychological research and is ideal if you want to pursue a PhD in psychology. Graduates are well placed for careers in clinical and health psychology, educational psychology and teaching, human resource management and personnel. You will meet the growing sector demand for a good understanding of human behaviour, the ability to interpret and analyse complex forms of data and communicate your ideas clearly with others.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1s

The following seven courses are specialist Psychological Research Methods pathways:

- **AUTISM RESEARCH**
- **BILINGUALISM RESEARCH**
- **CHILD DEVELOPMENT**
- **COGNITION AND NEUROPSYCHOLOGY**
- **EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY**
- **PERCEPTION AND ACTION**
- **PSYCHOLOGY OF FACES**

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS AUTISM RESEARCH

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT **PT**

Autism is a developmental disorder diagnosed on the basis of social–communication impairments, fixated interests and repetitive behaviours. Research in autism spectrum disorders is important, not just to understand the causes and symptoms of autism, but to make sure that individuals with autism receive the best possible support.

This MSc Autism Research is a unique course designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the autism spectrum. While studying on the course, students will learn about key areas of theory and research in autism, from classification and diagnosis, to socio-cognitive and developmental theories.

Our innovative approach combines training and teaching in psychological research methods with hands-on experience during a practical placement in an autism-relevant context, and the opportunity to engage in an autism-based research project.

CORE MODULES

- Autism Research
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

The Autism Research pathway is designed for those going on to do further research in autism, or as the foundation for a career as an autism professional. The structure of the course includes both a placement and a research project, allowing you to develop relevant skills for both research and applied careers. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for a +3 studentship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/c2

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS BILINGUALISM RESEARCH

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

The MSc Bilingualism Research gives students a thorough understanding of personal and societal consequences of speaking more than one language throughout the life span. For example, we will look at the consequences of learning two languages at the same time in early childhood, how languages are represented in the brain and kept separate during conversation, and how lifelong bilingualism can influence the onset of dementia. The core module addresses theoretical and practical issues of the different domains of bilingualism in interactive seminars, which will bring students up to date with the latest in bilingualism research. Students will also gain the confidence to verbalise arguments for and against opinions and experimental findings, and to design an experiment that will address a relevant research question on bilingualism.

The course is designed for students who already have an honours degree in psychology, linguistics or a closely related subject, the Bilingualism Research pathway provides solid research training for students interested in pursuing a PhD in cognitive neuroscience.

Students are based in a dedicated MSc office, or within an appropriate research group, and allocated a peer mentor. Our aim is that will encourage you to make the transition to become a fully independent research scientist.

CORE MODULES

- Current Issues in Bilingualism
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

The course will provide solid research training for those students interested in pursuing a PhD in cognitive (neuro)science at a later stage, and students who complete this MSc may be eligible to apply for an ESRC +3 studentship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/1de

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS CHILD DEVELOPMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

This MSc is taught by our expert team of psychologists specialising in early childhood development. The course covers a range of topics from social and cognitive development, to autism and other atypical developmental issues.

Teaching is grounded in practice with input from social psychologists, health psychologists, neuropsychologists and primatologists. As well as a month-long research placement, you will also benefit from hands-on learning through our in-house playgroup, which is integral to teaching and research on the MSc.

CORE MODULES

- Child Development
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course is designed for those going on to do further research in developmental psychology and careers where a knowledge of developmental research is beneficial. The research placement enables you to gain direct experience tailored to your career aspirations and the dissertation allows extensive research into a chosen aspect of child development. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for a +3 studentship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/c0

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Research Excellence Framework 2014

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS COGNITION AND NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

The Psychological Research Methods (Cognition and Neuropsychology) course provides broad training in the fundamentals of psychological science. The course combines training in psychological theory with practical skills development, alongside a thorough introduction to quantitative and qualitative research, the analysis and interpretation of data, and a critical, sceptical approach to psychological science.

Opportunities for practical hands-on skills development are built in, ranging from low-tech observational assessment to high-tech eye-tracking, and including training on giving oral presentations. A self-reflective approach to personal development is encouraged, and students on this course are an integral part of Stirling Psychology's research community.

CORE MODULES

- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Cognition and Neuropsychology
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Studying Cognition and Neuropsychology is a springboard for a career in psychological research and is ideal for students wishing to pursue a PhD in psychology. Graduates are well placed for careers in clinical and health psychology, educational psychology and teaching, and human resource management and personnel.

The skills gained are also readily transferable to other careers. All students will have a good understanding of human behaviour, and will be able to interpret and analyse complex forms of data, and communicate ideas clearly to others. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for a +3 studentship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/1dp

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

Our Evolutionary Psychology pathway is the ideal preparation for a research career, enabling you to progress to a PhD in the areas of evolutionary psychology, comparative cognition or animal behaviour. If you are already working in this field, this Masters can also be valuable for continuing your professional development.

You will benefit from the expertise of our leading researchers in evolutionary psychology, who have particular interests in cultural evolution and language, social learning and mate choice. Students will also be able to take advantage of our on-site and overseas labs, field sites and close industry links. For example, the University works closely with the Living Links to Human Evolution Research Centre at Edinburgh Zoo.

CORE MODULES

- Evolutionary Psychology
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

The Evolutionary Psychology pathway will prepare you for a research career in evolutionary approaches to behaviour, especially those intending to proceed to a PhD. You will become an integral member of our lively and active research group and will be supported in making the complex transition towards being an independent research scientist. The placement opportunity also allows considerable scope for those interested in more applied areas to develop relevant skills for these careers. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for a +3 studentship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/1u

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS PERCEPTION AND ACTION

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

We continually make decisions and perform actions that are driven by our sensory experience. This perception of the world is not just sensory information, but an interpretation based on what our brain expects – as well as what it is being told by our sense organs. These perceptual processes interact in complex ways to support our behaviours and enable our actions.

This Masters provides broad training in psychological methods and will equip you with an understanding of perceptual experience, and the basic framework for measuring perceptually guided actions in a bias-free manner. You will also acquire practical experience in making measurements of perception and action through a research project and the opportunity to conduct a placement in a laboratory context.

