UNIVERSITY of STIRLING

BE STIRLING BE THE DIFFERENCE

POSTGRADUATE PROSPECTUS 2024

POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAYS

2023-24 OPEN DAYS:

Virtual Open Day Wednesday, 25 October 2023
On-campus Open Day Wednesday, 27 March 2024
Virtual Open Day Thursday, 11 April 2024

Book an open day:
STIR.AC.UK/PGOPENDAY

COURSE WEBINARS

Throughout the year, we run regular course-specific webinars. Find and register for the webinar or live chat best suited to you.

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BE THE DIFFERENCE

At the University of Stirling, we're committed to providing students with an outstanding education and the skills, experience and confidence required to make a positive difference in the world.

With a rich history of innovation, excellence and ambition, the University of Stirling is a place where ability – not background – is valued. Our research informs our teaching and is making a difference globally – 87 per cent of our research is having an outstanding or very considerable impact on society[1].

You can be confident of being able to follow your chosen career path, as 96 per cent of our graduates are in employment or further study within 15 months of graduating[2].

Stirling is proud to be a QS five-star rated university for teaching, employability, research, internationalisation, facilities, and inclusiveness[3].

We are top 20 in the UK for postgraduate teaching and top 30 for both our postgraduate student experience and postgraduate support[4]. With more than 140 nationalities represented at the University, you will be joining a thriving, international postgraduate community.

You can choose to join us on our beautiful 330-acre campus – ranked first in the UK and top five in the world for both our campus environment and our sports facilities[5]– or take up one of our flexible online courses.
You are about to make a very exciting and important decision about where you choose to study – and we're delighted that you're considering joining us at Stirling. I look forward to welcoming you soon.

Professor Sir Gerry McCormac, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

1 Research Excellence Framework, 2021
2 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020-21
3 QS Stars University Ratings, 2021
4 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey, 2022
5 International Student Barometer, 2022

BE AMBITIOUS
BE BRAVE
BE DETERMINED
BE THE DIFFERENCE
BE
STIRLING

5 REASONS TO CHOOSE STIRLING

Nearly half our postgraduate students are from overseas, with over 140 nationalities on campus

96% of postgraduate leavers are in employment or further study within 15 months of graduating[3]

Top 20 in the UK for postgraduate teaching[2]

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

1st in the UK and 3rd in the World for campus environment[1]

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022
2 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2022
3 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020-21

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

The city of Stirling and our stunning 330-acre campus is located in the heart of Scotland, UK and attracts students to the University from all over the world.

Stirling is within easy reach of the large Scottish cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow (both with international airports) and sits on the edge of the beautiful Scottish highlands.

BY AIR TO EDINBURGH/ GLASGOW AIRPORTS

Belfast 40mins
London 1hr 15mins
Abuja 9hrs
Bangkok 14hrs
Beijing 10hrs 30mins
Berlin 1hr 30mins
Dubai 7hrs 55mins
Mumbai 11hrs
New York 7hrs 30mins
Paris 1hr 30mins
Rio de Janeiro 11hrs 30mins
Singapore 15hrs 30mins
Toronto 7hrs 30mins

BY TRAIN TO STIRLING

Edinburgh 55mins
Glasgow 35mins
Birmingham 5hrs
London 5hrs 30mins
Manchester 4hrs 20mins
Newcastle 2hrs 30mins

BY CAR TO STIRLING

Birmingham 4hrs 30mins
London 7hrs
Manchester 3hrs 45mins
Newcastle 3hrs

STUDY IN SCOTLAND

Scotland is a special place – with breath-taking beauty, friendly people and a rich academic and cultural heritage.

QUALITY OF EDUCATION

Scotland is renowned for the quality of its education. This small country is home to 19 higher education institutions. We invented penicillin, the bicycle, television and the telephone, and Scottish university research is consistently judged "world-leading" or "internationally excellent" in its quality[1].

Graduates from Scotland's universities have the best record of securing professional-level jobs in the UK and they join the workforce with the highest average starting salaries[2].

The academic excellence of this beautiful country is just one of the many reasons why more than 65,000 students from over 180 different countries choose to study in Scotland annually[3]. Come and join them.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Is it the history? The culture? The scenery and landscape? Or the people? It's all of these! Scotland has been voted the most beautiful country in the world[4]. But as well as the majestic hills, lochs, glens and castles (the University of Stirling even has its own!), the thriving cultural hubs of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Stirling are within easy reach.

1 Research Excellence Framework, 2021
2 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2019/20
3 HESA FPE Student Record, 2022
4 Rough Guides, 2019

THIS IS STIRLING

The ancient city of Stirling combines the charm of a historic destination with the buzz of a young population.

SOAK UP THE CULTURE

The Albert Halls were recently named one of the best music venues in the UK by Time Out magazine, while the Tollbooth venue has a famous live music and arts scene. There is a multiplex cinema, and the Macrobert Arts Centre on campus showcases the best in arthouse and mainstream cinema, along with a year-round live performance programme.

FOOD AND DRINK

As well as local pubs, cafés and restaurants in Bridge of Allan (next door to campus), there are many friendly bars and coffee shops in Stirling city centre.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP

The city's historic Victorian arcade, bustling high street and Thistles Shopping Centre are close by.

WELL CONNECTED

Less than an hour's travel from both Edinburgh and Glasgow, Stirling is perfectly placed for national/international rail and air connections.

Stirling is also a great base to explore the many attractions of these major Scottish cities.

DID YOU KNOW?

Stirling is the safest student city in the UK[1], as well as one of the happiest places to live[2].

1 The Complete University Guide 2022
2 Rightmove Happy Home Index 2022

OUR CAMPUS

The University of Stirling is ranked 1st in the UK and 3rd in the world for our campus environment. And it's a pretty wonderful place to live and study.

Experience the campus with our virtual tour:
STIR.AC.UK/VIRTUALTOUR

1 AIRTHREY CASTLE
Our 18th-century castle is still in use today.

2 AIRTHREY PARK MEDICAL CENTRE
On-campus general medical practice and dental centre.

3 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION
More than 2,800 bedrooms across 18 residences on- and off-campus.

4 THE LINK BRIDGE
The scenic commute between student accommodation and the University.

5 CAMPUS CENTRAL
Including the Library, Student Support Hub, Students' Union, the Macrobert Arts Centre, study zones, cafés, shops and a supermarket.

6 AIRTHREY LOCH
Our very own loch – home to our resident swans.

7 PATHFOOT BUILDING
Where the faculties of Arts and Humanities, Health Sciences and Sport, and the Institute of Aquaculture are based. It also houses our art collection.

8 COLIN BELL, IRIS MURDOCH AND RG BOMONT BUILDINGS
Home to the Faculty of Social Sciences.

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

10 INTO BUILDING
Offers international students unique academic and language pathways.

11 SPORT CENTRE
With top-rated facilities, gym, café and more.

12 WALLACE MONUMENT
Stirling's famous landmark, built to commemorate Scots hero, Sir William Wallace.

13 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING INNOVATION PARK
Home to several innovative business start-ups.

14 STIRLING COURT HOTEL
Award-winning on-campus hotel and conference centre, perfect for visiting friends/family.

LIFE AT STIRLING

TOP 30
in the UK for overall postgraduate student experience[1]

1 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2022

CAMPUS CENTRAL

The modern and student-focused heart of the University. Campus Central has great facilities for both working and relaxing, and helps you get the most out of your university experience.

TOP 30

in the UK for Postgraduate Student Support[1]

THE HUB OF IT ALL:

- Student Support Services
- Meeting and social spaces
- Collaborative learning and research spaces
- Bars and cafés
- Shops and supermarket
- Library
- Macrobert Arts Centre
- Students' Union

1 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022

LIBRARY

With hundreds of thousands of books and plenty of room for research and study, our spacious library offers all the tools and resources you need to succeed, together with stunning views of the loch.

LIBRARY FACILITIES:

- Study desks with computers
- Group study rooms
- IT support
- Self-service laptop loans
- Wellbeing space to chill out and recharge
- Training suites
- Archives and Special Collections

STIR.AC.UK/LIBRARY

TOP 20

in the World for satisfaction with the library[1]

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

WELCOME HOME

Settling into your new home couldn't be easier – or more inspiring.

We offer a wide range of comfortable and secure accommodation, both on- and off-campus to all new students. And if you're a postgraduate student from outside the UK, we can guarantee you University-managed accommodation as long as you confirm your place and apply for accommodation by the specified date.

BUILT AROUND YOUR NEEDS

We have different types of accommodation to reflect the needs and budgets of our students. All accommodation is self-catered with fully equipped kitchens.

You will always have your own bedroom. Toilets and showers are either ensuite or shared with your flatmates. You will also have a kitchen to share.

ON CAMPUS FACILITIES:

- Self-service laundry
- Pharmacy, medical and dental centre
- Supermarket
- World-class sports centre
- Parking
- Bike hire
- Bars, cafés, cinema and theatre
- Amazon lockers
- Stirling Court Hotel (for visiting family and friends)

DID YOU KNOW?

Stirling is the safest student city in the UK[1]

ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

We can provide or adapt accommodation for a variety of requirements. To discuss specific needs, email us at **ask@stir.ac.uk**, and we'll do everything we can to help.

SAFETY AND WELLBEING

We provide a 24/7 security team and a range of wellbeing and support services such as the SafeZone app and our Safe Taxi Scheme – which helps students get home safely if they run out of money.

STIR.AC.UK/ ACCOMMODATION

1 The Complete University Guide 2022

YOUR HOME FROM HOME

We have more than 2,800 comfortable, modern bedrooms across 18 residences both on-and off-campus.

STIR.AC.UK/ ACCOMMODATION

TAKE A LOOK AROUND
Click to view our 360° accommodation tours

APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Students who have firmly accepted a conditional or unconditional offer can apply online via the University Applicant Portal.

In addition to your tuition fees, you'll also need to consider your living costs during your studies. Fortunately, Stirling is one of the most affordable cities to live in the UK[1].

	Monthly	**Three Semesters** (Typical postgraduate year)
University accommodation Rent*	£448 - £868	£5,121 - £9,924
Food	£180	£2,030
Leisure	£120	£1,350
Clothing	£30	£340
Books	£25	£280
Phone	£25	£280
Travel**	£30	£340
TOTAL	**£858 - £1,278**	**£9,741 - £14,544**

NB This table is for illustrative purposes only. Prices can fluctuate for many reasons.
* Includes utilities, Wi-Fi, insurance, housekeeping assistance, and 24/7 staff assistance. This might not be the same for private accommodation.
**This does not include any travel home.

1 Halifax Bank Affordable Cities Review 2021

WORLD-CLASS SPORTS FACILITIES

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Our sports facilities are ranked amongst the top 5 in the world[1], and are home to world-class and Olympic athletes. But you don't need to be an Olympian to keep active or join one of our 50+ sports clubs and use our state-of-the-art sports centre.

STIR.AC.UK/SPORT

SPORTS FACILITIES

- Purpose-built fitness studios and a state-of-the-art gym
- Two sports halls, six indoor tennis courts, two squash courts
- Olympic swimming pool
- Indoor cycling studio
- All-weather athletics track
- Grass and artificial pitches
- Golf driving range and putting green
- World-class high-performance fitness suite

HEALTH, FITNESS AND WELLBEING

A wide range of fitness classes, activities and support is included in our sports centre memberships.

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

BE PART OF THE TEAM

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CLUB SPORT
Together with the Sports Union, we support over 50 sports clubs competing in a range of local and national competitions. Whether you're a beginner or experienced competitive athlete, our clubs can provide the perfect sporting environment.

COACHING AND VOLUNTEERING
We also offer a choice of coaching and volunteering opportunities for students involved in club sports, including support services, community lessons, event delivery and more – perfect experience for your CV.

PERFORMANCE SPORT
Our performance sport programme is world-renowned, attracting student athletes from across the globe and producing World, Paralympic and Olympic champions and medallists.

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS
Our sports scholarships provide student athletes with high-quality coaching and support services, including academic flexibility, facilities access, strength and conditioning, physiotherapy and sports psychology. **Find out more.**

DID YOU KNOW?

The University is home to many professional sporting bodies:

Scottish Swimming · Triathlon Scotland · Tennis Scotland · sportscotland institute of sport

RANKED 1ST IN THE UK

and top 5 in the world for sports facilities[1]

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

BE WELCOME

You can be sure of a warm welcome at Stirling, with 95% of students saying there is a friendly attitude towards international students here[1].

STIR.AC.UK/ INTERNATIONAL

91%
of international students were satisfied with their experience at Stirling[1]

Nearly half our postgraduate students are from overseas and we have more than 140 nationalities represented on our inclusive and multicultural campus.

INTERNATIONAL AGENTS

The University has a wide network of international agents around the world. They can give you more information about courses and requirements, help with your application and provide advice before you arrive.

You can find a list of our international agents **here**.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Our International Recruitment Advisors and Student Hub experts can help you with many aspects of coming to study at Stirling.

VISA INFORMATION

All international students (including EU, EEA and Swiss students) intending to study at Stirling for a period of more than six months will need to apply for a Student Route Visa.

Under the Student Route, you must demonstrate that you hold an offer from an approved education institution (such as Stirling), speak English to the accepted standard and are able to support yourself financially during your studies.

There is an application fee for this Visa and you'll have to pay a health surcharge as well. There are also some restrictions to be aware of. For example, you can only work a maximum of 20 hours a week during term time.

For the latest advice on visas and how to apply, **click here.**

GRADUATE ROUTE VISA

After you have finished your studies, most students are able to apply for a two year post-study work visa (three years for PhD students), allowing you to apply for jobs in the UK. Further information on eligibility and costs available **here.**

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

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INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Stirling considers academic qualifications from countries all over the world. For postgraduate courses, you'll typically need a strong Bachelor Honours degree or equivalent, but requirements vary, and you may need to meet further criteria for some courses.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

We accept many forms of English language qualifications, including IELTS, Cambridge English Qualifications, PTE Academic and more.

If you don't have an appropriate qualification you can complete one of our pre-sessional English courses with INTO University Partnerships.

FIND FULL INFORMATION ON ENTRY AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS HERE

EXAMPLE MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Country	Requirement
China	70% in a four-year Bachelor's degree (65% for a 211/985 University)
India	50% in Bachelor's/Special (Honours) degree from Tier 1 College/University **or** 55% from a Tier 2 College/University
Kenya	Second class, lower division Bachelor degree or a minimum of 50%
Nigeria	Second class, lower division Bachelor's degree (CGPA 2.50/5.00)
Pakistan	2.6/4.0 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

INTO

UNIVERSITY of STIRLING

Working with global education experts INTO, our pathway courses are designed to give you excellent preparation for your University of Stirling degree.

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ACADEMIC PRE-MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Students studying a three term pre-Masters in certain subjects may be eligible for a scholarship worth up to £4,000 per year for both the pre-Masters and the Masters year itself.
Find out more.

1 1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

THREE TERM PRE-MASTERS

This course bridges the gap between three-year diplomas (or university systems not recognised in the UK) for entry to a Masters degree. It focuses on English language, study and research skills combined with subject content relevant to your chosen subject area.

ONE TERM PRE-MASTERS

This is an intensive three-month course covering English language and study skills such as academic English, essay writing, research skills and critical thinking. It is ideal for students who have substantial work experience or a 3rd class Honours degree.

For more on Study Pathways: STIR.AC.UK/INTO

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH

Pre-sessional English courses provide short and intensive preparation in academic English for students who are already academically qualified and are due to start a degree at the University of Stirling.

The courses can be taken either online or on campus, and are designed to improve your IELTS score by at least 0.5 (6-week course) or 1.0 (10-week course) in one or more sub-skills.

For more on Pre-sessional English: STIR.AC.UK/PSE

FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TUITION FEES

See course web pages for the latest fee information. Fees cover the cost of registration, research and study supervision, the use of academic facilities and examinations (not including resits). Note that some courses may require you to pay additional fees for laboratory or field-based work.

LOANS

For Scottish students, Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) may be able to provide you with a loan of up to £11,500 to help cover tuition fees and living costs. Similar postgraduate loans are available from other UK agencies, including Student Finance England (up to £12,167), Student Finance Wales (up to £18,770) and Student Finance Northern Ireland (up to £5,500).

For US students, the University of Stirling is eligible to certify loan applications for the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

Other international students may be able to apply for similar loan schemes from their country of residence.

STIR.AC.UK/ FEESANDFUNDING

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have a wide range of scholarship and bursary opportunities available. We also have a handy scholarship finder tool on our website.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

UK and Republic of Ireland students who have completed their undergraduate degree at the University of Stirling are eligible for an Alumni scholarship which provides a discount for the first year of a full-time or part-time Masters degree.

STIR.AC.UK/ SCHOLARSHIPS

BE CAREER FOCUSED

Our Student Skills and Employability service provides a range of resources and support to help you make informed career decisions and realise your ambitions.

