

LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

Law and Philosophy is part of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, defined by outstanding teaching, research and student satisfaction rates.

100% of our research impact in Law and 100% of our research impact and environment in Philosophy was classed as world leading or internationally excellent in the Research Excellence Framework 2021.

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:

- Environmental law
- Human rights
- Private/commercial law
- Public law
- Competition law
- Legal philosophy
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Energy law
- 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
- Epistemology
- Rationality and normativity
- Transitional Justice and Refugee/Migration Law

Many of our courses offer multiple start dates, please check course webpages for details.



Full-time course



Part-time course



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

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIPLOMACY



Campus based
MSc, LLM, PG Dip, PG Cert

This is the only Human Rights and Diplomacy Masters course taught in partnership with the leading training entity of the UN, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

You will learn about human rights law and politics, the UN human rights institutions, their history and their philosophical foundations. You will be taught by 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 to human rights policy and practice in international institutions and NGOs.

In the final three months of the course, you will have the opportunity to apply for an internship, pursue projects with human rights organisations or tackle a traditional dissertation.

We're proud to hold 100% overall student satisfaction for MSc Human Rights and Diplomacy in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2023.

CORE MODULES

- Preparation for Independent Working
- Human Rights Practice
- Human Rights Theory (option for LLM)
- Climate Justice (option for the MSc)
- Approaches to Human Rights
- Diplomacy skills for the International Human Rights Institutions
- Dissertation or Internship or Professional Project

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

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our courses provide you with a solid foundation to work either in the public or private sector – including the UN agencies, civil service, NGOs and business organisations – or to further academic research through a PhD.



As part of our focus on employability, this course includes a study visit to Geneva for all students, to observe the Human Rights Council in session.

Course Starts: January



PHILOSOPHY



Campus based
MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters course provides you with an excellent postgraduate foundation in Philosophy and a sound basis for 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.

The MLitt Philosophy 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. This Masters was ranked the third best Philosophy course in the UK in the 2021/22 Philosophical Gourmet Report.

This Masters is enhanced by a busy programme of conferences, workshops and visiting speakers from universities in the UK and abroad.

CORE MODULES

- Research Methods
- Dissertation

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

CAREER PROSPECTS

The general training in research and analytical thinking as part of this course prepares you for a wide range of careers in areas of 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.

We are ranked top 25 in the UK and top 200 in the world for Philosophy

QS World University Rankings 2023

Our students are active participants in both the Arché Philosophical Research Centre and the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs based at the University of St Andrews.

Course Starts: September



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND CLIMATE JUSTICE



Campus based
LLM, PG Dip, PG Cert

Environmental issues are among the most pressing across the globe. Whether in relation to climate change, biodiversity loss or environmental harm, solutions are urgently needed in law to mitigate, adapt, reduce or prevent significant impacts. This LLM degree addresses these concerns and canvasses potential solutions, enabling you to develop the skills and expertise you need to make a lasting and positive impact on the planet.

On this course, you'll gain an excellent understanding of local, national and international environmental law. It tackles the legal, economic, scientific and political challenges facing society, giving you insightful knowledge of the relevant issues that will enhance your employability.

This Masters focuses on energy system transition, environmental protection, climate change and sustainable development.

The course is designed for both law and non-law graduates to become trained and equipped with the skills and knowledge to engage with environmental governance, and to further your research interests in this area.

CORE MODULES

- International Law and Sustainable Development
- Climate Justice
- Environmental Law
- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities (LLM)
- Dissertation

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

CAREER PROSPECTS

There is a great demand for employees who have a specialised legal knowledge in environmental law. You will be well placed to take up a career in the private and the public sector, regulatory bodies, and international organisations.

During your studies you will benefit from expert guest lectures, to increase your knowledge of the sector and allow for professional networking.

Course Starts: September

