REDEFINE YOUR FUTURE

At Stirling, being the difference is in our DNA – providing education with a purpose and carrying out research that helps to shape society. Our aim is to unlock the full potential of our students and staff, so that they can use their knowledge and skills to make a positive difference to the world. Our world-leading research informs our teaching and will open the doors for you to connect with leading academics and industry experts. Choose from more than 100 postgraduate courses at an institution that is founded on innovation and excellence. Be the difference with the University of Stirling.

If you would like more course information or further details on our admissions process, or have any general enquiries, please fill out our online enquiry form:
stir.ac.uk/fk

Or telephone:
+44 (0)1786 467046

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

If this prospectus can be made available in different formats. Please contact Student Recruitment and Admissions for further information:
recruitment@stir.ac.uk
of our postgraduate leavers are in employment or further study within six months of graduating
HESA 2016

94% of our postgraduate leavers are in employment or further study within six months of graduating

87% student satisfaction
Postgraduate taught experience survey 2015/16

QS EXCELLENCE AWARD for TEACHING
QS World University Rankings 2016/17

Top 5 in the UK for HIGH-QUALITY SPORTS FACILITIES
Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2016

Top 50 young universities in the world
Times Higher Education 2017

QS EXCELLENCE AWARD for INTERNATIONALISATION
QS World University Rankings 2016/17

82,000 alumni in more than 160 COUNTRIES

1ST in Scotland for welcoming international students
International Student Barometer (ISB) 2016

Over 120 nationalities represented on campus
Principal’s Welcome

The University of Stirling is an international university with pioneering spirit and a global reputation for high-quality teaching and research. We are passionate about creating impact in everything we do – addressing real societal issues, providing solutions, and helping to shape communities.

Stirling is a place where ability – not background – is valued. By studying with us, you will gain a postgraduate qualification from a renowned institution, committed to helping you redefine your future and be the difference in your chosen career.

You will become part of an open and friendly postgraduate community at a university where teaching, employability, internationalisation, facilities and inclusiveness are all rated five-star.

Our research-led approach to teaching ensures that we remain at the cutting edge of industry developments, and you will be taught and inspired by a team of world-leading academics.

For 50 years, we have carried out research of global significance, with almost three-quarters of the University’s research rated as world-leading or internationally excellent in the most recent Research Excellence Framework.

Our research agenda is driven by interdisciplinary collaborations which make a positive and proven impact on society, and we are proud to be among the top 50 young universities in the world.

We equip all of our students with lifelong knowledge and skills that ensure readiness for life after University. Ninety-four percent of our postgraduate students have a positive destination, including work or further study, within six months of leaving us.

We enjoy close links with businesses across the world and offer a range of career support services. Our Student Enterprise Programme and business incubator foster an innovation-led approach to supporting enterprise in our student community.

As Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence, we are home to some of the nation’s top sporting facilities and have an energetic and inclusive sporting community.

We boast research and teaching partnerships in over 60 countries and, with more than 120 nationalities represented on campus and almost half of our postgraduate students joining us from overseas, we are proud to be a truly diverse and international university.

Nothing is more important than our students and their learning experience. At Stirling, you will be part of a forward-thinking university that develops students into employable, confident graduates with the skills, knowledge and experience to make a difference in the world.

I do hope you choose Stirling and look forward to welcoming you on campus soon.

Professor Gerry McCormac
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Stirling is an international university with a global reputation for high-quality teaching and research. We’re an agent for change, and we have a passion for breaking new ground and creating impact in everything we do. Our Masters courses are designed to develop forward-thinking graduates and help students from around the globe to redefine their potential in an inspiring and international academic setting.

COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYABILITY
At Stirling, we are proud of our commitment to equipping students with life-long career management and employability skills. This is evidenced by 94% of our postgraduate leavers finding a positive destination, including work or further study, within six months of completing their degree.1 Our postgraduate courses offer students plenty of hands-on experience, career support and unique opportunities to work with industries across the globe.

RESEARCH WITH IMPACT
Our world-leading academics are experts in their fields, whose work is centred on making an impact to society. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF2014), three-quarters of Stirling’s research activity was classed as either world-leading or internationally excellent. Highlights include:

• 1st in Scotland and 12th in the UK for Health Sciences
• 4th in the UK for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science
• 3rd in Scotland and top 20 in the UK for Psychology
• In the top 25 UK institutions for Business and Management
• Top 20 in the UK for Social Work and Social Policy
• 100% of Psychology impact case studies classed as world-leading

SPORTING EXCELLENCE
We are Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence, and rank 1st in Scotland and 2nd in the UK for our five-star sports facilities, which include Scotland’s National Swimming Academy, the Scottish National Tennis Centre and a nine-hole golf course. Our students participate in more than 50 sports clubs, and the University offers a range of scholarships and bursaries for student athletes.

A GLOBAL OUTLOOK
Stirling is a truly global university. This is reflected in our 3,800+ community of postgraduate students. Almost half of our postgraduate students are from overseas, we have partnerships in 60+ countries and our students and staff represent more than 120 countries from across the world.

CAMPUS LIFE
Students rate Stirling 1st in the UK for its “good campus environment”. Our stunning 330-acre campus was named one of the UK’s top 20 heritage sites of the 20th century and has been awarded a five-star rating for facilities. These include: newly renovated accommodation, catering outlets, shops, a thriving arts centre and even our own 18th-century castle.

1 HESA 2016  
2 REF2014  
3 International Student Barometer (ISB) 2016  
4 International Council on Monuments and Sites
“There’s a wonderful diversity on my course; it has taught me that it’s not just about what I think, but about sharing ideas with others. The University has everything I need in one place on campus, and I’m so pleased I chose to come to Stirling.”

Isha Sudan, India
Master of Business Administration (MBA)
With our beautiful campus as your base, choosing Stirling means immersing yourself in the unique sights and sounds of one of the world’s most vibrant and inspiring countries.

**EDUCATION**
Scotland has more world-class universities per head of population than anywhere else in the world. Our universities offer unrivalled quality and choice, and also maintain some of the highest rates of graduate employment in the UK. Study in Scotland and you’ll be welcomed into our strong community of scholars – a community that is respected all over the world for its innovative approach to learning and research.

**INNOVATION**
Scotland is famous for its inventions. Penicillin, the bicycle, the television, the telephone and animal cloning all came from our nation of innovators – and we’re continuing that tradition. University of Stirling researchers are at the forefront of their fields within health and behaviour; global security and resilience; and cultures, communities and society, which means our students are taught by experts in each area of study.

**BEAUTY**
Scotland is, quite simply, beautiful. Mountains, lochs, beaches, islands and castles offer wonderful opportunities for cycling, climbing, walking, skiing, swimming or simply having the space to sit and think. Our towns and cities all have their own character, and Stirling’s central location means you’re never far from a new adventure. We also celebrate the creative arts – you don’t have to wait long for a festival, concert, exhibition, play or screening. And travelling to the rest of the UK and Europe is easy, with convenient and affordable transport links.

**SPORT**
The Scots invented golf and cycling, and have had a major impact in the development of rugby, hockey, football and curling. Scotland’s sporting stars have made a real impact on the world stage in recent years, as the country celebrated its most successful Olympic Games of the modern era in Rio. The University of Stirling was proud to welcome its athletes back home from the Games with three medals – more silverware than any other university in the country.

**FOOD AND DRINK**
Scotland is renowned for its unique cuisine and internationally acclaimed whisky. The country boasts an incredible culinary tradition with 14 Michelin-star restaurants. No Scottish experience is complete without a hearty serving of haggis, neeps and tatties. Meanwhile, some of the globe’s top whisky distilleries are dotted throughout the countryside surrounding Stirling and the neighbouring Highlands. If you’re into food and drink, Scotland has plenty to offer.

As a proud Scottish university with an international outlook, we encourage our students to make time to explore our fantastic country.
Your Stirling

Shopping in Style

Stirling has everything you could hope for in a shopping destination. The City’s historic Victorian arcade, bustling high street and Thistles Shopping Centre offer big-name brands and quirky pop-up shops alike.

A Cultural Haven

We host a range of intimate and unplugged gigs, comedy and theatre performances on campus, but you’ll also find plenty of unique music venues throughout the city. Stirling Castle and The Albert Halls regularly attract some of music’s biggest names, while hidden gem The Tolbooth provides the best of Scotland’s underground folk scene. The city is home to a large modern cinema, while on campus the Macrobert Arts Centre showcases the best in arthouse and mainstream cinema and theatrical productions.

Hollywood Hotspot

As one of the most beautiful and scenic cities in Scotland, Stirling and its surrounding areas have been a hotspot for major box office hits and popular television series.

Outlander was filmed here on the University of Stirling campus, while Braveheart and Monty Python – to name a few – were both set in and around our stunning city. Many of our students chose to get involved in the productions as extras and gain valuable work experience behind the scenes.

The ancient city of Stirling offers students a unique blend of Scottish tradition and a vibrant, cosmopolitan feel. Almost 100,000 people from all over the world call Stirling home – and the city’s friendly atmosphere and rich variety of shops, bars, restaurants and things to do make it a fantastic place to embrace your passions and redefine your future.

Almost 100,000 People Call Stirling Home

Pub and Grub

Stirling is home to the award-winning TinPot microbrewery, which is just a few minutes’ walk from campus. Craft beer revolutionaries BrewDog have also set up shop in Stirling, and there are several Michelin-starred restaurants nearby.

From the buzzing bars and clubs of the City centre, to the more traditional real ale and whisky pubs, burger bars and chic coffee houses, Stirling has something for everyone.

Get Connected

With everything you need within a 10-mile radius, Stirling is an ideal city for students. There are regular Uni Link bus services between the University and city centre and the City even has its own cycle sharing network in the form of Nextbike. But its central location also means getting across Scotland couldn’t be easier. Glasgow and Edinburgh are both within easy reach for a day of shopping or a night out with friends.

With around 130 gigs a week in Glasgow, and the world’s biggest arts festival in Edinburgh, you’re not going to want to miss out on either city. Stirling is also just a stone’s throw away from tourist attractions the Kelpies and the Falkirk Wheel.

For a change of pace, the Scottish Highlands are a short journey on the train. Whether it’s skiing, wild swimming or simply enjoying the beauty of one of the world’s last wild places, you should definitely add a trip ‘up north’ to your to-do list.
As an agent for global change, we work to forge strong partnerships both at home and further afield. Over the years, we have teamed up with a range of international institutions to offer a diverse selection of postgraduate degrees taught in part, or entirely, overseas.

These include:

**VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY – UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES (VNU-USSH), VIETNAM**

VNU-USSH is one of Vietnam’s most prestigious institutions, with the largest social sciences and humanities faculty in the country. The University of Stirling partnered with VNU-USSH more than a decade ago to develop a unique course jointly delivered on two sites, in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. The course is approved by the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training.