CORE MODULES

- Advances in Perception and Action
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course prepares you for a research career involving perception in action and is ideal if you intend to study for a PhD in Psychology. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for a +3 studentship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/1w

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS PSYCHOLOGY OF FACES

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

The University of Stirling has a long history of expertise in face research. Our internationally renowned team of experts study almost all aspects of face perception, including low-level visual-processing, adaptation, gaze perception, social perception such as mate preference and attractiveness, mechanisms of recognition, and forensic aspects such as unfamiliar face-matching and eye-witness recovery of memories for faces.

This research has led to EvoFIT, a unique system for constructing facial composites of offenders by witnesses and victims of crime, which has a suspect identification rate ten times higher than traditional methods used by police. You will become part of this vibrant research community as you study the key research methods related to face research and will put your learning into practice during a month-long placement.

CORE MODULES

- Psychology of Faces
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course provides advanced training for a career involving face research. It is intended primarily for students with a degree in Psychology or an allied discipline, who intend to proceed to a PhD in this field. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for a +3 studentship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/1n1

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SOCIAL SCIENCES

APPLIED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT Flexible pathways available

Designed for those who are already qualified in social work or an allied profession, our Applied Professional Studies course enables you to undertake additional, part-time professional study.

At Stirling, we are at the forefront of contemporary practice and thinking. Our qualifications are recognised by organisations such as the Scottish Social Services Council and designed to reflect learning needs in the workforce.

CORE MODULES

- Adult Services, Support and Protection
- Advanced Practice Skills
- Child Welfare and Protection
- Management and Leadership in Social Sciences
- Social Work Practice Education
- Leading in Partnership and Collaboration
- Leading Change, Innovation and Improvement
- Working With Risk and Uncertainty

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc Applied Professional Studies, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:

- Adult Services, Support and Protection
- Advanced Practice Skills
- Child Welfare and Protection
- Management and Leadership in Social Services
- Social Work Practice Education

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our post-qualifying courses are recognised nationally and internationally as benchmarks of professional learning and development. We build on your existing skills and experience and you will graduate with enhanced competence and confidence in practice. A post-qualifying award from Stirling is a valuable asset on a professional CV.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/x2

The Faculty of Social Sciences is a large interdisciplinary unit, combining teaching and research interests in a number of disciplines, including: Applied Social Research; Dementia; Education; Housing Studies; Social Enterprise; and Social Work.

We offer an established, research-led suite of taught postgraduate courses, including our ESRC-recognised courses in Social Research and our externally accredited professional courses in Housing Studies and Social Work Studies. Each course is designed to equip our students with the practical and transferable knowledge necessary to meet the complex demands of professional practice.

Students will also benefit from partnerships with a number of research centres and networks, including The Centre for Child Wellbeing and Protection (CCWP); the Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC); the Salvation Army Centre for Addiction Services and Research; and the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer the following research postgraduate degree:

- Doctor of Applied Social Research

Research areas:

- Social work
- Child wellbeing and protection
- Crime and criminal justice
- Social statistics
- Public service governance, leadership and reform
- Citizenship, social participation
- Gender and social policy
- Equality and diversity
- Dementia, ageing and gerontology
- Addiction and recovery
- Housing, home and community
- Sociology and social policy

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: **stir.ac.uk/9a**

APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT **PT**

This Masters course provides you with the skills and knowledge you need to carry out robust social research and evaluation. You will learn how to collect, analyse and report qualitative and quantitative data, taking account of ethics, reliability and validity. You will critically examine the theoretical foundations that underpin social scientific research and explore issues with social network research. Finally, you will develop an understanding of the relationship between research and policymaking.

The course meets Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) requirements for postgraduate research training.

CORE MODULES

- Nature of Social Enquiry
- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Social Network Research
- Policy Analysis and Evaluation Research

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will graduate with the skills you need for a career in research, research management or research commissioning in the public, voluntary or private sectors.

Employability is an important focus of the course. During your studies you will have the opportunity to carry out a research placement to gain practical experience and establish relevant professional contacts.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/8e



APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH (SOCIAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL RESEARCH)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT **PT**

In a rapidly changing world, social statistics and social research provide policymakers, academics and others with valuable insights into the behaviour of people. Our Masters course will provide you with an understanding of social research, with a particular focus on quantitative methods and social statistics.

You will learn about social research methods and the theories behind them, while undertaking detailed training on a wide range of statistical methods. You will gain a thorough knowledge of statistical software and learn a range of highly sought-after technical skills, including accessing, preparing, analysing and summarising complex quantitative datasets. To meet the demands of our dynamic technological environment, you can also choose advanced modules in data management and important emerging areas such as big data and social network analysis.

CORE MODULES

- Research Design and Process
- Introduction to IT and Library Services
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Advanced Data Management
- Using Big Data in Social Research
- Social Network Analysis

CAREER PROSPECTS

Social statistics is an important area within applied social research, offering you employment opportunities in the private, public and voluntary sectors, as well as further study. The course is also designed to provide you with the technical skillset you need to undertake a PhD.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/wt

CRIMINOLOGY

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT **PT**

Our Masters in Criminology establishes clear connections between conceptual theories of crime and justice, and applied examples of how they affect contemporary societies. The course has an international focus that goes beyond UK or Scottish borders, making it appealing for a diverse student cohort.

The course content encourages the pursuit of innovative and socially just responses to the problem of crime, from crimes in the street or at home, to crimes of the powerful, crimes across borders, the much newer phenomenon of online crime, and the drug problem.

With elective modules in specialist subjects such as rehabilitation and criminal justice work; drug policy and interventions; and criminalisation, social control and human rights, students can acquire and develop a range of skills which will significantly enhance both their confidence in criminology and their employability.

CORE MODULES

- Criminological Perspectives
- Research Methods in Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

As a Masters graduate in criminology, you'll have the opportunity to pursue a number of career routes in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Graduates in criminology can go onto roles in the police, the prison service, probation and community justice, courts, human rights advocacy, youth work, women's justice and recovery services, victim support, surveillance, intelligence services, services for individuals or families affected by drug use, drug policy and information organisations and various charities and social enterprises.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/1kc

CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH

MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT **PT**

With Stirling ranked first in Scotland for the study of criminology (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019), this course provides you with expert training in the latest methods and approaches used in criminological research. You will learn how to collect, analyse and report qualitative and quantitative data, taking account of ethics, reliability and validity. You will critically examine the theoretical foundations that underpin criminology and socio-legal research and explore issues with comparative research. Finally, you will develop an understanding of the relationship between criminology research and policymaking.