STIR.AC.UK/CAREERS

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS INFORMATION

At Stirling, we have a dedicated International Careers Consultancy team providing employability support to ensure that our international students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage their future careers and network with companies overseas.

COLLABORATING WITH BUSINESS

Many of our courses offer the opportunity to undertake a consultancy-based project, where you work in partnership with a real business. The business benefits from your research, insights and ideas, whilst you enjoy invaluable experience, expand your professional networks and increase your confidence and employability.

THE STIRLING ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

The University of Stirling's Enterprise Programme supports students, staff and recent alumni to explore their entrepreneurial potential and develop their skills and ideas with a range of free, tailored activities and services. **Find out more.**

96%
of leavers are in employment or further study 15 months after graduating[1]

93%
student satisfaction with careers support services[2]

OUR SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Daily appointments, online or in-person, with professionally trained consultants
- CV, application and cover letter checks, as well as interview advice
- Employer-led skills workshops, careers information and recruitment events
- Practice in psychometric testing, online interviews and personality profiling
- Volunteer opportunities, graduate vacancies, work placements, internships and part-time work
- Career-planning masterclasses
- Networking and careers events with employers, professional bodies and industry experts
- Immersive simulations to test and practise your skills in the safety of a mock environment.

1 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21
2 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

BE SUPPORTED

Our Student Support Services are accessible to everyone and are tailored to meet the diverse requirements of our student community. #JustAsk

IMMIGRATION
Our Student Immigration Team can give you advice and information on visas, immigration and more.

STUDENT LEARNING SERVICES
Our Student Learning Services Team organises daily drop-in sessions, regular workshops and tutorials to help you boost your learning skills.

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY
The Chaplaincy is open to all faiths and none, and celebrates the wealth of nationalities, cultures and beliefs we have on campus. Support includes a dedicated prayer and wash room for Muslim students.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Our qualified counsellors, wellbeing and mental health professionals are here for you throughout your time at Stirling.

MONEY SUPPORT
For help with budgeting, money management and applications for additional funding and financial support whilst studying at Stirling.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Our expert team helps students with a wide variety of needs to get the most out of their university life, ranging from assessments and pre-entry visits, to on-going support throughout your entire degree.

STIR.AC.UK/
STUDENTSUPPORT

BE INVOLVED

The Students' Union is a place to make new friends, get involved with societies and sports teams and discover a wide range of extra-curricular activities and career-advancing opportunities.

university of stirling students' union

OPEN AND SUPPORTIVE

Stirling Students' Union provides independent advice and help, wherever and whenever it's needed. They are here to ensure your Stirling experience is the best it can be.

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

"Studio" serves food and drinks in a relaxed lounge atmosphere, with live sports fixtures, music and an outside decking area with stunning views.

"Underground" café serves Starbucks food and drink as well as providing lots of space to study and socialise.

The multi-purpose "Venue" is a great place to relax and unwind during the day and hosts a range of events and activities at night.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Union has more than 70 societies and 50 sports clubs, so no matter what your interest is, there are many great ways to meet like-minded people from a range of backgrounds. There are clubs for business development, volunteering, music, travel, the arts and much more.

THE POSTGRADUATE SOCIETY

The University of Stirling Postgraduate Society brings taught and research postgraduate students together through a variety of social activities: from regular coffee mornings and pub quizzes, to lunches and research events.

stirlingstudentunion

@stirlingunion

TOP 10

Our clubs and societies are ranked Top 10 in the UK[1]

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

STIR.AC.UK/
RESEARCHDEGREES

RESEARCH WITH IMPACT

Our vision is to be recognised across the world as a university that addresses the needs of society through innovative interdisciplinary research.

At the University of Stirling, our researchers are truly making a difference. We're working to improve the lives of people with dementia, feeding communities through sustainable aquaculture research and finding creative ways to inspire better health and wellbeing. Our challenge-led research is conducted to the highest standards of quality and integrity, allowing us to support and improve life across the world.

Stirling research is making a tangible difference across the globe – with new analysis recognising that 87% is of the highest standard, having an outstanding or very considerable impact on society[1].

The results of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 – an independent appraisal of the quality of research conducted by all UK universities – also reported that more than 80% of Stirling's research is either world leading or internationally excellent[1].

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1 Research Excellence Framework, 2021

SUPPORTING PhD STUDY

STIR.AC.UK/RESEARCH

Research conducted at the University of Stirling inspires positive change, brings new perspectives and aims to address some of society's biggest challenges. Join our thriving research community and be a part of it.

PhD OPPORTUNITIES

We can offer PhD supervision across a broad range of subject areas, and are especially keen to support collaborative, inter-disciplinary research.

INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (IAS)

The IAS supports our growing PhD research community with resources, networking opportunities, skills development and more. We also have a dedicated learning and research space that supports knowledge exchange and interdisciplinary collaboration.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Through the IAS, you'll be connected with a global community of scholars, industry experts, leading academics and employers from a diverse range of interdisciplinary research areas.

PhD STUDENTSHIPS

We're investing in the next generation of world-class researchers. £3.6 million studentship funding (over three years) is available for PhD students starting their studies in October 2024. Further details relating to the research topics and how to apply will be published on the website late 2023.

Please see the **website** for further details relating to the research topics and how to apply.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Stirling consistently ranks highly in many worldwide and UK University benchmarks for teaching and course quality.

TOP 10
in the UK for good teachers and expert lectures[3]

SEE ALL OUR FACTS AND FIGURES

FIVE-STAR TEACHING

Our collaborative, research-led approach to teaching consistently earns five stars in QS World University Rankings[1]. But more importantly, our students simply love the way we teach, that's why we're ranked top 20 in the UK for Postgraduate Teaching and Learning[2].

TOP-RATED COURSES

Many of our courses are ranked among the top courses in the UK in independent surveys such as The Guardian University Guide, QS World University Rankings and the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

WORLDLY-WISE

Our campus is a truly global place, with nearly 50% of our postgraduate students from overseas. Our focus is on providing education with a purpose. We're here to help you prepare for success in an increasingly global society – and play an integral role in transforming it for the better.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We have over 90 postgraduate courses, including full-time, part-time, on-campus and online or blended learning courses.

1 QS Stars University Rating, 2021
2 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey, 2022
3 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

TAUGHT DEGREES (MASTERS)

Go to STIR.AC.UK/POSTGRADUATE to start your application now

- Master of Science (MSc)
- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Research (MRes)
- Master of Letters (MLitt)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Public Policy (MPP)
- Master of Public Health (MPH)
- Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip)
- Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert)

Masters courses are intensive programmes of study that typically take 12 months to complete (full-time) and include lectures and seminars, as well as practical assignments, research projects and/or work placements. Many taught courses can also be done part-time or by distance learning online.

Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates usually need fewer credits to complete and so can take less 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.

Provided you meet the minimum requirements for your chosen course, we will be able to guarantee you an offer and you may be eligible for an alumni scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR TAUGHT (MASTERS) DEGREE COURSE

1 CHECK YOUR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Most postgraduate courses require at least a second-class Honours degree or equivalent, and some require work experience or proven knowledge.

2 CHOOSE YOUR START DATE

Many of our postgraduate courses have two or more intakes per year (e.g. September and January. Check individual course information). Courses can fill up, and international students in particular need to leave enough time for visa applications, so we recommend you apply early.

3 APPLY ONLINE

You can apply directly through the online application form on our course pages. International students can also apply via one of our in-country International agents.

4 RESPONDING TO OUR OFFER

If we send you an offer of a postgraduate position... congratulations! We'll send you a link to our Applicant Portal, where you can upload documentation, apply for accommodation and choose your fee payment options.

5 PAY YOUR DEPOSIT (INTERNATIONAL ONLY)

International Students need to pay their deposit by the deadline stated on their offer letter.

6 START THE VISA APPLICATION PROCESS (INTERNATIONAL ONLY)

If you require a Student Route Visa, we recommend you apply as soon as possible, so you can get your visa processed in plenty of time.

RESEARCH DEGREES (DOCTORATES)

Go to STIR.AC.UK/RESEARCHDEGREES to start your application now

Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES:
Doctor of Applied Social Research (DASR)
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
Doctor of Nursing (NursD)
Doctor of Midwifery (MidD)
Doctor of Professional Health Studies (DPHS)
Doctor of Education (EdD)
Doctor of Diplomacy (DDipl)
Doctorate in Health Psychology (DPsych)
Doctorate in Big Data Science

These advanced research degrees generally involve independent research on a specific subject and may take two, three or up to eight years (part-time) to complete.

Professional Doctorate qualifications integrate professional and academic knowledge, and are 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.

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR RESEARCH DEGREE

1 DEVELOP YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

You should start with a clear idea of what you'd like to research. Your proposal should include background, rationale and context for your intended research, as well as clear aims and objectives. **See our website for more guidance on writing a research proposal.**

2 CHOOSE A SUBJECT AREA

Once you have your idea, identify which broad subject area your research will fall under.

3 IDENTIFY A SUPERVISOR

Although it's not necessary to name a supervisor on your application, making contact with an academic operating in your chosen field before you apply can help strengthen your research proposal and application. You can use the **'Find a Supervisor'** tool on our website.

4 APPLY ONLINE

Apply directly through the online application form on our website. You can start a PhD or MPhil in any month, however Professional Doctorates usually have specific starts. Check individual course pages to find out.

5 START THE VISA APPLICATION PROCESS (INTERNATIONAL ONLY)

If you are an international student who will need a Student Route Visa, we recommend you apply as soon as possible, so you can get your visa processed in plenty of time. We accept and consider applications up to a year before you want your research degree to begin.

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BE THE DIFFERENCE

From our diverse alumni to our honorary graduates, there are many amazing success stories of how Stirling students have made a difference across the world. Here are a select few...

JACKIE KAY MBE
POET AND NOVELIST

BA English Studies, 1983
Honorary Doctorate, 2000

Jackie writes extensively for stage, screen and children. Her first book of poetry, The Adoption Papers, won the Saltire Society Award for Best First Book in 1992.

In 2011, she won the Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Book Award (Non-Fiction) for Red Dust Road – an account of her search for her natural parents – and from 2016 to 2021 she was the Scots Makar (the 'Scottish Poet Laureate').

SIR ANDY MURRAY
PROFESSIONAL TENNIS PLAYER

Honorary Doctorate, 2013

From nearby Dunblane, three-time BBC Sports Personality of the Year Andy Murray trained at the University of Stirling's National Tennis Centre as a youngster.

In 2009, he 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.

SAM HEUGHAN
ACTOR AND CHARITY FOUNDER

Honorary Doctorate, 2019

Award-winning Scottish actor Sam Heughan has appeared in a host of television and film productions, and is best known for his role as Jamie Fraser in hit series Outlander. He has won Best Actor awards for his performances in the series, and has received several BAFTA and Critic's Choice Television Award nominations.

An ardent supporter of blood cancer charity Bloodwise, Sam has also established his own charitable foundation, My Peak Challenge.

SHUMELA AHMED
MANAGING DIRECTOR, RESILIENCE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Access Course, 2013
BA (Hons) Journalism Studies and Politics, 2017
PGDip Tertiary Education with TQFE, 2018

A shining example of the transformational impact education can have on someone's life, Shumela has dedicated her academic and professional career to helping others realise this too.

As co-founder and Managing Director of the Resilience Learning Partnership, a growing social enterprise led and driven by lived experience, it is her ambition to see lived experience as the dominating force within public policy across the UK.

DID YOU KNOW?
We have over 100,000 alumni ...and counting!

ROHIT JAISWAL
FOUNDER, BRANDWITH WORLDWIDE MEDIA

MSc Media Management, 2004

After graduating from Stirling, Rohit joined the corporate strategy team at The Times of India, before moving on to work for New Delhi Television Limited's (NDTV) distribution department, becoming Vice President & Head (Distribution & Affiliates), before leaving to co-found his own media company.

In 2023, he was recognised as one of the top young Indian alumni of the UK and was awarded a prestigious India UK Achievers Honour in the Media and Journalism category.

GRANT REID
CEO AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS LEADER

BA Management Economics, 1982
Honorary Doctorate, 2023

Grant Reid grew up in Kincardine, Scotland, and graduated in management economics from the University of Stirling in 1982.

Now living in the USA, he served as CEO of Mars Inc for more than eight years and is credited with having an instrumental role in transforming and diversifying the business, as well as improving its sustainability.

A committed climate actionist, he is now Chair of the Sustainable Markets Initiative Agribusiness Taskforce which is driving substantial action on how to scale regenerative agriculture.

Find out more about our alumni networks: STIR.AC.UK/ALUMNI

USEFUL CONTACTS

A postgraduate qualification is a big step forward in your life and career, so you've probably got a few questions. We have a wide range of specialist teams who can provide all the information you need to make the right decisions for you and your future.

CHAT WITH A STUDENT BUDDY

No one knows more about what it's like to study at Stirling than one of our current students. Chat to one of them now about student life here.
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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 you 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. You 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 Association of International Accountants (AIA), the Chartered Banker Institute (CBI) and the Chartered Financial Analyst 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.

FLYING START LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Our Flying Start Leadership Programme, which is unique to Stirling, provides postgraduate students with an intensive induction that will develop leadership skills, build networks and enhance employability.

HIGHERED GLOBAL TALENT PORTAL

As a Management School student you will have access to the HigherEd Global Talent Portal where you will find internships, trainee positions, apprenticeships and graduate positions from companies around the world. It helps international students looking for placements at home and local students who want to explore an international experience.

Some of our courses offer multiple start dates. Please check course webpages for details.

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

AMPLIFY TRADING BOOT CAMP

Run in collaboration with our partner, Amplify, this award-winning financial trading boot camp gives you the opportunity to access live market data and trade across multiple asset classes, gaining first-hand experience of how intraday trading actually works and how financial markets function.

STUDENT MANAGED INVESTMENT FUND

Our students have established a Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF), with support from our Accounting and Finance academics. Gain practical experience of managing investments and enhance your employability with a practical understanding of theoretical aspects of investment valuation.

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:

- Accounting and Finance
- Economics

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

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Developed in response to increasing globalisation and the convergence of international accounting practices, this course meets the business world's demand for graduates 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 accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and graduates can obtain exemption from up to six ACCA exams.

Our accreditation from The Associaton of International Accountants (AIA) enables you to benefit from exemption from the full Foundation Level as well as from the Professional Level 1 paper Business Law for Accountants. Depending on your optional modules, you can also benefit from exemption from the Professional Level 1 paper Financial Accounting and Reporting 1.

CORE MODULES

- Accounting and Society
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates of 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 with employers including University of Putra, Beijing Benz Automotive Co. Ltd, Lockheed Martin or BGL Plc.

ACCREDITED ACCA PROGRAMME

AIA THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Some of our Masters modules cover elements of the learning outcomes from all three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme, helping you progress towards CFA Charterholder status – the most respected and recognised investment credential in the world.

Course Starts: September

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FINANCE AND DATA ANALYTICS

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The financial industry is increasingly turning to big data to inform investment decisions and there is a growing demand for professionals with a specialisation in data analytics.

Our MSc Finance and Data Analytics course provides all the necessary tools for a successful career in the financial industry. You will learn how to use programming languages (e.g. Python, R) to analyse data and get a deep understanding of core financial theory and investment practices.

These data analysis skills are much sought-after and can be utilised in algorithmic trading, machine learning and artificial intelligence applications. You will develop core skills in finance, investments and data analytics – all of which can be applied in a final dissertation on a finance-related topic of your choice.

Our innovative week-long global financial boot camp run by Amplify will give you real-world experience of trading, while our guest lecturer programme gives you the chance to learn from, and network with, industry leaders.

You will also gain access to professional databases such as Bloomberg and S&P Capital IQ to enhance your practical learning.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Corporate Finance
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Blockchain Technologies
- Machine Learning
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our MSc Finance and Data Analytics course equips you with the skills to meet the modern financial industry's demand for the use of big data to inform investment decisions.

Graduates can explore a number of career options, such as fund management, data analysis, security dealing, financial engineering, management consultancy and corporate finance.

This course offers you the opportunity to cover the prerequisite material of the Financial Data Professional (FDP) programme from the FDP Institute, using the DataCamp route.

By studying this, you are well positioned to progress towards obtaining the FDP credential which is highly regarded by employers.

Course Starts: September

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FINANCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This Masters course will equip you with the theory and analytical techniques required for a successful career as a finance professional.

In the current ever-changing global climate, there is a need for a deeper understanding of the role played by finance in generating growth, opportunities, and wealth.

This course will enable you to understand and question existing financial theories, and analyse and model financial data. You will also understand the different types of opportunities and risks relating to companies and markets.

As well as timetabled classes, you are invited to guest lectures delivered by leading finance industry professionals, including University of Stirling alumni. You will gain real-world trading experience through the Student Managed Investment Fund and Amplify Trading boot camp. These activities provide opportunities for networking, learning about the latest developments in finance, and putting into practice the ideas that you learn, giving you 'hands-on' experience.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Accounting and Society
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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 investment banking firms.

