

# EDUCATION

**We believe education has 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 are internationally recognised for our 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 the 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.

We are home to the Stirling Centre for Research into Curriculum Making (SCRCM). The centre undertakes research into curriculum making, and engages in knowledge exchange with policy makers and practitioners to develop the curriculum across education systems, disseminating research through face-to-face events and webinars.

**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.



**Full-time course**



**Part-time course**

## 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

Our research areas include:

- Curriculum
- Education: Theory, Practice & Methods
- Language and Society
- Professional and Leadership Education

Our research in these areas includes the following cross-cutting themes:

- Childrens' Rights in Education
- Curriculum Development (including pedagogy and assessment)
- Curriculum Leadership
- Environmental and Sustainability Education
- Primary, Secondary and Adult Education contexts
- STEM Education



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

## 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 are experts in digital pedagogies, leadership and curriculum. You will have the option to specialise in these through our electives. International perspectives are incorporated throughout the course, and pedagogical practices include multilingual and translanguaging teaching.

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

**Course Starts: September**



### CORE MODULES

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

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

### PATHWAYS

Students studying the MSc Education have the opportunity to graduate with an MSc Education or select one of following pathways:

- MSc Education (Digital)
- MSc Education (Curriculum)
- MSc Education (Leadership)

### CAREER PROSPECTS

Successful completion of the Masters in Education will lead to career opportunities in:

- Education research
- Education and government – policy/ administration
- Education consultancy
- Education in the arts and heritage industries
- Activist organisations
- Private and community education providers

Some graduates also go onto further study with EdD, Professional Doctorate or PhD.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND MANAGEMENT



**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 learn 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, in France, Switzerland, Japan or Spain. The placement allows 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 also go on to study for a PhD.

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**



# TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION (PRE-SERVICE)



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, to enhance your understanding and professional practice within the FE sector.

Applicants must have at least two years relevant professional experience in the field they want to teach.



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 four elective modules:

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

## 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**



# TEACHING QUALIFICATION IN FURTHER EDUCATION (IN-SERVICE)



**Campus based  
PG Cert**

**This is the recognised teaching qualification for people who are already lecturing in further education.**

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.



### 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**



# TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)



**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, in France, Switzerland, Japan or Spain. The placement allows 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

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

## CAREER PROSPECTS

You will graduate 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 led to positions with the British Council or roles 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**