The course is recognised as research training by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and is supported by staff from both the Scottish Centre for Crime and Criminal Justice Research and the Division of Law.

CORE MODULES

- Research Design and Process
- Introduction to IT and Library Services
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Research Methods in Criminology and Socio-legal Studies
- Criminological Perspectives
- Criminalisation, Social Control and Human Rights

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters is the perfect foundation for a career in research, research management and commissioning or using research. In addition, you have a choice of careers available to you across the criminal justice system, including working for the civil service, the Crown Prosecution Service, Police Scotland and other services across the UK and overseas.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/ci

DEMENTIA STUDIES (ONLINE)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT

With the number of people living with dementia across the world expected to double in the next 20 years, this innovative e-learning course has been developed to provide you with an in-depth, research-based knowledge of dementia and approaches to dementia care. Run by a team of academic experts who are active researchers in this field, we offer Dementia Studies as a distance learning postgraduate course. It includes the latest theories, innovations and best practice in dementia care, an overview of policy drivers and initiatives, and a grounding in academic and research skills.

You will become part of an online international community of fellow students and academics committed to improving dementia practice and the experience of people living with the condition. The course encourages collaborative, interdisciplinary, critical learning, and is dedicated to creating leaders of change in dementia care.

CORE MODULES

- Critical and Creative Approaches to Dementia
- Dementia and the Environment
- Critical and Reflective Thinking in Dementia Studies
- Enhancing Dementia Practice
- Living with Dementia
- Understanding and Evaluating Evidence in Dementia Studies
- Researching Dementia
- Researching Quality of Life with Dementia: Approaches and Methods
- Developing a Dementia Research Proposal

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course is for experienced professionals from all relevant disciplines and enables you to study while continuing to work in your existing post. After graduation, some students have moved to more specialised posts, while others have secured a promotion, undertaken further research or become involved in training.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/i

HOUSING STUDIES

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT

Aimed at those already working in the housing sector, our flexible Housing Studies course will help you develop your career further. Accredited by the Chartered Institute of Housing, the syllabus covers all aspects of housing services, including sustaining communities, governance and law, housing organisations, finance and strategy, leadership and management, and health and wellbeing. With a focus on achieving better housing for all, through practice-based learning, you will acquire the cutting-edge knowledge and competencies needed to tackle issues in housing and homelessness in Scotland and throughout the UK.

The Diploma programme covers all of the academic and practice components of the professional qualification of the Chartered Institute of Housing. Upon successful completion of the Diploma, you will be eligible to proceed to complete the MSc by research or professional reflection.

CORE MODULES

- Providing Housing Services
- Sustainable Communities
- Organisational Behaviour
- Housing Finance and Strategy
- Housing Governance
- Healthy Housing

CAREER PROSPECTS

Stirling graduates have a strong track record of making rapid career progress on completion of the Masters or Diploma. Potential career opportunities include management in housing organisations, specialist research, policy and strategy work. Increasingly, there are opportunities linked to key government initiatives and policy areas.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/11u



HOUSING STUDIES (WITH INTERNSHIP)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT **PT**

The MSc and Diploma in Housing Studies (with internship) offers a unique combination of academic study and professional work experience for those seeking to enter a career in housing. You will be introduced to the most up-to-date ideas and debates in housing and offered the opportunity to learn about the cutting edge of housing practice.

Accredited by the Chartered Institute of Housing, the practice-based course covers all aspects of housing services, sustainable communities, governance and law, housing organisations, and health and wellbeing. It will also provide you with a comprehensive academic and professional qualification with structured work experience and, upon completion, offer you a direct route into employment in the housing sector. The Diploma internship can also form the output necessary to achieve a Masters qualification.

CORE MODULES

- Providing Housing Services
- Sustainable Communities
- Housing Governance
- Housing Finance and Strategy
- Healthy Housing
- Organisational Behaviour
- Contemporary Housing Practice (including 50-day internship placement)

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates from our course are highly sought after in the housing sector and can expect to find relevant employment in the social, voluntary or private sectors. Our recent graduates have gone on to work in housing associations, local authorities, trade organisations, government agencies and in research and consultancy.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT **PT**

Social enterprises are becoming an increasingly important engine for economic and employment growth. Our Masters degree has been created to support this dynamic sector and help it meet the ongoing challenges of commercial viability, innovation and sustainability. If you are a professional working within a social enterprise or are interested in creating an enterprise of your own, then this course will provide you with the tools and knowledge you need.

With a focus on the things that matter to social enterprises, you will learn how to deliver excellent service and high social value, build and maintain stakeholder support, secure funding, and measure and communicate success. With flexibility built into the course, you can opt to gain expertise in specific sectors or functional areas of business depending upon your own personal requirements or the needs of your organisation.

CORE MODULES

- Understanding Social Enterprise
- Delivering Excellence in Social Enterprise
- Measuring Social Outcomes and Impacts
- Research and Development in Social Enterprise

CAREER PROSPECTS

If you run or are involved in a social enterprise, this course will provide a solid grounding in the skills, knowledge and expertise needed for an organisation to succeed. If you are a professional responsible for advising social enterprises, then you will graduate with greater insight into this exciting sector and how you can help it to thrive.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:

stir.ac.uk/au

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2ND IN THE UK FOR
SOCIAL WORK

Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2019

SOCIAL WORK STUDIES

MSc, PG Dip

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

FT **PT**

If you want a career that is rewarding and makes a positive contribution to society, then social work could be for you.

Our course is taught by qualified social workers including world leaders in their research field, and academics who maintain close connections with practice. You will experience inspirational contributions to teaching by people who have used social work services as well as from practicing social workers. At the end of your studies, you will qualify as a social worker who is knowledgeable, skilled, analytical and ethical in your approach to working with individuals, families, groups and communities.

The postgraduate qualification in Social Work Studies is accredited by the Scottish Social Services Council and is recognised throughout the UK.

