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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 percent of our research is having an outstanding or very considerable impact on society[1].

Stirling is proud to be a QS five-star rated university for teaching, employability, internationalisation, research, facilities, programme strength and environmental impact[2].

We are top 20 in the UK for postgraduate teaching and top 30 for both our postgraduate student experience and postgraduate support[3]. With more than 140 nationalities represented at the University, you will be joining a thriving, international postgraduate community.

Our high-quality teaching is recognised through our accreditation by AACSB, meaning that we are ranked among the top six percent of business schools worldwide.

We are committed to a fair and sustainable world, and are ranked among the top 100 institutions in the world for our contribution to meeting 10 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)[4].

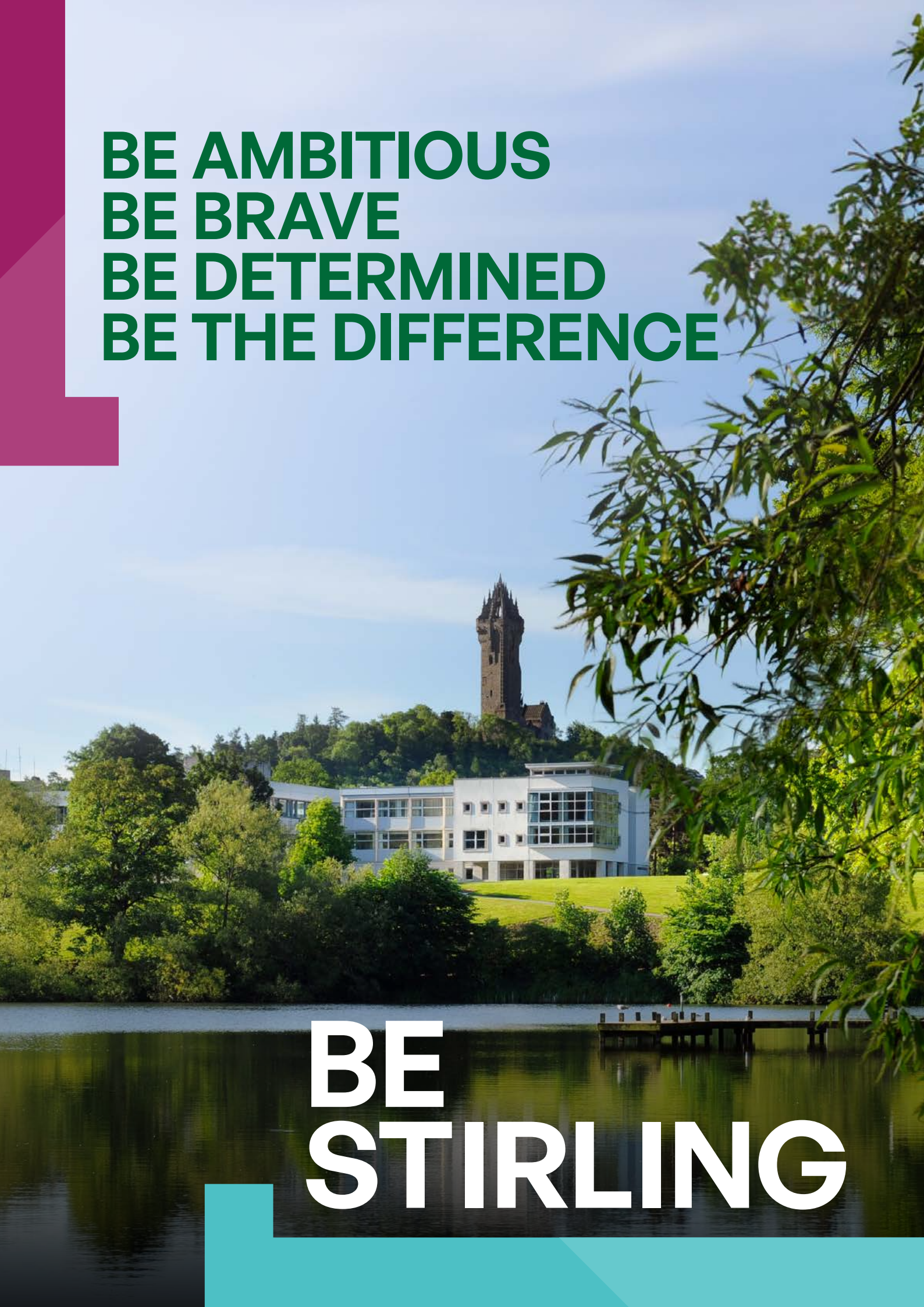
At Stirling, you can be confident of being able to follow your chosen career path, as 96 percent of our graduates are in employment or further study within 15 months of graduating[5].

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[6] – 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 QS Stars University Ratings, 2024
3 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey, 2022
4 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2024
5 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2020-21
6 International Student Barometer, 2022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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[1]

Top 20 in the UK for postgraduate teaching[2]

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

As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, sport is in our DNA

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

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

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

Centrally located, Stirling is within easy reach of international airports in both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

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
Madrid 3hrs
Islamabad 11hrs
Nairobi 11hrs
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

WELCOME TO SCOTLAND

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

SCOTLAND

- Famous for whisky, tartan, kilts and bagpipes, but there's so much more to this great country.
- Scotland has been voted the most beautiful country in the world [1] with majestic hills, lochs, glens and castles.
- The birthplace of Harry Potter, Sherlock Holmes, Peter Pan, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Miss Jean Brodie and Inspector Rebus.
- Known on the big screen for Braveheart, Outlander, Trainspotting and many more.
- A thriving cultural hub, with 130 music gigs a month in Glasgow (a UNESCO City of Music), Trnsmt Festival, numerous international arts and literary festivals and the world's biggest annual Fringe festival in Edinburgh.

1 Rough Guides, 2019

STUDY IN SCOTLAND

Scotland is renowned the world over for the quality of its education. A degree from a Scottish university is recognised as a mark of quality by many employers.

- Home to 19 world-class higher education institutions – the most per capita in the world[1].
- 83,000 students a year from over 180 different countries[2].
- Scotland invented penicillin, the bicycle, television and the telephone.
- Scottish university research is consistently judged "world-leading" or "internationally excellent"[3].
- Scottish graduates have the best record of securing professional-level jobs in the UK and join the workforce with the highest average starting salaries[4].
- 88 percent of international students in Scotland are satisfied with all aspects of their experience at Scottish Universities[5].

1 Scotland's International Education Strategy, 2024
2 HESA FPE Student Record, 2022
3 Research Excellence Framework, 2021
4 HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey, 2021/22
5 International Student Barometer, 2022

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

- Stirling Castle is one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland.
- Macrobert Arts Centre, cinema and theatre right here on campus.
- Multiple live music and arts venues to enjoy around the city.
- 130 gigs a month in Glasgow, and the world's biggest arts festival in Edinburgh, both within easy reach of Stirling.

EAT, DRINK AND SHOP

- Visit the city's historic Victorian arcade, bustling high street and Thistles Shopping Centre.
- Local pubs, cafés and restaurants in Bridge of Allan (next door to campus), plus many friendly bars and coffee shops in Stirling city centre.

EXPLORE

- Easy to explore this historic town on foot, or using Stirling's cycle-hire scheme.
- Less than an hour's travel from both Edinburgh and Glasgow and national/international rail and air connections.
- A great base to access Loch Lomond and the Cairngorms national parks, as well as for exploring the Scottish highlands.

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:
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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.

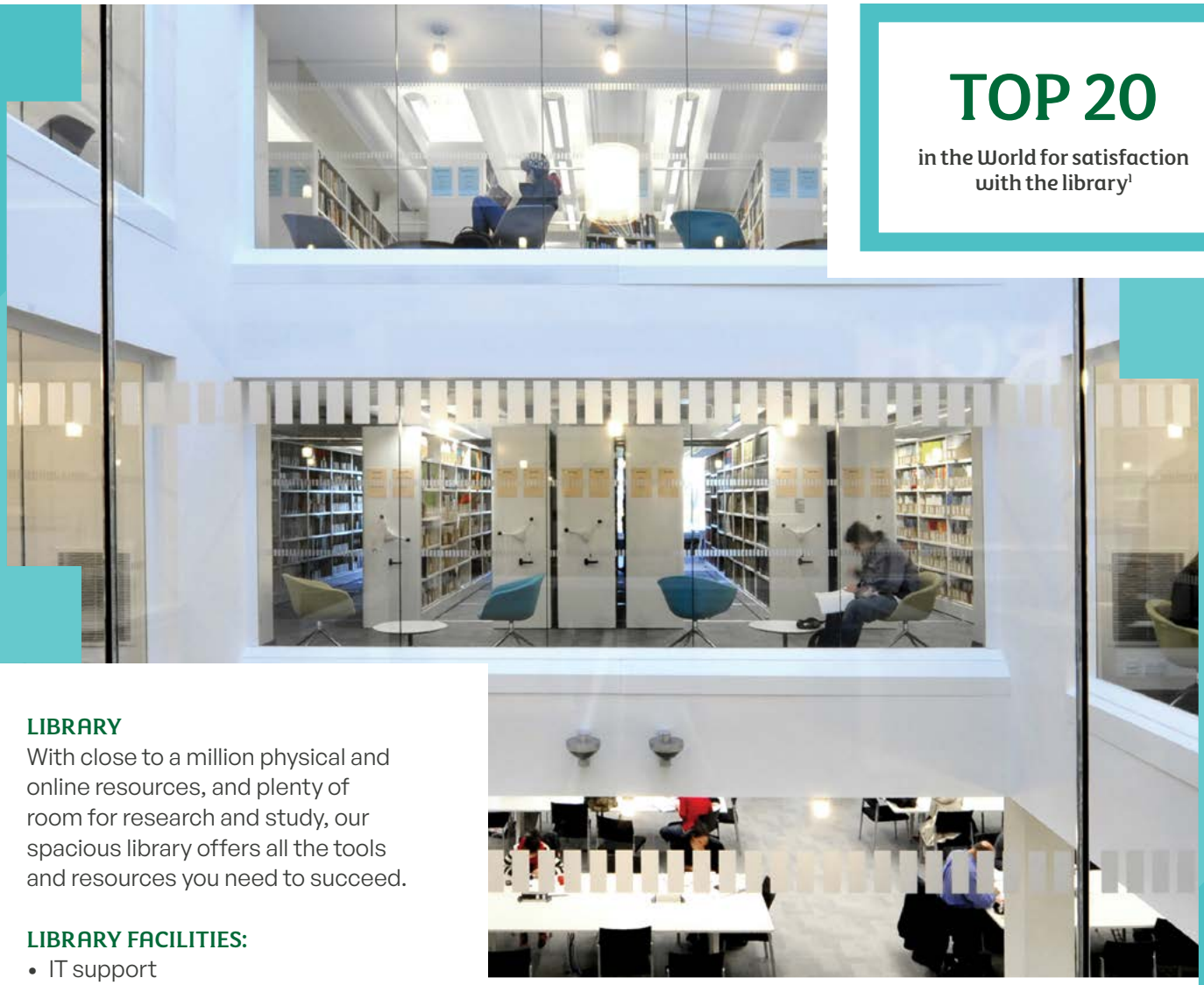
LIFE AT STIRLING

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

1 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES), 2022

STUDY SPACE

From our modern and well-equipped library to our state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces, there's plenty of room to work, relax and be yourself at Stirling.