Our graduates can be found working in major global financial institutions around the world such as JP Morgan, T-Rowe Price, Deutschebank, BlackRock, Morgan Stanley, Standard Chartered Bank, Bank of China and HSBC.

This course covers much of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme, helping you progress towards obtaining CFA Charterholder status, a highly regarded finance credential which will support your career ambitions.

Course Starts: September

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DIGITAL BANKING AND FINANCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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, 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.

Our course is one of the few in the UK accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute. After graduating, you will be eligible to use the 'Chartered Banker' status, a globally recognised qualification, along with the membership designation 'MCBI' (Member of the Chartered Banker Institute).

You will benefit from our award-winning financial trading boot camp run by our partner, Amplify. Delivered on campus, this practical course helps you to bridge the gap between academic theories of financial markets and the real world.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Bank Theory, Operations and Management
- Corporate Finance
- Professionalism, Regulation and Ethics
- Risk Management in Banking
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

Our graduates work for many different financial organisations, including Citibank, HSBC, Vodafone, Santander, Ernst and Young, Ministry of Finance (Greece), Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Chartered Banker

We encourage you to reflect on the benefits of a more ethical approach to banking and finance. We ensure you are aware of the importance of sustainability in financial decision-making, and in particular how social and environmental risk factors affect financial performance.

Course Starts: September and January

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INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The 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 courses in the UK to have membership of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) 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, analyse financial data relating to investments, and provide advice on private wealth management.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- 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
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

University Affiliation Program CFA Institute

We encourage you to reflect on the benefits of a more ethical approach to banking and finance. We ensure you are aware of the importance of sustainability in financial decision-making, and in particular how social and environmental risk factors affect financial performance.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters in Finance and Risk Management places an emphasis on real-world experiences to equip you with the skills you will need for a successful career in finance and financial risk management.

The MSc Finance and Risk Management is a Financial Risk Manager partner of the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) and the course covers at least 70 percent of the GARP body of knowledge along with 100 percent of the ethics and professional conduct learning objectives required for the FRM Part I examination or FRM Part II examination.

The course covers finance theories and the practical methods practitioners use to analyse and understand financial data and risk. You will have the opportunity to participate in the real-world trading simulation, Amplify Trading Boot Camp.

During your studies, you will have access to professional financial databases including Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters Eikon, Datastream, S&P Capital IQ and The Financial Times. This allows you to maximise your understanding of data with real-world context.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Corporate Finance
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Bank Theory, Operations and Strategy
- Derivatives
- Quantitative Financial Risk Analysis
- International Corporate Finance
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

After graduating, you will be equipped with cutting-edge knowledge of both finance and financial risk management to support your future career goals. Graduates can go onto explore careers in financial risk management, risk control, risk audit, banking, financial analysis and financial services.

GARP
FRM | Academic Partner

Course Starts: September

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PROFESSOR DAVID MCMILLAN
PROFESSOR OF FINANCE

Professor David McMillan's research focuses on modelling asset returns and links between asset prices and the wider economy, with relevance to macroeconomic policy.

TRADE SECRETS

What are the benefits of studying a finance-related Masters degree at Stirling?

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 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, a global financial trading and training company.

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.

We have a similar status with the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) for our MSc Finance and Risk Management, where our syllabus covers over 70 percent of GARP's Financial Risk Manager (FRM) Level 1 qualification.

Our accreditation from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) gives graduates of the MSc International Accounting and Finance automatic exemption from four ACCA papers, and exemptions from two further papers if particular spring semester options are studied.

Our accreditation from the Association of International Accountants (AIA) also enables graduates to benefit from exemption from the full AIA foundation level, as well as up to two additional AIA Level 1 papers.

Courses accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute offer graduates of the MSc Digital Banking and Finance the opportunity to use the professional designation 'Chartered Banker' and the membership designation MCBI.

AQUACULTURE

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

With 100% 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.

The University has secured a £17 million investment for the new National Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Hub (NATIH), which is due to open in 2024, as part of the UK Region City Deal.

Stirling won the UK's highest academic honour, the Queen's Anniversary Prize 2019, for our outstanding research that shows quality and innovation, and delivers real benefit to the wider world through education and training.

We work with governments, regulatory bodies, industry, pharmaceutical suppliers, fish farmers and supply chains to tackle global problems of food security, hunger and sustainability through aquaculture. As a global organisation, we have links and partnerships in over 50 countries.

Our first class on and off campus facilities afford us excellent connections with academic, commercial and public research partners from across the globe.

RESEARCH COURSES

We offer research options, including PhDs, in the following areas:

- Aquaculture health and welfare
- Aquaculture nutrition
- Bioinformatics
- Environmental interactions and resilience
- Fish health and biotechnology
- Fish parasitology
- Global food security
- Sustainable aquaculture

The Queen's Anniversary Prizes
For Higher and Further Education
2019 & 2021

FT Full-time course

PT Part-time course

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

AQUATIC PATHOBIOLOGY

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Study the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of aquatic animal diseases in cultured organisms.

The Masters in Aquatic Pathobiology has been taught at the Institute of Aquaculture for almost 40 years and is the only Masters degree of its kind in the world. As a student here, you will be part of a large international community experienced in various aspects of Aquaculture.

The course 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 develop an understanding of the biology, husbandry and environment of farmed aquatic species.

Our MSc Aquatic Pathobiology course achieved 86% overall student satisfaction at the latest Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Foundations of Aquatic Animal Production
- Aquaculture in Practice
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills I
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills 2
- Parasites and Treatments
- Aquaculture Health Control
- Dissertation or a Research Project

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

WELL CONNECTED

The Aquaculture Students Association organises an annual employers' event for students to meet with potential employers in the industry, providing a great opportunity to network and support your future career.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

AQUATIC VETERINARY STUDIES

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip

Gain the skills you need for the investigation, prevention and control of aquatic animal diseases.

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 controlling disease and optimising welfare is crucial to the ongoing success of this industry.

You will gain an understanding of the biology, husbandry and environment of farmed aquatic species, as well as specialist expertise in aquatic animal diseases. This course equips veterinarians with a unique set of specialised skills, in turn providing excellent job prospects in the field.

The Institute of Aquaculture has pioneered the development of aquaculture disease management and has over 40 years of experience in investigating and controlling fish and shrimp diseases worldwide, which it uses to improve your problem-solving skills – ultimately equipping you to make a real contribution to the sustainability of aquaculture.

CORE MODULES

- Foundations of Aquatic Animal Production
- Aquaculture in Practice
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills I
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills 2
- Parasites and Treatments
- Aquaculture Health Control
- Dissertation or a Research Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Many of our graduates have gone on to positions as aquatic health consultants or fish veterinarians. Other career options 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.

Our Institute of Aquaculture has been awarded the UK's most prestigious academic honour, the Queen's Anniversary Prize 2019.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Explore the principles of sustainable 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 institute for Sustainable Aquatic Food 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, breeding and genetics, aquaculture policy and planning, livelihood analysis, environmental management, feed formulation and resources, aquatic animal health control, epidemiology, and ecotoxicology. You can also explore the commercial business of sustainable aquaculture, with optional modules covering marketing, business studies and economics.

The Aquaculture Students Association organises an annual employers' event for students to meet with potential employers in the industry, providing a great opportunity to network and support your future career.

Course Starts: September
Flexible pathways available

FT PT

CORE MODULES

- Foundations of Aquatic Animal Production
- Aquaculture in Practice
- Environmental Systems
- Genetics and Reproduction
- Aquaculture Nutrition
- Dissertation or a Research Project

Check course web page for optional modules

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:

- Environmental Management
- Aquaculture Development and Food Security
- Aquaculture Breeding and Genetics
- Aquaculture Nutrition

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will graduate with skills that will support your ambitions for managing or establishing 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.

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. We equip our students with the skills to act as global citizens, capable of addressing the needs of society.

Our academics deliver an industry-focused curriculum, with a strategic emphasis 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.

FLYING START LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Our Flying Start Leadership Programme, is unique to Stirling, and provides an intensive induction that will develop leadership skills, build networks and enhance employability.

HIGHERED GLOBAL TALENT PORTAL

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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.

For more information, visit: **stir.ac.uk/35v**

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:

- Behavioural Science
- Business and Management
- Marketing and Retailing
- Data Science and Analytics

88% overall student satisfaction for Business and Management
Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This 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.

The course covers core business subjects such as accounting, people management and strategy, in the context of international regulatory frameworks and business practices. It also emphasises ethical, environmental and sustainability issues, which are increasingly important within the global business environment.

The consultancy project will allow you to work with an organisation to investigate a 'real-world' issue, giving you the opportunity to make professional connections and enhance your transferrable business skills.

We hold 92% overall student satisfaction rating for MSc International Business in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Managing an International Organisation
- International Marketing Management
- Global Perspective in People Management
- International Accounting for Managers
- Business in Europe and the Emerging Economies
- Dissertation or Consultancy Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our International Business graduates have forged successful careers in the public, private and voluntary sectors around the world, with employers including The World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Lufthansa, Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), and Procter and Gamble (P&G).

With the 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 and human resources.

We have partnered with the University of Porto and Budapest Business School to offer you the chance to gain two Masters degrees by undertaking additional study in either Porto in Portugal or Budapest in Hungary.
There are scholarships available which reduce course fees at Porto, along with a number of funded free places at Budapest Business School.

Course Starts: September and January

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HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our accredited MSc Human Resource Management (HRM) course is practice-oriented and provides the opportunity to develop the essential skills needed by human resource management practitioners in the workplace.

Our Masters provides you with core human resource management theory and examines the key people issues that organisations face. The course is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

You will 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 will also be given the opportunity to choose from a selection of specialist HR topics, followed by a consultancy case study where you will have the opportunity to act as an HR consultant to fictional companies with realistic HR problems to solve.

To study with us you do not need to have previous work or study experience in the field of Human Resource Management.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Strategic and Operational HRM
- Professional Skills and Analytics
- The Business Context
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
- Employment Relations
- Resourcing and Talent Management
- Advances in HRM
- Consultancy Case Study

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Many career opportunities will be opened 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.

CIPD Approved centre

Our CIPD accreditation ensures you will study materials which are current and industry led. It also gives you access to apply for student membership of the CIPD so you can attend networking events, including the annual student conference and professional CIPD events.

Course Starts: September

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MARKETING

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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, youth marketing, 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.

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.

We are ranked 2nd in Scotland, top 20 in the UK for Marketing. (The Complete University Guide 2023).

CIM
Accredited Degree

Our students have worked on consultancy projects with organisations such as the National Wallace Monument, Waterski Scotland, Strathearn Strategic Consulting, Stirling Albion Football Club, Scottish Biomedical, Snowsports Scotland, EASA Training Ltd, and Stirling Art.

They have also benefitted from site visits to external organisations such as ASDA Supermarket and New Lanark Visitor Centre.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Responsible Marketing Management
- Strategic Marketing Practice
- Marketing Communications and the Consumer
- Professional Skills in Marketing
- Data Analysis Techniques in Marketing
- Consultancy Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Typical roles for graduates with this qualification include Marketing Manager, Brand Manager, Brand Marketing Executive, Product Marketing Manager or Consultant.

Our graduates have gone on to work with well-known brands and organisations across the world, such as Yves Saint Laurent, Unilever, Karma Medical Products, National Education Association Nestle.

Course Starts: September

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MARKETING ANALYTICS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Marketing Analytics course is designed to equip you with essential cross-disciplinary knowledge and training in systems analysis, quantitative methods and data science to help you transform big data into a powerful marketing asset for your organisation.

During the course, you will explore the strategic impacts of marketing analytics and manage the business, societal and ethical implications of marketing analytics solutions across organisations and different sectors.

The increase in the collection and analysis of big data — extremely large sets of information, like social media comments or online product reviews — can provide valuable insight into consumer behaviours and preferences. Tailored for those who plan to pursue a career in the field of marketing analytics, as well as those seeking professional development or a career change, our Marketing Analytics course answers the industry demand for skilled pool of graduates who can apply data science to solve marketing challenges.

A key feature of the course is an Industry Partnership and Action Learning approach through consulting projects with industry. This will enhance your learning experience as you apply concepts and theories you have learnt, developing your practical business skills, which will help you to make a difference at the forefront of your profession.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Professional Skills in Marketing
- Business Analytics
- Statistics with R
- Text Analytics for Marketing
- Data Analysis Techniques in Marketing
- Machine Learning
- Digital Marketing and Data Technologies
- Consultancy Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our extensive network of external organisations across all sectors provides opportunities to build your knowledge, skills, and experience for a successful career in marketing analytics roles.

These may include:

- Strategic Planning or Sustainability Analytics teams
- Customer Insight or Marketing Analytics teams
- Finance, Pricing or other Technical Analytics teams

Our graduates have gone on to work with well-known brands and organisations across the world, including Nokia, Pepsico, eBay, Bloomberg, McCann Erickson, and Google.

The US Bureau of Labour Statistics is predicting employment of market research analysts to grow 18% from 2019 to 2029, a higher rate than the average for all occupations.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

MARKETING AND BRAND MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters in Marketing and Brand Management combines the core principles of marketing with the much sought-after skills associated with understanding, shaping and leading a brand.

With the rise of new communication channels, predominantly online, and the ability of consumers to impact on brand reputation, more businesses than ever are identifying value in effective brand management strategies to protect and enhance their brand.

During your studies, you will learn about the practice and theory of sustainable marketing and strategic brand management as well as digital marketing and advertising. Our course also gives you the choice to further explore the role of brands and branding in specialist marketing areas such as supply chain marketing, retailing, and social marketing.

MSc Marketing and Brand Management is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), the world's leading professional marketing body, and counts towards the CIM Professional Diploma in Marketing. Our graduates gain exemption from half of the CIM Professional Diploma modules.

The research-led teaching combined with a focus on practical applications is a key strength of this course and you will be taught by top researchers. You will collaborate with a wide variety of organisations including not-for-profit, third sector, and small and medium sized enterprises as theory meets practice.

You will also have the opportunity to gain practical experience by working on a consultancy project with external clients over the summer.

Brand Managers are central to brand protection in many organisations across a wide variety of industries and sectors, with glassdoor.com reporting the average Brand Manager salary in the UK as £48,779 in 2023.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Responsible Marketing Management
- Strategic Marketing Practice
- Marketing Communications and the Consumer
- Professional Skills in Marketing
- Data Analysis Techniques in Marketing
- Brand Marketing
- Youth Marketing
- Digital Marketing and Advertising
- Sport Marketing
- Consultancy Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Career opportunities exist not only in manufacturing and services but also increasingly in public, social and non-profit sectors. Typical roles for graduates with this qualification include Brand Manager, Brand Marketing Executive, Marketing Manager, Product Marketing Manager or Consultant.

Our Marketing graduates have gone on to work with employers including Stirling Council, Yves Saint Laurent, Elsevier, and Eugenides Foundation.

CIM
Accredited Degree

Course Starts: September

FT PT

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

Click for course web page

Campus based MBA

Accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), 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. This sought-after qualification will give you a thorough understanding of the functional areas of business and management, including accounting and finance, marketing, operations management, and human resource management.

Our MBA places an emphasis on responsible leadership, sustainable strategy and how to effectively manage limited resources with maximum impact. Understanding the practices and processes of business in terms of inclusion, environmental, cultural, social and economic sustainability is central to the course, and this is the first MBA in Scotland to cater to these important agendas.

You will have a chance to go on regular site visits with senior executives and industry experts, as well as an opportunity to undertake a three-month consultancy project with a business or organisation across the public, private and non-profit sectors. This allows you to integrate the knowledge and skills from your MBA to solve a real business challenge. We also have a series of guest lectures and workshops which provide many networking opportunities with potential employers.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Strategic and Operational HRM
- Responsible Business
- International Accounting for Managers
- Personal and Professional Development
- Professional Skills
- Strategy and the Competitive Environment
- Business Start-Up and Growth
- Operations Management
- Digital Marketing
- Consultancy Project or Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

The MBA will give you 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 with employers including HSBC, Citibank International, ExxonMobil, L'Oreal, Adidas, NHS, whilst others started their own business.

CMI Chartered Management Institute

Our MBA is accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) ensuring that you graduate with two qualifications, an MBA and a CMI Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Management and Leadership.

Course Starts: September and January

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MASTER OF RESEARCH BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our MRes in Business and Management is a specialist degree that will prepare you for studying a PhD, by providing 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 MRes Business and Management is accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Scottish Graduate School of Social Science for the training of PhD students.

The course is also the generic entry point for the University of Stirling Management School Doctoral Programme. We are a member institution of the ESRC Scottish Doctoral Training Centre that welcomes applications for doctoral studentships in Accounting and Finance, and Business and Management.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Fundamentals and Philosophy of Management Research
- Research Methods in Business and Management
- The Evolution of Management and Organisational Research
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

E·S·R·C ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

SCOTTISH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The MRes Business and Management has a strong practical focus and trains you in the advanced skills necessary for business, management, economic and policy research.