**MSc in Media and Communications Management**

hcmussh.edu.vn

**KWANSEI GAKUIN UNIVERSITY, JAPAN**

Kwansei Gakuin University (KGU) and the University of Stirling have a long-standing partnership spanning 25 years. KGU is one of the most prestigious private institutions in Japan, and is a selected member of the Japanese Government’s Top Global University Project. The University of Stirling offers a unique double award that is jointly delivered both on campus in Stirling and in Osaka.

MSc in Media and Communications Management

global.kwansei.ac.jp

**UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA, SPAIN**

Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) is one of the fastest-rising, dynamic young universities in Spain, with impressive international rankings. The University of Stirling has partnered with UPF to develop an innovative joint award delivered both on campus in Stirling and in Barcelona.

**MSc in Strategic Communication and Public Relations**

www.upf.edu

**CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, CHINA**

City University of Hong Kong is a young, energetic university and is firmly established on the global stage. The University of Stirling’s Institute of Aquaculture and the School of Veterinary Medicine at City University of Hong Kong deliver a joint MSc in Aquatic Production and Veterinary Health in Hong Kong starting in September 2017. This exciting programme meets the increasing demand worldwide for graduates with the professional knowledge and expertise to address the need for more efficient and safe aquatic food production, giving due consideration to environmental and sustainability issues.

**MSc in Aquatic Production and Veterinary Health**

www.cityu.edu.hk

**INTO UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS**

The University of Stirling proudly entered into a joint-venture arrangement with INTO University Partnerships in 2014, to establish INTO University of Stirling. INTO University of Stirling delivers academic and English language pathway programmes to overseas students prior to their progression onto postgraduate degree programmes. Students can choose from the following pathways:

- Business, Finance and Sport
- Media, Humanities and Social Sciences
- Science, Computing and Engineering

For more information on our INTO University of Stirling courses, see p20-21.
“Being President of the International Society has given me the privilege of meeting many wonderful students from all over the world, and has opened my eyes to the incredibly diverse and friendly international community at the University of Stirling, which is continuing to grow every year!”

Natalia Griem, Germany
International Society President

We believe that this diversity helps us to develop outward-thinking graduates with limitless potential. Stirling might be a Scottish university – but thinking and working globally is part of our daily teaching, learning and research practice. It’s part of who we are.

That’s why our students rate us first in Scotland for welcoming international students. The University also consistently earns five QS Stars in the World University Rankings for internationalisation.

By choosing the University of Stirling, you’re also choosing to become a global citizen in an increasingly connected world. We’re a truly international institution, and our beautiful campus is home to a dynamic community of staff and students from more than 120 countries. One in five of our students is from overseas, and just under half of our postgraduate students come to us from outside the UK.

1ST
IN SCOTLAND FOR WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
International Student Barometer 2016

STUDENT SUPPORT
The University of Stirling has a dedicated International Team, and experts within our Student Hub, who can provide you with advice on application processes, tips on what you should do before you arrive and one-to-one guidance during your time here at Stirling. Services include: application support, financial advice, immigration information, travel support and cultural activities designed to help you make the most of your time in Scotland.
stir.ac.uk/77

If you’d prefer to speak with someone in person before you arrive, you can also get in touch with one of the University’s international representatives in your own country.
stir.ac.uk/g9

INTERNATIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Here at Stirling, we consider a wide range of academic qualifications from across the globe as a means of gaining entry onto one of our postgraduate courses. Typically, you will need a strong Bachelor Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject – but requirements do vary by country, and you may need to meet further criteria based upon your chosen course.

To give you an idea, here are the minimum requirements accepted from a selection of countries:

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<td>2.8/4 or 70% or B in undergraduate (Honours) degree or professional degree</td>
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<td>India</td>
<td>55% in undergraduate/ Special (Honours) degree; consideration will be given to marking schemes of individual Indian universities</td>
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If your country is not listed above, you can find more information on the specific entry requirements for your country here: stir.ac.uk/1ef
ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you may need to provide us with evidence of your English language skills in order to receive a place on your chosen course. The University of Stirling accepts many forms of English language qualifications, including:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE)
- Pearson Test of English (Academic) PTE
- Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language Test IBT TOEFL
- DAAD: for applications through IEC Germany only

Students who do not currently hold these qualifications may still gain entry onto a postgraduate degree at Stirling by undertaking one of our pre-sessional courses.

We’ve partnered up with INTO University Partnerships to provide a range of intensive English language courses designed to increase your proficiency and prepare you for postgraduate study at the University of Stirling. For more information, see p20-21.

Please note that students coming to us from majority English-speaking countries, such as the USA or Canada, will not need to provide us with English language qualifications.

Learn more about English language qualifications and requirements: stir.ac.uk/1ae

Visa Information

All international students interested in coming to Stirling (apart from European Economic Area and Swiss nationals) for a period of more than six months will need to apply for a Tier 4 (General) student visa before travelling. You will need to apply through the UK Government, and include both an application fee and a health surcharge.

Your visa will last for the duration of your study; however, it will come with a few restrictions. As part of the terms of your visa, you will normally be allowed to work during your studies – but only 20 hours per week during term time, and there are certain jobs that you may not be permitted to undertake.

Normally, you can apply to bring dependants, such as a partner or children, with you for the duration of your studies as part of your Tier 4 (General) student visa.

For advice on how and where to apply for your visa, get in touch with our International Advisors Team:

internationaladvisor@stir.ac.uk

I love Stirling. The University campus is beautiful and the professors, lecturers and tutors are highly qualified. It’s a great place to study.”

Sebastián Alberto Martínez, Nicaragua
MSc in Social Enterprise
The University of Stirling plays home to a diverse international community. To help that community thrive, we’ve teamed up with global education leader INTO University Partnerships.

At INTO University of Stirling, our focus is on the provision of preparatory courses for international students, with the following postgraduate progression options:

- **Graduate Diplomas**
- **Masters with Integrated International Graduate Diplomas**
- **English language programmes**

These programmes are designed for international students who have the potential to succeed, but do not yet meet the requirements for direct entry onto a postgraduate course at the University of Stirling.

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA PATHWAYS**

The Graduate Diploma is a direct pathway that leads to postgraduate study at the University of Stirling. It’s suitable for international students who need an introduction to their subject of choice before studying it at a postgraduate level, or for those who need to upgrade their qualifications in a relevant subject.

We offer three Graduate Diploma pathways:

- **Business, Finance and Sport**
- **Media, Humanities and Social Sciences**
- **Science, Computing and Engineering**

**MASTERS WITH INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE DIPLOMA**

Our Masters with Integrated International Graduate Diploma is a full-time academic programme that incorporates English language skills development, academic study skills, postgraduate research skills and subject-specific content.

If you successfully complete the relevant Graduate Diploma programme and meet the required progression grades for entry to your selected degree programme, you will be guaranteed entry onto designated postgraduate degree courses at the University of Stirling.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES**

INTO University of Stirling also offers a range of year-round and intensive English language courses. These are designed for international students who are already academically qualified, but either need to increase their English language level for entry to their postgraduate course or would like to undertake a short course to help them adapt to studying in a UK university environment.

For more information on Pre-sessional English courses, see page 92.

**MEDIA, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

This pathway offers you progression onto a specialist Masters degree in applied social research, education, media management and publishing studies at the University of Stirling.

**SCIENCE AND COMPUTING**

This pathway offers you progression onto a wide range of specialist and technical Masters degrees at the University of Stirling.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

As part of our commitment to creating real opportunities for success, INTO and the University also provide a range of generous scholarships for international postgraduate students from all over the world.
**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STUDYING A FINANCE-RELATED MASTERS DEGREE AT STIRLING?**

“Trust in banks and other financial institutions was eroded by the financial crisis and has led to more emphasis being placed by professional bodies on ethically responsible behaviour. 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.”

**WHAT IS THE CFA INSTITUTE RESEARCH CHALLENGE?**

“The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge is considered to be the ‘investment Olympics’ for students and requires participants to assume the role of an Investment Analyst to produce a detailed equity research report on a publicly traded company, with a buy, hold or sell recommendation. These reports are then graded by professional investment analysts, with the best teams invited to the local final where they give a presentation and answer questions on their findings in front of a panel of industry experts.

“The record of MSc Investment Analysis students in reaching the UK final is unrivalled among UK Program Partner universities, with Stirling qualifying nine out of 10 years. Our students have won on two occasions – most recently in 2016 when the team went on to compete in the global final in Chicago.”

**SEVERAL COURSES WITHIN THE STIRLING MANAGEMENT SCHOOL ARE ‘ACREDITED’. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?**

“Accreditation with a professional body signals to employers the relevance of course content for the world of work. Our Program Partner status with the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute means that we are required to cover at least 70 percent of the CFA curriculum on the MSc in Investment Analysis. Students are given a solid platform to go on and become CFA Charter holders, the ‘gold standard’ qualification in the industry.

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

“Courses accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute offer graduates of the MSc in Banking and Finance credit against the Chartered Banker qualification and the opportunity to apply for Associate membership of the Institute.”

**WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ADVICE TO PROSPECTIVE POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS?**

“I would advise students to thoroughly research courses to check their content, structure and assessment methods. Postgraduate study requires greater self-direction and resilience than undergraduate study, so think about how courses match your approach to learning.

“Look at job adverts to find out the qualifications required for your intended career and choose an accredited course if achievement of a professional qualification is expected. Check out the jobs occupied by course alumni using social media such as LinkedIn. Finding that former students occupy senior roles is a good sign and means your degree will be recognised.

“Networking is an important element of career development, so do your homework and choose a course that will give you the widest possible access to professionals in your chosen field.”

**WHAT IS THE AMPLIFY TRADING BOOT CAMP?**

“This is an award-winning initiative that is an integral part of all of our finance-related degrees. It enables students to trade in a simulated environment across a range of futures contracts quoted on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). It is delivered over one week by Amplify Trading, a London-based proprietary trading firm.

“The Amplify Trading Boot Camp benefits our students by enabling them to experience real-time financial market trading using virtual money, which bridges the gap between academic understanding and real-world behaviour. Students experience the exhilaration of making money, and the pain of losing it, without actually putting any money at risk. They also take away a Certificate of Participation, which can be used to demonstrate their experience to employers.”

**STIRLING MANAGEMENT SCHOOL’S PROFESSIONALLY ACCREDITED MASTERS DEGREES IN INVESTMENT ANALYSIS, BANKING AND FINANCE, INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE, AND FINANCE EQUIP STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS FOR A VARIETY OF CAREERS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR.**

Dr Kevin Campbell delves a little deeper into the benefits of studying at Stirling and answers some of your top questions.