TOP 20

in the World for satisfaction with the library[1]

LIBRARY

With close to a million physical and online resources, and plenty of room for research and study, our spacious library offers all the tools and resources you need to succeed.

LIBRARY FACILITIES:

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

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1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

TEACHING AND LEARNING SPACES

Across our five main teaching buildings you will find:

- 10 high quality lecture theatres with capacity for up to 350 people
- 11 computer labs
- 70+ state-of-the-art flexible learning and teaching rooms
- Dozens of dedicated labs and faculty-specific facilities

CAMPUS CENTRAL - THE HUB OF IT ALL

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.

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

QS rated

5-STARS

for our facilities[1]

TOP 30

in the UK for Postgraduate Student Support[2]

1 QS Stars university Ratings 2024
2 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 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. And all postgraduate students are guaranteed University-managed accommodation if you apply by the specified date.

APPLYING FOR ACCOMMODATION

Students who have firmly accepted a conditional or unconditional offer can apply online via the University Applicant Portal. Applications for September starts usually open in April, applications for January starts usually open in October.

DID YOU KNOW?

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

WHY CHOOSE UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION?

- Location - Be close to your classes, our beautiful campus and our fantastic on-campus facilities.
- No extra bills - heating, electricity, WiFi and contents insurance included.
- Safety and Security - 24/7 security and emergency support.
- Choice - accommodation for different needs and budgets.
- Self-sufficient - you'll always have your own bedroom. Bathrooms are either ensuite or shared. And all accommodation is self-catering with its own kitchen.
- Accessible - we can provide adapted accommodation for a variety of needs.

> Email ask@stir.ac.uk

1 The Complete University Guide 2022

ON CAMPUS FACILITIES:

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

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YOUR HOME FROM HOME

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

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

Click to view our 360° accommodation tours

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 in the UK[1].

INDICATIVE LIVING COSTS

	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, WiFi, 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 elite athlete to keep active or join one of our 50+ sports clubs and use our state-of-the-art sports centre.

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SPORTS FACILITIES

- Purpose-built fitness studios
- State-of-the-art gym
- Olympic swimming pool
- Two sports halls, six indoor tennis courts
- All-weather athletics track
- Grass and artificial pitches
- Golf driving range and putting green
- World-class high-performance fitness suite
- Professional strength and conditioning area

SPORT, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

As well as our facilities, we offer a diverse programme of fitness classes, wellbeing activities and recreational sport sessions which are all included in your sports centre membership.

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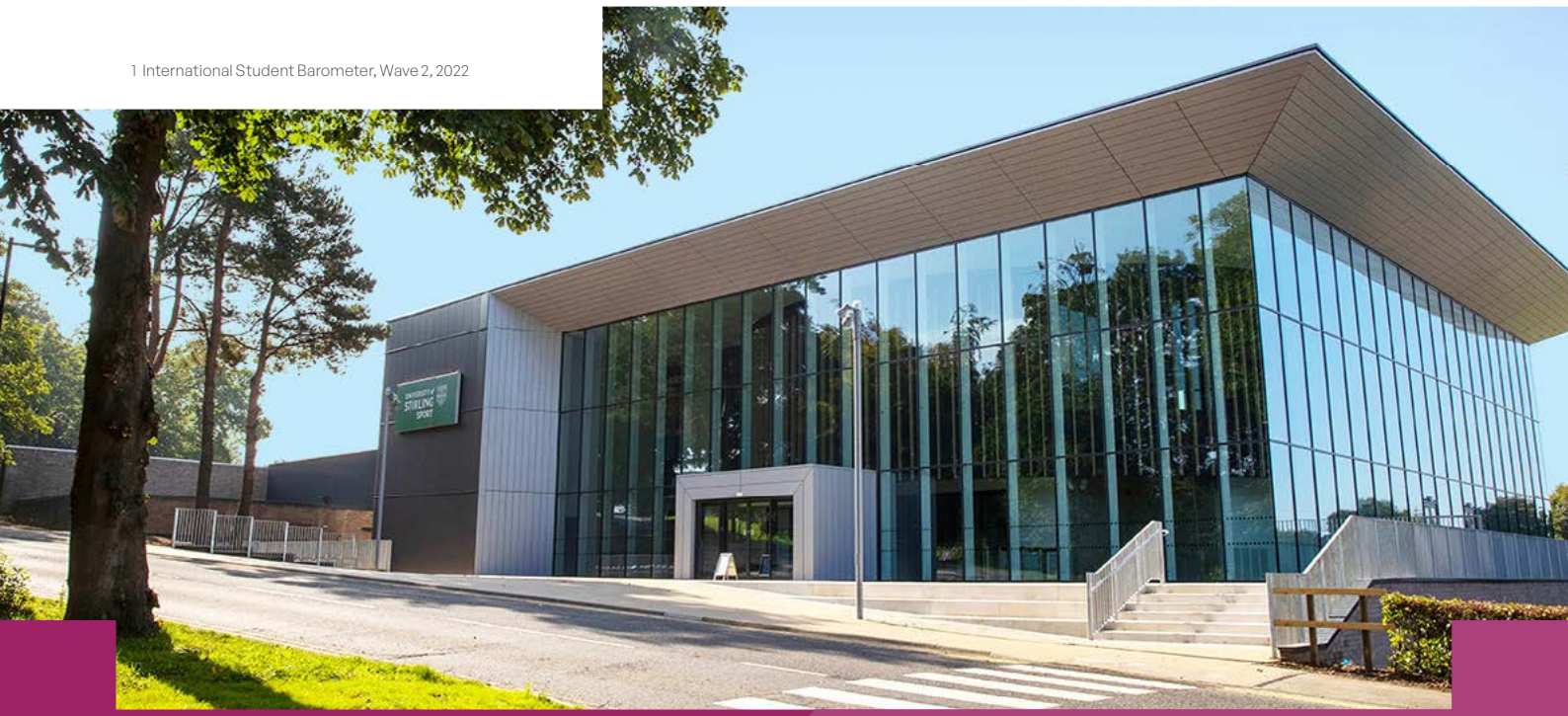

BE PART OF THE TEAM

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CLUB SPORT
The Sports Union supports over 50 clubs competing in a range of local and national competitions – perfect for beginners and experienced competitive athletes alike.

Our "just play" beginner sessions are a great way to learn something new, keep fit and meet people.

COACHING AND VOLUNTEERING
We offer coaching and volunteering opportunities for students involved in club sports, including supporting community lessons and events – perfect experience for your CV.

PERFORMANCE SPORT
World-renowned performance sport programme, 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, 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 – high performance expertise

RANKED 1ST IN THE UK
and top 5 in the world for sports facilities[1]

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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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].

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

INTERNATIONAL AGENTS

Our international network of agents can give you more information about courses and requirements, help with your application and provide advice before you arrive.

> Find out more

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

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

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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.

> Find out more

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.

> Find out more

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS INFORMATION

At Stirling, we have a dedicated International Careers Consultant who provides career support across the institution ensuring that our international students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage their future careers.

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INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Stirling considers academic qualifications from all over the world. Postgraduate courses 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

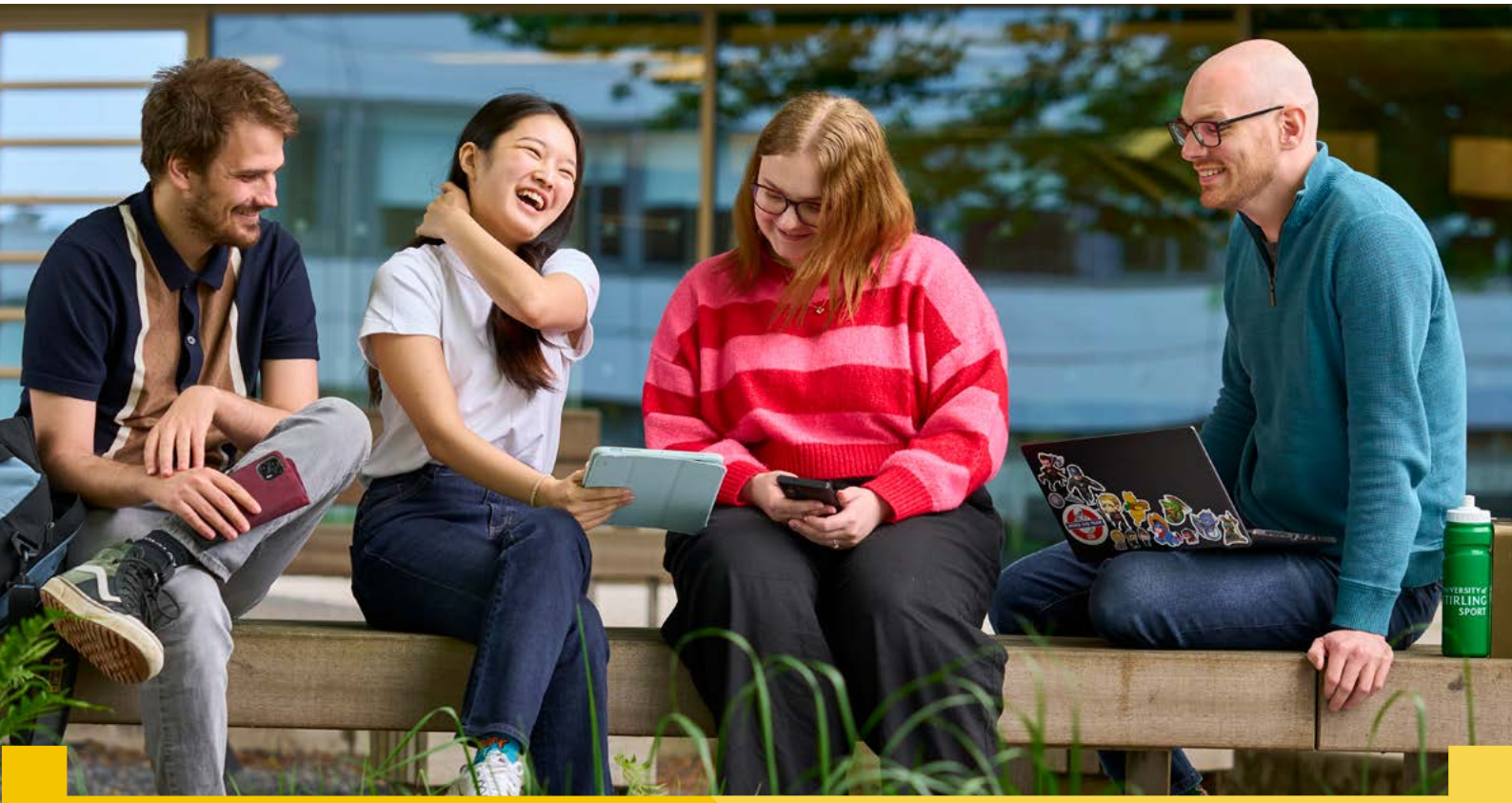
Stirling offers both September and January start dates for many courses