CORE MODULES

- Human Development and Family Contexts
- Theory and Practice of Social Work
- Research Methods
- Practice Learning 1 and 2
- Theory and Practice: Children, Families and Society
- Theory and Practice: Crime, Welfare and Justice
- Theory and Practice: Health, Illness and Disability
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Postgraduate Diploma and MSc is recognised throughout the UK and allows our graduates to register as qualified social workers. The qualification will equip you to work in a variety of settings including local authority social work teams, prisons, hospitals, residential services and voluntary sector settings. The nature of the work is varied and there are opportunities to move between work settings throughout your career.

For more information about this course, visit: stir.ac.uk/28



As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, sport is central to university life at Stirling. The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport offers a portfolio of innovative, research-led postgraduate and CPD programmes, and brings together world-leading academics to deliver high-quality teaching in coaching; health and exercise science; management; and psychology.

Our mission is to be the natural first choice for everyone with an interest in health and sport, to develop global citizens through internationally relevant curricula, and to deliver excellence in teaching and learning through our research-driven approach.

Performance sport at Stirling also benefits our postgraduate community by providing access to elite-level athletes and industry networks, with a number of sports agencies based on the University campus.



Scottish
Swimming



sportscotland
The national agency for sport

Hear more from our Sport expert on page 120

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

We offer research options in the following areas:

- Sport culture
- Sport management
- Health and exercise science
- Sport psychology
- Coaching and performance
- Athlete physiology
- Sport nutrition

PERFORMANCE COACHING (ONLINE)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

PT

The first course of its kind in Scotland, this innovative online Masters gives experienced performance coaches the chance to improve their coaching skills through cutting-edge best practice and research. Our teaching is aligned with the UK Coaching Certificate (UKCC) Level 4 certification process, and is endorsed by UK Coaching.

You will develop your critical analysis skills, improve your problem-solving abilities and learn innovative solutions to performance coaching problems. You will learn modern best practice in performance coaching from case studies, peers and leading coaches. You will be able to practically apply what you've learnt to critically reflect on decisions, develop smart strategies and boost performance.

CORE MODULES

- Applied Coaching Project
- Coaching Concepts
- The Coaching Process
- Coaching as Learning
- Independent Study
- Understanding Performance
- Performance Analysis and Planning

CAREER PROSPECTS

Most coaches who apply for this course will already be working in performance sport. Coaches who have completed the course are expected to go on to fulfil roles at the very top level of their sport.

For more information about this course, visit: stir.ac.uk/1j



SCOTLAND'S
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FOR SPORTING
EXCELLENCE

PSYCHOLOGY OF SPORT (ACCREDITED)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

Stirling offers the only sports psychology Masters in Scotland that is accredited by the British Psychological Society.

This interdisciplinary course has a broad focus, designed to meet the needs of this growing industry. You will develop a critical understanding of contemporary theory and research.

You will have the chance to tailor your learning and develop your specific interests using both quantitative and qualitative research. The course is taught by a team of highly qualified academics with strong consultancy and research experience.

CORE MODULES

- Application of Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Social Psychology of Sport and Exercise
- Research Methods for Sport
- Key Readings in Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Public Engagement in Sport and Exercise Psychology

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course gives students a strong foundation for a career in psychology. It is focused on the field of sport and exercise psychology, but we expect graduates to choose a broad range of careers. Graduates may go on to various sport and health roles, PhDs, positions in the science industry, or careers in the civil service and government.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/7n



SPORT MANAGEMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Tuition fee bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

FT PT

We have designed this Masters to meet the industry's need for well-qualified managers, who can combine management and financial skills with a specialist knowledge of sport.

You will learn to evaluate the dynamic environment in which sporting organisations flourish, and to apply this knowledge to meet a wide range of challenges faced in sport management.

Taught by experts with strong industry experience and research achievements, this Masters reflects current industry trends and employer needs. You will have the opportunity to work with a sporting organisation during an internship, as well as organising and marketing a local sports event.

CORE MODULES

- Principles of Management in Sport
- Sports Finance
- Research Methods for Sport
- Professional Practice
- Sport Event Management
- Sport Management Challenges
- Sport Marketing

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters will prepare you for a career in sport management with a local authority, commercial organisation or voluntary sports organisation like a governing body of sport. A key benefit of the course is that you will leave with an in-depth knowledge of management that you could apply in other sectors too.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/2a

SPORT NUTRITION

MSc

Tuition fee bands: See course web page

FT PT

Sport nutrition is an increasingly vital part of elite sport and there has never been a better time to specialise, as recreational competitive sport and elite performance sport grow increasingly popular in the UK.

Our Masters degree focuses on the science behind sport nutrition, and is designed specifically for students who already have an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Diploma in Sports Nutrition. The University of Stirling is one of only six universities worldwide approved to provide this Masters conversion.

During the course, you will undergo high-quality research training through the planning and completion of an in-depth research project. This training will help you to understand how to translate research into practice.

CORE MODULES

- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Stirling Sport Nutrition graduates are well qualified to work within a number of different sporting environments. From national and international sports teams and governing bodies, to private gyms and sport and exercise organisations, graduates leave Stirling fully equipped with the skills to succeed.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit:
stir.ac.uk/87

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IN THE UK AND
TOP 10 IN EUROPE
FOR SPORT
MANAGEMENT¹



¹ SportBusiness International Postgraduate Sports Course Rankings 2017

**PROFESSOR
GRAEME
ACHESON**

Professor in
Finance



What are the benefits of studying a finance-related Masters degree at Stirling?

Trust in banks and other financial institutions was eroded by the financial crisis and has led to more emphasis being placed by professional bodies on ethically responsible behaviour. At Stirling, we encourage students to reflect on the benefits of a more ethical approach to banking and finance. We ensure that students are aware of the importance of sustainability in financial decision-making, and in particular how social and environmental risk factors affect financial performance.

Industry engagement and future employability is central to our teaching. We have a vibrant guest lecture series that provides our students with access to professionals from industry on a regular basis, and our highly skilled academics incorporate the most recent advances in academic research into their teaching. Students at Stirling also benefit from a focus on practical, real-world learning.

What is the Amplify Trading Boot Camp?

This is an award-winning initiative that is an integral part of all of our finance-related degrees. It enables students to trade in a simulated environment across a range of futures contracts quoted on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). It is delivered over one week by Amplify Trading, a London-based proprietary trading firm.