Course Starts: September

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BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Behavioural Science seeks to answer key questions about how people behave and how that influences economic, political, commercial, and social decision-making.

Our Masters course will provide you with an in-depth knowledge of the theory and practice of behavioural science, and how this can be applied to social, business and policy-related issues. It will help you answer some of the biggest questions facing society – for example, 'How can we improve people's wellbeing?', 'How can we help people save more for the future?', and 'How can we foster more effective environmental behaviours?'.

The course draws on the expertise of our academic staff in the Stirling Behavioural Science Centre, a globally recognised research hub. By the end of the course, you will be trained to lead behavioural challenge workshops, learn a comprehensive suite of behavioural research methods and gain a deep understanding of how this 'toolkit' can be applied to solving problems faced by business and society.

You will also have the opportunity to engage with researchers and practitioners in our seminar series as well as undertake a three-month consultancy project with a business client. Our recent students have worked on projects with Siemens, Tesco Supermarket, Keep Scotland Beautiful, Volunteer Scotland, Iceland's Cancer Detection Clinic, and the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service.

We are proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction rating for Behavioural Science in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Behavioural Economics I: Concepts and Theories
- Psychology of Work
- Statistics with R
- Behavioural Economics II: Business and Policy Applications
- Evidence-based Decision-Making
- Survey Measurement and Analysis
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our MSc Behavioural Science is designed to help you pursue a career in business, in areas such as implementation of public policy, regulation and policy development, survey research, advertising, consumer and social marketing, and human resource management. Our course meets increasing demands from industry, government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for graduates with behavioural skills.

One of our students worked with the Icelandic Cancer Detection Clinic for their course project, to send women reminders for cervical smear tests.

As a result, the number of appointment attendees increased by 5% and the Clinic estimated that this would **save 10-12 lives annually**, showing both the direct and potentially lifesaving real-world impact of behavioural science.

BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Business Analytics allows companies to monitor and improve strategic decision-making. During your studies you will explore business analytics tools, as well as models and methods used by businesses as they deal with business growth, change and disruption.

We will help you to engage with the modern workplaces of artificial intelligence, automation and data exchange. You will add the cross-industry standard protocol for data-mining (CRISP-DM) to your business analytics toolkit and learn how to inform business strategy with innovation, data ethics and sustainability in mind.

This data-focused conversion Masters course has been created in collaboration with The Data Lab, Scotland's Innovation Centre for Data and Artificial Intelligence, developing graduates with specialist knowledge and technical skills required for a successful career involving data driven decision making.

You will also have an opportunity to work on a real-world project with key organisations who are using business analytics for strategic development.

THE DATA LAB
value from data

Our Business Analytics course was developed in close partnership with industry to produce the graduates which businesses need. We welcome students from any academic discipline to join this course, where you will learn to use powerful visual programming and scripting tools, such as Orange, R, Power-BI and Python.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Business Analytics
- Text Analytics for Business
- Statistics with R
- Personal and Professional Development
- Digital Business and Data Technologies
- Business Consulting
- Machine Learning
- Consultancy Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will be able to forge a successful career in roles requiring good understanding of business analytics and data-driven decision-making.

These may include:

- Strategic planning or sustainability analytics teams
- Customer insight or marketing analytics teams
- Finance, pricing or other technical analytics teams
- Process improvement or other technical operations teams
- Data quality management or other data focused teams

Course Starts: September and January

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DATA SCIENCE FOR BUSINESS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters course addresses the shortage of business leaders and managers with a specialist 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 optional modules from computing science or management.

We work closely with The Data Lab, an internationally leading research and innovation centre in data science. This will allow you to 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.

The course offers opportunities for work-based projects to advance your career. You will also have a chance to undertake a three-month consultancy project over the summer, as an alternative to traditional dissertation, working on a 'real-world' issue.

THE DATA LAB
value from data

The UK is facing "explosive demand" for data science skills, according to a Burning Glass Technologies analysis commissioned by the Royal Society. The report shows demand for data scientists and data engineers tripled over the past five years, rising 231%, making this a lucrative field for graduates seeking employment.
The Royal Society, 2019

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Business Analytics
- Business Consulting
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Machine Learning
- Statistics in R
- Personal and Professional Development
- Consultancy Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Demand for employees with data analytics 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. You will gain knowledge and experience to apply in the data analytics roles, including: Business Data Analyst, Business Consultant or Data Manager.

Course Starts: September and January

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BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Stirling's Business and Management course is designed to create effective, resilient managers of the future.

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 will need to manage a responsible business.

You will explore the need for managing limited resources effectively, with maximum business impact. This is the ideal Masters if you are looking to take your first steps into management. We cover the major functions of organisations – accounting, marketing, operations, people management and strategy. Finance and economics are integrated through our strategic orientation.

As an alternative to a traditional dissertation, you will have an opportunity to undertake a three-month consultancy project with a business client, working on a 'real-life' issue.

We have strong links with the industry, the public and not-for-profit sectors and were awarded the Small Business Charter for engagement with local and regional enterprise.

You will have an opportunity to gain two Masters degrees by undertaking additional study in Portugal with our partner Porto Business School. There are scholarships available for students studying at Porto to reduce course fees.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Responsible Business
- Global Perspectives in People Management
- International Accounting for Managers
- Marketing Management
- Strategy and the Competitive Environment
- Economics, Society and Public Policy
- Operations Management
- Business Consulting
- Multi-Channel Marketing and Retail
- Innovation Management
- Digital Marketing
- Dissertation or Consultancy Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates have forged their careers in a range of organisations including IKEA Trading and Parabola Ltd (Consultancy), as well as central government offices and public sector bodies, such as the NHS and universities.

Job roles have included Research Analyst, Relationship Manager, Salesforce Developer, Strategic Planning Manager, Commercial Account Manager, whilst others have enjoyed success as entrepreneurs.

Course Starts: September and January

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COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND CULTURE

Our Communications, Media and Culture department, in the faculty of Arts and Humanities, is internationally renowned, attracting students, staff 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 Communication, as well as Gender Studies.

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:

- 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 communication
- Human information behaviour

1st in Scotland and 2nd in the UK for Marketing and Public Relations
The Guardian University Guide 2023

2nd in Scotland, Top 5 in the UK for Communication and Media
Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

DIGITAL MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course will provide you with the skills required for a rewarding career in digital media management and production. The course is distinctive in providing you with options to gain practical multimedia production skills underpinned by understanding of human behaviour in the digital context.

You will gain an understanding of human communication and information behaviours, and the factors influencing behaviours at macro and micro levels. You will develop an extensive knowledge of research methods for media and audience research, including options to learn data analytics and digital marketing skills.

You will also have the opportunity to develop practical skills in digital content production including graphic design and short video production. The course also includes the option to create a digital media product as a specialist, practice-based alternative to the dissertation. The standard dissertation route is also possible.

We're proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction for Digital Media and Communication in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021.

CORE MODULES

- Advanced Topics in Communication
- Human Information Behaviour
- Media Research Methods
- Dissertation or Digital Project alternative to the dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

There is strong global demand across the digital sector for graduates who understand how to effectively utilise digital media to reach and communicate with target audiences. As a graduate, you will have the skills to contribute to the planning, development, and evaluation of multi-channel digital marketing strategies and campaigns.

You will gain valuable interdisciplinary skills for a flexible career across public and private digital industries, and the ability to move into a number of specialist areas including digital media marketing, management, content design and production.

Some examples of graduates roles include: Digital Media Manager, Social Media Specialist, Digital Marketer and Web Content Editor.

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Benefit from field trips and guest lectures from national press editors, directors of digital media production companies and regulatory policy-makers and advisors in the digital media space.

Course Starts: September

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GENDER STUDIES (APPLIED)

Click for course web page

Campus based
MLitt, MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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 key debates around gender, sexuality and culture, exploring commonalities and differences in the ways they have played out in a range of contemporary, historical and global perspectives. The application of these debates in real world scenarios takes place with the support of partner organisations with which our students conduct research projects and placements.

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 define and discuss gender and sexuality in a contemporary, global context.

CORE MODULES

For both MSc and MLitt:
- Understanding Gender
- Researching Gender
- Key Feminist Thinkers
- Dissertation

For MSc only:
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

Some organisations where our graduates have found employment include Zero Tolerance, Glasgow Women's Library, Moving Image Archive Scotland/National Library Scotland and LGBT Youth Scotland.

Students will engage in contemporary debates on gender from a wide variety of disciplines, and work with unique materials in feminist archival collections.

Course Starts: September

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INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The course is internationally focused and deals with the practice of journalism across different media, cultural and regulatory environments.

The journalism sector is continually evolving and journalists have to learn a number of skills to remain relevant.

The MSc International Journalism at Stirling allows you to develop advanced research, analysis, writing and presentation skills in front or behind the camera.

You will be equipped to publish news content across multiple media, whether it's audio, writing, online or broadcast.

You will benefit from hands on teaching from experienced practitioners, leading researchers and guest lecturers from a range of publishing outlets.

We have a track record of working with media organisations to offer applied practical training and education.

CORE MODULES

- Journalism Practice
- International Journalism
- Digital Video Production
- Investigative Research Project or Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course will prepare you for this rapidly transforming sector and specifically for a career in journalism, photography and film-making, public relations, political communication and publishing. It will also provide you with the transferable skills needed for a range of careers in other fields, including advertising, political analysis and humanitarian work.

You can undertake either a traditional academic dissertation or an investigative research project – with a chance to be co-supervised by a journalist from award-winning investigative website The Ferret.

Course Starts: September

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MEDIA MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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.

You will benefit from being taught by a highly qualified lecturing team with an international profile of research activity and guest industry experts, 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 the creative and media industries, cultural policy and business strategy, with advanced study in contemporary media and cultural theories, training in appropriate research methodologies and the opportunities to deliver work for live clients.

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

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

Some examples of positions that our graduates have gone into include: Editor-in-Chief, Reputation Executive, Social Media Researcher, Communications Executive and Online Marketer.

WELL CONNECTED

The University has strong industry links, and you will have the chance to mix with professionals within the media and gain first-hand experience of the industry.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

MEDIA RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Campus based
MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

This 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.

This course is a recognised Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) 1+3 pathway. The 1+3 scheme provides funding for this one year research training linked to a PhD programme and is designed for students who have not already completed an ESRC recognised programme of research training.

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.

You will be given the opportunity to conduct a research placement as part of the course.

CORE MODULES

- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Research Methods
- Applied Methods
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

Course Starts: September

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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

During this course, you will develop a critical understanding of the role of public relations and strategic communication in society, as well as analytical and professional skills. You will gain a solid understanding of the theory behind public relations and communication, and have many opportunities to put this theory into practice.

You will design, implement and evaluate public relations and communication campaigns – giving you the practical and analytical skills you need for a successful career in strategic communications. You will be able to analyse environments, issues, organisational cultures and relationships – as well as set objectives, and design and implement public relations strategies.

You will learn how digital media is used to implement communication campaigns. 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.

We're ranked 1st in Scotland and 2nd in the UK for Marketing and Public Relations (The Guardian University Guide 2023).

CIPR
RECOGNISED COURSE 2022/2023

Benefit from our excellent guest speaker programme, field-trips, research placements, and opportunities to work for a client.

CORE MODULES

- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters will suit those who want managerial careers in public relations, organisational communication, corporate communications and strategic communication and public affairs. Our alumni are found around the globe, in public, private and voluntary sectors.

Many graduates work in PR consultancy roles for companies, governments and NGOs, 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.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Click for course web page

Campus based (Stirling and Barcelona)
MSc

Immerse yourself in a variety of cultures while you study this interdisciplinary, advanced-level course delivered jointly by the University of Stirling and Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona.

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 and strategic communication at a managerial level.

You can choose to have your dissertation supervised either by academics at the University of Stirling, or at Pompeu Fabra University.

We are ranked 1st in Scotland and 2nd in the UK for Marketing and Public Relations (The Guardian University Guide 2023).

CIPR
RECOGNISED COURSE 2022/2023

CORE MODULES

Autumn (Stirling):
- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Media Relations and Production
- Research Methods

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

Summer (Stirling or Pompeu Fabra):
- Dissertation

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.

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.

Course Starts: September

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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Combine 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. You will develop analytical, management and communications 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 and strategic communication. You will be able to analyse environments, issues, organisational cultures and relationships, as well as advise on solutions to complex communication problems, set objectives, and design and implement public relations strategies.

You will benefit from guest lectures offering the opportunity to discuss strategic communication issues and best practice with leading practitioners.

We're proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction rating for Strategic Public Relations (Online) in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021, as well as being ranked 2nd in the UK, 1st in Scotland for Marketing and Public Relations (The Guardian University Guide 2023).

CORE MODULES

- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

The most common careers are in public relations, organisational communication, corporate communications and strategic communication and public affairs. Our alumni are found around the globe, in public, private and voluntary sectors.

Many graduates work in PR consultancy roles for companies, governments and NGOs 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.

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RECOGNISED COURSE 2022/2023

Course Starts: September and January

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DR KATHERINE CHAMPION
LECTURER IN MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

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.

SWITCH ON TO MEDIA

It's an interesting time to be studying Media and Communications. How does Stirling shape our teaching to reflect this?

The Media and Communications industry has faced major transformations in recent 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 collaborative and team management skills, proficiency in industry analysis, and high level communications competences. Outside of the classroom, we encourage students to engage in a variety of fieldtrips, industry events and conferences, all of which contribute to a rich Masters experience.

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 their career prospects. Our taught media-related courses at Stirling present an opportunity to improve knowledge and understanding of a wide range of media industry sectors, as well as to develop skills and networks that promote future employability often working with real-world industry briefs and clients and carrying out business simulation activities.

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 the guest lecture series and industry expert contributions woven throughout our teaching. 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 professionals including: from broadcasters such as the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Channel 4, MTV, independent production companies; public relations agencies; media regulators and policymakers; newspaper editors; and many more.

A number of Stirling's media courses are delivered with international partner universities. How does this benefit students?

The Communications, Media and Culture department at Stirling prides itself on its international outlook. As part of this commitment, we have partnered with a number of overseas institutions, including in Singapore, China 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.

COMPUTING, DATA SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

At Stirling, we combine cutting-edge research in predictive modelling and data science with their application in multiple areas.

We explore the connections between computer science, mathematics, life sciences, social sciences and management. Our interdisciplinary research environment enables computer scientists and mathematicians to work together on solving challenging problems in food and health, the environment, business and social organisation.

Demand for data scientists and analysts is on the rise and employers require skills such as scripting languages, big data, SQL databases and machine learning to interpret big data and apply it in practice. Our courses have been developed in partnership with organisations to fill this gap and prepare the data scientists of the future.

We work collaboratively with a number of organisations, including The Data Lab, Scotland's Data Science Innovation Centre, that 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.

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:

- Fintech
- Blockchain technologies
- Computational heuristics
- Artificial intelligence
- Clinical decisions support systems
- Process algebra
- Computational intelligence and machine learning
- Data mining
- Modelling and analysis of complex systems

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionising sectors such as marketing, finance, sport, manufacturing, healthcare and government. It is also a skill highly sought-after by tech giants including Google, Facebook and Amazon.

This course covers the theoretical underpinning of a wide variety of AI-related techniques, including machine learning and deep learning, mathematics and statistics for data science, programming using Python, computer vision and natural language processing. The course also covers the technology, techniques, tools, software and methodologies used to apply these underlying theories to real-world problems.

You will have the opportunity to work with academics on ongoing commercially-relevant research projects and also take part in placement projects with industry or technology providers.

Our MSc Artificial Intelligence course achieved 93% overall student satisfaction at the latest Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Mathematical Foundations
- Statistics for Data Science
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning for Vision and NLP
- Stochastic Processes and Optimisation
- Dissertation or a Summer Project in partnership with a company or technology provider

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates with an AI qualification will find employment in sectors such as: business or customer analytics, robotics, advanced healthcare, financial technology (fintech), legal technology (lawtech), automotive (self-driving cars), cyber security and social media.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our course was designed in collaboration with employers to ensure that Stirling students have the relevant skills to meet the sector's demand, preparing industry-ready graduates.

Course Starts: September and January

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BIG DATA

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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Big data is increasingly important in today's commercial landscape and these skills are in high demand.

Scotland is a growing and dynamic country with an exciting future at the heart of the data science revolution. Recently, more than £660 million has been invested in the vision of turning our capital city, Edinburgh, into the 'Data Capital of Europe' (Source: Scottish Development International, 2020).

The MSc Big Data is an advanced Masters course covering the technology of big data and the science of data analytics.

As a data scientist specialising in big data, you will help companies make sense of large amounts of data, providing rapid insights that enable them to make better, quicker decisions. The course will also teach you how to collect, manage and analyse big, fast-moving data for science or commerce through cutting-edge technology such as Data Analytics, R, Hadoop, NoSQL and Machine Learning.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Mathematics and Statistics for Data Science
- Representing and Manipulating Data in Python
- Relational and Non-Relational Databases
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Machine Learning
- Cluster Computing
- Dissertation or a Summer Project in partnership with a company or technology provider

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

As a graduate in Big Data you'll be able to work in a wide range of sectors such as digital technologies, energy and utilities, financial services, public sector and healthcare.