SEE FULL ENTRY AND LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

EXAMPLE MINIMUM INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

> See website for up-to-date information

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's 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



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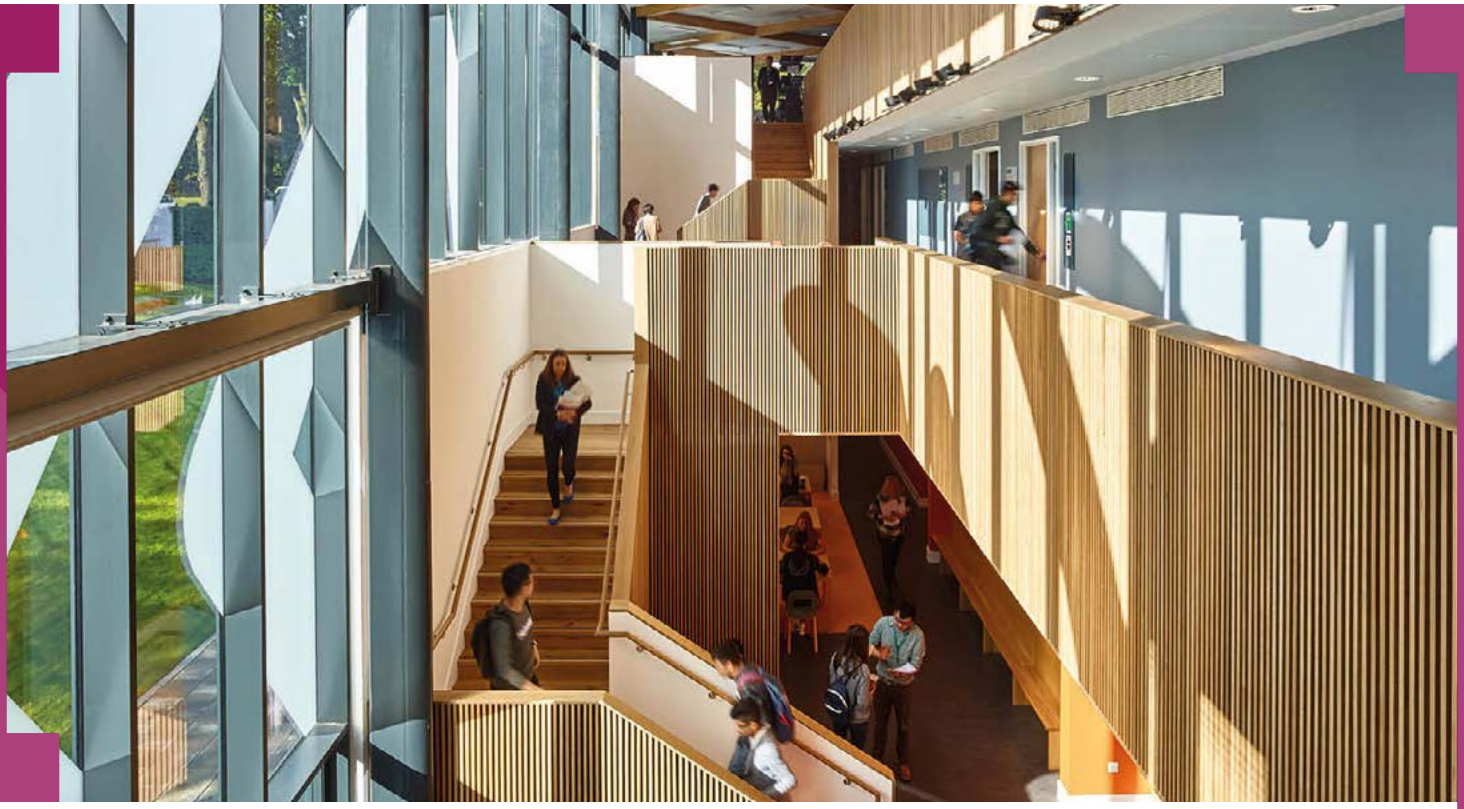

Working with global education experts INTO, our pathway courses are designed to give you excellent preparation for your University of Stirling degree.

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of students said there is a friendly attitude towards international students at the University of Stirling[1]

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

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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.

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

PLAYING OUR PART

STIR.AC.UK/ SUSTAINABILITY

Our carbon emissions have reduced by 43% since 2007. By 2040, we commit to net zero.

Our Sustainability Plan sets out how we will do this and includes changes to how we will manage our campus, work with suppliers and move towards greener energy sources.

By working with strategic partners and leading on world changing climate research, we can help deliver a sustainable future for local, regional and global communities.

As a signatory to the Sustainable Development Goals Accord and the Race to Zero for Universities and Colleges campaign, we're also committed to the development of socially sustainable solutions including climate justice, reducing poverty and improved access to education.

Times Higher Education
Impact Rankings 2024

GREENER ENERGY
We invest in our buildings to improve thermal efficiency and use cleaner forms of energy such as heat pumps and solar.

PLANT-BASED
Vegan options are available in all our cafés and restaurants

WASTE REDUCTION
Our Students' Union Green and Blue Space saves around six tonnes of waste each year through re-purposing, upcycling and promoting sustainable lifestyle swaps.

FORWARD-THINKING TEACHING
Sustainability is embedded in our teaching to ensure you feel equipped to deal with future environmental challenges.

TRAVEL
A bike sharing scheme and electric vehicle charging points across campus encourage sustainable travel.

BIODIVERSITY
Our 330-acre campus boasts a rich and diverse range of plant and animal life. Hedgehogs, which are vulnerable to extinction, thrive on our campus.

WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH
From the climate benefits of growing mushrooms to improving water quality in Ukraine, we make a global impact through our research.

LEADING THE WAY
We're ranked among the **top 200 universities worldwide** for social and environmental sustainability[1] and also in the **top 100 institutions in the world** for our contribution to meeting 10 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals[2].

1 QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024
2 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, 2024

FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TUITION FEES

See course web pages for the latest fee information.

Tuition 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 have 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 £13,900 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 or apply to an external loan provider such as Prodigy Finance.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We have a wide range of scholarship and bursary opportunities available. See our handy online **scholarship finder.**

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Have you previously completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Stirling? Alumni are eligible for a 15% scholarship on full or part-time taught Masters degrees.

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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

COLLABORATING WITH BUSINESS

Many of our courses offer the opportunity to undertake work-based learning with businesses, giving you invaluable experience, expanding your professional networks and increasing your confidence and employability.

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

93%
student satisfaction with careers support services[2]

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

OUR SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- Specialist careers advice with 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.
- Platform subscriptions giving you access to 24/7 online CV and LinkedIn review platforms, interview and assessment software.

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

ALUMNI

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BE THE ONE WHO ACHIEVES THEIR GOALS

ADITYA SANKOLLI
MSc SPORTS MANAGEMENT, 2022
Football Development Coach
Arsenal FC

Adi decided to study at Stirling because of our reputation as "Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence" and the opportunity to take advantage of the UK Post Study Work visa, which is open to all international students for two years after graduation.

The University helped Adi secure an internship at Stirling's local football club, which provided the experience he needed to secure his dream job as a Football Development Coach for Arsenal FC.

WATCH ADI'S STORY HERE

BE THE ONE WHO LANDS THEIR DREAM ROLE

Dr. KAT RAINES
PhD, 2020
Senior Manager, Research Support Office at Nuclear Waste Services

The fantastic natural environment at Stirling was the decisive factor for Kat to study her undergraduate degree at Stirling.

The University helped her to arrange a placement after she graduated, and she worked as a conservationist in the Seychelles for three years. She then returned to Stirling to pursue PhD research into the affects of radiation on wildlife.

Kat now works for the UK's Nuclear Waste Services, engaged in the UK's largest environmental protection project.

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ALUMNI

BE THE ONE WHO IS CAREER READY

LUCY FRASER EDMANS
MSc BIG DATA, 2018
Lead Data Scientist
Forth Point | A Blend360 Company

Lucy wanted to help companies get the most from their data, so she studied MSc Big Data at Stirling and is now a Lead Data Scientist at award-winning data consultancy Forth Point | A Blend360 Company in Edinburgh.

Lucy is responsible for delivering technical solutions for clients to help solve business challenges and drive value, as well as working on new business proposals and pitches.

There are also a lot of communication skills needed to help clients understand the technical solutions, and Lucy credits the experience she gained through her degree at Stirling with where she is now.

WATCH LUCY'S STORY HERE

BE THE ONE WHO BUILDS THEIR OWN FUTURE

GILL BAIRD
MBA, 2015
Owner and Founder
Cosmedicare and St Ellen's Hospitals

Studying an MBA at Stirling gave entrepreneur Gill the credibility and confidence to set up and build her own private hospital in Glasgow.

She believes all the different aspects of the course and the University, such as the academic team, the Stirling environment and the professional development available gave her the skill sets and attributes needed to be successful in a professional environment.

WATCH GILL'S STORY HERE

BE SUPPORTED

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

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION
Our expert team helps students with a wide variety of needs to get the most out of their university life.

STUDENT LEARNING SERVICES
Boost your learning skills with daily drop-in sessions, regular workshops and tailored tutorials.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING
We're here to support our students throughout their time at Stirling, whatever they are going through. Chat to our qualified counsellors, wellbeing and mental health professionals on-campus, or access our 24/7 support helpline whenever you need it.

FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY
The Chaplaincy is open to people of 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.

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

IMMIGRATION
Advice and information on visas, immigration and more.

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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 represents you, the student, to the University and beyond and is here to help, wherever and whenever you need it. We're here to ensure your Stirling experience is the best it can be.

REPRESENTING YOU

The Students' Union supports, develops and represents students throughout your time at University. We're here to help you:

- Make lifelong memories
- Build skills for the future
- Provide support and advice when you need it
- Influence your learning

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.

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TOP 10

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

1 International Student Barometer, Wave 2, 2022

STIR.AC.UK/RESEARCH

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.

80%
of Stirling's research is either world leading or internationally excellent[1]

At the University of Stirling, our researchers are truly making a difference to spaces, places and lives. 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 mission-orientated approach to 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 87% recognised as being 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].

RESEARCH THEMES

- Cultures, Communities and Society
- Global Security and Resilience
- Living Well

> Read more about our research themes

1 Research Excellence Framework, 2021

SUPPORTING PhD STUDY

STIR.AC.UK/
RESEARCHDEGREES

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 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

Between 2023 - 2025, we've invested £3.6 million in studentship funding for the next generation of world-class researchers. This funding is available for PhD students starting their studies in October 2025.

Applications for these university funded scholarships usually open in March. Please see the website for further details relating to the research topics and how to apply. > Find out more

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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

AACSB ACCREDITED

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

Independent surveys such as The Guardian University Guide, QS World University Rankings and the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide consistently rank our courses among the top in the UK, and many of our Masters courses are accredited by prestigious professional bodies.