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**ASK AN EXPERT**

*Dr Kevin Campbell, Programme Director, MSc in Investment Analysis*

Dr Kevin Campbell researches primarily in the fields of corporate finance and corporate governance. He was awarded the 2015 CFA Institute Innovative Delivery of Education Award (IDEA) for innovation in finance teaching and education. Kevin incorporates an international dimension into his teaching, having held visiting positions at the University of New South Wales, the University of Western Australia and the Graduate Business School at the University of Cape Town. He is also a visiting Professor at the University of Gdansk.

Dr Kevin Campbell was appointed Programme Director of the MSc in Investment Analysis, available at www.stir.ac.uk/2322, in 2015.

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“The CFA Research Challenge has helped me to improve both my analytical and academic skills, as well as teaching me to work effectively within a team in challenging situations. Thanks to this initiative, and the high-quality teaching on my course, I feel ready and prepared to take on a role in the financial sector.”

Jakob Siegert, Germany
MSc in Investment Analysis

“The Media Management course has set me up with confidence for my career. My favourite part was the series of guest lectures throughout the year. Having industry professionals, as well as experienced lecturers who have worked within the industry impart their knowledge, has given me an in-depth perspective of the media landscape and the opportunities available to me.”

Faith Adesewa Idiulu, Nigeria
MSc in Media Management
At Stirling, we deliver a range of flexible Masters courses in Media and Communications, including Media Management, Media and Communications Management, and Strategic Public Relations. Lecturer, Dr Katherine Champion, explains how studying at Stirling can redefine your career prospects.

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

*The Media and Communications industry has faced major changes in the last few 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 group and team management, industry analysis, and communications and influencing skills. Outside of the classroom, we encourage students to engage in a variety of exhibitions, events and conferences, all of which contribute to a rich Masters experience.*

*Our staff and students are drawn from all over the globe and come together to create a friendly, but challenging, intellectual environment."

**Stirling is known for combining practical application with theoretical study. Why is this important?**

*By using innovative teaching techniques and introducing regular practical assignments for our students, we focus on developing the skills and personal qualities that we know employers in the industry are looking for in an individual. This is all part of our commitment to enhancing the employability of our students.*

*We believe that incorporating real-world examples, alongside current research, is a vital way to ensure that our courses deliver the most up-to-date, industry-relevant teaching to students, and also provide a strong theoretical foundation.*

*In Communications, Media and Culture, the international and world-leading research conducted by our teaching staff acts as an ideal platform for bringing these live examples into the classroom, and we offer students a broad range of subjects to study in an exciting, research-led, interdisciplinary environment."

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

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

*These courses are run by a dedicated team of academic, administrative and technical support staff in both Stirling and at partner organisations. Lectures are delivered via face-to-face teaching and online learning platforms, with regular visits by Stirling staff."

**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 Stirling’s guest lecture series. 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 Managers; communications professionals from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Channel 4, independent production companies, public relations agencies and media regulators; newspaper editors; and many more. This experience is invaluable to our students, who not only hear the latest industry insights first-hand, but are also able to establish which specific area within media they may be most interested in.*

**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 your career prospects. Our taught media-related courses at Stirling present an opportunity to improve your knowledge and understanding of a wide range of media industry sectors, as well as to develop skills and networks that promote future employability.*

*We develop skills in academic research both in lectures and in a one-to-one setting as students develop their dissertations, which will position graduates well should they choose to continue with future academic study.*

**Ask an expert**

**Dr Katherine Champion**

Lecturer in Media and Communications

A specialist in the field of Media and Communications, Katherine’s work aims to extend and deepen knowledge of how ‘space’ and ‘place’ matter to the creative and cultural industries sector. She has published widely in this area and currently holds the position of Primary Investigator and Co-Investigator on a number of funded projects with the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Carnegie Trust.
The Institute of Aquaculture at the University of Stirling is the leading international centre in its field, and the largest of its kind in the world. It brings together world-class academics to research and teach in a variety of disciplines, including postgraduate courses in: Sustainable Aquaculture, Aquatic Pathobiology, Aquatic Veterinary Studies, and Aquatic Production and Veterinary Health. Professor Herve Migaud talks in more depth about the science of aquaculture and the benefits of studying at Stirling.

ASK AN EXPERT

WHAT IS AQUACULTURE?

“Aquaculture is the farming of aquatic organisms, including fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Some types of aquaculture have been practised for thousands of years, but over the last 50 there has been tremendous growth in production. Around half of the aquatic food consumed globally now originates from aquaculture rather than capture or collection from the wild. As such, there is a need to develop new technologies to address the many challenges that have emerged in terms of reproduction, nutrition, health and disease, and ensuring environmental and economic sustainability – all of which are researched and studied at Stirling.”

WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY CHALLENGES AQUACULTURE FACES IN TODAY’S GLOBAL CLIMATE?

“Good-quality seafood can contribute massively to human health, economic activity and overall wellbeing. The challenge is to develop a system that delivers affordable fish and shellfish, while also making sure we respect our ethical commitment to animal welfare and environmental and social responsibility. This is often achieved by advances in health, nutrition or breeding, which can reduce costs and the impact on our environment, while also respecting animal welfare. Analysing our carrying capacity against aquaculture production within wider value chain and agri-food systems is also important. Overcoming issues such as processing and distribution can also contribute significantly to sustainability and resilience, particularly in the face of climate change and other shocks.”

THE INSTITUTE OF AQUACULTURE AT STIRLING IS A WORLD-LEADING CENTRE OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING. HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT STUDENTS?

“The Institute of Aquaculture started in the 1970s alongside the emerging salmon farming industry in Scotland and Norway. It quickly became engaged with aquaculture development in Asia, Africa and Latin America and became a globally recognised centre of excellence for aquaculture research, with many alumni holding senior positions in both government and private sectors. Students benefit from both the breadth of experience of staff and their depth of subject expertise, which comes from being actively engaged with cutting-edge research and internationally collaborative projects. Students will also be able to take advantage of the diverse experiences and backgrounds of their peers.”

STIRLING FOCUSES ON FIVE KEY RESEARCH AND TEACHING THEMES WITHIN AQUACULTURE. WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

“Most of our research is focused on the culture of seafood and developing efficient and sustainable production systems. Our first theme of ‘Breeding and Genetic Improvement’ addresses the fundamental challenge of controlling the reproductive cycle, so that farming can be independent of wild seed supply. It also encompasses the use of new genomic techniques in selective breeding. The second theme of ‘Nutrition’ deals with developing efficient and sustainable food for cultured organisms. ‘Health’, our third theme, is vital for sustaining economic production and is also linked strongly with the fourth theme of Welfare and Behaviour, which is fast becoming an important element of aquaculture. These themes all tie into the fifth and final area of Aquaculture Systems, which focuses on the environmental, social, economic, business and engineering dimensions of aquaculture development.”

WHAT ARE THE MAIN CAREER PATHWAYS FOR AQUACULTURE GRADUATES?

“People naturally think of careers as managers, biologists or health specialists within fish and shellfish production. However, there are many career opportunities in the global supply sector, including engineering, feed and pharmaceutical companies, or specialist veterinary practices. Others look to the downstream industry of processing and distribution. Some graduates will enter the public sector, working in regulatory and policy roles, e.g. concerning environmental, health or development issues. Others work with non-government agencies including expanding opportunities in standard setting and certification. There are also the options of research careers, teaching, consultancy, insurance and risk management, or sector representation and communications.”

PROFESSOR HERVE MIGAUD
Director of the Institute of Aquaculture

Herve joined the University as a postdoctoral fellow in 2002 and has been with the Institute of Aquaculture for more than a decade. He is now the Director of the Institute and has been the Breeding and Physiology Team Leader for the past 15 years. As a fellow of the Royal Society of Biology and a board member of the European Aquaculture Society (EAS), Herve is a prominent figure within the world of aquaculture.
“A highlight of the Aquaculture course for me was visiting salmon farms on the west coast of Scotland. This practical experience, along with meeting real aquaculture professionals, has not only improved my understanding of the field, but has also given me a network of industry links to help my career. At the end of the day, it’s not what we have learned in our lectures that matters, but how we are going to use it to make a difference in the world.”

Chong Liu, China
MSc in Sustainable Aquaculture

“The University of Stirling has given me the opportunity to connect with so many different people from different continents and cultures, something that would have never happened in my home country. Here, I have not only made lifelong friends, but also great connections for my career.”

Bo Goldsmits, Netherlands
MSc in TESOL

REDEFINE YOUR HORIZONS
ASK AN EXPERT

TESOL at Stirling sits within Education Studies in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Our dedicated team of tutors have experience of teaching English on all continents of the world, and pride themselves on their high-quality research and teaching in the areas of: TESOL, Computer Assisted Language Learning, Applied Linguistics and Education Studies. Programme Director, Anne Lawrie, explains more about the courses on offer and why Stirling is the number-one institution for education in Scotland.

1. The Guardian University Guide 2018

Anne Lawrie has been with the University of Stirling for more than 15 years. She returned to Stirling after teaching English language and training teachers in different parts of the world, including Africa, the Middle East, the Far East and Asia. As the Programme Director for TESOL, she now welcomes students from around the world and the UK to Stirling. Her research interests are in the fields of cultural awareness, classroom interaction, materials development and intercultural communication.

Anne Lawrie
TESOL Programme Director

WHAT IS TESOL?

“TESOL is Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. English is the second most widely spoken language in the world and there is an ever-increasing demand for people who are willing and able to teach the language.

“Our Masters courses at Stirling provide an advanced training and professional qualification, not only for people presently engaged in teaching English as a foreign or second language, but also for people who are new to TESOL and may be looking for a career change or professional development. Our programmes are suitable for novice and experienced teachers alike, and provide students with the skills, confidence and knowledge to walk into a classroom and teach as soon as they have graduated.”

STIRLING IS RANKED 1ST IN SCOTLAND FOR EDUCATION. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR STUDENTS?

“TESOL at Stirling delivers the most up-to-date, cutting-edge teaching to our students. We draw upon our world-leading research in a number of different areas within education, and our professional knowledge spans across pedagogy, applied linguistics, computer assisted language learning and corpus linguistics. We supervise a diverse range of dissertations which, over the last three years, has resulted in some of our students receiving a national commendation from the British Council.

“In addition to these pathways, in 2017 Stirling introduced two new courses: the MSc in Management and English Language Teaching and the MSc in Education Studies and TESOL. Students who follow any of the TESOL programmes are eligible to apply for the local, European and international placements we offer.”

DO I NEED TO HAVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE TO STUDY THE MSC IN TESOL?

“No, the programme is designed to meet the needs of students who have never taught before or are new to English language teaching. Equally, it is also for those who have many years of experience and who may hold CELTAs or DELTAs.”

DOES STIRLING OFFER AN ONLINE LEARNING OPTION FOR TESOL?