Our graduates have found employment with data solutions consultancy companies such as bigspark, the NHS, the Scottish government, The Data Lab and many more.

DID YOU KNOW?

Big data professionals earn on average 31% more than other IT professionals in the industry.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

BIG DATA (ONLINE)

Online MSc

Click for course web page

The MSc Big Data is an advanced Masters degree covering coding skills, the technology of big data and the science of data analytics.

This is a two-year online course with three entry points throughout the year giving you the flexibility of start date and an opportunity to study in a way that suits your personal and professional needs through a combination of video lectures, live sessions and online materials.

The syllabus includes topics such as Python scripting, big databases and NoSQL, Cluster Computing and Mathematics and Statistics for Big Data.

On this course, you will be able to take Microsoft accredited courses in addition to your academic study, free of charge.

CORE MODULES

- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Statistics with R
- Personal and Professional Development
- Relational and non-Relational Databases
- Machine Learning
- Mathematical Foundations
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Cluster Computing
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Big data is a skill set that is in high demand. This Masters has been developed in partnership with companies that employ Data Scientists and as a graduate in big data you'll be able to command a salary that is typically higher than the IT average.

Our big data graduates have gone into a wide range of sectors such as digital technologies, energy and utilities, financial services, public sector and healthcare.

Course Starts: October, February and May

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FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY (FINTECH)

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Fintech is taking over the banking and finance industry and introducing a whole new set of ideas and opportunities in business, finance, technology and society.

Our MSc Financial Technology is one of the first offered in the UK. The course provides you with a solid foundation in computing, financial theory, ethical and regulatory constraints, and business skills.
Our Masters course covers topics and technologies from big data and analytics, computing for finance, blockchain and digital currencies, mobile computing and modern financial services.

We equip our graduates with the latest knowledge and skills required to work in the fintech sector, with a multi-disciplinary approach open to students with both computing/engineering and finance/economics background.

Scotland is home to more than 140 fintech companies and is the second largest fintech hub after London, employing more than 160,000 people in the financial services sector.

This course has been developed in partnership with global organisations specifically to provide the skills that employers in the fintech industry need.

You will develop an independent project on cutting-edge developments in the sector, either in collaboration with industry, or on applications or research topics.

CORE MODULES

- Blockchain Technologies
- Cyber Security
- Bank Theory, Operations and Strategy
- Machine Learning
- Mobile Financial Applications
- Dissertation or a Summer Project in partnership with a company or technology provider

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Fintech is a growth sector in its own right and there are opportunities across the career spectrum from new and exciting start-up companies to established banks and insurance companies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Companies such as HSBC, Sainsbury's Bank, JP Morgan and MBN helped us shape the course with employability firmly in mind.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

MATHEMATICS AND DATA SCIENCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the importance of combining Data Science and Mathematics, with governments around the world being guided by predictions from mathematical models.

Our MSc Mathematics and Data Science course is one of the first courses to link these two key areas, making it uniquely positioned to meet the demand for these skills, giving you a practical application in financial, business and medical systems, as well as the tools for studying data networks.

There is a global shortage of qualified analysts, and in particular, the demand is for graduates who can both manage the data (computing skills), and analyse the data to extract patterns, build models and make predictions (mathematics skills).

This Masters course will provide you with vital skills and knowledge in mathematical modelling, including applications and techniques used in many areas, from logistics and financial industries to healthcare and academia. You will learn through real-life applications and hear from external speakers about how big data is used in industrial and scientific applications.

Our MSc Mathematics and Data Science course achieved 100% overall student satisfaction at the latest Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Networks and Graph Theory
- Mathematical Modelling in Financial and Medical Applications
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Stochastic Processes and Optimisation
- Machine Learning
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Dissertation or a Summer Project in partnership with a company or technology provider

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates who are skilled in data science and mathematics are in high demand. Our graduates have gone on to work in financial institutions, energy firms, sport and fitness, start-ups, NHS and pharma, environmental agencies, government agencies, as well as gone on to undertake PhDs in the UK and overseas.

THE PLACE TO BE

Scotland has become a data science hub with students and start-up companies benefiting from organisations such as The Data Lab and CodeBase.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

PROFESSOR KEVIN SWINGLER
HEAD OF DIVISION, COMPUTING SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
Professor Kevin Swingler is Head of the Division of Computing Science and Mathematics and was responsible for developing the Masters courses in Big Data, Fintech and Artificial Intelligence at Stirling.

SKILL SHARE

What are the key differences between big data, artificial intelligence and financial technology?

We take a data-driven approach to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Financial Technology (Fintech), so these courses share material such as Python scripting and machine learning. 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. Artificial Intelligence does not cover technology such as databases, but has a focus on giving computers human like abilities, like seeing and understanding language.

There are four data science Masters courses within the Faculty of Natural Sciences at Stirling: Big Data; Mathematics and Data Science; Artificial Intelligence and Fintech - but I am 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 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.

Mathematics and 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. AI offers more advanced machine learning topics such as convolutional neural networks.

We also offer three data science Masters courses within Stirling Management School: Data Science for Business, Business Analytics and Marketing Analytics.

The Stirling data science 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.

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 graduates make a significant difference 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.

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 the following research postgraduate degrees:

- Doctor of Education
- PhD TESOL Research
- MRes Educational 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

100% of our research impact and environment in Education is classed as world leading or internationally excellent
Research Excellence Framework 2021

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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EDUCATION

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc

This Masters is designed for new and established education professionals to advance your understanding of education and international education. Those looking to convert their career to the field of education will also find this course of interest.

The University of Stirling has a strong reputation for the study of Education and we hold expertise in digital pedagogies, leadership and curriculum. International perspectives are incorporated within learning and teaching throughout the course, and pedagogical practices include multilingual and translanguaging teaching approaches.

You will be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to make contributions to public and private education spaces, including within education in local and international government, research and practice-based contexts.

CORE MODULES

- What is Education?
- Education and Social Justice
- Education and Policy
- Research Design and Process
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules and pathways

CAREER PROSPECTS

Successful completion of the Masters in Education will allow you to actively engage with sustainable practices in policy, curriculum and knowledge production within education.

Possible areas for career opportunities include:

- Education Research
- Education and Government – policy/ administration
- Education Consultancy
- Education in the Arts and Heritage industries
- Activist Organisations
- Private and community education providers

Completion of the MSc Education also provides you with the opportunity to continue your studies at doctoral-level at the University of Stirling, with the options of EdD, Prof Doc or PhD.

Course Starts: September

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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

(SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION FOR HEADSHIP)

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Into Headship is a mandatory qualification for candidates applying for Head Teacher posts in Scotland from August 2020. This Masters is a specialist practice-based course for aspiring and early-career school leaders.

The course will help you to gain the knowledge, understanding and skills required to put informed strategic vision, values and aims into practice - helping you to lead change for improvement in an educational setting.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 98% overall student satisfaction rating for Education in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021.

CORE MODULES

- Engaging Critically with Professional Practices or Examining Professional Practices: Work-Based Learning
- Middle Leadership: Principles and Practices
- Into Headship 1: Developing as a Strategic Leader
- Into Headship 2: Leading Strategic Change
- In Headship 1
- In Headship 2

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

The specialist qualification for Headship is a national course developed in partnership with Education Scotland and other stakeholders across the education community. The Postgraduate Certificate Into Headship leads to the professional award of the Standard for Headship and is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

Graduates may also want to continue their studies through a PhD or a Doctorate in Education (EdD).

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Our Masters has different routes available depending on where you are in your career, enabling you to tailor the course specifically to your needs.

Course Starts: August

PT

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Blended
MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our 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 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.

You will 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.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 98% overall student satisfaction rating for education, and 91% of education students felt their course has enhanced their employability in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021.

You might also be interested in our Doctor of Education degree: stir.ac.uk/PGEDU.

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
- Dissertation

Check course web page for modules

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 you learn core and transferable research skills and improving your future employability.

E·S·R·C ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

SCOTTISH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, 100% of our research impact and environment in Education was classed as world leading or internationally excellent.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our course is for current and prospective English language teachers who also see themselves as potential managers of language teaching departments or schools.

You will acquire the 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 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.

Our course includes the opportunity to apply for a placement at one of our partner universities overseas, allowing you to gain practical teaching experience, understand another culture and travel whilst fulfilling your studies.

CORE MODULES

- Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
- Managing an International Organisation
- Research Methods in TESOL
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course will suit new 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. You could go on to study for a PhD.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Our course offers a microteaching module which allows students to put learning into practice, teaching peers and self-evaluating teaching practices through review sessions.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Stirling has worked in partnership with local authorities and other stakeholders over a number of years to develop this highly regarded professional education course.

The course is designed to impact directly on professional practices and pupils' learning experiences and outcomes.

This course draws upon current research to support education practitioners in leading critical approaches to improving education.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 96% overall student satisfaction rating for Professional Education and Leadership in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

The course modules take account of current policy and the General Teaching Council for Scotland's (GTCS) Professional Standards framework (2021) providing you with the opportunity to practice leadership at all levels.

Course Starts: August

PT

CORE MODULES

- Engaging Critically with Professional Practices
- Examining Professional Practices: Work-Based Learning
- Leading Critical Collaborative Professional Enquiry 1
- Leading Critical Collaborative Professional Enquiry 2

Check course web page for optional modules

PATHWAYS

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

- Advanced Professional Practice
- Middle Leadership
- Curriculum Leadership
- Digital Leadership
- 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 career development within education.

TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION (PRE-SERVICE)

Click for course web page

Campus based
PG Diploma

The Pre-Service Teaching Qualification in Further Education (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 you in developing your capacity as a professional educator so that you 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.

Applicants must have at least two years relevant professional experience.

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Our pre-service course includes a practical college placement opportunity for you to gain work experience, and potentially a route to employment with the partner college. You will benefit from the experience, allowing you to hone your teaching skills and engage with further education learners prior to employment.

CORE MODULES

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

Plus, a choice of one of the following three elective modules:

- Adult Education
- International Comparative Vocational and Further Education
- Professional Practice

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.

Course Starts: August

FT

TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION (IN-SERVICE)

Click for course web page

Campus based
PG Cert

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 previous experience and qualifications with a postgraduate certificate 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.

If you currently teach in further education and want to acknowledge your experience with a professional qualification, this is the ideal route.

CORE MODULES

- Learner Identity and Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment

Plus, a choice of one of the following three elective modules:

- Accreditation of Prior Professional Development Award
- Adult Education
- International Comparative Vocational and Further Education Professional Practice

Check course web page for more information

CAREER PROSPECTS

As the recognised teaching qualification for employees within Scottish further education, the TQFE In-Service provides you with a highly relevant and marketable postgraduate qualification. It will help you to progress in your career.

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WHY GET A PG CERTIFICATE?

By gaining a one-year postgraduate certificate in teaching in further education, you will be positioned to boost your earnings.

Course Starts: August

PT

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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 new 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.

Our TESOL course includes the opportunity to apply for a placement at one of our partner universities overseas, allowing you to gain practical teaching experience, understand another culture and travel whilst fulfilling your studies. We also have a microteaching module which allows you to put learning into practice, teaching peers and self-evaluating teaching practices through review sessions.

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

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 (Methodology)
- 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. For more experienced teachers, the qualification has provided access to positions with the British Council or in the tertiary sector.

You will be taught by experienced researchers who have extensive connections in the field of TESOL, including publishers and organisations such as the British Council.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

Click for course web page

Online, with optional on-campus modules
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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 graduate with the knowledge and practical classroom skills to be a confident, critically reflective and enterprising teacher.

Delivered completely online, 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.

Much of our assessment allows you to use your classroom experience as part of the assignment, allowing you to apply course input directly in your working context. Our TESOL course includes the opportunity to apply for a placement at one of our partner universities overseas, allowing students to gain practical teaching experience, understand another culture and travel whilst fulfilling their studies.

We hold a 100% overall student satisfaction rating for TESOL in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

Course Starts: September

PT

CORE MODULES

- Methodology
- Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
- Discourse Analysis
- Technology in Language Education
- Research Methods in TESOL
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

PATHWAYS

In addition to MSc TESOL (Online), we offer the following pathways:

- 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.
As experienced teachers, the qualification provides access to a wider range of career opportunities and increases the chances for promotion to more senior roles.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Environmental Science students at the University of Stirling seek to understand the 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 change and natural hazards caused by human behaviour.

Stirling has a proud history of innovation in environmental research and study. It is also a hub for conservation and environmental organisations and we are ideally located for diverse landscapes and industrial sites.

We are leaders in Environmental Protection and Biological Conservation, with 100% of our Environmental Sciences research rated as having either outstanding or very considerable impact in REF 2021.

Our staff are involved in many international projects around the world, including in Malaysia, Botswana, Nigeria, Iceland, Norway, Greenland, Ukraine, Hungary and China.

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:

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

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course is widely recognised as an international leader in training environmental managers and has more than 1,000 alumni worldwide.

Stirling is a hub for conservation activity in Scotland and we work closely with organisations such as NatureScot, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in conducting research, arranging placements and field training, and developing our MSc Environmental Management course.

Our Masters course provides a grounding in the scientific principles that underpin environmental management and we cover various topics and give comprehensive training in quantitative, theoretical, analytical and practical skills.

You will learn to address issues such as adaptation to climate change, conserving biodiversity, environmental impact assessment and sustainable energy management.

As part of this course, you will take a residential field module and learn practical identification, surveying, measuring and sampling skills.

Course Starts: September and January
Flexible pathways available

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CORE MODULES

Module choices will be determined by whether you undertake the core Masters degree or a specific pathway.

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)

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Stirling has an excellent record in graduate employability in the environmental sector. Some of our graduates' work for organisations such as environment protection agencies, major conservation bodies, local authorities and independent environmental consultancies, many in senior positions. Their roles include:

- Environmental Consultants
- Environmental Protection Officers and Scientific Advisers in environment agencies
- Environmental Managers within local authorities, national industries and trusts

ENVIRONMENTAL REMOTE SENSING AND GEOSPATIAL SCIENCES

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

As we have entered an era of high-resolution Earth observation, there has been an explosive growth in the use of Remote Sensing data. Remote Sensing data is regarded as the "Big Data" of the environmental monitoring world, making graduates with these skills sought-after by employers.

Our MSc Environmental Remote Sensing and Geospatial Sciences has a unique emphasis on developing and applying remote sensing solutions for understanding and monitoring environmental processes on Earth and other planetary bodies. Our Masters has a special focus on the use of Remote Sensing data and services for climate research and the digital transformation of the environment.

The course covers topics from satellite, space-based, (un)manned airborne and ground-based platforms and provides professional training in remote sensing, Geographic Information System (GIS) data analytics, modelling and theoretical/field/lab skills.

The course will allow you to get industry experience through modules including work-related assessments and guest speakers from public, private and third sector organisations.

CORE MODULES

- Fundamentals of Remote Sensing
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Applications of Earth Observation
- Geomatics
- Planetary Exploration
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

HEALTH SCIENCES

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 postgraduate courses integrate academic learning, research and professional practice, and are designed to develop graduates with the employability skills required by their sector.

The University of Stirling has won numerous Student Nursing Times Awards and our MSc Early Years Practice Health Visiting course won Education Provider of the Year in 2021.

The Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership is a collaboration between the University of Stirling, Forth Valley College and NHS Forth Valley which aims to deliver transformational change to the health and social care of communities across the region through the delivery of new learning and development opportunities for students and staff.

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 the following research postgraduate degrees:

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

Our research focuses on Living Well. We work on three inter-related topics:

- Determinants of Living Well
- Interventions to Support Living Well
- Health, Social Care and Professional Practice to Support Living Well

83% of our overall research in Allied Health Professions and Nursing is classed as world leading or internationally excellent
REF 2021

Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership
Research - Innovation - Learning - Careers

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

ADVANCING PRACTICE

Click for course web page

Online (Blended for Clinical Practice pathway)
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The health and social care needs of the population are changing globally. Traditional roles have developed and expanded to meet new challenges. This Masters course has been designed to support you to gain skills, confidence and knowledge to work effectively at an advanced level.

Working in partnership with clinical experts, patients, and health care providers, our course is designed for health care professionals working in a clinical, education, management or research role. If you are keen to challenge your thinking, gain new skills and make a real difference to their practice, this course is for you. Teaching at Stirling is practice-focused, with an emphasis on employability and transforming careers.

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

CAREER PROSPECTS

This flexible course aims to help nurses and allied health professionals develop professional roles and leadership skills. You will make a valuable contribution to your specialist area of practice, including clinical practice, management or education, or practice development.

