

HISTORY, HERITAGE AND POLITICS

History, Heritage and Politics is at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary research within the University, producing internationally excellent and world-leading research.

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. Our academics 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.

RESEARCH COURSES

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, including PhDs, in the following areas:

- Cultural heritage
- Political and social history
- Medieval to modern Scottish history
- Post-1707 British and imperial history
- Colonial and early American history – interactions across the Atlantic
- Environmental history
- Modern European history
- Modern African history
- Relationship between states and civil society
- The politics of human rights
- Environmental politics
- International conflict and cooperation

History at Stirling is ranked 3rd in Scotland for outputs and impact and Top 15 in the UK for impact
REF 2021



Full-time course



Part-time course



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

HERITAGE



Campus based
MSc

There is a global interest in Heritage as it has diverse economic, social, and political importance. Our MSc Heritage provides you with a critically informed, education in heritage and its place in society.

You will acquire a foundation in current debates about heritage and its relevance in the world, as well as practical training in issues relating to its conservation and management. You will develop the knowledge and skills that are essential in preparing you for a career in the heritage sector. You will also gain transferable skills to support a career in related sectors such as museums, arts management, and creative industries.

Field visits, case studies, and input from heritage professionals offer experiential learning in varied settings. You will be taught by expert academics who will use their research to inform your learning.

We're proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction for MSc Heritage in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Heritage: Critical Perspectives
- Heritage as Practice: Conservation, Management and Interpretation
- Research Skills
- Dissertation/Work-related Dissertation

[Check course web page for optional modules](#)

CAREER PROSPECTS

The MSc Heritage will prepare you for a wide range of roles in heritage and related sectors. Future career paths could include: Heritage Manager, Heritage Interpreter, Heritage Education Officer, Collections Manager, various heritage tourism roles, heritage protection, Heritage Curator, outreach and public engagement roles, Marketing Officer and Heritage Researcher, to name just a few.

This Masters draws upon our partnerships with organisations in the Heritage sector such as Historic Environment Scotland, National Museums Scotland and the National Trust for Scotland.

Course Starts: September



HISTORICAL RESEARCH



Campus based
MRes, PG Cert

This Masters will prepare you for a research-based career and enable specialisation in historical topics.

It will enable you to become a well-trained historian or go on to research at doctoral level. It provides a foundation for applications to research councils ([AHRC](#), [ESRC](#)) and doctoral training partnerships (including [SGSAH](#)) that fund PhD research.

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 develop an appreciation of the complexity and diversity of historical contexts.

You will focus on historical methodologies, approaches to history and research practices to produce a piece of research of value and significance in historical contexts.

CORE MODULES

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

[Check course web page for optional modules](#)

CAREER PROSPECTS

By helping you develop critical analytical skills and research techniques, the course provides preparation for a wide variety of research-based careers in the public and private sectors.

This Masters can also enhance your continuing professional development, particularly in teaching, journalism, marketing, and heritage management.

Graduates have also successfully secured external funding to conduct research abroad.

Enjoy having the flexibility to tailor the course to your interest, needs and aspirations. You will be able to incorporate different fields into your research.

Course Starts: September



HISTORICAL RESEARCH



Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This Masters provides modules in project design, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, together with directed independent study in the historiography of a research topic.

It provides a foundation for applications to research councils ([AHRC](#), [ESRC](#)) and doctoral training partnerships (including [SGSAH](#)) that fund PhD research. It is also specifically designed for applicants to the [Scottish Graduate School of Social Science \(SGSSS\)](#) seeking funding for a research training Masters linked to a PhD in social or economic history.

The course will train you in social research methods and social history, and help you appreciate the complexity and diversity of historical contexts. You will gain practical experience in project design and in undertaking qualitative and quantitative analysis using historical documents and datasets

Like the MRes Historical Research, this Masters is a research preparation course but with modules in social research required for SGSSS PhD studentships.

CORE MODULES

- Historiography for Masters of Research
- Research Design and Process
- Qualitative Data Analysis Dissertation
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Dissertation

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CAREER PROSPECTS

By helping you develop critical analytical skills and research techniques, the course provides preparation for a wide variety of research-based careers in the public and private sectors.

This Masters can also enhance your continuing professional development, particularly in teaching, journalism, marketing, and heritage management.

Become a research-oriented historian, equipped to undertake research at a Doctoral level.

Our Masters teaches skills necessary to be a social and economic historian, and involves the completion of research projects.

Course Starts: September



INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND COOPERATION



Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Delivered by experienced practitioners and leading academics, our Masters in International Conflict and Cooperation prepares you to address a variety of challenges facing the international community 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.

CORE MODULES

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

[Check course web page for optional modules](#)

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. Many graduates have also gone on to study PhDs.

As part of our strong focus on employability, this course includes a study trip to Geneva to allow you to interact with policymakers and potential employers.

Course Starts: September



PUBLIC POLICY



Campus based
MPP

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 variety of careers where you can make a contribution 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.

You will graduate with subject-specific knowledge of the policy process as well as transferable skills in research and analysis.

We're proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction for MPP Public Policy in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

You can take advantage of a variety of placement opportunities to gain practical experience with a relevant organisation.

CORE MODULES

- The Politics of Policy Analysis
- Policymaking: Theories, Approaches and Applications
- Dissertation

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CAREER PROSPECTS

Previous graduates have entered government, the voluntary sector, and private companies offering research and policy analysis. The course also equips you to study a PhD.

Course Starts: September