“Yes. We recognise that as postgraduate students, everyone’s circumstances are different. Some students may wish to continue working while studying for their degree in order to fund their education or to continue to support their family.

“Online students also have the option to spend time on campus should they wish and attend lectures. In addition, students will still have placement opportunities to enhance their employability.”

WHAT ARE TESOL COURSE ‘PATHWAYS’?

“We offer ‘pathways’ as a dedicated route of study that incorporates a more focused and specialised approach to your chosen subject. The MSc in TESOL provides the most flexible choice of modules and is generally for students with little or no teaching experience. The MSc in TESOL (Computer Assisted Language Learning) or the MSc in TESOL (Applied Linguistics) options are normally chosen by students who have experience of teaching and want to develop their skills in one of those areas.

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AS A TESOL GRADUATE, WHAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

“Graduates in TESOL can be found teaching in nursery, primary and senior high schools, and lecturing in colleges and universities both home and overseas. Some of our Stirling alumni are now Directors of Study in private language schools in the UK, Europe and Asia, while others have moved into teacher training and examining.”
The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport at Stirling delivers a range of Masters courses across a breadth of health- and sport-related topics, including: Sport Management, Performance Coaching, Early Years Practice Health Visiting and Health Research. Professor Leigh Robinson explains why Stirling is the ideal place to study health sciences and sport.

**ASK AN EXPERT**

**STIRLING IS RANKED FIRST IN SCOTLAND FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND THE QUALITY OF ITS SPORT RESEARCH. HOW DOES THIS INFORM TEACHING WITHIN THE FACULTY?**

“At Stirling, we encourage our students to think beyond the boundaries of traditional teaching. Our team of academics within Health Sciences and Sport dedicate their time to creating and discovering new knowledge in their respective fields, and developing a bespoke curriculum that is at the forefront of research innovation. Our success within health and sport research is testament to the passion, commitment and drive of our academic staff, and we pride ourselves in producing well-informed, skilled graduates who are highly attractive to potential employers.”

**THE UNIVERSITY SHARES ITS CAMPUS WITH A NUMBER OF NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES FOR SPORT. HOW CLOSELY DO STUDENTS WORK WITH INDUSTRY?**

“Collaboration with industry is a core element of Stirling’s sport and health science courses. We place a strong emphasis on combining theory with practice, and we take every opportunity to ensure that our students benefit from the latest industry insights. As Stirling is home to several national governing bodies (NGBs) for sport, students are afforded the opportunity to undertake work placements and conduct dissertation projects with our on-site partners. We regularly encourage our students to volunteer at national events and invite guest speakers to present talks on industry best practice.”

**STIRLING IS SCOTLAND’S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE. HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS?**

“Being Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence is beneficial to postgraduate students in a variety of different ways. Due to this status, we hold close links with government officials, who visit campus to discuss and shape government policy within sport. Our students are therefore at the forefront of pivotal, industry-changing decisions and are taught by academics who make valuable contributions to cross-party working groups. Psychology of Sport students also have the opportunity to mentor our ‘Winning Students’ athletes and experience the psychological intricacies of high-performance sport first-hand. At Stirling, we attract some of the top researchers from across the globe and our sports facilities are second to none.”

**WHAT ARE THE KEY CHALLENGES FACING THE HEALTHCARE SECTOR AND HOW DOES STIRLING EQUIP ITS STUDENTS TO TACKLE THESE?**

“The health and wellbeing of our population is a growing concern. Individuals who have made poor health choices – alongside a sector-wide skills shortage and an ageing population – are now putting major strain on our national healthcare service. Through advanced teaching in public health, health visiting, and gerontology and ageing, our focus is on developing highly skilled health professionals who have the knowledge and experience to make a difference to society. Our world-leading academics transfer their research findings into the classroom to ensure students learn from the most up-to-date advances in health-sector knowledge. We believe in understanding the root cause of behaviours. If we can begin to understand why consumers are making poor decisions in the first place, we can begin to shape behaviour change interventions to influence health choices for the better.”

**DO STUDENTS GAIN FROM HEALTH- AND SPORT-RELATED TEACHING WITHIN THE SAME FACULTY?**

“We are committed to the employability of our graduates. All sport students must undertake a work placement during their studies and will amass a considerable amount of time in industry putting their theory into practice. We also offer all of our degrees part-time, which allows our health students in particular to continue in employment and take learnings straight from the lecture theatre into a real-world setting.”

**DO YOU THINK THAT WORKING WITH THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SPORT WILL IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE?**

“The positive correlation between physical activity and health is a proven one, with physical activity recognised as the only universal preventative for developed-world epidemics, such as diabetes, obesity and cardiac heart disease. Stirling students benefit from our joined-up approach to teaching within the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport, and have access to the latest developments in both areas of world-leading research. Academic staff work together to provide students with the knowledge to help people to maintain, attain and retain their physical fitness. Physical, mental, emotional and even social health go hand in hand, and we aim to create strong, active role models who are able to work with people to change the behaviours that lead to ill health.”

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Sulemani Rufai Agbonor, Ghana
MSc in Psychology of Sport

“I live out in Kuwait and work as a podiatrist, so when I decided to take on a Masters I knew I needed a distance learning degree that was fully online. The course at Stirling has been fantastic for me as it supports a number of different specialisms, including podiatry, occupational health and nursing. As someone who hadn’t studied for a number of years, the staff have been fantastic and have helped me to not only complete my degree, but to achieve a distinction.”

Grace Messenger, Scotland
MRes in Health Research
The University of Stirling is a place where thinkers do. We truly believe that great ideas and ground-breaking research can transform our society and help redefine economic, social and cultural connections across Scotland, the UK and the entire world. Research is a critical aspect of our learning and teaching. As a postgraduate student, you’ll be given an insight into that research – and will also earn the opportunity to make key research contributions of your own.

Collaboration is at the core of our research strategy. That means working across our five faculties, and with other universities, businesses, the public sector and governments at home and overseas, to deliver interdisciplinary research that makes a difference to people’s lives. We are proud to have research collaborations in more than 170 countries across the world. Whether it’s preventing cancer, advising governments on policy or improving food security, our researchers work together to be the difference and solve real-world problems.

The University’s performance in the most recent Research Excellence Framework was outstanding, strengthening our position as one of the top research-led universities in the UK. During the last decade, the volume of our research classified as world-leading has more than doubled. Almost three-quarters of our research activity is now classed as either world-leading or internationally excellent.
RESEARCH THEMES

At the University of Stirling, ‘being the difference’ is central to everything we do. Our distinctive research portfolio encompasses strengths in Health and Behaviour; Culture, Communities and Society; and Global Security and Resilience.

HEALTH AND BEHAVIOUR

Within the theme of Health and Behaviour, our experts are drawn from many different subject areas, including sports science, psychology, marketing, economics and health, to look at improving global wellbeing – allowing people to maintain, attain or regain good health. Major research projects include exploring the impact of alcohol licensing and tobacco plain packaging, establishing how to help people live well with dementia, and ensuring the best nursing and cancer care is delivered to patients.

GLOBAL SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

Our expertise in the area of Global Security and Resilience spans a range of academic subjects and perspectives, but has the common goal of tackling the challenge of providing the world’s growing population with a sustainable and secure way of living. We explore how the world’s forests, and its flora and fauna, are evolving in response to climate change and investigate how humans interact with the world – whether that’s face-to-face in the field of international diplomacy, or digitally, within the context of cyber security. Our experts in aquaculture are helping to develop solutions to ensure sustainable and safe sources of fish – creating new, innovative ways of feeding the world.

CULTURES, COMMUNITIES AND SOCIETY

Nothing exists in isolation from the rest of the world, and studying subjects in their wider context is central to our research theme of Cultures, Communities and Society. Bringing together experts from social work, history and computing science, or biological and environmental sciences and media and communications, enables us to understand how we interact and engage with people around us – and how we communicate with and understand others.

By exploring the past and recognising how we can learn from it, promoting innovations in teaching, and understanding distinctive cultures and political authority, we strive to bring communities together in mutually beneficial ways. Whether we’re looking into organised crime, or searching to discover the birthplace of James I of Scotland, our research spans continents and time periods.

SHAPING THE WORLD

Stirling staff, students and alumni challenge the status quo and make a significant difference to society; we are driven by transformative thinking, innovative action and the desire to use our knowledge and skills to shape the world in a positive way.

“Stirling provides an ideal environment to conduct research that can really make a difference to individuals, families and communities. This includes my own studies, which aim to find ways to reduce people’s exposure to the main preventable risk factors for cancer, which include tobacco, obesity and alcohol, and to improve health, both here in the UK and globally.”

Professor Linda Bauld
Director of the Institute for Social Marketing and Dean of Research Impact

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1ST IN SCOTLAND AND 12TH IN THE UK FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

4TH IN THE UK FOR AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY AND FOOD SCIENCE

100% OF PSYCHOLOGY IMPACT CASE STUDIES CLASSED AS WORLD-LEADING

4th in the UK for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science

4th in Scotland and 12th in the UK for Health Sciences

100% of Psychology Impact Case Studies classed as World-Leading
Postgraduate course tuition fees cover the cost of registration, supervision of research and study, the use of academic facilities, and all examinations. Our 2018/19 fees are categorised into various bands, which are assigned to each course. Overseas students should anticipate a different set of rates from students coming to us from within the United Kingdom or the European Union, and it's worth noting that some courses may require you to pay an additional bench fee for laboratory or field-based work.

**OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE TUITION FEES**

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**HOME/EU TUITION FEES**

Tuition fee information for Home/EU was not available at the time of print. Please consult the relevant course web page for up-to-date information. Fees may vary depending on your chosen course of study.

**EU FEES**

The Government has confirmed that EU students enrolling in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 academic years for a taught postgraduate course will be admitted as Scottish/EU fee status students, and will be eligible for the same student loan support as Scottish domiciled students. It has also been confirmed that EU postgraduate research students commencing their studies in 2017/18 and 2018/19 will retain their fee status and eligibility for Research Council support for the duration of their course. Future changes to the fee status and available funding for EU students will depend on the timing and terms of the UK’s exit from the European Union.

**COST OF LIVING**

In addition to your tuition fees, you’ll also need to consider your living costs during the course of your studies. Fortunately, the cost of living in Stirling is one of the lowest in the UK*.

**MONTHLY THREE SEMESTERS**

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* Lloyds Bank 2017
** Includes utilities, Wi-Fi, bedding and bed linen, insurance, housekeeping assistance, and 24/7 staff assistance.
*** This does not include any travel home.

**FUNDING**

If you’re in need of funding to support the cost of your tuition fees, we are able to connect you with a range of generous loan schemes.

**SCOTTISH/EU STUDENTS**

The Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) offers loans to eligible students. In 2017/18, this contribution was up to £10,000 towards tuition fees and living costs.