AACSB ACCREDITED

This prestigious accreditation means we are among the top six percent of business schools worldwide, and is a guarantee of a high-calibre education, with industry-relevant, innovative courses recognised by employers.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We have over 90 postgraduate courses, including full-time, part-time, on-campus and online or blended learning courses, and many have both September and January start dates.

1 QS Stars University Rating, 2024
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 12-18 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 straight away.

15% ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
You will also be eligible for the alumni scholarship, giving 15% discount on full and part-time courses.

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. Check course pages for relevant entrance requirements.

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. We will not issue a confirmation letter (CAS) and you will not be able to apply for your visa until payment is received.
> Pay deposit

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.
> Apply for visa

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.

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.

We accept and consider applications up to a year before you want your research degree to begin.

5 PAY YOUR DEPOSIT (INTERNATIONAL ONLY)

International Students need to pay their deposit by the deadline stated on their offer letter. We will not issue a confirmation letter (CAS) and you will not be able to apply for your visa until payment is received.
> Pay deposit

6 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.
> Apply for visa

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.

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ACCOUNTING, FINANCE, BANKING AND ECONOMICS

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 business 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), and the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute (CFA) recognise some of our accounting and finance courses, showing 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.

In recognition of our excellence in business education, we are accredited by AACSB International - an accolade achieved by only 6% of global business schools. We are a Small Business Charter accredited School, showcasing our work supporting small businesses, local economies and student entrepreneurship.

We are members of the Chartered Association of Business Schools (CABS), a leading professional body for UK business and management education, and are advanced signatory for the United Nation's Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

AMPLIFYME TRADING BOOT CAMP

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

STUDENT MANAGED INVESTMENT FUND

SMIF

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 and practical solutions to the challenges facing society today.

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

- Accounting and Finance
- Economics

SMALL BUSINESS CHARTER AACSB ACCREDITED CABS CHARTERED ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS SCHOOLS PRME

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

Our Masters course provides you with specialised training in international accounting and finance.

You will develop the reporting and analysis skills needed by organisations worldwide and learn about global investment issues. You will put theory into practice with access to professional financial databases such as Capital IQ and gain an understanding of international accounting standards, along with advanced awareness of international financial markets.

Accredited by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), graduates can obtain exemption from up to six ACCA exams.

Our accreditation from The Associaton of International Accountants (AIA) enables you to gain exemption from the full Foundation Level as well as 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.

You will have the opportunity to attend guest lectures where industry experts, such as investment managers, former traders, investment strategists and CEOs, will share their knowledge and expertise in the trade.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Accounting and Society
- Financial Investment Analysis
- Management Accounting and Control
- 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. Our graduates work for employers including University of Putra, Beijing Benz Automotive Co. Ltd, Lockheed Martin or BGL Plc.

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.

ACCREDITED PROGRAMME ACCA

AIA THE ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Course Starts: September

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AmplifyME Trading Boot Camp

FINANCE AND DATA ANALYTICS

Click for course web page

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 Masters 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 analytics skills are much sought-after and can be used in algorithmic trading, machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) applications.

Our innovative week-long global financial boot camp run by AmplifyME 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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AmplifyME Trading Boot Camp

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.

You'll gain hands-on experience in financial decision-making and practical knowledge of financial markets and the allocation of capital.

This course will enable you to understand and question existing financial theories, as well as give you the ability to analyse and model financial data.

In addition to your studies, you can attend guest lectures delivered by leading finance industry professionals, including University of Stirling alumni.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Corporate Finance
- Financial Reporting
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates find career opportunities in 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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AmplifyME Trading Boot Camp

DIGITAL BANKING AND FINANCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course combines 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 learn how technology and digital infrastructure changes the way banks do business, exploring the impacts of financial technology (FinTech) and cryptocurrencies on the operations and management of banking and finance.

The course offers you practical business-led knowledge and you can expect to see leading banking and finance experts from the sector in the classroom offering you the most contemporary industry thinking.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Bank Theory, Operations and Strategy
- Corporate Finance
- Professionalism, Regulation and Ethics
- Risk Management in Banking
- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Digital Banking and Finance: Technological Innovation
- Quantitative Financial Risk Analysis
- 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, including specialist property companies and government agencies.

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

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

FT

AmplifyME Trading Boot Camp

INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our 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, brokerage firms and investment banks.

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.

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. They can be found working in organisations including HSBC, JP Morgan, Baillie Gifford and Citibank.

University Affiliation Program CFA Institute®

Stirling team, Fortune 5, achieved 10th place worldwide at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Group Trading Challenge, generating a profit of $453,215.70 by trading the US stock market, soybean oil and crude oil.

Course Starts: September

FT PT AmplifyME Trading Boot Camp

FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

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

You will learn finance theories and the practical methods used to analyse and understand financial data and risk.

This course is a Financial Risk Manager partner of the Global Association of Risk Professionals (GARP) covering 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.

During your studies, you will have access to professional financial databases including Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters Eikon, Refinitiv, 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 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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AmplifyME Trading Boot Camp

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.

We hold the prestigious AACSB accreditation, placing us in the top 6% of business schools in the world. The accreditation guarantees our students a high-caliber education with industry-relevant, innovative courses. It also provides them with a worldwide recognition to top employers as well as improved career and salary prospects.

What is the AmplifyME 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 AmplifyME, 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.

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.

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.

The University has secured a £17 million investment for the new National Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Hub (NATIH), which is due to open in 2025, as part of the UK Region City Deal.

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

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.

Institute of Aquaculture
UNIVERSITY of STIRLING

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

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 Aquaculture community.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Foundations of Aquatic Production
- Aquaculture in Practice
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills I
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills 2
- Parasites and Treatments
- Aquaculture Health Control
- 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.

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
- 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.

The Institute of Aquaculture aims to provide the highest standard of facilities. We have freshwater sites in Central Scotland, tropical and temperate freshwater recirculation systems in Stirling and marine facilities in the West of Scotland.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Foundations of Aquatic Animal Production
- Aquaculture in Practice
- Environmental Systems
- Genetics and Reproduction
- Aquaculture Nutrition
- 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

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

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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

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

We hold the prestigious AACSB accreditation, placing us in the top 6% of business schools worldwide. It is the longest-standing, most recognised form of accreditation that an institution can earn, which signifies our commitment to excellence in business education.

As a member of the Chartered Association for Business Schools (CABS), our academics deliver an industry focused curriculum and we were awarded the Small Business Charter for engagement with local and regional enterprise.

We are advanced signatory of Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME), which are core to everything we do.

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.

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

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

FT Full-time course PT Part-time course

SMALL BUSINESS CHARTER AACSB ACCREDITED CABS CHARTERED ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS SCHOOLS PRME

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 course will help you to understand how international business is conducted, with a focus on developing the managerial skills needed to succeed in the global business world.

You will develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills within the context of trading across national boundaries and within different business settings. By the end of the course, you will have an expansive knowledge of how organisations operate across economies, currencies, and regulatory frameworks. You will also become an expert in engaging with stakeholders from different cultures and working effectively in a multi-location team.

The course covers core and contemporary international management subjects, including strategy, digitalisation, and entrepreneurship. It also emphasises ethical and environmental issues, which are increasingly important within the global business environment.

You will increase your awareness of existing and new trading blocs and their impact on businesses and managers, as well as learning the latest analytical and strategic tools needed to analyse international business environments.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Managing an International Organisation
- Global e-business
- International Accounting for Managers
- Business in Europe and the Emerging Markets
- Responsible Business
- Managing Entrepreneurial and Family Busineses
- Buiness Start-Up and Growth
- Independent Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our International Business graduates have 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).

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 course is practice-oriented and provides you with core human resource management theory and examines the people issues that organisations face.

The course focuses on developing practical skills for a successful career in human resources (HR). You will be introduced to the business context that HR contributes to and be given the opportunity to choose from a selection of specialist HR topics, covering the essential knowledge areas of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) profession map.

In the final semester, you will undertake a consultancy case study, acting as a HR consultant to fictional companies, while solving realistic HR problems and working with HR practitioners.

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, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Employment Relations
- Resourcing and Talent Management
- Advances in HRM
- Consultancy Case Study

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates have gone onto roles such as HR specialists, business partners, development consultants, recruitment specialists, talent managers and management trainers.

They can be found in central and local governments, as well as corporations such as NatWest Group, Royal Bank of Scotland, Microsoft, Heineken and Deloitte.

CIPD Approved centre

Our CIPD accreditation ensures you will study materials which are current and industry led. It 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

You will learn about the practice and theory of marketing, and investigate current trends and issues in areas such as responsible marketing, consumer behaviour, brand creation, digital marketing and multichannel 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 the 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're ranked 1st in Scotland and 2nd in the UK for Marketing and Public Relations
The Guardian University Guide 2023

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Responsible Marketing Management
- Consumer Behaviour
- Digital Marketing
- Strategic Marketing Practice
- Omnichannel Marketing
- Data Analysis Techniques in Marketing
- Marketing and Retail Consultancy Project

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 and Nestle.

CIM
Accredited Degree

As part of the course, our students have worked on consultancy projects to tackle real world problems with a range of organistions including the National Wallace Monument, Waterski Scotland, Strathearn Strategic Consulting, Stirling Albion Football Club, Scottish Biomedical, Snowsports Scotland, EASA Training Ltd, and Stirling Art.

Course Starts: September

FT PT Student Consultancy Project

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.

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

Tailored to 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 the opportunity to participate in consultancy projects with industry. This will enhance your learning experience as you apply the 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
- Digital Marketing
- Text Analytics for Marketing
- Data Analysis Techniques in Marketing
- Machine Learning
- Digital Marketing and Data Technologies
- Marketing and Retail Consultancy Project

CAREER PROSPECTS

You may go onto roles in areas such as strategic planning; sustainability analytics; customer insight; marketing analytics; or finance, pricing or technical analytics.

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

The average salary for a Marketing Analytics Manager is £51,450 per year in the UK in 2024 (glassdoor.co.uk).

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT Student Consultancy Project

DIGITAL MARKETING AND BRAND MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters in Digital Marketing and Brand Management combines the principles of digital 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 theory and its practical application in digital marketing and strategic branding. You will collaborate with a wide variety of organisations including not-for-profit, third sector, as well as small and medium-sized enterprises.

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

CIM
Accredited Degree

Our MSc Digital 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.

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Brand Management in the Digital Age
- Digital Marketing
- Text Analytics for Marketing
- Consumer and User Experience
- Data Analysis Techniques in Marketing
- Marketing and Retail Consultancy Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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 £43,286 in 2024. Typical roles for graduates with this qualification include Digital Marketing Manager, Brand Manager, Digital Marketing Specialist, Marketing Executive, Digital Project Coordinator, Brand Marketing Executive, Product Marketing Manager, Social Media Manager, Content Manager or Consultant.

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

Course Starts: September

FT PT Student Consultancy Project

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 business and management, accounting and finance, marketing, operations management, and human resource management.

Our MBA covers responsible leadership, sustainable strategy and how to effectively manage limited resources with maximum impact.