Trade SECRETS

Professor Graeme Acheson joined the University as a Professor of Finance in 2013. Graeme's research applies contemporary econometric techniques to historical settings. Much of his work examines how the evolving legal environment in nineteenth-century Great Britain impacted on investor behaviour and governance structures in early British companies.

The Amplify Trading Boot Camp benefits our students by enabling them to experience real-time financial market trading using virtual money, which bridges the gap between academic understanding and real-world behaviour. Students experience the exhilaration of making money, and the pain of losing it, without actually putting any money at risk. They also take away a Certificate of Participation, which can be used to demonstrate their experience to employers.

What is the CFA Institute Research Challenge?

The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge is considered to be the 'investment Olympics' for students and requires participants to assume the role of an Investment Analyst to produce a detailed equity research report on a publicly traded company, with a buy, hold or sell recommendation. These reports are then graded by professional investment analysts, with the best teams invited to the local final where they give a presentation and answer questions on their findings in front of a panel of industry experts.

The record of MSc Investment Analysis students in reaching the UK final is unrivalled among UK Program Partner universities, with Stirling qualifying 10 out of 12 years. Our students have won on three occasions – most recently in 2019 when the team went on to compete in the global finals of the Research Challenge in London.

Several courses within the Stirling Management School are 'accredited'. What does this mean?

Accreditation with a professional body signals to employers the relevance of course content for the world of work. Our status as a University Affiliated Partner (UAP) of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute means that we are required to cover at least 70 percent of the CFA curriculum on the MSc Investment Analysis. Students are given a solid platform to go on and become CFA Charter holders, the 'gold standard' qualification in the industry.

Our accreditation from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) gives graduates of the MSc in International Accounting and Finance automatic exemption from four ACCA papers, and exemptions from two further papers if particular spring semester options are studied.

Courses accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute offer graduates of the MSc in Banking and Finance credit against the Chartered Banker qualification and the opportunity to apply for Associate membership of the Institute.

What would be your advice to prospective postgraduate students?

I would advise students to thoroughly research courses to check their content, structure and assessment methods. Postgraduate study requires greater self-direction and resilience than undergraduate study, so think about how courses match your approach to learning.

Look at job adverts to find out the qualifications required for your intended career and choose an accredited course if achievement of a professional qualification is expected. Check out the jobs occupied by course alumni using social media such as LinkedIn. Finding that former students occupy senior roles is a good sign and means your degree will be recognised.

Networking is an important element of career development, so do your homework and choose a course that will give you the widest possible access to professionals in your chosen field.



“Participating in the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge really boosted my confidence, improving my critical-thinking capacity, analytical ability and my sense of judgement. I believe these are essential skills for thriving in the dynamic corporate world.”

HELENA SARKODIE, GHANA
MSc Investment Analysis

“I really enjoy my course here at Stirling. The guest lecture series is great as industry professionals visit us here on campus and share their knowledge of the current media landscape. The lecturers are very patient and spend time with you to help you progress through the course.”

ZIRUI ZHANG, CHINA
MSc Media Management



**CHAT WITH A
STUDENT BUDDY**
stir.ac.uk/chat

Switch-on TO MEDIA

It's an exciting time to be studying Media and Communications. How does Stirling shape its teaching to reflect this?

The Media and Communications industry has faced major changes in the last few years, with the emergence of new devices and platforms for media content. At Stirling, we equip our students with the vital skills and industry knowledge needed to be successful in this dynamic and fast-paced sector.

We place a strong emphasis on personal and professional development to enhance group and team management, industry analysis, and communications and influencing skills. Outside of the classroom, we encourage students to engage in a variety of exhibitions, events and conferences, all of which contribute to a rich Masters experience. Our staff and students are drawn from all over the globe and come together to create a friendly, but challenging, intellectual environment.

The University has introduced three additional media courses recently. What are they and why are they important?

In order to give our students the best possible opportunity for success in their future careers, we have brought forward three new industry-relevant masters courses to our postgraduate offering. These courses focus on television content development and production, digital media and international journalism. All three meet the demands of the growing contemporary media and communications sector and have been

designed to ensure our students leave us as highly skilled and employable graduates in their respective fields.

A number of Stirling's media courses are delivered with international partner universities. How does this benefit students?

The Communications, Media and Culture division at Stirling prides itself on its international outlook. As part of this commitment, we have partnered with a number of overseas institutions, including Vietnam and Spain, to allow students to benefit from a high-quality UK education, while studying abroad in a country of their choice. This also helps international students to arrange their studies around any existing commitments they may have in their home country, and still undertake a University of Stirling qualification.

These courses are run by a dedicated team of academic, administrative and technical support staff in both Stirling and at partner organisations. Lectures are delivered via face-to-face teaching and online learning platforms, with regular visits by Stirling staff.

How would a Masters in media and communications benefit prospective students?

Undertaking a postgraduate qualification offers students a great opportunity to study a chosen subject in more depth and enhance your career prospects. Our taught media-related courses at Stirling present an opportunity to improve your knowledge and understanding of a wide

range of media industry sectors, as well as to develop skills and networks that promote future employability. We develop skills in academic research both in lectures and in a one-to-one setting as students develop their dissertations, which will position graduates well should they choose to continue with future academic study.

Why do guest speakers often deliver lectures at Stirling?

In line with our focus on real-world teaching, a key highlight of our curriculum is Stirling's guest lecture series. Thanks to our established professional and research networks, we regularly invite industry practitioners and policymakers to deliver the latest learnings and trends to our students. We have regular contributions from Senior Media Managers; communications professionals from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Channel 4, independent production companies, public relations agencies and media regulators; newspaper editors; and many more. This experience is invaluable to our students, who not only hear the latest industry insights first-hand, but are also able to establish which specific area within media they may be most interested in.

A specialist in the field of Media and Communications, Katherine's work aims to extend and deepen knowledge of how 'space' and 'place' matter to the creative and cultural industries sector. She has published widely in this area and currently holds the position of Primary Investigator and Co-Investigator on a number of funded projects with the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Carnegie Trust.

**DR KATHERINE
CHAMPION**

Lecturer in Media and
Communications



What are the key differences between big data and financial technology?