**ENGLISH, WALES AND NORTHERN IRISH STUDENTS**

Student Finance England and Student Finance Wales both currently offer their own unique postgraduate loan schemes. In 2017/18, this was usually up to a maximum of £10,280.

Northern Irish postgraduate students may also be eligible for a tuition fee loan from Student Finance NI and should consult student finance NI for full details.

**UK STUDENTS**

UK residents who meet the desired eligibility criteria may also be entitled to apply for a specific bank loan called a Career Development Loan. For more details, visit: [www.gov.uk/career-development-loans](http://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans)

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Eligible international students may be entitled to the University of Stirling International Postgraduate Awards scheme, which provides a £3,000 reduction in the cost of their annual tuition fees. [stir.ac.uk/1cj](http://stir.ac.uk/1cj)

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The University of Stirling offers a wide range of scholarships to support the diverse academic and extra-curricular interests of students from all backgrounds and nationalities. Some are available exclusively for international students, as well as generous offers for students from the UK or the EU.

As Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence, our International Sports Scholarship Programme is one of the largest high-performance sports programmes in the UK, and has supported more than 1,000 student athletes since its inception in 1981 – sending athletes to Olympic, World and Commonwealth Games. [stir.ac.uk/1do](http://stir.ac.uk/1do)
Looking for the perfect place to live while studying at the University of Stirling? Look no further.

We offer a wide range of modern, comfortable and secure postgraduate residences on our beautiful 330-acre campus, in nearby Bridge of Allan and in Stirling’s vibrant city centre.

The University provides priority accommodation to all new students – and if you’re a taught postgraduate student from outside the UK, we’ll guarantee you an offer of University accommodation as long as you confirm your place by 31 July 2018.

In 2017/18, accommodation costs ranged from £84 to £163 per week, and included utilities, Wi-Fi, insurance and bed linen. All postgraduate accommodation contracts are offered for 50 weeks.

**Built around your needs**

We’ve invested £40 million in our student housing over the last few years, listening to what our students want every step of the way. All accommodation is single occupancy, and you can choose from a range of flats, chalets, townhouses and family accommodation.

On campus, everything is planned around you – so you’ll find laundry facilities, a supermarket, pharmacy, medical and dental centre, gym, bookshop and bank within a few minutes’ walk, as well as all the facilities the University and Students’ Union have to offer.

If you’ve got family or friends who would like to visit, we have the Stirling Court Hotel on campus, with a fantastic restaurant, bar and facilities.

**Accessible housing**

We can provide or adapt accommodation for a variety of requirements, and can also arrange pre-entry visits. If you have any specific needs, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

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**How to apply**

Students can apply online via the University portal as soon as they receive confirmation of a conditional or unconditional firm offer. Applications open in April each year.

For more information, please visit: stir.ac.uk/5k

**Stirling is the most affordable place to live in the UK**

Lloyds Bank 2017
STUDENT SUPPORT

We strive to ensure all our students are able to embrace life as a part of our vibrant postgraduate community – which is why our extensive student support services are always on standby to lend a helping hand.

STUDENT SERVICES HUB

Our friendly and welcoming Student Services Hub team is the first point of contact for a wide range of student enquiries, from finance and personal support to academic issues or University life in general. Find out more here: stir.ac.uk/zn

MONEY ADVICE

Our Student Money Advisers help with budgeting and money management. They can also help you apply for additional funding or financial support. ask@stir.ac.uk

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

Stirling’s Careers and Employability Service offers high-quality careers information, education and guidance, along with a range of resources to help you to make informed career decisions and develop lifelong career management skills.

For more information, see page 51.

COUNSELLING AND WELLBEING

We offer a free, confidential service to talk about anything that’s on your mind. We also have a dedicated Mental Health Adviser. ask@stir.ac.uk

SAFETY AND SECURITY

We place the safety and wellbeing of our students above all else. Police Scotland regularly describe our campus as one of the safest in Britain. The University employs 24/7 security staff, and has its own community police officer situated on campus.

HEALTHCARE

Stirling has both a General Medical Practice and a Dental Practice based here on campus. If you’re moving away from home, we recommend you register with a doctor when you arrive. International postgraduate students will need to pay an NHS surcharge as part of their visa application. This allows students to access the UK healthcare system.

IMMIGRATION AND VISA ADVICE

If you are classified as an International Student, our dedicated International Advisors Team will be able to provide you with advice and information to ensure you’re able to secure the appropriate visa to cover the duration of your postgraduate studies at Stirling. internationaladvisor@stir.ac.uk

CAREER AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE

Stirling’s Careers and Employability Service offers high-quality careers information, education and guidance, along with a range of resources to help you to make informed career decisions and develop lifelong career management skills.

For more information, see page 51.

CHILDREN

A range of childcare facilities are available both on and off the University campus. Places are limited, so we encourage you to contact potential providers as early as possible. stir.ac.uk/1dh

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SPIRITUAL WELLBEING

The University’s Chaplaincy is an independent, multi-faith unit that provides spiritual and pastoral care to students on a personal and confidential basis. A prayer room and washroom for Muslim students is located centrally on campus.

“I am very thankful to the support staff here at Stirling. It has been a huge help having someone listen to me and help me, especially when I am a thousand miles away from home.”

Anh Le Ngoc Ngo, Vietnam
MSc in International Accounting and Finance
At the University of Stirling, we believe your postgraduate experience is so much more than just academic study. It is a time for adventure and new experiences that should extend beyond the walls of classrooms. If you’re in search of a place to connect with the Stirling community and broaden your postgraduate experience, our award-winning Students’ Union is the place.

Located at the centre of the University, the Union provides exciting social spaces, support, societies and sports clubs. The Union is committed to ‘Making Students’ Lives Better’ by offering a range of services, activities and events.

YOUR STUDENTS’ UNION

The Students’ Union offers independent advocacy and support for its members, and is here to ensure your student experience is the best one possible. The Union works closely with a range of relevant postgraduate bodies to ensure all your views and issues are taken into account, and that you can make the most of your student experience.

FACILITIES FOR YOU

The Union also runs a number of award-winning and student-focused outlets. Studio serves food in a relaxed lounge atmosphere, with plasma screens for sports fixtures and music. The outside decking offers stunning views – while our cafe in Underground serves Starbucks coffee, paninis, soups and cakes. Studio is open all day and into the night, providing a range of food, drink and entertainment for you to enjoy. Our multi-purpose space, Venue, hosts sell-out events in Freshers’ Week from the likes of Cascada and the Vengaboys. During the week you can enjoy a great selection of food, while at night it plays host to a range of student club activities for all to enjoy.

Check out the Union’s website for weekly events: stirlingstudentsunion.com

CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND SPORT

Our students love to explore and share the passions and interests that make them unique. That’s why we have more than 80 societies and 50 sports clubs to choose from, including our three award-winning student media outlets. We have clubs centred on business development, volunteering, music, travel, the arts and much more. If there’s nothing that piques your interest, we can even help you start your own club.

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Our graduates stand out. Stirling students not only achieve a qualification, but leave campus equipped with life-changing skills. Our graduates are motivated, self-confident, digitally aware, enterprising individuals who are making an impact on the world stage.

Developing your career

Our world-leading academics will equip you with the specialist industry knowledge you’ll need to make an impact in your chosen field – but it’s our dedicated Careers and Employability Service that will help you to hone those skills and transfer them to the workplace.

The Careers and Employability Service provides a range of resources and support to help you make informed career decisions, achieve your goals and develop the tools that will enable you to excel in your career and throughout your life.

Our extensive services include:
• One-to-one advice and guidance
• CV, application and selection checks and advice
• Careers events, workshops and fairs where you can meet employers
• Wide-ranging resources including practice psychometric testing, personality profiling and video interviewing software
• Access to a wide range of part-time, volunteering, internship and graduate opportunities

Making the Most of Masters

One of the best ways to make the most of your time at Stirling is to test your skills in a real business environment. Our award-winning ‘Making the Most of Masters’ programme gives you the opportunity to undertake your dissertation with a business organisation to address a genuine business need. It’s a mutually beneficial initiative; businesses benefit hugely from your new insights and ideas, while you get to acquire invaluable experience and improve your employability.

International careers information

If you’re thinking about returning to your home country or working abroad once you graduate, we provide support, information and links to key international job search resources such as GoinGlobal and access to employers and alumni worldwide. If you’re an international student, you will also be able to receive advice about working in the UK after your studies.
The University of Stirling Management School’s innovative Flying Start Leadership Programme engages students in a range of activities to develop valuable personal skills and prepare them for their postgraduate journey.

During the first two weeks of their studies, students will participate in a number of challenges designed to enhance their understanding of self and set personal goals. The workshops cover a range of important skills that are highly sought after by employers, including:

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS**
Learn to understand the different ways of communicating and gain the confidence to speak out in a public forum.

**NETWORKING SKILLS**
Learn the Dos and Don’ts of an excellent way to make conversation with people unfamiliar to you.

**PRESENTATION SKILLS**
Learn the Dos and Don’ts of an excellent PowerPoint presentation using your communication skills to present confidently to an audience.

**COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO PRESENT CONFIDENTLY**
Learn to understand the different ways of communicating and gain the confidence to speak out in a public forum.

**NETWORKING SKILLS TO MAKE CONVERSATION WITH PEOPLE UNFAMILIAR TO YOU.**
Learn the Dos and Don’ts of an excellent way to make conversation with people unfamiliar to you.

**PRESENTATION SKILLS TO PRESENT CONFIDENTLY**
Learn the Dos and Don’ts of an excellent PowerPoint presentation using your communication skills to present confidently to an audience.

**MY PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**
Understanding yourself, your strengths and weaknesses, means you can plan for your short-, medium-, and long-term future. This session provides you with the tools to articulate and action your goals.

**THE BUSINESS CHALLENGE**
Can you make the most profit within an allotted time? Working in groups, you will make decisions and perform tasks associated with the running of a manufacturing company.

**NETWORKING SKILLS**
Meeting new people can be nerve-wracking, particularly in a business setting. These sessions are designed to give you the confidence to introduce yourself and make conversation with people unfamiliar to you.

**TEAM WORKING**
Effective working relationships are essential in business. You will participate in a combination of indoor and outdoor activities, specifically designed to help you understand the importance of working as part of a team.

**FLYING START ACTIVITIES**

**STUDENT ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME**
Stirling’s Student Enterprise Programme is designed to support students to develop their entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial skills, grow their networks, and play a key part in developing the enterprise culture on campus.

The programme is run by the Research and Innovation Services team and offers a wide range of activities throughout the year, including skills workshops, competitions, mentorship, networking events, practical support, signposting, and incubation.