You will have a chance to go on 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 from the public, private or non-profit sector. This allows you to apply the knowledge and skills from your MBA to 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
- Strategic and Operational HRM
- Responsible Marketing Management
- Strategy, Pricing and Competition
- Operations Management
- 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 have 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

FT PT Student Consultancy Project

MASTER OF RESEARCH BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Click for course web page

Campus based
MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our MRes Business and Management is a specialist taught degree that will provide you with the skills to conduct high-quality research, preparing you to study at a PhD level or take on research-based roles in business and the public sector.

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.

The course is accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Scottish Graduate School of Social Science for the training of PhD students.

It 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 studies how people behave and how that influences economic, political, commercial, and social decision-making.

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 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.

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

This course 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.

Our graduates occupy senior roles in the Behavioural Insights Team, national governments, regulatory bodies, large corporations, charities and consultancy firms.

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.

Course Starts: September

FT PT Student Consultancy Project

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 through data-analysis tools. During your studies you will explore the tools, models and methods used by businesses as they deal with business growth, change and disruption.

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.

We will help you to engage with artificial intelligence (AI), 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.

You will also have an opportunity to work on a real-world project with 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
- Independent 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

FT PT Student Consultancy Project

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. You will gain a thorough understanding of the industrial and scientific relevance of advanced analytics and their application in strategic and operational decision-making. The flexible design of the course allows you to specialise in data science with finance, marketing or management.

We work closely with The Data Lab, an internationally leading research and innovation centre in data science. You will 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 work-based projects to advance your career, including a three-month consultancy project over the summer, as an alternative to traditional dissertation.

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Demand for employees with data analytics skills is projected to grow rapidly 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.

THE DATA LAB
value from data

The average salary for a Data Scientist in the UK is £53,006 per year in 2024, higher than the IT average (glassdoor.co.uk).

Course Starts: September and January

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Student Consultancy Project

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 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 throughout.

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. Students can also apply to put learning into practice on a global internship in the summer, delivered by the Pagoda Project.

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

CORE MODULES

- Flying Start Leadership Programme
- Strategy and the Competitive Environment
- Global Perspectives on Human Resource Management and Leadership Communication
- Marketing Management
- International Accounting for Managers
- Operations Management
- Strategy, Pricing and Competition
- Innovation Management
- Independent Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates have 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.

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.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT Student Consultancy Project

COMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA AND CULTURE

Communications, Media and Culture in the faculty of Arts and Humanities is internationally renowned, attracting students, staff and practitioners from across the world.

Our courses are consistently ranked among the best in the UK. By striking a balance between practical training and critical thinking, we help to prepare you for a career in fields including public relations, media management, journalism, gender studies and digital media and communication.

100% of our research environment and 88% of our overall research in Communication, Cultural and Media Studies was classed as world leading or internationally excellent in 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 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

Top 25 in the UK and top 200 in the world for Communications and Media
QS World University Rankings 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

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.

This course will provide you with the skills required for a rewarding career in digital media management and production. This Masters will offer you practical multimedia production skills underpinned by understanding human behaviour in the digital context.

You will explore human communication and information behaviours, and the factors influencing behaviours at macro and micro levels. You will learn research methods for media and audience research, including options to develop data analytics, social media analytics, digital marketing and advertising skills.

During your studies you will learn to contribute to the planning, development, and evaluation of multi-channel digital marketing strategies and campaigns.

You will also have the opportunity to acquire practical digital content production skills including options in graphic design, video production, and interactive media design. The course includes the option to create a digital media product as a practical alternative to the dissertation. The standard dissertation route is also available.

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will gain skills for a career in public and private sectors, with the ability to move into a number of specialist areas including digital media marketing, or management, content design and production.

Our graduates have gone onto roles including:

- Digital Media Manager
- Social Media Specialist
- Digital Marketer and Web Content Editor

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

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

Course Starts: September

FT PT

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters course is internationally focused and deals with journalism across different media, cultural and regulatory environments – with a particular emphasis on investigative research and reporting.

The journalism sector is continually evolving, and journalists have to learn an ever-growing suite of skills to remain relevant. You will develop advanced research, analysis, writing and presentation skills for print, online, audio and video news platforms.

You will also benefit from hands-on teaching by experienced news practitioners and content producers, leading academic researchers in journalism and media studies, and guest lecturers from a range of real-world publications.

We have a track record of working with media organisations to offer our students practical training during their studies.

CORE MODULES

- Journalism Practice
- International Journalism
- Investigative Research
- Investigative Research Project or Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course will prepare you a career in news and/or investigative journalism, video production, 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, humanitarian work and communications.

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

FT PT

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 media industries.

You will benefit from being taught by a highly qualified lecturing team with an international profile of research activity, guest industry experts and field trips.

You will learn about tv, film and music industries and the rapid developments in other digitally related industries. You will also have an understanding of the evolving regulatory and policy environment in which the media operates. The course explores the factors that influence people's behaviours in relation to information and theory, with practical case studies from the creative and media industries. It also covers cultural policy and business strategy, contemporary media and cultural theories, research training, and the opportunities to deliver work for real clients.

You will graduate with strong media industry awareness, management and communications skills developed through modules and real-life scenarios in business and marketing communications.

CORE MODULES

- Global Creative Industries
- 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, working in a variety of organisations and roles, both in media and 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.

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

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 three year PhD degree 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.

You will be encouraged to explore your own research interests, gain real-world experience of research and develop your own approach to research throughout the course.

CORE MODULES

- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- 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.

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

Course Starts: September

FT PT

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

During this course, you will understand the role of public relations and strategic communication in society, and the theory behind it.

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 develop the ability to analyse communicative environments, issues, organisational cultures and relationships; set strategic campaign objectives; and design and implement effective public relations strategies.

A key aspect of the course is its focus on 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 – including on our annual visit to the headquarters of the European Union in Brussels. These also give you networking opportunities and an understanding of current best practice.

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 strategic communication and public affairs.

Many graduates work in PR consultancy roles for companies, charities, 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.

CIPR
RECOGNISED COURSE 2022/2023

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

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 Masters 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.

The course covers a range of topics including public relations and public communications theories, strategic public relations planning, media relations and production, public diplomacy and strategic communication, public relations and digital media, public affairs and advocacy and research methods.

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 in leadership positions.

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

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 an 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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GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES

Click for course web page

Campus based
MLitt, MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course will equip you with skills in gender and sexuality research, underpinned by feminist and queer theory.

You will study gender, queer practices and identities in various disciplines, including media/film studies, history, literary studies, sociological analysis and curation theory. The course covers gender and sexual practices and identities globally, as well as applying your learning in the real-world through our research placement module.

Develop your digital skills with the opportunity to submit a digital project as alternative to a traditional dissertation. In the digital project, you can design online campaigns for charities and state institutions engaging with queer individuals, and/or gender related areas like sexual violence, the gender pay gap, and the legislation on gender recognition.

Engage in contemporary research on gender and work with unique materials from feminist archival collections.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

CORE MODULES

MLitt:

- Key Concepts and Debates: Genders and Sexualities
- Genders and Sexualities: Global Perspectives
- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities 1
- Dissertation/Digital Project

MSc:

- Key Concepts and Debates: Genders and Sexualities
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities 1
- Dissertation/Digital Project alternative to a Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course combines in-depth knowledge of gender and queer studies with transferable skills in research and analysis, which are indispensable in a range of public, private and third-sector organisations. The course can also serve as a launch pad for a PhD.

Our graduates have found employment in organisations including Zero Tolerance, Glasgow Women's Library, Moving Image Archive Scotland/National Library Scotland and LGBT Youth Scotland.

GENDER AND DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters teaches diplomacy from a gender-inclusive perspective, alongside an understanding of gender studies. This course is delivered in collaboration with the leading training body of the United Nations: The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

You will understand gender identities globally, and their significance in diplomacy. Learn how diplomats can shape gender-inclusive environments when addressing international conflicts, and how diplomats engage with local communities to involve and empower women and non-binary individuals.

You will be offered the opportunity to apply your learning at the United Nations through our competitive research placement module. You can also enhance your employability and develop your digital skills with the opportunity to submit a digital project as alternative to a traditional dissertation. In the digital project, you may have the opportunity to design online campaigns that involve using initiatives on digital platforms to support charities and state institutions. These aim to raise awareness, engage audiences, and drive action toward specific goals such as targeting gender inequalities.

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

CORE MODULES

- Key Concepts and Debates: Gender and Diplomatic Practice
- Training for Masters in the Arts and Humanities 1
- Diplomacy and Gender Inclusion in Practice
- Dissertation/Digital Project alternative to a Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates may go onto careers in diplomacy or academia, as well as the third-sector organisations, museum sector work, civil service, or at the United Nations and other diplomatic bodies.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

DR KATHERINE CHAMPION
SENIOR 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: 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, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, 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 experts and analysts in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data scientists 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.

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

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.

CORE MODULES

- Mathematical and Statistical Foundations
- Networks and Graph Theory
- Statistics for Data Science
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning for Vision and NLP
- Heuristic Optimisation and Decision Support
- 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.

The UK AI market is worth more than £16.9 billion, according to the US International Trade Administration, and is expected to grow to £803.7 billion by 2035.

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.

The global data science market is projected to grow from $81.47 billion in 2022 to $484.17 billion by 2029 (Fortune Business Insights 2024). Scotland has an exciting future at the heart of the data science revolution, with more than £660 million invested in turning our capital city, Edinburgh, into the 'Data Capital of Europe' (Source: Scottish Development International 2020). Stirling is home to over 70 tech companies making it a key centre for digital technology growth and one of the major tech hubs in Central Scotland (Hollerings.com).

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, with the option to apply for an in partnership with companies that employ data scientists internship and to make industry connections and benefit your future career.

CORE MODULES

- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Mathematical and Statistical Foundations
- Relational and non-Relational Databases
- Machine Learning
- Cluster Computing
- Dissertation or a Summer Project in partnership with a company or technology provider

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.

The demand for specialist data skills is growing. In 2023, the World Economic Forum surveyed 803 global companies and found that 'AI and Machine Learning Specialists' and 'Data Analysts and Scientists' roles were in the top 10 jobs expected to grow fastest between 2023 and 2027.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

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.
It includes 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.

Stirling is a city with a strong background in financial services, with 335 businesses in Stirling operating in the sector, accounting for 8% of the total employment in the area, which is the second highest percentage in Scotland. Major players in the area are Capita, Prudential, and US firm International Financial Data Services (IFDS) (fintechscotland.com).

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.

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

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

MATHEMATICS AND DATA SCIENCE

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Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our course is one of the first to link Mathematics and Data Science, to meet industry demand for these skills and give you practical experience of using them 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, graduates who can both manage the data (computing skills), and analyse the data to extract patterns, build models and make predictions (mathematics skills).

You will gain knowledge of mathematical modelling and analysis of data-driven systems to develop your computing skills, from programming Python and R, to advanced techniques including Artificial Intelligence and machine learning. You will learn through real-life applications and hear from external speakers about how big data is used in industrial and scientific applications.