CORE MODULES

- Evidence Based Practice
- Clinical Practice Modules:
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Examination
- Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

PATHWAYS

Advancing Practice
Suitable for all registered health care professionals keen to gain advanced knowledge and expertise in contemporary healthcare issues, to lead and influence within their role. Delivered entirely online and available world-wide.

Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice)
Suitable for health professionals practising 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 Clinical Practice pathway involves blended learning with regular face-to-face attendance for teaching and assessment of two compulsory clinical modules; Advanced Clinical Assessment and Examination and Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

EARLY YEARS PRACTICE HEALTH VISITING

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip

This award-winning and Unicef UK Baby Friendly accredited course provides registered nurses or midwives, on Part 1 or Part 2 of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) register with the opportunity to influence the health and social care provision of children and families.

The course will equip you with the higher level knowledge and skills to deliver safe and best practice in the role of Health Visitor, as defined in the NMC Standards of Proficiency for Specialist Community Public Health Nurses.

You will be taught by world-leading academics and will benefit from a varied approach to teaching that includes webinars, online guided study, group work, podcasts and master classes that are delivered by expert and key note speakers. Practice and theoretical content run concurrently, will give you the opportunity to connect theory and practice knowledge.

The course will enhance and develop knowledge and expertise in the care of children, young people and their families.

In order to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) practice requirements, you will need to be supported by an NHS Forth Valley Health Board/ Local Authority in an approved practice with a nominated practice assessor and practice supervisor.

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 Practice (Health Visiting) Action Research Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will be eligible for employment as a qualified Health Visitor or Specialist Community Public Health Nurse. You will have advanced knowledge and skills in public health, leadership and assessment and decision-making. Career opportunities can include advanced specialist practice, leadership and academic roles.

NMC Nursing & Midwifery Council

Accredited as Baby Friendly by unicef

Course Starts: September

FT PT

HEALTH RESEARCH (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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.

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.

We are proud to hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Health Research (Online) in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

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
- Dissertation

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.

GO FURTHER

The course meets the requirements for the ESRC 1+3 awards, meaning prospective students are eligible to apply for funding for a studentship providing funding for a one-year research training Masters linked to a three-year PhD.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PUBLIC HEALTH (ONLINE)

Online
MPH, PG Dip, PG Cert

Click for course web page

This course is for anyone planning a career in public health. It will develop your skills in public health practice, policy and research, and help prepare you to become a future leader in the field.

As the Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated, public health affects all aspects of our lives. Society is facing complex challenges associated with aging populations, growing inequalities and high levels of preventable deaths. The world needs more skilled public health professionals to create a healthier and fairer society.

This online Master of Public Health course is ideal for anyone who wants to help create a healthier and fairer society as a skilled public health professional. The online and part-time nature of the course will allow you to create a bespoke course that balances your life and work commitments. The course also offers a range of both core and optional modules to suit your own learning needs, interests and goals. You will graduate with in-depth and unique insights into modern public health and the skills to apply them to your work.

We hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Public Health in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Public Health Practice
- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Public Health Research
- Public Health Policy
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Masters is shaped by some of the leading thinkers in public health and will equip you with unique insights into modern public health theory and methods to teach you how to apply them to your work.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

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

FT Full-time course PT 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

Click for course web page

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

FT PT

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

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

FT PT

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

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

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.

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

FT PT

INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND COOPERATION

Click for course web page

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

FT PT

PUBLIC POLICY

Click for course web page

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.

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

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

Course Starts: September

FT PT

LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

Our Law and Philosophy division, in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, is 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:

- 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
- Epistemology
- Rationality and normativity

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

FT Full-time course PT 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

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This is the only Human Rights and Diplomacy Masters course in the world, taught in partnership with the leading 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 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.

Additionally, 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 a 88% overall student satisfaction rating for Human Rights and Diplomacy in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Preparation for Independent Working
- Human Rights Practice
- Human Rights Theory
- Approaches to Human Rights
- Skills for the International Human Rights Institutions
- Dissertation or Internship or Professional Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters course gives you 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.

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

As part of our strong 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

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INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Click for course web page

Campus based
LLM, PG Dip, PG Cert

The regulation of energy and environment is one of the most hotly debated topics of our generation.

The aim of this course is to provide intellectually challenging, multi-disciplinary education at an advanced level in current issues relating to energy and the environment. With an emphasis on current and future challenges faced by society, including energy system transition, environmental protection, climate change and sustainable development, the integrated course addresses these concerns and seeks potential solutions. This Masters will enable you to develop the skills and expertise you need to make a lasting and positive impact on the planet and prepare you for, or enhance, a career in this area.

The course is designed to enable both law and non-law graduates to become well trained and equipped with the skills and knowledge to aid the future regulation of the energy and environment sectors, or to further your research interests in this area.

We're proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction for LLM International Energy and Environmental Law in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Law companies are opening their own specialised energy and environmental law divisions. As a result, there's a great demand for employees who have a specialised legal knowledge in energy and environmental law.

You will be well placed to take up a career in legal companies, the energy industry, regulatory bodies and international organisations.

You can benefit from attending conferences. Previous conferences include "Connecting with a low-carbon future" and "Renewables after Brexit".

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PHILOSOPHY

Click for course web page

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 various 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.

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

FT PT

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 and Humanities.

Youwill 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.

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:

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

3rd in Scotland and Top 5 in the UK for English
Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2023

100% of our research environment in English Language and Literature is classed as world leading or internationally excellent
REF 2021

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

CREATIVE WRITING

Click for course web page

Campus based
MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

During this creative, stimulating course, you will learn to produce fine, nuanced writing and a body of work in either poetry, fiction or creative non-fiction.

Our Masters combines intensive writers' workshops, technique-focused optional modules and one-to-one tuition by distinguished writers, along with fascinating visits from renowned writers, agents and publishers who deliver workshops and readings.

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.

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

CORE MODULES

- Writers' Workshop One
- Writers' Workshop Two
- Writing Poetry
- The Art of Fiction
- The Writing Life
- Research Skills for Writers
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our staff are published writers with strong links to local research and creative networks including the Booker Initiative event and Bloody Scotland crime-writing festival.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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. You will plan and manage a research project under supervision. This involves independent research, including keeping track of relevant developments in your chosen field(s), and being able to set them in an appropriate context. You will graduate with a knowledge of contemporary linguistic theories and their application in a wider cultural setting.

CORE MODULES

- Linguistic Structures
- Dissertation Preparation and Research Training
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

We have a Linguistics Reading Group, in which our students play an active role. The group meet to discuss articles on important and controversial linguistic topics.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

HUMANITIES

Campus based
MRes, PG Cert

Click for course web page

Whether your aim is to go on to do a doctorate or to undertake research for personal or career development, this Masters offers 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.

At Stirling, we have a strong research interest in many areas, including: Eighteenth-century studies, Gothic studies, History of the book, History of reading, Renaissance studies, Scottish studies, Translation, amongst others.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities 1 and 2
- Research Preparation
- Dissertation Preparation
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course will prepare you for employment in various areas, including the public or voluntary sector, civil service, foreign office, non-governmental organisations, international relations, primary and secondary teaching, journalism and publishing, media and arts and many other professional fields.

Participate in the wider culture of the University through the Institute for Advanced Studies.
The Institute supports our growing and thriving postgraduate research community with resources and networking opportunities.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PUBLISHING STUDIES

Click for course web page

Campus based
MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert

In 2022 the Stirling Centre for International Publishing and Communication celebrated our 40th anniversary. Our postgraduate courses in publishing have a global reputation for research 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.

This course is demanding, stimulating and enjoyable – which is why many publishers now consider it equivalent to a year's worth of experience at a publishing company.

We update the content every year to reflect the rapid changes that transform the industry, so you 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
- Publishing Project
- Content Management: Manuscript to Market
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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 more than 40 years of graduates now working in publishing - and related industries - across the world.

Graduate jobs include: Copy Writers, Editors, Editorial Assistants, Literary Agents, Marketing Managers, Production Managers, Publicists, Publishers.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PUBLISHING STUDIES

Click for course web page

Campus based
MRes

Our research-focused Masters in Publishing Studies encourages an analytical and research-driven approach to publishing.

Stirling is a pioneer in publishing research and education, and celebrated the 40th anniversary of our postgraduate course in Publishing Studies in 2022.

This Masters is known for its strong research activity and industry links. The course will allow you to undertake a substantial research project alongside a selection of taught subjects. You may choose to develop your practical skills with our Publishing Project module or take optional modules covering 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. You 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

- Publishing Dynamics
- Portfolio of Work
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

This research-focused Masters course can be used to advance your existing publishing career or to pursue further study at PhD level. The course offers excellent employability prospects and we have more than 40 years of graduates now working in publishing - and related industries - across the world.

Graduate jobs include: Copy Writers, Editors, Editorial Assistants, Literary Agents, Marketing Managers, Production Managers, Publicists, Publishers.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Stirling Centre for International Publishing and Communication at the University of Stirling is a world-leading centre for postgraduate publishing studies, offering expertise in contemporary and historical publishing in the UK and beyond.

Course Starts: September

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PSYCHOLOGY

At Stirling, we conduct high quality, internationally recognised research which falls under three main themes - Health and Behaviour Change, Behaviour and Evolution, and Cognition in Complex Environments.

Our academic staff are internationally leading researchers in their own fields of interest. In the Research Excellence Framework 2021, we ranked 2nd in Scotland for research impact in Psychology. 100% of our research impact and environment, and 87% of our overall research in Psychology is classed as world leading or internationally excellent.

We put forward thinking ideas and practical experience at the core of your studies and we make sure our courses are of the highest industry standard through accreditation with the British Psychological Society.

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 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 the following research postgraduate degrees:

- Professional Doctorate Health Psychology

We offer research options, including PhDs, in the following areas:

- Animal behaviour
- Animal intelligence
- Animal social learning
- Cognitive and behavioural neuroscience
- Developmental psychology
- Evolutionary psychology
- Evolution of perception and behaviour
- Face research
- Health psychology
- Human–animal interaction
- Mobile cognition
- Social psychology

100% of our research impact and environment, and 87% of our overall research in Psychology is classed as world-leading or internationally excellent
REF 2021

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

AUTISM RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition, whereby autistic people experience and perceive the world differently to non-autistic people.

Autistic individuals experience a constellation of different strengths and challenges, typically characterised by differences within social communication and social interaction, sensory sensitivities, focused interests and repetitive behaviours. Autism research has the potential to help us better understand and support autistic people and their families.

MSc Autism Research is a unique course designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of both psychological research methods and current topics in autism research. You will learn about key areas of theory, research and ethical practices and this course will give you the skills and knowledge needed to conduct autism research, focused on the priorities of the autistic community.

You will undertake a practical placement in an autism-relevant context, identifying areas where you would like to enhance your experiences and skills. Past placements have included working with autism researchers across the UK, helping autism charities with policy, doing support work with autistic people, or gaining experience with social enterprises related to autism.

CORE MODULES

- Autism Research
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Placement
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

The Autism Research course is designed for those going on to do further research in autism, or as the foundation for a career as an autism professional. Students who complete this Masters may also be eligible to apply for an ESRC 1+3 PhD studentship.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters course meets the British Psychological Society's requirements for Stage 1 training in Health Psychology.

Health psychology is the study of psychological and behavioural processes in health, illness and healthcare. The course is designed to equip you with the skills required to support people dealing with the psychological and emotional aspects of health and illness, as well as supporting people who have long-term conditions.

Health psychologists promote healthier lifestyles and try to find ways to encourage people to improve their health and also to improve the healthcare system.

Our Masters course has an experiential focus and emphasises the application of health psychology to real-world settings. The course is also accredited by the British Psychological Society meaning that we provide the best training possible to future health psychologists.

We are proud that our MSc Health Psychology course achieved 100% overall student satisfaction in the latest Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

The British Psychological Society

CORE MODULES

- Perspectives in Health Psychology
- Applications of Health Psychology: Communication, Systems and Context
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Quantitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Individual, Social and Cultural Differences
- Approaches to Illness, Disability and Coping
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters provides you with the first stage of professional training towards becoming a registered Health Psychologist.

Health Psychologists are employed in various settings, such as:

- Rehabilitation programmes (e.g. for patients with coronary heart disease)
- Working with patients and carers in palliative care
- Working with primary health care teams in the community
- Influencing health behaviours (e.g. in smoking cessation programmes, weight reduction, or sexual health health education)
- Health promotion in educational or industrial settings

Course Starts: September

FT PT

HUMAN-ANIMAL INTERACTION

Click for course web page

Campus based
MA, MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Humans share this planet with other animals and these interactions are at the core of our everyday lives.

On this Masters in Human-Animal Interaction you will learn interdisciplinary approaches and a diverse range of methods used to research our relationships with other species. The course covers 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 learn about the importance of both human and animal behaviour in shaping human-animal interaction, and the associated ethical issues, as well as learning to critically evaluate methods for measuring attitudes, interactions and their outcomes.

You will carry out a practical placement and research project to get direct experience tailored to your individual career goals, learning from recognised experts in this field.

You will have the opportunity to interact with Paws for Progress, a Dog Training Rehabilitation Programme hosted by the Psychology Division, which offers vocational, educational and therapeutic benefits to the human participants, improving their future outcomes. We also provide a range of networking opportunities that will enable students to interact with a range of industry professionals and research scientists.

CORE MODULES

- Human-Animal Interactions
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research (MSc)
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological
- Research (MA)
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The Psychological Research Methods 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 research 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 this course is its flexibility – you can tailor your course to suit your specialist interest.

The specialist pathways aim to enhance your 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.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Psychological Research Methods (General)
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Quantitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Research Placement
- Dissertation

PATHWAYS

You can opt to specialise in one of the following pathways:

- Child Development
- Cognition and Neuropsychology
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Perception and Action

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 also well placed for careers in clinical and health psychology, educational psychology and teaching, human resource management and personnel.

Course Starts: September
Flexible pathways available

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PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPY IN PRIMARY CARE

Click for course web page

Campus based (Stirling and Dundee)
MSc

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.

On completion of the course, with agreed and appropriate supervision as well as continuing professional development, you will be competent in the assessment and treatment of adult patients suffering from a range of common mental health disorders typically presenting in primary care settings.

NHS placements are embedded within the course, on average you will be working on placement three days and studying two days each week. One week each month is a teaching week where you will be expected to attend a combination of in-person and online teaching sessions.

CORE MODULES

- Assessment, Diagnosis and Formulation
- Principles and Methods of Psychological Therapy
- Common Mental Health Disorders in Primary Care
- Professional and Ethical Issues
- Research, Evaluation and Outcome
- Dissertation

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.

Applicants to this course simultaneously apply for employment with the NHS and, if accepted, their tuition fees are paid by NHS Education for Scotland.

Course Starts: January

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PSYCHOLOGY (CONVERSION COURSE)

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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.

This course provides in-depth and accelerated training in the basics of psychology where you will learn the key concepts and core knowledge of psychology, and also develop your research skills with our specifically designed modules in research methods.

The course includes a four-week placement to broaden your practical experience as well as a six-month independent empirical research project.

Our Masters course is accredited by the British Psychological Society. After completing the course, you will be eligible to apply for Chartered Membership of the British Psychological Society on a graduate basis, which is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

The British Psychological Society

CORE MODULES

- Cognition and the Human Brain
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Quantitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Practical Placement (four weeks)
- The Development of the Self in the Social World
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course provides a pathway for graduates who wish to further their studies and develop careers in clinical and health psychology, educational psychology and teaching, and human resources management. 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, with a good understanding of human behaviour.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PROFESSOR PAUL DUDCHENKO
HEAD OF DIVISION OF PSYCHOLOGY

Paul is a behavioral neuroscientist interested in the brain areas necessary for memory and spatial cognition. His book, *Why People Get Lost*, provides an overview of what is known about how people and animals navigate, and what brain regions are critical for this ability.

MIND OVER MATTER

Why do you think the study of psychology has become so important in recent years?

When we think about the challenges we face today – public health, the environment, and societal cohesion – the solutions lie in changing human behaviour. It is true, of course, technology can and does help us. However, many solutions require us to make different choices. This is psychology. This field also seeks to understand the minds of other animals, in particular how evolutionary pressure shapes cognitive development.

Several courses within the Psychology Division at Stirling are accredited by The British Psychological Society. What does this mean and how does it benefit students?

This accreditation ensures that you will receive a high-quality, research-based education, and that you will be equipped to pursue further professional study (e.g. a PhD) in the field should you so desire.

What are the benefits of studying a psychology course at Stirling?

At Stirling, you will conduct a research project which is guided by staff members who are active researchers. We have dedicated facilities for studying child development, health psychology, perception and brain activity. You will also have the opportunity to develop your skills in data analysis.

Stirling has its own Psychology Kindergarten on site. How does this help Masters students in their study?

One of the unique features of Stirling is its on-site Kindergarten. This facility, within the Psychology Division, allows Masters students interested in cognitive development to work with children directly.

What are the main career pathways for psychology graduates?