**THE ENTREPRENEURIAL QUEST**
The Student Enterprise Programme supports students to enter a number of national competitions. Our own internal contest – the Entrepreneurial Quest – is a great way to get started. This cleverly designed initiative allows students with a fully formed business idea to compete for prizes, including incubation space, and many students have turned their ideas into viable and successful businesses.

**INCUBATOR**
Stirling has its own Student Enterprise Incubator, which gives students the chance to apply for free office accommodation and receive professional advice and resources to launch a new business idea. Based at the University of Stirling Innovation Park, our students work alongside internationally acclaimed start-ups and social enterprises.

**BUSINESS MENTORING**
It takes more than a great idea to launch a successful business. That’s why our students enjoy one-to-one sessions with a dedicated Student Enterprise Manager to discuss start-up logistics and how to break into new and existing markets. Stirling’s innovative ‘Lunch with a Leader’ initiative also gives entreprenues the opportunity to attend lunches with successful entrepreneurs and business leaders from across Scotland.

We love new ideas. Since opening its doors 50 years ago, the University of Stirling has been internationally recognised for its pioneering spirit and passion for innovation in everything we do. That’s why we’re constantly encouraging our students and researchers to think outside the box and experiment with new ideas to be the difference in their respective fields.

Through our unique Student Enterprise Programme and University of Stirling Innovation Park, we take pride in offering student entrepreneurs the ideal space to create, collaborate and dream.

**STUDENT ENTERPRISE**
To give you an idea of what you can achieve by working with our dedicated support staff, here are a few University start-ups that are already making waves across the globe.

**Businesses**
1. **Global Voices**
   - Started by a student from Peru, this influential and award-winning translation and interpretation company is trusted by the UK Government, the BBC, Boeing, and Disney, and has an ever-expanding client base across the world. The dedication and effort by the founder to grow his idea into a world-leading business continues to be an inspiration to many of Stirling’s students – and staff.

2. **Students United**
   - Two Chinese students who met on Stirling’s campus started this innovative venture to support Chinese students wishing to come to the UK to study. Today, the same two students now head an organisation, based in Glasgow, with branches in China, Hong Kong and Macau, with plans for other Asian territories in the near future.

3. **Micro Fitness**
   - Steven Reynolds, an enterprising Stirling alumni, had a dream to get Scotland’s schoolchildren fitter. In 2010, he set up ‘Micro Fitness’ – a business to encourage children to get active. Since then, he has widened his ambition to helping people of all ages, from all over the UK. This award-winning business is now the UK’s leading fitness company for children.
As Scotland’s University for Sporting Excellence, the University of Stirling has one of the best reputations in the UK.

We have been at the forefront of Scottish sport for nearly five decades and are proud to have produced some of the finest British and Scottish talent in history. Our incredible student athletes have competed at the Olympic Games, the Commonwealth Games and the Walker Cup, to name a few. In 2016, Stirling athletes brought home more medals from Rio than any other university in Scotland.

We aim to make sure every student can enjoy our world-class Sports Centre. Our facilities are fully accessible to disabled users, and we provide a wide range of activities and support services that cater to all of our students’ individual needs.

Choose from over 50 fitness classes per week, learn to swim, try tennis, join a walking or running group around our beautiful campus, or bolster your curriculum vitae with fantastic coaching and volunteer opportunities. Be part of something brilliant.

Outstanding facilities

Our sports facilities are truly five-star. These include:

- The National Tennis Centre has six indoor courts, two outdoor all-weather floodlit courts and two outdoor clay courts.
- The National Swimming Academy houses a 50-metre, six-lane pool and land-conditioning room.
- A nine-hole, par-three golf course, putting green, driving range, pavilion and video analysis suite.
- The MP Jackson Fitness Centre has a great range of cardiovascular and resistance equipment, with two free weights areas containing many lifting platforms.
- An eight-court sports hall and three squash courts.
- An air-conditioned dance and fitness studio.
- A 400m all-weather running track.
- Two artificial pitches and seven grass pitches.

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Get involved

The best way to experience sport at the University of Stirling is to give it a try. It doesn’t matter whether you’re a competitive athlete or simply looking for a bit of fun – we have plenty of ways for you to get involved.

The Sports Union operates more than 50 clubs that compete both locally and nationally. Our football, golf, tennis, swimming, rugby, triathlon and American football teams are hugely successful throughout the year – and are always on the lookout for talented students to join their clubs and help them be the difference on and off the pitch.

But we’re not only about competition. If you’re just looking to get fit and have fun, our Intramural Sport programme includes a variety of recreational activities, including table tennis and basketball.

For more information on our Sports Union clubs, visit: stir.ac.uk/1a7

Stirling Sport is truly world-class. From top-quality facilities and teaching to internationally leading research, studying here has set me up perfectly for my future career in sport management.”

Caitlin Rattray, Scotland
MSc in Sport Management
Based in the centre of our beautiful campus, Stirling’s state-of-the-art library houses over 500,000 titles and has plenty of space for research and study. We invest £1.5 million in new books, journals, databases and DVDs every year to ensure our recently refurbished library is a contemporary study hub that gives you all the tools and inspiration you need to succeed.

**STIRLING GRADUATE SCHOOL: POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH ZONE**

As a postgraduate student at Stirling, you will have access to a unique space to help and enhance your studies. Housed within the library, the Stirling Graduate School: Postgraduate Research Zone places a 60-seat lecture theatre, presentation and videoconferencing facilities, two boardrooms, and an informal meeting area at your disposal.

**ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Our expansive collections house everything from ancient poetry to quantum physics. As a student at Stirling, you’ll also be given access to the University’s dedicated archives reading room, where you can explore the wide range of historical collections, influential documents and quirky artefacts that have helped shape Scotland’s past.

**COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH**

At the University of Stirling, we encourage our students to share ideas and create change. That’s why it has been designed to encourage group study and collaborative learning through its innovative study pods, 10 group training and private study rooms, coffee bar seating, private lounges, and a designated study zone that’s open 24/7.

**THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**

Our students aren’t limited to the resources housed in our four-floor library. Because the University is a member of the Society of College, National and University Libraries (SCONUL), Stirling students can use resources from universities all over the UK and Ireland. The library also connects students with full access to over 350 industry-specific research databases from around the globe – covering everything from American magazines and EU white papers to global financial data and biomedical repositories.
Faculty of Social Sciences
The Faculty of Social Sciences is a dynamic, multidisciplinary collective of around 70 academic staff and researchers focused on Dementia; Education; Housing Studies; Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology; and Social Work.

The Faculty’s interdisciplinary research, along with its hands-on approach to learning, have earned Stirling recognition as the UK’s number one university for Social Policy and top 10 in the UK for Education.

Stirling Management School
Stirling Management School is an AMBA-accredited management school with a cutting-edge collection of business-related subjects, and is organised into five divisions: Accounting and Finance; Economics; Management, Work and Organisation; Marketing and Retail; and the Centre for Advanced Management Education.

Academic Faculties
Our flexible, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research means that you gain a world-class degree at the University of Stirling that is built around your interests and passions.

Faculty of Arts and Humanities
The Faculty of Arts and Humanities is our largest faculty, and offers a unique learning environment in which you’ll be encouraged to explore, question, innovate and create. The Faculty comprises four divisions: Communications, Media and Culture; History and Politics; Literature and Languages; and Law and Philosophy.

The Faculty places emphasis on graduate employability and providing students with ample work placement and internship opportunities. It is also internationally recognised for its commitment to research innovation, ranking first in Scotland for research impact in Communications, Cultural and Media Studies; and first in Scotland for research publications in Law.

Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport
The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport’s primary mission is to be the natural first choice for everyone with an interest in health and sport, to develop global citizens through internationally relevant curricula and to deliver excellence in teaching and learning through a research-led approach.

Stirling is ranked first in Scotland for the quality of its Sport research, with more than three-quarters of activity assessed as internationally excellent or world-leading. We’re also first in Scotland and 12th in the UK for Health Sciences research, with almost 90% of our research outputs rated as internationally excellent or world-leading.

The Faculty of Natural Sciences
The Faculty of Natural Sciences explores the complex and challenging inter-relationships between human behaviours; technologies; and biological, environmental and aquatic systems. The Faculty brings together four academic divisions: the Institute of Aquaculture; Biological and Environmental Sciences; Computing Science and Mathematics; and Psychology.

The Faculty is internationally renowned for its research activity. Stirling is top five in the UK for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science; third in Scotland for Psychology; and was named as one of only four universities in the UK to have 100% of its Psychology research rated as world-leading.

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The academic staff at Stirling Management School, which is home to seven dynamic centres of research, are constantly developing new ideas that influence industries across the globe. The most recent Research Excellence Framework placed us among the UK’s top 25 institutions for Business and Management.

1 REF2014
2 The Guardian University Guide 2018
3 The Complete University Guide 2018
The University of Stirling strives to offer you an inspiring, engaging and collaborative postgraduate experience that will help you realise your potential and be the difference in your chosen field. We have launched a bespoke zone designed to support our growing postgraduate community.

**The World at your Fingertips**

The Stirling Graduate School instantly connects you with a global community of scholars, industry experts, leading academics and employers across a diverse range of interdisciplinary research areas. You’ll gain access to Spark, our international journal of postgraduate research; be kept up-to-date with news stories from across the University; find information about postgraduate exchange programmes; and be able to engage with other students and academics from every faculty.

**Unrivalled Support**

The Stirling Graduate School also offers you 24/7 access to a range of valuable resources that will assist you in your studies and research. You’ll be able to consult copies of our academic regulations, research frameworks and reviews; sign up for digital workshops; and get advice on how to carry out your research and skills development projects. We also offer a dedicated library space for research postgraduates, the Postgraduate Research Zone, which provides a central hub for skills training and community activities.

**Meet and Greet**

It’s fantastic to have access to everything you need at the drop of a hat, but the Stirling Graduate School also gives you the opportunity to meet industry experts, researchers and visiting academics. The School organises regular workshops, support events, competitions and coffee mornings that enable you to build industry contacts, enhance your academic experience and find your place in our dynamic and ever-growing postgraduate community.

The University of Stirling is recognised across the globe for its interdisciplinary approach to teaching. Our academics are experts in their fields, and draw from their ground-breaking research to create world-class degrees.

**Flexible Learning**

At Stirling, we are focused on providing education with a purpose. Our dedicated staff are here to prepare you to go out into an increasingly global society and be the difference to help transform it for the better. That’s what makes our graduates stand out.

**Five-Star Teaching**

Our collaborative, research-led approach consistently earns us five stars for our teaching in the QS World University Rankings. But more importantly, our students love the way we teach. That’s why they named us first in Scotland for having good teachers, quality lecturers and performance feedback in the most recent International Student Barometer, and ranked us joint 8th in the UK for our high-quality staff and lecturers (THE Student Experience Survey 2017).