CORE MODULE

- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Statistics and Networks Analysis in Data Science
- Modelling in Financial and Medical Systems
- 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 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.

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

ADVANCED COMPUTING WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course addresses the demand and skills gap for specialists with an advanced understanding of both AI and computing, to meet market demand for experienced and skilled graduates.

Advances in data driven AI and machine learning, particularly computer vision and natural language, are becoming increasingly popular in industry and society at large. Technologies such as self-driving cars, intelligent assistants (like Alexa), ChatGPT, and AI health care have made AI an increasingly everyday technology, and one that will revolutionise the way we live and work in the years to come.

This course teaches advanced computing skills, with an emphasis on applications of artificial intelligence. It is designed for graduates in computer science or a closely related subject, with significant programming experience.

Modern computing hardware exploits parallel processing of both data and computational effort. Programming highly parallel architecture requires advanced techniques, and awareness of the trade-offs involved.

You will develop advanced programming and modern artificial intelligence (AI) skills to prepare you for a career in advanced software development or AI. You will learn mathematics and statistics, advanced programming and scripting in the languages Python and R, parallel processing, and a modern, data-driven approach to AI including computer vision, natural language processing, and generative AI.

Course Starts: September and January

FT PT

CORE MODULE

- Artificial Intelligence for Natural Language Processing
- Advanced Programming with Python
- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence for Computer Vision
- Stochastic Processes and Optimisation
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Global organisations are aware of the benefits achieved through the power of machine learning, computer vision and AI.

There is a growing jobs market for graduates with advanced computing, AI and data science skills. This course prepares you with the skills sought after by software houses and AI companies.

AI software requires developers with hard skills, such as systems thinking, architecture and debugging, as well as soft skill in verbal and textual communication. This course covers both, to give you advanced programming skills which meet industry demand for career ready graduates.

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.

The Faculty of Natural Sciences at Stirling offers five courses in: 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. You have the choice of joining our MSc Artificial Intelligence; or our new MSc Advanced Computing with Artificial Intelligence.

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

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.

FT Full-time course PT 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**

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 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

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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

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 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

FT PT

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, 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

gtc SCOTLAND

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, 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

FT PT

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.

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

Practical teaching in specialist laboratories support a wide range of research interests from ecology to analytical chemistry, to thin section and micromorphology. Our Stirling Controlled Environment Facility is a world-class experimental facility used for conducting experimental research investigating the impacts of climate and climate change.

As part of this course, you may take a residential field module to learn practical identification, surveying, measuring and sampling skills. This is a six-day residential field course in the Cairngorms National Park. You will gain an intensive practical experience in a range of habitat types that will give you a knowledge of environmental monitoring techniques and their limitations, an understanding of survey techniques and sampling issues, and an awareness of up-to-date technologies available for fieldwork.

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.

Check course web page for optional modules

PATHWAYS

You can work towards the MSc Environmental Management, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways.

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

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates work for organisations such as environment protection agencies, major conservation bodies, local authorities and independent environmental consultancies. Their roles include:

- Environmental Consultants
- Environmental Protection Officers and Scientific Advisers
- Environmental Managers

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 course 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 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 network and gain industry experience through modules including work-related assessments and guest speakers from public, private and third sector organisations.

The optional field skills module is a six-day residential field course in the Cairngorms National Park. You will gain an intensive practical experience in a range of habitat types that will give you a knowledge of environmental monitoring techniques and their limitations, an understanding of survey techniques and sampling issues, and an awareness of up-to-date technologies available for fieldwork.

CORE MODULES

- Fundamentals of Remote Sensing
- Representing and Manipulating Data
- Applications in 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 transforming lives by improving the health and wellbeing of individuals, patients, carers and communities.

Working closely with our partners, we're committed to producing research that makes an impact on society. Reviewed and accredited with industry to ensure high-quality and practical content, our postgraduate courses will help you gain skills and experience by working with practitioners on the forntline, enhancing your employability.

Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership

This 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.

Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership

Research - Innovation - Learning - Careers

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

DID YOU KNOW?

We are proud winners of numerous Student Nursing Times Awards.

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**

SPECIALIST COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE (HEALTH VISITING)

Click for course web page

Blended
MSc, PG Dip

This award-winning and Unicef UK Baby Friendly accredited course provides Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registered nurses or midwives with the opportunity to positively influence the health and wellbeing of children, families and communities.

The course will equip you with advanced 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.

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

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 masterclasses that are delivered by expert and key note speakers. Practice and theoretical content run concurrently, providing you with the opportunity to connect theory and practice knowledge.

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 or Local Authority in an approved practice placement with a nominated practice assessor and practice supervisor who can oversee and assess your practice learning throughout the course.

CORE MODULES

- Child Health and Wellbeing in a Global Society
- Principles of Public Health Nursing Practice
- Autonomous Health Visiting Practice
- Supporting Families with Complex Health and Enhanced Support Needs
- Compassionate Leadership, Research and Innovation
- Safeguarding Children: Building Effective Health Visiting Practice
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will be eligible for employment as a qualified 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.

Nursing & Midwifery Council

Accredited as Baby Friendly by unicef

Course Starts: September

FT PT

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)

Click for course web page

On campus
MPH, PG Dip, PG Cert

Public health professionals work in society with individuals, communities and organisations to prolong and improve quality of life, and to support disease prevention.

They play a crucial role in reducing health inequalities and improving the population's health, for example, helping people to quit smoking or supporting efforts to improve air quality.

Our on-campus Master of Public Health (MPH) is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, research and practical experience needed to excel in the field of public health.

Engaging with both local and global public health settings the course addresses contemporary public health challenges with an understanding of sustainability in the healthcare sector.

You will be taught by, and work with, the award-winning researchers at the Institute for Social Marketing and Health (ISMH). This is a world-leading centre for research in marketing, behaviour change and public policy with over 40 years' experience of research leading to improvements in population health and wellbeing.

CORE MODULES

- Public Health Practice
- Global Health
- Research Methods in Health
- Applied Epidemiology
- Sustainability in Public Health
- 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.

Some examples of the types of roles you will be qualified for include Health Policy Advisor, Public Health Advisor, Substance Misuse Worker, Health Improvement Practitioner, Public Health Nutritionist and Advanced Health Improvement Practitioner.

The course meets the requirements for both the UK Faculty of Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework and the Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA) curriculum, aligning with international standards. This ensures an education of the highest level of quality for our students and stakeholders.

Course Starts: September

FT

PHYSIOTHERAPY (PRE-REGISTRATION)

Click for course web page

On campus
MSc

Physiotherapists help patients with physical difficulties resulting from illness, injury, disability or ageing, to maximise the patients movement and reduce the risk of future problems. There is an increasing need for physiotherapists to meet demand, both in the NHS and private practice.

A career in physiotherapy is a popular choice for those who want to make a positive difference and improve lives.

Our two-year pre-registration course will provide you with a theoretical foundation and practical experience from clinical placements, which will take place throughout.

Your teaching provides you with an opportunity to apply your skills and knowledge to a broad range of settings. Due to the continuing growth of older populations globally, our course also includes preventative care, early intervention, and the role of the physiotherapy in multi-agency teams supporting children and young people, as well as physiotherapy and aging.

The course also covers leadership, management, innovation and sustainability ageing.

Our faculty is home to state of the art Clinical Skills labs where you can put your learning into practice in a simulated clinical environment.

As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, you will have the opportunity to work with sports teams and individuals during your studies.

CORE MODULES

- Fundamentals of Safe and Effective Integrated Physiotherapy Practice
- Applied Physiotherapy Practice 1 (Essentials of Assessment, Examination and Management)
- Applied Physiotherapy Practice 2 (Managing Long Term Conditions and Multimorbidity)
- Applied Physiotherapy Practice 3 (Prevention, Self-Management and Rehabilitation)
- Clinical Practice Placement (1,2,3 and 4)
- Research Methods in Health
- Managing Complexity, Communication and Behaviour in Healthcare
- Applied Digital Healthcare Leadership and Innovation
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

After graduating, you'll be able to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), which is a requirement for employment as a fully qualified physiotherapist.

As well as healthcare including the NHS, you'll be able to apply your skills in a variety of setting including private practice, elite sport, public health, the military, and research.

NHS starting salaries for Physiotherapists range from £27,055 to £32,934, and can rise to in excess of £65,262 for management roles (prospects.ac.uk).

Course Starts: September

FT

PODIATRY (PRE-REGISTRATION)

Click for course web page

On campus
MSc

Podiatrists specialise in the diagnosis and treatment of problems with a patients feet and legs. Demand for podiatry is predicted to increase, in line with the increasing burden of chronic disease and an ageing population. Our two-year MSc Podiatry (pre-registration) will equip you with the skills needed to meet market demand, with a wide range of employment opportunities.

Focusing on clinical practice, leadership, technology, innovation and research, our course will give you a broad perspective of the needs of different communities and patient groups with complex podiatric and wider health needs.

Developed with clinical partners and patients who use podiatry services, this course provides a balance of theory and practice, offering the eligibility to register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) the regulatory body for podiatry in the UK upon graduation. Practical placements are embedded throughout the course to put your learning into practice.

The course will enable you to practice podiatry in a range of clinical and community settings in the NHS, private and third sector organisations.

You may choose to go onto further training and specialise in areas such as biomechanics, forensic podiatry, podiatric surgery, nail surgery, orthotic manufacture or wound care.

As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, you will have the opportunity to work with sports teams and individuals during your studies.

Our faculty is home to state of the art Clinical Skills labs where you can put your learning into practice in a simulated clinical environment.

CORE MODULES

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Podiatric Medicine and Pathology
- Pharmacology for Podiatrists
- Normal and Pathological Gait
- Musculoskeletal Medicine
- Podiatric Clinical Skills
- Podiatric Clinical Practice Placement 1 (12 weeks)
- Research Methods in Health
- Managing Complexity, Communication and Behaviour in Healthcare
- Applied Healthcare Leadership and Innovation
- Tissue Viability and Management of the High-Risk Foot
- Podiatric Clinical Practice 2 (12 weeks)
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Podiatrists can work in a variety of settings including health centres, GP practices, hospitals and nursing homes. You can choose to specialise in a specific area of practice which can include diabetes or podiatric surgery. You may also go onto work independently in private practice, in education or in research.

Course Starts: September

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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 strengths include environmental history and heritage, 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.

Stirling is an ideal place to study history and heritage. The city is situated right at the heart of Scottish history and is surrounded by stunning heritage sites and diverse museums.

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
- Politics and Public Policy
- International Political Economy
- Foreign Policy

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 an understanding of heritage and its place in society.

You will learn about current debates in heritage and its relevance in the world, as well as practical training in conservation and management.

You will develop the knowledge and skills that are essential 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 practical learning during your studies. The Heritage Placement module will provide you with a work placement with an employer in the heritage sector. You will be taught by expert academics who will use their research to inform your learning.

The National Trust for Scotland is Scotland's largest conservation charity, with sites including ancient houses, battlefields, castles, gardens, coastlines and islands. The University of Stirling has partnered with the National Trust for Scotland to enhance research, teaching and learning.