At Stirling, we take a data-driven approach to Financial Technology (Fintech), so the Big Data and Fintech courses share material such as data analytics. Big Data is more focused on technology - such as databases, scripting, machine learning and cluster computing - than Fintech, which has a focus on finance, banking and entrepreneurship. The computing part of the Fintech course is about cybersecurity, mobile apps and blockchain.

There are four data science Masters courses at Stirling: Big Data; Data Science for Business; Mathematics for Data Science and Fintech - but I'm not sure which is for me?

Fintech is the odd one out among these courses because it is geared towards a specific application in banking and finance. The other three courses are designed to give you more generic data science skills. Big Data concentrates on technology and skills such as Hadoop, Python, NoSQL and machine learning. Data Science for Business focuses less on the technology and more on the business impact of data science.

Mathematics for Data Science is for students who have a love of maths and want an interesting and challenging subject that allows them to put their skills into practice.

The Big Data and Fintech courses were built from scratch by Stirling academics with student employability in mind. How did you create the course content?

The courses were designed with one thing in mind: to prepare and qualify students for jobs in data science. We consulted with recruitment agencies and companies who hire data scientists and Fintech professionals, such as HSBC and MBN. Our goal was to give students the best CV that we could, which is why we do our best to find work placements for students during their summer project.

A great advantage of studying big data is the breadth of careers that are available after graduation. Our students have gone on to work in finance, marketing, health, sport, and local government, or in small start-up companies doing interesting things like computer vision and natural language processing.

Skill SHARE

Dr Kevin Swingler joined the University of Stirling as a research assistant in 1990, working on machine learning projects. In 1996, he co-founded Neural Innovation Ltd, a company that sold machine learning software and consultancy in the financial and marketing sectors. He has now returned to Stirling where he runs the MSc courses in Big Data and Financial Technology.

Stirling works closely with The Data Lab. What is it and what does this mean for me?

The Data Lab is an internationally leading research and innovation centre in data science. Established with an £11.3 million grant from the Scottish Funding Council, The Data Lab enables industry, public sector and world-class university researchers to innovate and develop new data science capabilities in a collaborative environment. Its core mission is to generate significant economic, social and scientific value from data. As a student, you'll benefit from a wide range of learning and networking events that connect leading organisations seeking business analytics skills with students looking for exciting opportunities in this field.

Do I need previous experience to study a data course? And can I go part-time?

For Big Data, you will need a numerate degree and some experience of either statistics or computer programming. This can be gained from online courses and relevant work experience is also beneficial. Often, our students arrive with a diverse

range of skills from different sectors and backgrounds, and we enjoy the challenge of bringing everyone up to speed and progressing forward as a group. Yes, all of our data science courses can be studied either full-time for one year or part-time for two.



**DR KEVIN
SWINGLER**

Programme Director
MSc Big Data and
MSc Financial
Technology



“The MSc Big Data course was a stepping stone into my academic career. My studies helped me improve my programming skills and critical thinking that are essential for my profession. The University of Stirling also provided me with the opportunity for continuing my education where I am currently pursuing a PhD.”

MILA GORANOVA, BULGARIA
MSc Big Data

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“The best part of my course is the micro-teaching module. It offers students the opportunity to practice teaching in a simulated class, which is a good way to build confidence and overcome your nerves. It covers each component of a lesson such as planning, activity design and material selection. You also have a camera to record your teaching, so you can watch yourself back, identify errors and adjust your body language and speaking.”

YANG LIU, CHINA
MSc TESOL





As the Programme Director for TESOL, Anne now welcomes students from around the world and the UK to Stirling. Her research interests are in the fields of cultural awareness, classroom interaction, materials development and intercultural communication.

ANNE LAWRIE

**TESOL
Programme
Director**

What is TESOL?

TESOL is Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. English is the second most widely spoken language in the world and there is an ever-increasing demand for people who are willing and able to teach the language.

Our Masters courses at Stirling provide an advanced training and professional qualification, not only for people presently engaged in teaching English as a foreign or second language, but also for people who are new to TESOL and may be looking for a career change or professional development. Our programmes are suitable for novice and experienced teachers alike, and provide students with the skills, confidence and knowledge to walk into a classroom and teach as soon as they have graduated.

Stirling is ranked 1st in Scotland for Education', what does this mean for Students?

TESOL at Stirling delivers the most up-to-date, cutting edge teaching to our students. We draw upon our world-leading research in a number of different areas within education and our professional knowledge spans across pedagogy, applied linguistics, computer assisted language learning and corpus linguistics. We supervise a diverse range of dissertations which, over the last three years, has resulted in some of our students receiving a national commendation from the British Council.

As part of our commitment to employability, we invite guest speakers to provide lectures and workshops for our students, and offer 'My Career in TESOL' sessions which provide input on CV writing and interview skills. Former TESOL students are also invited to talk about their career journeys and reinforce the variety of opportunities that are open to our graduates.

TRANSLATE Success

Anne Lawrie has been with the University of Stirling for more than 15 years. She returned to Stirling after teaching English language and training teachers in different parts of the world, including Africa, the Middle East, the Far East and Asia.

What are TESOL course 'pathways'?

We offer 'pathways' as a dedicated route of study that incorporates a more focused and specialised approach to your chosen subject. The MSc TESOL provides the most flexible choice of modules and is generally for students with little or no teaching experience. The MSc TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) or the MSc in TESOL (Applied Linguistics) options are normally chosen by students who have experience of teaching and want to develop their skills in one of those areas.

In addition to these pathways, in 2017 Stirling introduced two new programmes: the MSc Management and English Language Teaching and the MSc Education Studies and TESOL. Students who follow any of the TESOL programmes are eligible to apply for the local, European and International placements we offer.

Why does Stirling offer an online learning option for TESOL?

As a postgraduate student, we recognise that everyone's circumstances are different. Some students may wish to continue working while studying for their degree in order to fund their education or to continue to support their family.

Our online course provides students with the flexibility of studying from home around any prior commitments. Over two-and-a-half years, students gain the same learning and teaching as the face-to-face programme. Online students also have the option to spend time on campus should they wish and attend face-to-face lectures. In addition, students will still have placement opportunities to enhance their employability.

Do I need to have English language experience to study the MSc TESOL?