The University offers a range of postgraduate courses on a part-time basis, which enables you to study at a pace that best suits your lifestyle. Available part-time courses range from Sustainable Aquaculture to Psychology and Sport Management, and our programme directors will do everything they can to help accommodate your personal needs. stir.ac.uk/1cr

If you’d like to earn a Masters degree but are too busy to make it onto campus, we also offer a number of online distance learning courses that are available to students from all over the globe. Courses range from Strategic Public Relations and Public Health to Performance Coaching and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and normally take around three years to complete. stir.ac.uk/1cs

**A Global Education**

Our campus is global – not only in terms of the students who come from around the world to study at Stirling, but also in terms of the community of researchers, academics and industry experts we attract. Our world-class teaching is designed to inspire and motivate our diverse and exciting community. We help every student thrive in today’s increasingly interconnected world.
Here at the University of Stirling, we’re all about choice. We offer postgraduate courses with pathways designed to help shape your academic qualification around your preferences and to equip you with the skills to be the difference in your chosen field.

All taught postgraduate courses are graded at Level 11 of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), with research degrees and professional doctorates at Level 12. The difference between Masters degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas, and Postgraduate Certificates is the number of credits earned and the time taken to complete them.

**TYPES OF POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS**

**TAUGHT DEGREES**

Most of our taught postgraduate students choose to pursue a Masters degree. Stirling’s Masters courses are intensive programmes of study that typically take one year to complete. Just like our undergraduate courses, research-informed teaching consists of lectures, seminars and a wide range of practical assignments, research projects and vocational tasks.

The University of Stirling offers a range of taught qualifications:

- **MSc/MA** Stirling’s Master of Science (MSc) and Master of Arts (MA) qualifications are typically undertaken by students who wish to develop an advanced subject knowledge in a particular area, or to change their subject of study following the completion of a Bachelor’s degree. Generally, these qualifications are taught through seminars, lectures and project work, and are assessed by coursework, exams and a dissertation.

- **MRes** A Master of Research (MRes) qualification at Stirling offers advanced research methods and skills training in interdisciplinary and discipline-specific contexts, and is ideal for students keen on pursuing a career in research or doctoral study.

- **MLitt** Stirling’s Master of Letters (MLitt) is similar to a taught MA or MSc and is typically in literature, history or law.

- **MBA** The Stirling Master of Business Administration (MBA) is an internationally recognised qualification that enables students to develop their skills and knowledge in leadership and management.

- **LLM** Our Master of Laws (LLM) is a qualification that enables students to specialise in a niche law subject, such as Environmental Policy or International Energy Law.

- **MPP** A Master of Public Policy (MPP) at Stirling is a professional qualification that offers essential training in policy analysis and how to help solve major societal issues.

- **MPH** Stirling’s Master of Public Health is a multidisciplinary qualification designed to provide graduates with the advanced academic background required for leadership roles in public health.

**RESEARCH DEGREES**

In addition to taught postgraduate courses, we also offer a range of research degrees:

- **MPhil** Stirling’s Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is an advanced research degree that is typically shorter than a PhD qualification, but is completed to the same academic quality. It comprises a major independent research project and provides a significant grounding in research methods that will equip students to enter a career within a professional field, or to continue on to complete a PhD.

- **PhD** A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is an advanced postgraduate qualification comprising three or more years of independent research on a subject-specific question. It is carried out with the support of an academic adviser and culminates in the completion of a thesis that offers a significant contribution to the academic field. It is the highest academic degree a student can achieve.

**PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES**

A Professional Doctorate is a qualification that integrates professional and academic knowledge. It is 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. Courses comprise a taught element in the first year, followed by a significant period of independent research, and typically take a full-time student three to four years to complete. Also delivered on a part-time basis to better suit working professionals, a Professional Doctorate is a degree that will help you deepen your understanding of your area of work or practice, whilst also contributing to the field academically. Examples of Professional Doctorates at the University of Stirling include the DBA (Doctor of Business Administration), the NursD (Doctor of Nursing), the DDipl (Doctor of Diplomacy) and the EdD (Doctor of Education).
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This course combines theoretical insights into the operation, strategy and regulatory functions of institutions in the banking and finance sector, with a practical understanding of key concepts and financial reporting and risk management tools.

You will develop an understanding of banking practice, an appreciation of the value and limitations of research, and a critical awareness of the current and potential problems facing the industry.

Accredited by the Chartered Banker Institute, you will be eligible to apply for Associate membership of the Institute when you graduate, with an accelerated route to Charterholder status and a globally recognised, professional qualification.

Students will benefit from our award-winning financial trading boot camp run by our partner, Amplify Trading, and will have the opportunity to apply for work placements in the banking sector.

In a rapidly changing world, this course provides you with the analytical and decision-making skills to pursue a successful career as a business and policy analyst.

During your studies, you will explore the interaction between international institutions, governments and households, and apply the insights of economic analysis to business and policy. You will learn to evaluate:

- business performance
- management styles
- official statistics
- public, social and macroeconomic policies

With a strong focus on applied research, you will access the latest thinking in key areas such as fiscal policy, unemployment, the environment and ageing. The course also investigates current macro- and micro-level issues, including the impact of Brexit on business, the role of the national living wage and the justification for public intervention when markets don’t function properly.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/10p

CAREER PROSPECTS

This Masters course places great emphasis on applying economic thinking to real-world business and policy challenges, ensuring that our graduates are highly employable. Your career prospects are further enhanced by the excellent links with business, industry and policy think tanks that this course provides.

With increasing globalisation and the convergence of international accounting practices, this course meets the growing demand for graduates who are educated to Masters level in International Accounting and Finance. You will gain a thorough grounding in international accounting, developing the reporting and analytic skills required by global organisations. You will also establish an understanding of issues relating to financial markets and international investments.

The course is ACCA accredited and graduates can obtain exemption from up to six ACCA exams. Some MSc modules also cover elements of the learning outcomes from all three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) programme, helping you progress towards obtaining CFA Charterholder status.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/10r

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates from this course are highly sought after, building successful careers in accounting, finance and senior management roles around the world and across a wide range of industry sectors.

FINANCE

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The University of Stirling MSc in Investment Analysis has a world-class reputation and is the UK’s longest-established postgraduate course in the field. It is one of very few Masters degrees in the UK to have CFA Institute Program Partner status, and covers at least 70 percent of CFA Levels 1, 2 and 3. This recognition emphasises the quality of our course and its relevance to professional practice and career advancement.

You will study the use of qualitative and quantitative techniques to value investments, and to develop and evaluate portfolio management strategies. You will develop the ability to extract essential information from financial reports, understand risk management tools, access macroeconomic and market trends, and analyse financial data relating to investments.

**CORE MODULES**
- Financial Reporting
- Corporate Finance
- Economics for Banking and Finance
- Quantitative Methods in Finance
- Financial Statement Analysis
- Derivatives
- Investments: Equity Portfolios and Pricing
- Investments: Fixed Income and Alternative Investments

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1a

**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. You will have career opportunities in both the ‘buy side’ and the ‘sell side’ of the investment industry, including with insurance firms, hedge funds, broking firms and investment banks.

Our Sustainable Aquaculture course explores the principles of aquaculture and the key factors influencing the viability of aquatic animal farming and food production systems. Studying at Stirling’s Institute of Aquaculture – the leading international research centre in sustainable seafood 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 advanced broodstock management, aquaculture policy and planning, welfare analysis, environmental management and biodiversity, feed formulation and resources, aquatic animal health control, epidemiology, and ecotoxicology. You will also explore the commercial business of sustainable aquaculture, with optional modules covering marketing, business studies and economics.

**CORE MODULES**
- Principles of Aquaculture
- Aquaculture Husbandry
- Aquaculture Systems

**PATHWAYS**
You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc in Sustainable Aquaculture, or opt to specialise in one of the following pathways of study:
- Aquaculture Business Management
- Aquaculture and Development
- Aquaculture and the Environment

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/2f

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**
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 in the following areas:
- Aquaculture health and welfare
- Aquaculture nutrition
- Sustainable aquaculture
- Marine biology and ecosystems
- Fish health and biotechnology
- Bioinformatics
- Global food security
- Fish parasitology

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

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**INVESTMENT ANALYSIS**
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
Tuition Fee Bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

**INVESTMENT BANKS**

**ACCOUNTING, FINANCE, BANKING AND ECONOMICS**

**INVESTMENT ANALYSIS**
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
Tuition Fee Bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

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MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
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**INVESTMENT BANKS**
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert TUTION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), D (Overseas)

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Currently the only Masters degree of its kind in the world, Stirling’s course gives you a unique opportunity to study the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of aquatic animal diseases in cultured organisms at the Institute of Aquaculture, one of the top institutions in this field. It 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 gain an understanding of the biology, husbandry and environment of farmed aquatic species.

CORE MODULES
- Principles of Aquaculture
- Aquaculture Systems
- Aquaculture Health Control

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/b

CAREER PROSPECTS
Many of our graduates have gone on to positions as fish health consultants or veterinarians. Other career options open to you upon graduation 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, either pursuing further research, undertaking PhD studies or gaining employment as university lecturers.

We're in an elite group of business schools globally – and one of only 14 in the UK for Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Sciences.REF 2014

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert TUTION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), D (Overseas)

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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 as an employer. Controlling disease is important to the ongoing success of this industry. This course provides you with training in the wide range of disciplines and skills you need for the investigation, prevention and control of aquatic animal diseases. You will gain an understanding of the biology, husbandry and environment of farmed aquatic species, as well as specialist expertise in aquatic animal diseases.

CORE MODULES
- Principles of Aquaculture
- Aquaculture Husbandry
- Aquaculture Systems
- Aquaculture Diagnosis Skills
- Aquaculture Diseases
- Aquaculture Health Control

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/a

CAREER PROSPECTS
- Epidemiology and Health Control
- Aquatic Animal Production Systems

At the University of Stirling Management School, the principle of responsible business, policy and practice is central to everything we do. This vision helps us to equip our students effectively with the skills to act as global citizens, capable of addressing the needs of society.

Our internationally recognised academies deliver an industry-focused curriculum, with a depth of knowledge in engagement with practice. As a member of the Chartered Association for Business Schools, we have strong links with industry and were recently awarded the Small Business Charter for engagement with local and regional enterprise.

We're in an elite group of business schools globally – and one of only 14 in the UK – to hold accreditation from the Association of MBA’s (AMBA) for both our MBA and MSc Business and Management (MBM) courses.

Students will also benefit from our Flying Start Leadership Programme, which is unique to Stirling, and provides postgraduate students with an intensive two-week schedule of activities that will develop leadership skills, build networks and enhance employability. See page 52 for more information.