CORE MODULES

- Heritage: Critical Perspectives
- Heritage as Practice: Conservation, Management and Interpretation
- Research Skills
- 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 of research 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 - Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) - and doctoral training partnerships that fund PhD esearch - including the Scottish Graduate School for Arts & Humanities (SGSAH).

The course will allow you to develop a substantial body of historical knowledge and understand how people have existed, acted and thought in 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.

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 research 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.

This research Masters allows you the flexibility to tailor the course to your interest, needs and aspirations.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our Masters in Historical Research is a one-year research preparation course intended to prepare postgraduates for a research-based career and enable specialisation in social and/or economic history.

It provides a foundation for applications to research councils - Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) - and doctoral training partnerships that fund PhD research-including the Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities (SGSAH). 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

- Research Design and Process
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- 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 for variety of challenges facing the international community today.

The course looks at the dynamics of international conflict and cooperation in light of major events such as the war in Ukraine, the Syrian civil war, the rise of China, the Gaza/Israel conflict and the relationship between global climate change and conflict.

We investigate 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.

We are ranked top 10 in the UK for Politics
The Guardian University Guide 2024

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.

You will learn to define a policy problem, generate feasible solutions, predict their effects, and make a recommendation. The course offers a comprehensive analysis of policymaking theories and approaches and it's extremely flexible so you can tailor it to your fit your 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, environmental and international politics.

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

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.

We are ranked top 10 in the UK for Politics
The Guardian University Guide 2024

You can take advantage of a variety of placement opportunities to gain practical experience with a relevant organisation in the public, private, or third sector.

Course Starts: September

FT PT

GLOBAL POLITICS

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Our MSc Global Politics provides you with a pathway towards PhD study in the field, taught by leading experts to equip you with essential training to undertake an original and significant doctoral project.

Our MSc Global Politics integrates an international perspective with an intercultural one. The course will allow you to focus on international studies, conflict analysis, comparative politics, and international political economy. You will acquire skills in social science approaches and can take additional specific modules.

This course is designed to be interdisciplinary. This means that you take modules from across other faculties and choose from law, politics and human rights modules in related subjects to develop a course which is specific to your interests. Additionally, the dissertation allows you to undertake original research, developed with the support of your Supervisor and Course Director, providing a solid foundation for your progression onto PhD study.

CORE MODULES

- Research Design and Process
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Approaches to International Politics
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters is primarily a gateway into PhD study or further research. Graduates from this course can also find employment in government agencies, the NGO sector and international organisations, trade unions, journalism, research (including think-tanks) and academia.

We are ranked top 10 in the UK for Politics
The Guardian University Guide 2024

Course Starts: September

FT PT

LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

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

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

RESEARCH COURSES

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

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

- Environmental law
- Human rights
- Private/commercial law
- Public law
- Competition law
- Legal philosophy
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Energy law
- Police and judicial cooperation in the EU
- Socio-legal aspects of policing
- Scottish criminal law
- Compliance (anti-money laundering, counter-terrorist financing and trafficking in human beings)
- Legal, moral and political philosophy
- Mind and knowledge – philosophy of cognitive science
- Philosophy of logic and language
- History of analytic philosophy
- Epistemology
- Rationality and normativity
- Transitional Justice and Refugee/Migration Law

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

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, LLM, PG Dip, PG Cert

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

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

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

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

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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

Course Starts: January

FT

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 areas of public policy, public administration and governance. Many of our graduates have gone on to study Philosophy at PhD level, and a large number of graduates have secured permanent university teaching positions.

We are ranked top 25 in the UK and top 200 in the world for Philosophy
QS World University Rankings 2023

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

Course Starts: September

FT PT

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Click for course web page

Campus based
LLM, PG Dip, PG Cert

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

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

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

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

CORE MODULES

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

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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

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

Course Starts: September

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.

You will have access to a vibrant, transdisciplinary team of academics whose research-led curriculum focuses on 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

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.

CORE MODULES

- Writers' Workshop One
- Writers' Workshop Two
- Scriptwriting with Poetry
- The Art of Fiction
- Telling True Stories
- 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.

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). You will graduate with a knowledge of contemporary linguistic theories and their application in a wider cultural setting.

We're proud to hold an 100% overall student satisfaction for MSc English Language and Linguistics in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2023.

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 and journalism, while others have gone into specialist areas like linguistic consultancy and speech therapy.

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 research 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 skills in textual analysis, theory, methodologies of empirical research, close reading and deconstruction of discourses, and the expression of your ideas.

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 it's 40th anniversary. Our postgraduate courses in publishing have a global reputation for research and for our industry links.

Our course covers all forms of publishing, including trade (fiction and non-fiction), scholarly and educational publishing in book, magazine, journal and digital formats.

You will learn about the 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.

All staff in the Stirling Centre for International Publishing and Communication have a background working in the industry, and extensive contacts within publishing.

You will have the chance to attend regular talks by visiting speakers and industry events such as the Scottish Book Trade conference and the London Book Fair.

We're proud to hold an 87% overall student satisfaction for MLitt Publishing Studies in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2023.

CORE MODULES

- Publishing Dynamics
- Publishing Project
- Dissertation/Digital Project

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: Editors, Editorial Assistants, Digital Project Managers Literary Agents, , Marketing Managers, Production Managers, Publicists, and Rights Managers.

You can benefit from the opportunity to undertake a publishing related work-placement during your studies.

Course Starts: September

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PUBLISHING STUDIES

Campus based
MRes

Click for course web page

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 we celebrated the 40th anniversary of our postgraduate course in 2022.

This Masters is known for its strong research activity and industry links. The course will allow you to undertake a research project alongside a selection of taught subjects. You may choose to develop your practical skills with our Managing Content from Manuscript to Market module or take optional modules covering contemporary publishing issues and trends or the history of the book and print culture.

Our academics have strong research profiles, professional backgrounds working in the industry, and extensive contacts within publishing. You will have the chance to attend regular talks by visiting speakers and industry events such as the Scottish Book Trade conference and the London Book Fair.

CORE MODULES

- Publishing Dynamics
- 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: Editors, Editorial Assistants, Digital Product Managers Literary Agents, Marketing Managers, Production Managers, Publicists, and Rights Managers.

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 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.

Our portfolio includes courses that are accredited by professional bodies.

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
- Quantitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Research Methods in Psychology 1 and 2
- 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 emphasises the application of health psychology to real-world settings.

As part of your studies you will carry out an observational placement in a health related setting, which can include third sector (charities), industry, or the NHS. The course also includes contributions from professionals working as health psychology trainees and healthcare practitioners.

The British Psychological Society

The course is accredited by the British Psychological Society meaning that we provide the best training possible to future health psychologists.

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
- Research Project

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

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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.

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
- Research Methods in Psychology 1 and 2
- Quantitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological
- Research
- Placement
- Dissertation

Check course web page for more information

CAREER PROSPECTS

The course is designed for those going on to do further research in the field of human-animal interaction.

You will have the opportunity to interact with Paws for Progress, a Dog Training Rehabilitation Programme, which offers vocational, educational and therapeutic benefits to the human participants.

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 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 three pathways offered 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 sector demand for understanding human behaviour, the ability to interpret and analyse complex forms of data and communicate your ideas clearly with others.

During your studies, you will carry out a work placement in an external company, charity or third sector organisation. This will help you to develop employment skills and build a network of contacts for your future career goals.

We've invested heavily in research infrastructure, including our own pre-school kindergarten and purpose-built laboratory space which supports human electrophysiology research, health research, face research and vision research.

Course Starts: September
Flexible pathways available

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CORE MODULE

- Quantitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Child Development
- Cognition and Neuropsychology
- Advances in Perception and Action
- Research Methods in Psychology 1 and 2
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Placement
- Dissertation

PATHWAYS

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

- Child Development
- Cognition and Neuropsychology
- 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.

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.

You will learn the biological and social aspects of psychology, with topics as diverse as brain function, child development, and social behaviour. You will get hands-on experience designing and conducting experiments, working in high-end specialist labs and in our on-site kindergarten.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Cognition and the Human Brain
- Qualitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Quantitative Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Placement
- 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, you will leave able to analyse complex forms of data and communicate ideas clearly to others, with a good understanding of human behaviour.

The British Psychological Society

100% of our research impact and environment in psychology is classed as world leading or internationally excellent (REF 2021).

Course Starts: September

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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, that 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 an 86% overall student satisfaction rating for Social Sciences (PTES 2023).

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 SOCIAL RESEARCH

Click for course web page

Campus based
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

This Masters provides you with the skills and knowledge 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.

CORE MODULES

- Nature of Social Enquiry
- Introduction to Information Technology and Library Services
- 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 for a career in research, research management or research commissioning in the public, voluntary or private sectors.

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

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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 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.

CORE MODULES

- Research Design and Process
- Introduction to IT and Library Services
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Advanced Quantitative Methods
- Advanced Data Management and Data Visualisation
- 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

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

Our Masters in Criminology establishes clear connections between conceptual theories of crime and justice, and how they affect societies.

The course has an international focus that goes beyond UK or Scottish borders.

The course 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, as well as Criminalisation, Social Control and Human Rights, you can develop a range of skills which will significantly enhance your confidence in criminology and your employability.

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.

CORE MODULES

- Introduction to IT and Library Services
- Criminological Perspectives
- Research Methods in Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies
- Dissertation or Final Year Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

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 roles in areas such as:

- 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 criminology (Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023), this course provides you with expert training in the latest methods 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
- Drug Use: Policy and Interventions
- Rehabilitation and Criminal Justice
- Reflexivity and Observation

Check course web page for 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

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 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.

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).

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) offer the University a limited number of bursaries to nominated and eligible students undertaking the course.

CORE MODULES

- Human Development in a Family Context
- Theory and Practice
- Law and Policy for Social Work
- Practice Learning 1 and 2
- Theory and Practice: Children, Families and Society
- Theory and Practice: Crime, Welfare and Justice
- Theory and Practice: Health, Illness and Disability
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Postgraduate Diploma and 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.

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 local authorities and voluntary agencies such as Barnardo's and Multi-Cultural Family Base.

Scottish Social Services Council

Course Starts: January

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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, nutrition and exercise science, management, and psychology.

Stirling offers anyone with an interest in health and sport the opportunity to develop through internationally relevant teaching 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

The following sports bodies and organisations are based on our campus:

Commonwealth Games Scotland
Triathlon Scotland
Scottish Swimming
sportscotland institute of sport – high performance expertise
sportscotland

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

FT Full-time course
PT Part-time course

Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence – University of Stirling

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 an MSc Psychology of Sport that is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Psychology plays an essential role in sport performance, health, and wellbeing. Our Psychology of Sport Masters is designed to meet the current needs of this growing industry and prepare you for a range of rewarding jobs. You will learn about contemporary sports psychology to facilitate better sporting performances by individuals and teams. During your studies you will also complete a placement with one of the many sport agencies we have partnered with, many of whom are based on our campus.