No, the programme is designed to meet the needs of students who have never taught before or are new to English language teaching. Equally, it is also for those who have many years of experience and who may hold CELTAs or DELTAs.

As a TESOL graduate, what career opportunities are available?

Graduates in TESOL can be found teaching in elementary, junior and senior high schools, and lecturing in colleges and universities both at home and overseas. Some of our Stirling alumni are now Directors of Study in private language schools the UK, Europe and Asia, while others have moved into teacher training and examining.

CAREER health CHECK

As Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport, Professor Jayne Donaldson is responsible for overseeing the delivery of teaching and research within the faculty. She is a Registered Nurse and Registered Nurse Teacher, and has worked in Higher Education since 1998.

Jayne has a keen interest in the quality of patient experience within healthcare and prostate cancer diagnosis. She recently co-edited a special edition of Nurse Education Today relating to her work in compassionate person-centred care. She is an active member of Scottish Academic Heads for Nursing, the Allied Health Professions network and the UK-wide Council of Deans of Health.

Stirling is ranked first in Scotland for health science research¹. How does this inform teaching within the faculty?

At Stirling, we encourage our students to think beyond the boundaries of traditional teaching. Our team of academics dedicate their time to discovering new knowledge in their respective fields, and developing a bespoke curriculum that is at the forefront of research innovation. Our success within health and sport research is testament to the passion, commitment and drive of our academic staff, and we pride ourselves in producing well-informed, skilled graduates who are highly attractive to potential employers.

What are the key challenges facing the healthcare sector and how does Stirling equip its students to tackle these?

The health and wellbeing of our population is a growing concern. An ageing population, changing patterns of ill-health and a sector-wide skills shortage are putting a major strain on our national healthcare service. Through advanced teaching in public health, health visiting, and gerontology and ageing, our focus is on developing

highly skilled health professionals who have the knowledge and experience to make a difference to society. Our world-leading academics transfer their research findings into the classroom to ensure students learn from the most up-to-date advances in health-sector knowledge. The University of Stirling is also home to the Dementia Services Development Centre, a key UK hub for dementia research and education. Students benefit from the latest innovations in ageing and dementia research, and the centre's international reputation helps to underscore the University of Stirling's role as a thought leader in gerontology.

Stirling is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence. How does this benefit postgraduate students?

Being Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence is beneficial to postgraduate students in a variety of ways. Due to this status, we hold close links with government officials, who visit campus to discuss and shape government policy within sport. Our students are therefore at the forefront of pivotal, industry-changing decisions and are taught by academics who make valuable contributions to cross-party working groups. Psychology of Sport students have the opportunity to engage with the University's Sports Development Service, helping student-athletes to develop their performance in competition. At Stirling, we attract some of the top researchers from across the globe and our sports facilities are second to none.

**PROFESSOR
JAYNE
DONALDSON**

**Dean of the Faculty
of Health Sciences
and Sport**



The University shares its campus with a number of National Governing Bodies for sport. How closely do students work with industry?

Collaboration with industry and the health sector is a core element of Stirling’s sport and health science courses. We place a strong emphasis on combining theory with practice, and we take every opportunity to ensure that our students benefit from the latest industry insights. As Stirling is home to several national governing bodies (NGBs) for sport, students are afforded the opportunity to undertake work placements and conduct dissertation projects with our on-site partners. We regularly encourage our students to volunteer at national events and invite guest speakers to present talks on industry best practice.

Do students gain from health and sport-related teaching within the same faculty?

The positive correlation between physical activity and health is a proven one, with physical activity recognised as a preventative intervention for developed-world epidemics, such as diabetes, obesity and heart disease. Stirling students benefit from our joined-up approach to physical activity and health within the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport, and have access to the latest developments in both areas of world-leading research. Academic staff work together to provide students with the knowledge to help people to maintain, attain and retain their physical fitness. Physical, mental, emotional and even social health go hand in hand, and we aim to create strong, active role models who are able to work with people to change the behaviours that lead to illness.

How does the faculty prepare its students for life after study?

We are committed to the employability of our graduates and we have close links with industry across both health and sport sectors. We also offer all of our degrees part-time - with a number entirely online - which allows our students to continue in employment and take learnings straight from the lecture theatre into a real-world setting.

"Between a fantastic reputation for its nursing programme and its beautiful campus, it was impossible not to choose the University of Stirling. I've particularly loved my placement hours where I can put the hands-on skills the course has given me into practice."

JON FEENEY, SCOTLAND
MSc Adult Nursing

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“I chose to attend the University of Stirling because it is Scotland’s University of Sporting Excellence. Working with world-class athletes, alongside the mentoring of my professors, was the optimal environment to apply learned theory for the first time. With this experience, I now feel prepared and confident continuing my work with athletes following graduation.”

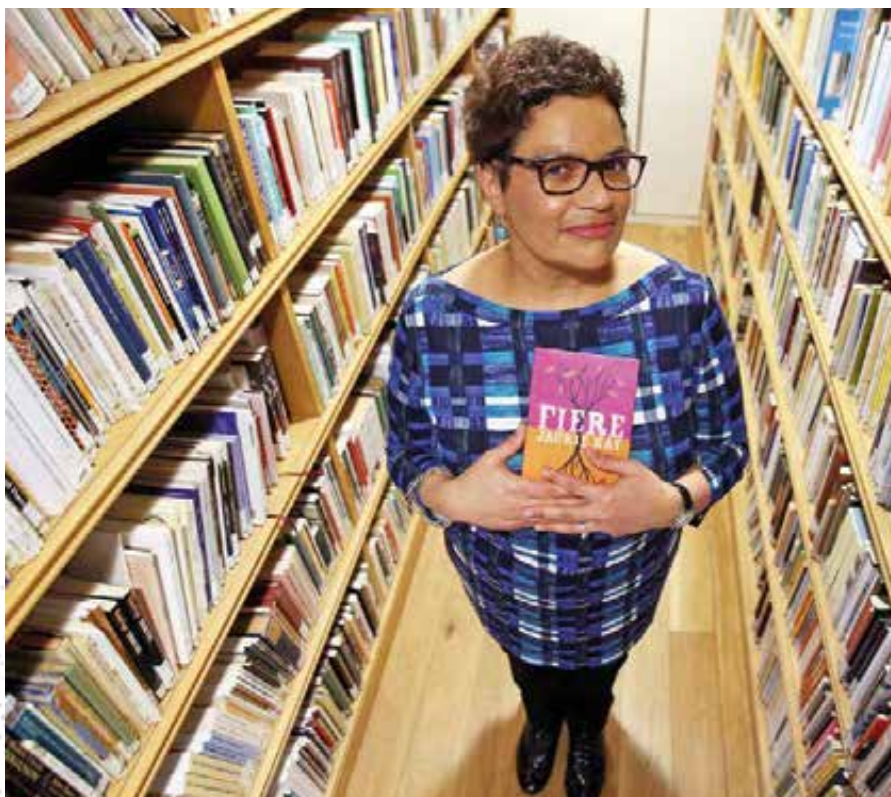
MEREDITH SCHERTZINGER, USA
MSc Psychology of Sport