Psychology is a broad field and its study will prepare you to think critically about human and animal behaviour, conduct research and analyse data. These skills are well suited for careers in health-care, research and counselling settings.

What advice would you give to students thinking about pursuing a degree, and future career, in Psychology?

My advice is to be curious. You should ask yourself what areas of psychology are of particular interest to you. For me, it was the brain, but for others it could be social interactions or child development. I would then suggest reading biographies and first-person accounts of those working in your area of interest. In your studies, if you maintain your curiosity you will do well.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

The Faculty of Social Sciences is a large interdisciplinary unit, combining teaching and research in a number of disciplines, including: Applied Social Research, Dementia, Ageing and Gerontology Education, Housing Studies and Social Work.

We offer an established, research-led suite of taught postgraduate courses, including our ESRC-recognised courses in Social and Educational Research as well as our externally accredited professional courses in Housing Studies and Social Work Studies.

Our students 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.

We're proud to hold a 90% overall student satisfaction rating for Social Sciences (PTES 2022).

Ranked 3rd in Scotland and top 25 in the UK for Social Work and Social Policy research. 100% of our research environment and 88% of our research is deemed world leading or internationally excellent (REF 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 the following research postgraduate degrees:

- PhD – independent study and thesis of 80,000 words leading to a doctorate
- Doctor of Applied Social Research
- PhD TESOL Research
- Doctorate of Education
- MRes Educational 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
- Educational Linguistics
- Curriculum Making

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

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

APPLIED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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 designed to reflect the learning needs of a diverse workforce.

Approaches to teaching vary between pathways. Some are fully online and others blend teaching days on campus with online learning. Whatever the delivery style, teaching is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 91% overall student satisfaction rating for Applied Professional Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

Each pathway has designated core modules. All pathways include a dissertation.

Check course web page for modules

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc Applied Professional Studies, or choose to specialise in one of the following blended learning pathways of study:

- Adult Services, Support and Protection
- Child Welfare and Protection
- Management and Leadership in Social Services
- Social Work Practice Education

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our 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.

We have developed close links with agency representatives and employers, which ensures we can always anticipate learning needs in the workforce, and makes our courses – and graduates – highly effective in contributing to longer-term practice development.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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. Finally, you will develop an understanding of the relationship between research and policymaking.

The course meets the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) requirements for postgraduate research training.

We are proud to hold a 86% overall student satisfaction rating for Applied Social Research in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Nature of Social Enquiry
- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

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.

E·S·R·C ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

Our Applied Social Research course offers a number of modules to allow students to specialise in areas relevant to their career goals and aspirations.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

SOCIAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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 how to use statistical software to work with data and learn a range of highly sought-after technical skills, including accessing, preparing, analysing and summarising complex quantitative data sets.

To meet the demands of our dynamic technological environment, you can also choose advanced modules in data management and emerging areas such as big data and social network analysis. We are proud to hold a 86% overall student satisfaction rating in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

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
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Social statistics is an important area within applied social research, offering you employment opportunities in the private, public and voluntary sectors. The course is also designed to provide you with the technical skillset you need to undertake a PhD.

Our Social Work and Social Policy Research ranked 3rd in Scotland and top 25 in the UK, with 100% of our research environment and 88% of our research deemed world leading or internationally excellent (REF 2021).

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

CRIMINOLOGY

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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, including; crimes in the street or at home, crimes of the powerful, crimes across borders, online crime, and drug related issues.

With optional modules in specialist subjects such as Rehabilitation and Criminal Justice Work, Drug Policy and Interventions, and Criminalisation, Social Control and Human Rights, you can acquire and develop a range of skills which will significantly enhance your confidence in criminology and your employability.

Criminology at Stirling is ranked 1st in Scotland and top 5 in the UK (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023).

The course is also affiliated with the Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR) and we are members of the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research (SCCJR), an internationally leading research centre which will help you to gain a critical understanding of how research is framed, used and developed, and by whom in criminology.

CORE MODULES

- Criminological Perspectives
- Research Methods in Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies
- Dissertation or Final Year Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

As a Masters graduate in criminology, you will have the opportunity to pursue a number of career routes in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Graduates in criminology can go onto the following roles:

- Police
- Prison service
- Probation and community justice
- Courts
- Human rights advocacy
- Youth work
- Women's justice and recovery services drug related issues
- Victim support
- Surveillance
- Intelligence services
- Services for individuals or families affected by drug use
- Drug policy and information organisations
- Various charities and social enterprises

Course Starts: September

FT PT

CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

With Stirling ranked first in Scotland for the study of criminology (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023), 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 aligns with approved Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) training requirements for UK PhD research 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
- Dissertation

Check course web page for core and optional modules

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.

During your studies you will have the opportunity to network, attend events and benefit from the wealth of knowledge the Scottish Centre for Crime and Criminal Justice Research is able to share.

You will also benefit from our strong links to the applied crime and criminal justice sector, including Police Scotland and the Scottish Prison Service.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

DEMENTIA STUDIES (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

With the number of people living with dementia across the world expected to double in the next 20 years, this innovative online 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, co-produced and participatory approaches to dementia care practice, 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.

We hold a 97% overall student satisfaction rating for Dementia Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Critical and Creative Approaches to Dementia
- Dementia, Space and Place
- Critical and Reflective Thinking in Dementia Studies
- Enhancing Dementia Practice
- Living with Dementia
- Understanding and Evaluating Participatory Approaches in Dementia Policy and Practice
- Researching Dementia
- Ethics and Inclusion in Dementia Research
- Developing a Dementia Research Proposal

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

After graduation, some students have secured a promotion, undertaken further research or become involved in dementia education and training.

DID YOU KNOW?

The University of Stirling is home to the internationally renowned Dementia Services Development Centre whose research helps inform our teaching and maximise the knowledge and skills you will acquire throughout your studies.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

DISASTER INTERVENTIONS AND HUMANITARIAN AID

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course teaches social work practitioners and humanitarian aid workers how to work effectively with victim-survivors of man-made and natural disasters.

You will acquire the skills to engage with the problems facing those working in disaster interventions, including family reunification, safeguarding children, adults and other vulnerable groups and rebuilding sustainable, resilient communities post disaster.

This will include exploring disaster mitigation, preparation, adaptation and prevention strategies within an environmental justice-based, community engagement and co-production framework to create new, long-term responses owned and endorsed by communities.

This course includes a field-based learning opportunity, which involves a period of shadowing practitioners within humanitarian agencies, emergency responders and government departments responsible for deploying emergency personnel.

You will learn about agency policy, procedures and practices during deployment and you will also benefit from guest lectures throughout your studies from leading disaster researchers from all over the world.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

CORE MODULES

- Humanitarian Aid: History, Policies, Legislation and Contemporary Structures
- Social and Environmental Justice: Ethics, Values and Human Rights
- Theories and Concepts in Humanitarian Aid: Risk, Vulnerability, Resilience and Sustainability
- 'Natural' and (Hu)man-made Disasters: Definitions, Stages and Strategies of Intervention (Prevention, Mitigation, and Adaptation)
- Field-Based Learning Opportunity (FBLO) on Community Engagement: Co-producing Solutions
- Communication Skills and Interacting with the Media
- Research Methods: Comparative and Participatory Action Research
- Dissertation

Check course web page for CPD modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

As disasters are increasing in intensity and frequency globally, employment prospects are also on the rise, both nationally and internationally. Graduates are likely to be employed in practice settings by local authorities, emergency responders, resilience units, NGOs in the voluntary and for-profit sectors at local, national and international levels, the United Nations and its associated bodies such as UNOCHA, UNDRR, UNICEF and UNDP.

GERONTOLOGY AND GLOBAL AGEING (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Globally, the number of older people is growing faster than the number of people in any other age group, presenting challenges and opportunities for all sectors of society.

This online course will provide you with an advanced understanding about the ageing of individuals and populations, the implications this has for policy, practice and the development of products and services, as well as the demands and challenges this raises. It covers content and skills development in social gerontology, ageing and population studies, dementia studies, and health and care practice.

You will be taught by internationally renowned leaders in ageing and will be given a global perspective as you study alongside an international and interdisciplinary cohort.

We are proud to hold a 100% overall satisfaction rating for Global Ageing in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021.

CORE MODULES

- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Ageing
- An Integrated Approach to Frailty
- Multimorbidity in the Older Person
- Living with Dementia
- Healthy Housing
- A Lifecourse Approach to Healthy Ageing
- Research Methods in the Social Sciences
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course equips you with knowledge and skills that can be utilised for careers in policy, research, business development and in the health and care associated with older people and ageing populations.

Course Starts: September

PT

HOUSING STUDIES (PART TIME)

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Aimed at those already working in the housing sector, our flexible part-time 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, communities and homelessness in Scotland and throughout the UK.

The Diploma 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 progress to Masters-level study, completing either a research dissertation or reflective portfolio.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Housing Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Providing Housing Services
- Sustainable Communities
- Organisational Behaviour
- Housing Finance and Strategy
- Housing Governance
- Healthy Housing
- Housing Research Project

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 government initiatives and policy areas.

During your studies you will be taught by a team of academics who comprehensively cover the multi-disciplinary nature of housing, research, policy and practice. Our research-led teaching draws on our specialist expertise in policy analysis, homelessness and housing rights, social theory, housing, ageing, inequality and governance.

Course Starts: September

PT

HOUSING STUDIES (WITH INTERNSHIP)

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The Masters 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, the skills, experience and qualification you need to take forward your career in housing.The Diploma internship can also support the output necessary to achieve a Masters qualification.

You will have the opportunity to undertake a housing placement during your studies, linked to the practical requirements of the Chartered Institute of Housing. During your placement, you will gain practical work experience and develop vital skills required for a career in the sector.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Housing Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

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.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

SOCIAL WORK STUDIES

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip

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 be taught 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.

We are ranked 3rd in the UK and 2nd in Scotland for Social Work (Complete University Guide 2022), and hold a 100% overall student satisfaction rating for Social Work Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

Our Social Work and Social Policy Research ranked 3rd in Scotland and top 25 in the UK, with 100% of our research environment and 88% of our research deemed world leading or internationally excellent (REF 2021).

Our course includes placements offering practical experience of working in a range of social work and care settings. We have strong connections with our partner agencies who contribute to the teaching on the course and provide a range of placements across both statutory and voluntary social work services.

Examples of these are the local authorities and voluntary agencies such as Barnardo's and Multi-Cultural Family Base.

CORE MODULES

- Human Development and Family Contexts
- Theory and Practice of Social Work
- Law and Policy for Social Work Practice
- 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

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Postgraduate Diploma and Masters 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.

Scottish Social Services Council

Course Starts: January

FT

SUBSTANCE USE (ONLINE)

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Click for course web page

This course is for professionals looking to develop a career in the field of substance use.

You will explore the effect of substance use on people who use them, their family members, communities and contemporary societies, as well as international and UK policy and practice responses.

With optional modules in specialist subjects including housing, public health and rehabilitation, you will develop a range of skills which will significantly enhance your confidence and employability in the field of substance use.

The course is taught by research active staff who are members of national and international organisations such as the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research and the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy.

CORE MODULES

- Drug Use: Theories and Comparative Policies
- Drug Use: Policies and Interventions
- Alcohol Use: Policies and Interventions
- Research Methods For Substance Use Studies
- Dissertation or Final year project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Different career paths for graduates of this course include third sector organisations, policy advocacy organisations, government and NGOs or public services as well as research. This Masters offers a pathway of career development whether in practice or further study to either Professional Doctorate or PhD study.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Drug Research Network Scotland (DRNS) is hosted at the University, as is the Salvation Army Centre for Addiction Services and Research, allowing our students access to top research facilities, networking opportunities and the chance to collaborate with leading researchers.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

SPORT

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 postgraduate courses, and brings together world-leading academics to deliver high-quality teaching in coaching, health and exercise science, management, and psychology.

Stirling offers anyone with an interest in health and sport the opportunity to develop through internationally relevant curricula and our research-driven approach.

Our postgraduate community benefits from access to elite athletes and industry networks, with a number of sports agencies based on the University campus.

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:

- Sport culture
- Sport management
- Sport and exercise science
- Sport psychology
- Coaching and performance
- Athlete physiology
- Sport nutrition

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES SCOTLAND
TRIATHLON SCOTLAND
Scottish Swimming
sportscotland institute of sport high performance expertise
sportscotland

88% overall student satisfaction for Sport
Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021

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

FT Full-time course
PT Part-time course

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

PSYCHOLOGY OF SPORT (ACCREDITED)

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Stirling is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence and offers the only MSc Psychology of Sport in Scotland that is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS)

Psychology plays an essential role in sport performance, health, and wellbeing. Our interdisciplinary Psychology of Sport Masters course combines insights into how human behaviour impacts sport and exercise. You will learn about the differences in the mindset of elite athletes, the effect of stress on cognition, physicality, and sports behaviour. You will understand and explore the motives for exercise behaviour on performance, and you will be able to tailor your learning, developing your interests using both quantitative and qualitative research.

The Public Engagement in Sport and Exercise Psychology module will provide you with an opportunity to apply your knowledge and understanding to a specific sport setting. You will benefit from Stirling's outstanding sport facilities-ranked 1st in the UK and 5th in the world. The presence of elite athletes and national sports agencies based on our campus will offer you the chance to help coaches, athletes, and teams to achieve their specific goals.

The British Psychological Society

CORE MODULES

- Application of Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Social Psychology of Sport and Exercise
- Research Methods for Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Key Readings in Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Public Engagement in Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course gives you a strong foundation for a career in the field of sport and exercise psychology. BPS accreditation for this course means that completing this Masters is equivalent to Stage 1 of the 2-stage training process required to achieve chartered sport and exercise psychologist status. Graduates may also go on to various sports and health related roles including coaching, consultancy, counselling, exercise psychologists for teams, athletes, communities and the public or continue to PhD study.

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Course Starts: September

FT PT

SPORT NUTRITION

Click for course web page

Campus based (full time), distance learning (part time)
MSc

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.

Our Masters course focuses on the science behind sport nutrition, and is designed specifically for students who have already completed the 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 course.

You will undergo 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 and you will benefit from the close supervision of academics who are experts in the field.

During your studies, you will not only learn more about conducting research and communicating it effectively, you will also establish meaningful connections with leading academics in the field.

The knowledge that you will gain can be applied to help athletes make optimal gains, reduce their risk of injury and illness, and consistently achieve high performance levels by promoting adequate nutrition for training adaptation and recovery.

CORE MODULES

Our MSc Sport Nutrition enables you to convert your IOC Diploma in Sports Nutrition into a Masters degree by completing an in-depth research project.

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.

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Start dates: Starts at the beginning of every month

FT PT

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Online MSc

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Start dates: Starts at the beginning of every month

FT PT

SPORT MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This Masters meets 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 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. During your studies, you will undertake a period of professional practice with a sporting organisation, as well as having some involvement in the organisation of a sports event, both of which will provide you with valuable practical experience.

You will also acquire management skills such as problem-solving, team-working, leadership, analysis, evaluation and presentation through a range of learning activities essential to becoming an effective manager.

The University has strong partnerships with a number of national and local sports organisations, including: The Scottish Professional Football League, Scottish Sport Federations and Active Stirling.

CORE MODULES

- Principles of Management in Sport
- Research Methods for Sport
- Professional Practice
- Sport Event Management
- Sport Management Challenges
- Sport Marketing
- Sport Finance
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters will prepare you for a career in sport management in commercial and professional sport organisations, voluntary sport organisations like national or international governing bodies of sport, and local authorities or leisure trusts.

Some of the roles that graduates can go on to include:

- Sports Marketing Manager
- Health and Facility/Fitness Manager
- Sports Development Officer
- Local Authority Sport and Leisure Officer
- National Sport Federation Officer
- Commercial Account Manager in sports and event agencies

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Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

SPORT PERFORMANCE COACHING (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Established in 2014 as the first course of its kind in Scotland, this innovative online Masters provides Sport Perfromance Coaches an opportunity to develop their coaching knowledge and skills.

You will develop your critical analysis skills, improve your problem-solving abilities and learn innovative solutions to performance coaching problems. The course is taught by a team of highly qualified academics with a wealth of coaching, coach development and research experience. You will be able to practically apply what you've learnt to critically reflect on decisions, develop smart strategies and boost performance.

Our course offers valuable professional development opportunities for those who work to develop coaches in contexts such as one-to-one in situ development, coach education, mentoring, and tutoring.

To gain the most from the course and enhance employability opportunities, it is expected that you will be actively coaching while completing your course. This will enable you to explore and critically examine your coaching practice.

We're proud to hold an 89% overall student satisfaction rating for Sport Performance Coaching in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Coaching Concepts
- The Coaching Process
- Coaching as Learning
- Independent Study
- Performance Analysis and Planning
- Applied Coaching Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Most coaches who apply for this course will already be working in talent development or performance sport. Coaches who have completed the course are expected to go on to fulfil roles at the top level of their profession.