Our expert teaching staff includes British Psychological Society Chartered Psychologists, British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences accredited practitioners, and Health and Care Professions Council registered Sport and Exercise Psychologists. All of their knowledge and research has been incorporated into this Masters course, so you can be confident you'll leave Stirling ready for a career in sports psychology.

The accreditation from the British Psychological Society (BPS), means that the course meets the requirements for Stage 1 training and enables progression onto the BPS Stage 2 on route to becoming a sport and exercise psychologist.

The British Psychological Society

CORE MODULES

- Frameworks, Approaches, and Skills in Applied Sport Psychology
- Current Issues in Sport Psychology
- Research Methods for Sport Psychology
- Placement in Sport Psychology
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates can progress onto further study to become a Health and Care Professions Council registered Sport and Exercise Psychologist.

You may also go on to various sport and health roles, or to positions in the science industry, the civil service or government. Some of our students also go onto study for a PhD.

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE
UNIVERSITY of STIRLING

Course Starts: September

FT PT

SPORT NUTRITION

Click for course web page

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

Sport nutrition is a 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 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 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 learn about conducting research and communicating it effectively and establish connections with leading academics.

The knowledge that you gain will 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.

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 relevant skills to succeed.

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

UNIVERSITY of STIRLING

Start dates: Starts on the 1st 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. During your studies, you will undertake a placement with a sporting organisation, either virtually or in person. You will also be involved in organising a sports event with our industry partners, providing you with valuable practical experience.

Gain management skills including problem-solving, team-working, leadership, analysis, evaluation and presentation to support you in 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.

SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE
UNIVERSITY of 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. Graduates also find posts in organisations such as national or international governing bodies of sport, 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

Course Starts: September and January

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PAUL DIMEO
PROFESSOR,
HEAD OF SPORT

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 practical skills.

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. Our MSc Sport Management offers practical experience and networking opportunities, our MSc Psychology of Sport is accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), and our MSc Sport Nutrition is formally aligned with the work of the International Olympic Committee, the most high-profile sports organisation in the world. Our MSc 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. This Masters course has been designed to support you to gain skills, confidence and knowledge to work effectively at an advanced level in healthcare.

Working in partnership with clinical experts, patients, and health care providers, our course is 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 your practice, this course is for you. Teaching at Stirling is practice-focused, with an emphasis on employability and transforming careers.

We welcome applications from those about to complete pre-registration degree courses, post-registration health care professionals working in practice, or those studying as part of other post-graduate level courses.

CORE MODULES

Module selection is dependent on the pathway chosen.

Check course web page for a list of modules

PATHWAYS

Advancing Practice
Suitable for all registered health care professionals. Delivered entirely online and available world-wide.

Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice)
Suitable for health professionals practising in the UK. The Clinical Practice pathway involves blended online 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.

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course will help nurses and allied healthcare professionals develop their leadership skills and progress to an advanced role within the healthcare industry, such as Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) or Advanced Clinical Practitioner (ACP).

You will make a valuable contribution to your specialist area of practice, including clinical practice, management, education or practice development.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can also study any of our modules on a standalone basis to contribute towards your continuing professional development (CPD).

Course Starts: September and January

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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 part-time Applied Professional Studies course enables you to develop additional knowledge and skills, specific to your role to progress in your career.

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.

You have the option to study subjects including adult services, child welfare, management and leadership, as well as social work practice education.

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.

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, to make 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 (Online) 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 gain Microsoft Azure accreditation 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
- Cloud Computing
- Dissertation

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.

Scotland is a growing and dynamic country with an exciting future at the heart of the data science revolution. £661 million is being invested in Scotland's capital city to turn it into the 'Data Capital of Europe' (Source: Scottish Development International).

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.

Delivered by a team of academic experts who are active researchers in this field, we offer Dementia Studies as a distance-learning 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 research skills.

You will become part of an international community of 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 in dementia care.

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
- Researching Quality of Life with Dementia: Approaches and Methods
- Developing a Dementia Research Proposal

CAREER PROSPECTS

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

dsdc
Dementia Services Development Centre

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

DESIGN FOR DEMENTIA AND AGEING

Click for course web page

Online
PG Cert

The world's population is ageing and there is a greater need to ensure that the environments in which we work, rest and play are supportive and inclusive of this demographic shift.

Our course is for architects or housing and design professionals interested in designing supportive environments for people living with dementia. It will provide you with an advanced understanding of environmental design principles, implications for policy and practice, as well as economic, social and cultural issues in relation to dementia and ageing.

The course is also suitable for health and social care professionals who are interested in the impact that environments and environment design have on supporting healthy ageing and for people living with dementia.

We are the world's longest-running provider of online postgraduate qualifications in dementia care and the course is delivered by a team of academic experts who are active researchers in this field.

CORE MODULES

- Dementia, Space and Place
- Healthy Housing
- Design, Dementia and Ageing: Global and multidisciplinary perspectives

CAREER PROSPECTS

This course is for experienced professionals from any relevant sector, and enables you to study while continuing to work in your existing post. You will enhance your employability within the broad field of architecture, environmental design and housing for dementia and ageing and the skills you learn will equip you to move into more specialised and promoted posts related to dementia care and ageing.

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Course Starts: September

PT

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

(SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION FOR HEADSHIP)

Blended
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

Click for course web page

Into Headship is a mandatory qualification for candidates applying for Head Teacher posts in Scotland. 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 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 an 88% overall student satisfaction rating for Education in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2023.

CORE MODULES

- Engaging Critically with Professional Practices or Examining Professional Practices: Work-Based Learnin
- Into Headship 1
- Into Headship 2
- 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 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 in cutting-edge research projects.

Teaching includes sessions on campus and online study which is accessible and engaging.

We hold an 88% overall student satisfaction rating for education.

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 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 course is 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

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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 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.

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 skills for a career in policy, research, business development and in the health and care sectors associated with older people and ageing populations.

The key competencies you will gain will be in line with the highest international standards set by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's Gerontological Competencies for Graduate Education, a leading framework for teaching gerontology.

Course Starts: September

PT

HEALTH RESEARCH (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MRes, 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 developed to equip you with the knowledge, skills and techniques necessary to conduct high-quality research. Designed for both novice and experienced researchers, 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.

CORE MODULES

- Skills for Knowledge Enquiry
- Qualitative Research and Analysis
- Quantitative Research and Analysis
- Research Ethics and Governance
- Study Design for Health Research
- 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 Economic and Social Care Council (ESCR) 1+3 awards, meaning prospective students are eligible to apply for a studentship providing funding for a one-year research training Masters linked to a three-year PhD.

Course Starts: September

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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 course 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 online study which is accessible and engaging.

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 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 work experience and, upon completion, the skills, experience and qualification you need to take forward your career in housing. The Diploma internship can also help you to work towards 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 online study which is both accessible and engaging.

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.

You'll be taught by academics with a wealth of knowledge, including specialist expertise in policy analysis, homelessness and housing rights, social theory, housing and land market analysis.

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 enhance the professional practice of educators and the learning of their pupils, students or trainees.

Teaching draws upon current research to support professional educators in leading critical approaches to improving education experiences and outcomes.

Teaching is undertaken through a blend of on-campus, online, and work-based learning, offering you a learning experience that takes account of professional work contexts and demands.

The course modules are informed by 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:

- Middle Leadership
- Curriculum Leadership
- Digital Leadership
- Coaching and Mentoring
- Promoting Equity

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters provides high-quality, career-long professional learning, for educators in primary, secondary, further education and higher education sectors. It will enhance your knowledge, understanding and skills to support career and leadership development in education.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MPH, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course 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.

Suitable for both novice and experienced Health Science practitioners, the online, part-time nature of our Master of Public Health degree will allow you to balance 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.

We aim to inspire, educate and empower individuals who will champion evidence-based policies, design an implement effective interventions and drive positive change in public health practice.

The course is awarded curriculum validation by Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA), signifying alignment with international standards and assuring our students that our course is of the highest quality. Our curriculum is also aligned with both the UK Public Health Skills and Knowledge Framework and the European Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation.

CORE MODULES

- Public Health Practice
- Applied Epidemiology
- Public Health Research
- Public Health Policy
- Research Project

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.

Some examples of the types of roles you will be qualified for include Health Policy Advisor, Public Health Advisor, Substance Misuse Worker, Health Improvement Practitioner, Public Health Nutritionists, Advanced Health Improvement Practitioner.

APHEA
AGENCY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

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 how to apply them to your work.

Course Starts: September, January and May

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 in public relations and strategic communication.

This course offers an understanding of public relations and communication in contemporary society.

You will develop the skills to work at a managerial level in public relations and communication. You will be able to analyse environments, issues, organisational cultures and relationships – as well as set objectives, carry out research and evaluation, 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. You will also have optional field trip opportunities, including the possibility to attend a public affairs seminar series in Brussels.

CORE MODULES

- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research Methods (Online)
- Dissertation

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

The most common careers are in public relations, organisational communication, corporate communications, 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, government, charities 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

Students on our online course have the option to attend on-campus sessions and field trips, including our Public Relations Residential School and the annual public affairs field trip to Brussels.

Course Starts: September and January

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SPORT PERFORMANCE COACHING (ONLINE)

Click for course web page

Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

The first course of its kind in the UK, this innovative online Masters provides Sport Performance Coaches an opportunity to develop their coaching knowledge and skills over two years online.

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 decisions, strategies and performance.

Our course is suitable for those who work to develop coaches in one-to-one settings, through coach education, mentoring, and tutoring.

To gain the most from the course and enhance your employability, 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 a 100% 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
- Psychological Perspectives
- Creating Engaging Practice
- Identifying and Solving Problems
- Planning for Sport
- Understanding Performance
- Dissertation

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.

Some of our students also go onto study for a PhD.

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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 those looking to develop a career in the field of substance use.

You will explore the effect of substance use on people who use drugs and alcohol, their family members and wider communities as well as international and UK drug and alcohol policy, and how harm reduction practice has evolved over time.

With core modules in policy, interventions, and social research methods; as well as optional modules in specialist subjects including housing, rehabilitation, criminal justice and public health, you will develop a range of skills which will significantly enhance your confidence and employability in the field of substance use and more widely in health and social care.

The course is taught by research active staff who are members of national and international organisations such as the Drugs Research Network Scotland, Scottish Alcohol Research Network, Society for the Study of Addiction, and Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research.

To study this course, you should hold either an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject (health/sociology/criminology), or have experience working in a health or social care setting.

CORE MODULES

- Drug Use: Theories and Comparative Policies
- Drug Use: Policies and Interventions
- Alcohol Use: Policies and Interventions
- Social Research Methods
- Final Year Project

Check course web page for optional modules

CAREER PROSPECTS

Different career paths for graduates of this course include third sector and policy advocacy organisations, government and NGOs or public services as well as research. Graduates can also go onto further study either in Professional Doctorate or PhD study.

DID YOU KNOW?

The University hosts 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 gain 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 put learning into practice. 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 their studies.

100% of our research impact and environment in Education was classed as world-leading or internationally excellent in REF 2021.

Course Starts: September

PT

CORE MODULES

- TESOL 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 graduate 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.

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.

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Start dates: Starts at the beginning of every month

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