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a red dress, is smiling slightly. The text "BE Stirling" is written in a white, brushstroke-style font over her chest. The word "BE" is in all caps and a smaller font size than "Stirling".

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JACKIE KAY MBE

**POET AND NOVELIST,
CURRENT SCOTS MAKAR**
BA English Studies, 1983
Honorary Doctorate, 2000

Poet and novelist, Jackie, writes extensively for stage, screen, and for children. Her first book of poetry, *The Adoption Papers*, won the Saltire Society Award for best first book in 1992. In 2011, Jackie won the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Book Award (Non-Fiction) for *Red Dust Road* - an account of her search for her natural parents - and in 2016 became the new Scots Makar (Scottish version of the Poet Laureate).

YUANYUAN QIU

**PRESIDENT, JIANGSU BROADCASTING
CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL
COMPANY LTD (JSBCI)**
MSc Media Management, 2005

Yuanyuan is President of Jiangsu Broadcasting Company's international arm, JSBCI, where she oversees the distribution of original Chinese TV formats globally, in addition to importing international formats for broadcasting in China. She also leads the development of international co-production and broadcasting with companies such as the BBC and Channel 4 in the UK, Arte in France, NHK in Japan, and PBS in the USA.

Yuanyuan, who gained an MSc Media Management from the University in 2005, was shortlisted for the British Council's Professional Achievement Award – an accolade she in no small part attributes to her UK education and University of Stirling experience.



PETER PRITCHARD

**CEO OF RETAIL,
PETS AT HOME GROUP**
MBA Retailing, 1998

Peter is a highly experienced retailer, with 25 years' experience in leadership roles at some of the UK's most successful businesses. He is currently Chief Executive Officer of Retail at Pets at Home, a role he has held since 2015. He joined the business in 2011 as Commercial Director.

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DAME JUDI DENCH

ACTRESS, ARTIST AND AUTHOR
Honorary Doctorate, 2013

One of Britain's best-loved stars of film, theatre and television, Dame Judi Dench was recognised by the University in 2013 for her outstanding contribution to the Arts, and the important role she has played in highlighting dementia. Within acting, her many awards include eleven BAFTAs, two Golden Globes and an Academy Award. Dame Judi also supported the representation of dementia through her Bafta-winning film, *Iris*, and through her campaign to improve the care of older people in our society.

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SIR ALEX FERGUSON

**FORMER SCOTTISH FOOTBALL
MANAGER, MANCHESTER UNITED
MANAGER AND PLAYER**
Honorary Doctorate, 2011

Sir Alex is regarded as one of the greatest and most successful football managers of all time. As manager of Aberdeen Football Club from 1978 to 1986, he famously lifted the European Cup Winners Cup in 1983. Then, in 1986, he moved south to Manchester United where he spent 27 years as manager. Sir Alex's greatest achievement so far came in 1998-99, by winning the Premiership title, FA Cup and European Cup. Sir Alex Ferguson was awarded the honour of Knight Bachelor in 1999.

JOANNE DENNEY-FINCH

**CHARITY CEO AND RETAILING
CONSULTANT**
MBA Retailing, 1991

Joanne is Chief Executive of IGD, a research and training charity that helps the food and grocery industry deliver the needs of the public. She works with chief executives, chairpersons and presidents of some of the world's largest food and consumer goods companies and has been awarded an OBE for services to the food and grocery industry. She completed an MBA in Retailing, with distinction, at Stirling in 1991.





ALAN BISSETT

NOVELIST, PLAYWRIGHT AND SCREENWRITER

BA English Studies with Education, 1998
MLitt English Studies, 2002
Honorary Doctorate, 2016

Alan graduated from the University of Stirling with a First-class Honours degree in English literature and Education, and a Masters degree in English. In 2012, Alan was named Glenfiddich Spirit of Scotland Writer of the Year and in 2013 was shortlisted for the Creative Scotland and Daily Record Literature Award, the same year his play Ban This Filth! was shortlisted for an Amnesty International Freedom of Expression Award. His short film, The Shutdown (2009) also won numerous awards at international and domestic film festivals.

SALLY MAGNUSSON

SCOTTISH BROADCASTER AND WRITER

Honorary Doctorate, 2015

Sally Magnusson is one of the best known names in British journalism. She began at The Scotsman, going on to host BBC Breakfast. She has presented a variety of programmes in television and radio. She anchors BBC Reporting Scotland, and presents Songs of Praise. In 2012, Sally launched the University's virtual dementia care home, announcing at the same time that her mother was suffering from dementia. Sally founded Playlist for Life - a charity which encourages personalised music for people with dementia to help them reconnect with their memories.

SIR ANDY MURRAY OBE

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER
Honorary Doctorate, 2013

From nearby Dunblane, Andy Murray trained in his youth at the University of Stirling's National Tennis Centre before moving to Spain to develop his game. Andy Murray turned professional in 2005 and broke into the senior top 100 later that year, claiming his first ATP title in 2006. In 2009, he attained the world number two ranking and became the first British winner at Queen's since 1938. In 2012, he secured the Gold Medal at the London Olympics Final and ended Britain's 77-year wait for a Wimbledon singles champion less than a year later. Andy has also been awarded BBC Sports Personality of the Year three times since 2013.



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Getting around the city

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Travelling by car

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Travelling by bus

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Travelling by train

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