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Course Starts: September

PT

DR PAUL DIMEO
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, HEAD OF SPORT

Associate Professor Paul Dimeo has a long track record of teaching and research in sports policy with his main research focus being on anti-doping history and policy.

CHANGING THE GAME

What are the key challenges facing the sports sector and how does Stirling equip its students to tackle these?

The sport sector is fast-moving and diverse and the challenges reflect that. At one end of the spectrum commercial sport has global reach, at the other individuals need opportunities to be active in their own time and space. In between sport is delivered by a plethora of organisations, from national agencies to local community clubs.

All of these need sport professionals who can operate to the highest standards and that is what Stirling's portfolio of postgraduate courses equips students to do. Whether working with elite athletes, encouraging people to be active for health benefits, or ensuring the success of sports businesses, our courses combine the highest quality academic content with strong applied elements.

Stirling is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence and recently won UK Sports University of the Year. How do these accolades benefit postgraduate students?

Students benefit from our commitment to quality and relevance in our provision. Our MSc Sport Management offers practical experience and networking opportunities, our MSc Psychology of Sport is the only one in Scotland that is BPS accredited, and our MSc Sport Nutrition is formally aligned with the work of the International Olympic Committee, the most high-profile sports organisation world-wide.

Our MSc in Sport Performance Coaching is an industry-leader, specifically designed to support the professional development of practising sport coaches and coach developers through a unique and innovative online format.

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 sport sector is fundamental to all of Stirling's postgraduate sport courses. We use our excellent networks to give students direct contact with experienced sport practitioners, managers and policy makers, ensuring they are at the forefront of pivotal, industry changing decisions and are taught by the academics who are shaping them.

Students are afforded the opportunity to undertake work placements and conduct dissertation projects with sports organisations that could be either on-campus or located in local communities.

ONLINE AND BLENDED LEARNING

Study one of our 100% online or blended-learning postgraduate courses to take your career to the next level, or in a new direction. Our courses offer a great level of teaching and support, and are perfect to fit in around a busy lifestyle.

Learn through online lectures, seminars, and guided independent study delivered via the University's virtual learning platform. You will also have access to all the University's services including the library, student support services and IT.

While some courses are delivered entirely online, we also have a number of blended-learning courses which feature a combination of virtual learning and on-campus classes.

Become part of an international online community of fellow students and academics.

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

FT Full-time course

PT Part-time course

ADVANCING PRACTICE

Click for course web page

Online (Blended for Clinical Practice pathway)
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The health and social care needs of the population are changing globally. Traditional roles have developed and expanded to meet new challenges. This Masters course has been designed to support you to gain skills, confidence and knowledge to work effectively at an advanced level.

Working in partnership with clinical experts, patients, and health care providers, our course is designed for health care professionals working in a clinical, education, management or research role. If you are keen to challenge your thinking, gain new skills and make a real difference to their practice, this course is for you. Teaching at Stirling is practice-focused, with an emphasis on employability and transforming careers.

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

CAREER PROSPECTS

This flexible course aims to help nurses and allied health professionals develop professional roles and leadership skills. You will make a valuable contribution to your specialist area of practice, including clinical practice, management or education, or practice development.

CORE MODULES

- Evidence Based Practice
- Clinical Practice Modules:
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Examination
- Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

PATHWAYS

Advancing Practice
Suitable for all registered health care professionals keen to gain advanced knowledge and expertise in contemporary healthcare issues, to lead and influence within their role. Delivered entirely online and available world-wide.

Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice)
Suitable for health professionals practising 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 Clinical Practice pathway involves blended learning with regular face-to-face attendance for teaching and assessment of two compulsory clinical modules; Advanced Clinical Assessment and Examination and Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

APPLIED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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 designed to reflect the learning needs of a diverse workforce.

Approaches to teaching vary between pathways. Some are fully online and others blend teaching days on campus with online learning. Whatever the delivery style, teaching is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 91% overall student satisfaction rating for Applied Professional Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

Each pathway has designated core modules. All pathways include a dissertation.

Check course web page for modules

PATHWAYS

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc Applied Professional Studies, or choose to specialise in one of the following blended learning pathways of study:

- Adult Services, Support and Protection
- Child Welfare and Protection
- Management and Leadership in Social Services
- Social Work Practice Education

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our 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.

We have developed close links with agency representatives and employers, which ensures we can always anticipate learning needs in the workforce, and makes our courses – and graduates – highly effective in contributing to longer-term practice development.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

BIG DATA (ONLINE)

Online MSc

Click for course web page

The MSc Big Data is an advanced Masters degree covering coding skills, the technology of big data and the science of data analytics.

This is a two-year online course with three entry points throughout the year giving you the flexibility of start date and an opportunity to study in a way that suits your personal and professional needs through a combination of video lectures, live sessions and online materials.

The syllabus includes topics such as Python scripting, big databases and NoSQL, Cluster Computing and Mathematics and Statistics for Big Data.

On this course, you will be able to take Microsoft accredited courses in addition to your academic study, free of charge.

CORE MODULES

- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Statistics with R
- Personal and Professional Development
- Relational and non-Relational Databases
- Machine Learning
- Mathematical Foundations
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Cluster Computing
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Big data is a skill set that is in high demand. This Masters has been developed in partnership with companies that employ Data Scientists and as a graduate in big data you'll be able to command a salary that is typically higher than the IT average.

Our big data graduates have gone into a wide range of sectors such as digital technologies, energy and utilities, financial services, public sector and healthcare.

Course Starts: October, February and May

PT

DEMENTIA STUDIES (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

With the number of people living with dementia across the world expected to double in the next 20 years, this innovative online 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, co-produced and participatory approaches to dementia care practice, 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.

We hold a 97% overall student satisfaction rating for Dementia Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Critical and Creative Approaches to Dementia
- Dementia, Space and Place
- Critical and Reflective Thinking in Dementia Studies
- Enhancing Dementia Practice
- Living with Dementia
- Understanding and Evaluating Participatory Approaches in Dementia Policy and Practice
- Researching Dementia
- Ethics and Inclusion in Dementia Research
- Developing a Dementia Research Proposal

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

After graduation, some students have secured a promotion, undertaken further research or become involved in dementia education and training.

DID YOU KNOW?

The University of Stirling is home to the internationally renowned Dementia Services Development Centre whose research helps inform our teaching and maximise the knowledge and skills you will acquire throughout your studies.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

(SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION FOR HEADSHIP)

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Into Headship is a mandatory qualification for candidates applying for Head Teacher posts in Scotland from August 2020. This Masters is a specialist practice-based course for aspiring and early-career school leaders.

The course will help you to gain the knowledge, understanding and skills required to put informed strategic vision, values and aims into practice - helping you to lead change for improvement in an educational setting.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 98% overall student satisfaction rating for Education in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021.

CORE MODULES

- Engaging Critically with Professional Practices or Examining Professional Practices: Work-Based Learning
- Middle Leadership: Principles and Practices
- Into Headship 1: Developing as a Strategic Leader
- Into Headship 2: Leading Strategic Change
- In Headship 1
- In Headship 2

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

The specialist qualification for Headship is a national course developed in partnership with Education Scotland and other stakeholders across the education community. The Postgraduate Certificate Into Headship leads to the professional award of the Standard for Headship and is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

Graduates may also want to continue their studies through a PhD or a Doctorate in Education (EdD).

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Our Masters has different routes available depending on where you are in your career, enabling you to tailor the course specifically to your needs.

Course Starts: August

PT

EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Blended
MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our 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 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.

You will 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.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 98% overall student satisfaction rating for education, and 91% of education students felt their course has enhanced their employability in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021.

You might also be interested in our Doctor of Education degree: stir.ac.uk/PGEDU.

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
- Dissertation

Check course web page for modules

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 you learn core and transferable research skills and improving your future employability.

E·S·R·C ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

SCOTTISH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, 100% of our research impact and environment in Education was classed as world leading or internationally excellent.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

GERONTOLOGY AND GLOBAL AGEING (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Globally, the number of older people is growing faster than the number of people in any other age group, presenting challenges and opportunities for all sectors of society.

This online course will provide you with an advanced understanding about the ageing of individuals and populations, the implications this has for policy, practice and the development of products and services, as well as the demands and challenges this raises. It covers content and skills development in social gerontology, ageing and population studies, dementia studies, and health and care practice.

You will be taught by internationally renowned leaders in ageing and will be given a global perspective as you study alongside an international and interdisciplinary cohort.

We are proud to hold a 100% overall satisfaction rating for Global Ageing in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021.

CORE MODULES

- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Ageing
- An Integrated Approach to Frailty
- Multimorbidity in the Older Person
- Living with Dementia
- Healthy Housing
- A Lifecourse Approach to Healthy Ageing
- Research Methods in the Social Sciences
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course equips you with knowledge and skills that can be utilised for careers in policy, research, business development and in the health and care associated with older people and ageing populations.

Course Starts: September

PT

HEALTH RESEARCH (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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.

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.

We are proud to hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Health Research (Online) in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

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
- Dissertation

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.

GO FURTHER

The course meets the requirements for the ESRC 1+3 awards, meaning prospective students are eligible to apply for funding for a studentship providing funding for a one-year research training Masters linked to a three-year PhD.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

HOUSING STUDIES (PART TIME)

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Aimed at those already working in the housing sector, our flexible part-time 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, communities and homelessness in Scotland and throughout the UK.

The Diploma 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 progress to Masters-level study, completing either a research dissertation or reflective portfolio.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Housing Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Providing Housing Services
- Sustainable Communities
- Organisational Behaviour
- Housing Finance and Strategy
- Housing Governance
- Healthy Housing
- Housing Research Project

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 government initiatives and policy areas.

During your studies you will be taught by a team of academics who comprehensively cover the multi-disciplinary nature of housing, research, policy and practice. Our research-led teaching draws on our specialist expertise in policy analysis, homelessness and housing rights, social theory, housing, ageing, inequality and governance.

Course Starts: September

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HOUSING STUDIES (WITH INTERNSHIP)

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The Masters 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, the skills, experience and qualification you need to take forward your career in housing.The Diploma internship can also support the output necessary to achieve a Masters qualification.

You will have the opportunity to undertake a housing placement during your studies, linked to the practical requirements of the Chartered Institute of Housing. During your placement, you will gain practical work experience and develop vital skills required for a career in the sector.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Housing Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

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.

Course Starts: September

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Stirling has worked in partnership with local authorities and other stakeholders over a number of years to develop this highly regarded professional education course.

The course is designed to impact directly on professional practices and pupils' learning experiences and outcomes.

This course draws upon current research to support education practitioners in leading critical approaches to improving education.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of teaching sessions on campus with a significant element of online study giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

We hold a 96% overall student satisfaction rating for Professional Education and Leadership in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

The course modules take account of current policy and the General Teaching Council for Scotland's (GTCS) Professional Standards framework (2021) providing you with the opportunity to practice leadership at all levels.

Course Starts: August

PT

CORE MODULES

- Engaging Critically with Professional Practices
- Examining Professional Practices: Work-Based Learning
- Leading Critical Collaborative Professional Enquiry 1
- Leading Critical Collaborative Professional Enquiry 2

Check course web page for optional modules

PATHWAYS

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

- Advanced Professional Practice
- Middle Leadership
- Curriculum Leadership
- Digital Leadership
- 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 career development within education.

PUBLIC HEALTH (ONLINE)

Online
MPH, PG Dip, PG Cert

Click for course web page

This course is for anyone planning a career in public health. It will develop your skills in public health practice, policy and research, and help prepare you to become a future leader in the field.

As the Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated, public health affects all aspects of our lives. Society is facing complex challenges associated with aging populations, growing inequalities and high levels of preventable deaths. The world needs more skilled public health professionals to create a healthier and fairer society.

This online Master of Public Health course is ideal for anyone who wants to help create a healthier and fairer society as a skilled public health professional. The online and part-time nature of the course will allow you to create a bespoke course that balances your life and work commitments. The course also offers a range of both core and optional modules to suit your own learning needs, interests and goals. You will graduate with in-depth and unique insights into modern public health and the skills to apply them to your work.

We hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Public Health in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Public Health Practice
- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Public Health Research
- Public Health Policy
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Masters is shaped by some of the leading thinkers in public health and will equip you with unique insights into modern public health theory and methods to teach you how to apply them to your work.

Course Starts: September and January

PT

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Combine 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. You will develop analytical, management and communications 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 and strategic communication. You will be able to analyse environments, issues, organisational cultures and relationships, as well as advise on solutions to complex communication problems, set objectives, and design and implement public relations strategies.

You will benefit from guest lectures offering the opportunity to discuss strategic communication issues and best practice with leading practitioners.

We're proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction rating for Strategic Public Relations (Online) in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2021, as well as being ranked 2nd in the UK, 1st in Scotland for Marketing and Public Relations (The Guardian University Guide 2023).

CORE MODULES

- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

The most common careers are in public relations, organisational communication, corporate communications and strategic communication and public affairs. Our alumni are found around the globe, in public, private and voluntary sectors.

Many graduates work in PR consultancy roles for companies, governments and NGOs 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.

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Course Starts: September and January

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SPORT NUTRITION

Online MSc

Click for course web page

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 and worldwide.

Our Masters course focuses on the science behind sport nutrition, and is designed specifically for students who already have completed the 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 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 and you will benefit from the close supervision of academics who are experts in the field.

During your studies, you will not only learn more about conducting research and communicating it effectively, you will also establish meaningful connections with leading academics in the field.

The knowledge that you will gain can be applied to help athletes make optimal gains, reduce their risk of injury and illness, and consistently achieve high performance levels by promoting adequate nutrition for training adaptation and recovery.

CORE MODULES

Our MSc Sport Nutrition enables you to convert your IOC Diploma in Sports Nutrition into a Masters degree by completing an in-depth research project.

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.

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

UNIVERSITY of STIRLING

Start dates: Starts at the beginning of every month

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SPORT PERFORMANCE COACHING (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Established in 2014 as the first course of its kind in Scotland, this innovative online Masters provides Sport Perfromance Coaches an opportunity to develop their coaching knowledge and skills.

You will develop your critical analysis skills, improve your problem-solving abilities and learn innovative solutions to performance coaching problems. The course is taught by a team of highly qualified academics with a wealth of coaching, coach development and research experience. You will be able to practically apply what you've learnt to critically reflect on decisions, develop smart strategies and boost performance.

Our course offers valuable professional development opportunities for those who work to develop coaches in contexts such as one-to-one in situ development, coach education, mentoring, and tutoring.

To gain the most from the course and enhance employability opportunities, it is expected that you will be actively coaching while completing your course. This will enable you to explore and critically examine your coaching practice.

We're proud to hold an 89% overall student satisfaction rating for Sport Performance Coaching in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Coaching Concepts
- The Coaching Process
- Coaching as Learning
- Independent Study
- Performance Analysis and Planning
- Applied Coaching Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Most coaches who apply for this course will already be working in talent development or performance sport. Coaches who have completed the course are expected to go on to fulfil roles at the top level of their profession.

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE
UNIVERSITY of STIRLING

Course Starts: September

PT

SUBSTANCE USE (ONLINE)

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Click for course web page

This course is for professionals looking to develop a career in the field of substance use.

You will explore the effect of substance use on people who use them, their family members, communities and contemporary societies, as well as international and UK policy and practice responses.

With optional modules in specialist subjects including housing, public health and rehabilitation, you will develop a range of skills which will significantly enhance your confidence and employability in the field of substance use.

The course is taught by research active staff who are members of national and international organisations such as the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research and the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy.

CORE MODULES

- Drug Use: Theories and Comparative Policies
- Drug Use: Policies and Interventions
- Alcohol Use: Policies and Interventions
- Research Methods For Substance Use Studies
- Dissertation or Final year project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Different career paths for graduates of this course include third sector organisations, policy advocacy organisations, government and NGOs or public services as well as research. This Masters offers a pathway of career development whether in practice or further study to either Professional Doctorate or PhD study.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Drug Research Network Scotland (DRNS) is hosted at the University, as is the Salvation Army Centre for Addiction Services and Research, allowing our students access to top research facilities, networking opportunities and the chance to collaborate with leading researchers.

Course Starts: September

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TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

Click for course web page

Online, with optional on-campus modules
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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 graduate with the knowledge and practical classroom skills to be a confident, critically reflective and enterprising teacher.

Delivered completely online, 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.

Much of our assessment allows you to use your classroom experience as part of the assignment, allowing you to apply course input directly in your working context. Our TESOL course includes the opportunity to apply for a placement at one of our partner universities overseas, allowing students to gain practical teaching experience, understand another culture and travel whilst fulfilling their studies.

We hold a 100% overall student satisfaction rating for TESOL in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

Course Starts: September

PT

CORE MODULES

- Methodology
- Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
- Discourse Analysis
- Technology in Language Education
- Research Methods in TESOL
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

PATHWAYS

In addition to MSc TESOL (Online), we offer the following pathways:

- 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.
As experienced teachers, the qualification provides access to a wider range of career opportunities and increases the chances for promotion to more senior roles.

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