

Course Catalogue – Important Notes

Study abroad and exchange students are only allowed to choose modules provided in this catalogue. For the most part, these are modules offered to all students at the University of Stirling, but we have tried to remove those course modules not available to study abroad and exchange students for your convenience. Please contact us directly if you have any questions regarding this regulation.

EU Students

Visiting (non-graduating) students from the European Union are not eligible to take course modules under the field of Marketing or Tourism Management with the exception of those who are attending Stirling as part of an agreed ERASMUS exchange. **No exceptions can be made to this rule.**

Course Descriptions

Fuller course descriptions are available from most departments on the University website or by getting in touch with the department directly. The relevant web and email addresses are given under each section heading. For module syllabi it will be quicker for you to get in touch with the relevant department directly.

Course Codes

The first 3 characters of the code indicate the department, and the second three the course module itself. Where a code ends in “1” or “2”, the module is generally offered in semester one or two of the Stirling degree programme (first/freshman year courses); “3” or “4” indicates semester three or semester four of the degree programme (second/junior year course) etc. If the code ends in a letter, the module will almost always be available only to students in semesters 5-8 (junior/senior year) of the degree programme who have a strong academic background in the subject.

Academic Credits and Courseload

One Stirling course module is equivalent to 22 Stirling SCQF credits. This is equivalent to 5 US credits (in systems with a 30 credit academic year) and 10 ECTS credits (in systems with a 60 ECTS credit academic year). Three Stirling modules (66 SCQF credits) is a full semester load and 6 course modules (132 SCQF credits) is a full year load.

Academic Level

Each course is assigned an SCQF level ranging from 8-10. Level 8 courses are generally first year courses, level 9 are normally second year courses which require some background knowledge, and level 10 courses are usually third and fourth year courses which are at an advanced level and require considerable background in this subject area. **Please note that students who are not first year students at their home university will not be permitted to register for more than one level 8 module because of limited availability of spaces on first year modules.**

Course Catalogue

This course catalogue is also available online in PDF format by subject area at <http://www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/module-information/course-catalogue>. This will be updated online as new course information becomes available or as changes are advised.

How to use the Course Catalogue

This course catalogue aims to provide a guide to the different courses offered at the University during both autumn and spring semesters. However, as many departments have not yet finalised their course offerings for the next academic year, there will be changes to what is published in this catalogue. As soon as any new information becomes available this will be updated on the online module information at <http://www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges/module-information/course-catalogue>.

To ensure you are using this catalogue most effectively please read the following guidelines:

- Check the semester a module is offered in before putting it on your application form. Don't apply for an autumn module when you're coming here in the spring! Please also note that some modules are offered on alternate years and this will be indicated in the catalogue.
- It is important to apply for modules for which you have the appropriate academic background (see the course codes section on previous page). ie Don't apply for a level 10 Scottish History module when you've only studied one semester of history!
- Please note that there are restrictions on first year modules and students who are not first year students will only be able to take one (or possibly two) modules. Students are expected to study course modules at a level similar to the one they are at at their home university.
- Where a prerequisite is listed, you are not expected to have taken exactly the same course at your own institution, but you are expected to have studied the same subject area at the same level as the Stirling prerequisite. Departments are very strict on this.
- The more technical a subject is (e.g. sciences, Economics etc.), the more important it is to have the correct background from previous study.
- Some departments (e.g. Economics) require you to provide additional information on what you have studied. This is largely determined by your transcript – a transcript simply listing Business 1, for example, does not give much indication of what has been covered.
- It is recommended that students apply for at least five course modules per semester as this helps in resolving schedule problems. The University timetable is available online a few weeks prior to the start of each semester at www.ifs.stir.ac.uk

The application and admissions procedures are available on the study abroad website www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad-exchanges.

Disclaimer

The University aims to offer students the maximum flexibility of study within the framework of the relevant regulations and the timetable is drawn up with this in mind. However, while every student will be able to take appropriate modules in the programme for which he or she is registered, no timetable can guarantee that all modules advertised in the catalogue will be available to all students who are qualified to take them. The University disclaims liability for the consequences of modules not being available because of scheduling or other resource constraints.

On registration for any undergraduate programmes, this notice shall constitute a term of any contract between the student and the University and the students' acceptance of a place is subject to this express condition.

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