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 in the following areas:
- Work and wellbeing
- Retailing
- Branding and marketing
- Social marketing
- Sociology of work
- Town centres
- Consumer behaviour
- Consumer cultures and society
- Socio-management

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

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT
Many graduates have built careers in global organisations including universities, research consultancies. Some have also pursued PhD studies.

CORE MODULES
• Personal and Professional Development
• Business and Management Research Methods
• Qualitative Methods for Management Research
• Understanding and Using Statistics
• Experiments for Decision Making in Business and Policy
• Survey Measurement and Analysis

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/gj

CAREER PROSPECTS
Our MBM prepares you to add value to your employer as soon as you start working. Many graduates have built careers in global corporations, while others have enjoyed considerable success as entrepreneurs. Some have also pursued PhD studies.

Business and Management Research Methods is a specialised degree that will provide you with the skills to carry out high-quality research into business, management, organisations and other related areas. You will work closely with lecturers and supervision, who are internationally recognised research experts, with strong track records in publishing findings of global significance. When you graduate, you will be a reflective, astute researcher who is aware of the assumptions, strengths and limitations of your research. You will be highly skilled in a multitude of management and organisational research techniques, and will be able to apply this knowledge to a wide variety of situations.

Our Masters in Business and Management Research Methods is accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council and the Scottish Graduate School of Social Science for the training of PhD students.

CORE MODULES
• Fundamentals and Philosophy of Management Research
• Qualitative Methods for Management Research 1
• Understanding and Using Statistics
• Qualitative Methods for Management Research 2
• Experiments for Decision Making in Business and Policy
• Survey Measurement and Analysis

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1dc

DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Our specialist Doctorate in Business Administration will provide you with the research competency of a PhD, together with an in-depth and reflective knowledge of management theory and practice. Aimed at experienced professionals and typically completed over three years of study, students on this course will acquire the professional skills and knowledge to carry out cutting-edge business and management research. You will also be prepared to successfully manage the pressures and challenges of an increasingly dynamic business environment, and to offer and create solutions to emerging issues.

This Doctorate gives you the skills and knowledge you need to lead in either an academic or a boardroom setting. You will have excellent opportunities to advance your career in management consultancy or senior management positions in private or public sector organisations. You could also go on to pursue an academic career in a wide range of institutional settings, both in the UK and internationally.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1dc
We work collaboratively with a number of organisations, including The Data Lab (Scotland's Data Science Innovation Centre), which 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.

Skilled computing and data science graduates are highly sought after by the sector, with a 160 percent increase in UK labour market demand for Big Data skills expected within the next three years, according to a recent European Commission report.

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 degree:

**Doctor of Big Data Science**

### RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

**We offer research options in the following areas:**

- Computational humanities
- Neuroinformatics
- Artificial intelligence
- Clinical decision support systems
- Language processing
- Process algebra
- Data mining
- Cognitive computing
- Modelling and analysis of complex systems

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

### Big Data

Big data is increasingly important in today's commercial landscape. As a data scientist specialising in big data, you will help companies make sense of large amounts of structured and unstructured data, providing rapid insights that enable them to make better, quicker decisions. Our Masters course will equip you with practical skills in big data technology, advanced analytics, and industrial and scientific applications.

Stirling is a member of The Data Lab, an Innovation Centre that aims to develop the data science talent and skills required by industry in Scotland. It facilitates industry involvement and collaboration, and provides funding and resources for students. On this course, you will learn cutting-edge technologies, including Python, R, Hadoop, NoSQL and Machine Learning.

### CORE MODULES

- Mathematical Foundations
- Numerical and Manipulating Data
- Relational and Non-Relational Databases
- Commercial and Scientific Applications
- Discretisation Algorithms
- Data Analytics
- Cluster Computing
- Evolutionary and Heuristic Optimisation

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1db

### CAREER PROSPECTS

Big data is a skill set that is in high demand. You will have opportunities with data-driven companies from a wide variety of sectors and command a salary that is typically higher than the IT average. The Stirling Masters will enable you to make industry connections that could benefit your future career.

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

As a Stirling Information Technology graduate, you will be in demand in a range of sectors including health, IT software organisations, service enterprises, engineering and construction firms, as well as in the retail sector. Roles secured by our recent graduates include Systems Analysts, IT Consultants and Applications Developers.

The degree is accredited by the Chartered Institute for IT (BCS) and meets part of the educational requirements for Chartered IT Professional (CITP) registration. CITP is the professional member level of the BCS.

CORE MODULES

• Principles and Practice of Programming
• Foundations of Information Technology
• Database Principles and Applications
• Networking and Technologies for Ecommerce
• Object-oriented Software Design
• Data Analytics

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/jg

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our course has been designed to equip you with the necessary skills to find employment as a software developer or system architect in the IT and computing industry. As a Stirling graduate, you will be in demand in a range of sectors including health, IT software organisations, service enterprises, engineering and construction firms, as well as in the retail sector.

Based within the Faculty of Social Sciences, our Education experts serve the Scottish education community, and have strong local and global professional networks and ties. Our work is important to the formal and non-formal education sectors, including early years, primary, secondary, tertiary and lifelong learning provisions in Scotland, through our quality initial and in-service teacher education, and continuing professional development courses.

We have expertise in pedagogy and engage in research and consultancy services in teacher education, language teaching and the continuing professional development of education practitioners.

At Stirling, we view education as having a vital role to play in developing society. Through our research and teaching, we are well placed to support those who want to make a difference to the world.

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 in TESOL Research
- PhD focused on educational research

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

Research areas:

• Curriculum and pedagogy
• Language and learning
• Philosophy of education
• Citizenship, participation and rights
• Digitisation in professional learning/education
• Professional leadership
• Professional and inter-professional learning and education
This Masters is a specialist practice-based course for aspiring and early-career school leaders and managers. The course contributes to the development of the knowledge and understanding required to articulate and enact informed strategic vision, values and aims in relation to leading change for improvement. Participants will develop and enhance their strategic leadership and management practices in a supportive, flexible, creative and challenging learning environment.

Prospective candidates for the Postgraduate Certificates Into Headship and In Headship must be sponsored by their local authority and applicants must apply through the Scottish College for Educational Leadership.

CORE MODULES
• Engaging Critically with Professional Practices
• Examining Professional Practices: Work-Based Learning
• Middle Leadership: Principles and Practices
• Into Headship 1
• Into Headship 2

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/yc/c

CAREER PROSPECTS
The Specialist Qualification for Headship is a nationally approved course developed in partnership with the Scottish College for Educational Leadership and other stakeholders across the education community. The PG Certificate into Headship enables candidates to demonstrate the Standard for Headship and is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

Into Headship will be a mandatory qualification for candidates applying for head teacher posts in Scotland from 2019. Graduates may also continue their studies through a PhD in Education.

The Specialist Qualification for Headship is accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland and is a condition of the standard for Headship.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/yc/c

CAREER PROSPECTS
Our Management and English Language Teaching course is for current and prospective English language teachers who also see themselves as potential managers of language teaching departments or schools. During this Masters course, you will learn the key knowledge and skills needed to be a professional teacher of English as a Foreign Language. In addition, you will develop the competencies to manage a multicultural working environment, through modules taught by the internationally renowned 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.

CORE MODULES
• Principles of Language Learning and Teaching
• Managing Across Cultures
• Applied Research Methods in ELT

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/18m

CAREER PROSPECTS
Our Masters course prepares you for a career in educational research, whether you plan to go on to a doctorate or take your research in other directions. Under the expert guidance of our team 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.

Students on this course graduate with a deeper understanding of the theoretical, ethical, political and comparative aspects of carrying out educational research. This course also covers digital methodologies, and you will be involved with cutting-edge research projects currently being carried out by staff in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1fp

CAREER PROSPECTS
The MSc TESOL is an advanced level course which provides a broad overview of the field of English language teaching and is ideal for a variety of careers, including positions with the British Council or in the teaching sector, enabling them to take on more responsibility in current or future roles overseas.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/18m

CAREER PROSPECTS
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 novice and experienced teachers, you will learn 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 on all continents of the world. Students can gain work experience through a wide range of overseas placements, including in 33 European countries through the Erasmus+ traineeships, and in Brazil through our partnership with São Paulo State University.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1fp

CAREER PROSPECTS
This course offers opportunities for professional development and will improve your prospects in a creative and challenging learning environment.

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1fp

CAREER PROSPECTS
This Masters provides high-quality career-long professional learning for those working in the education sector. It will develop and enhance knowledge, understanding and skills which support career-long professional development. We have designed it in partnership with local authorities to make sure it is up to date and relevant for furthering your career and improving your prospects.
This is the recognised teaching qualification for people who are already lecturing in further education – called in-service. The course is based on the Professional Standards for Lecturers in Scotland’s Colleges, and is fully accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

This course allows lecturers who already teach in a further education college, or similar environment, to complement their previous experience and qualifications with a post-graduate degree 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.

CORE MODULES
- Learner Identity and Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment

Plus, a choice of one of the following four core modules:
- Accreditation of prior Professional Development Award
- Professional Experiential Learning
- Adult Education
- Professional Practice

For more information about the In-Service course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/9f

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. Graduates are able to confidently seek employment as a further education lecturer. They could also go on to do further study.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Science students at the University of Stirling seek to understand the fundamental 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 anthropogenic change and natural hazards.

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 in the following areas:
- Conservation
- Plant ecology and biogeography
- Evolutionary ecology
- Environmental protection
- Environmental change
- Landscape history
- Biogeochemical cycling
- Terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems
- Environment, heritage and policy

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
TUITION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

Our Masters degree provides a solid grounding in the scientific principles that underpin environmental management. We cover topics including ecological, economic, social, political and legal aspects of environmental management, and give comprehensive training in quantitative, theoretical, analytical and practical skills. Established 30 years ago, this course is now widely recognised as an international leader in training environmental managers. Students learn to address issues such as adaptation to climate change, biodiversity and sustainable energy management. Students will also benefit from employability skills training, a residential field skills course and the chance to carry out a work-related dissertation.

CAREER PROSPECTS
Students choose three of these modules in the autumn:
- Analysis of Environmental Data
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Environmental Economics
- Field Techniques

Students choose three of these modules in the spring:
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Geomatics
- Energy Management
- Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- Environmental Impacts of Energy Production
- Tropical Ecology

The University of Stirling is extremely well respected in the industry and graduates have an excellent record in gaining employment in the environmental sector. Our graduates work for organisations such as environment protection agencies, major conservation bodies, local authorities and independent environmental consultancies, many in senior positions.

SUMMARY
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HEALTH SCIENCES

Studying Health Sciences at Stirling means being part of a team dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and the wider population. We pride ourselves on our research-led, practice-driven and people-focused ethos.

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport is committed to research that makes an impact on society and works closely with partners to ensure our work makes a difference in the world. Our taught postgraduate courses integrate academic learning, research and professional practice, and are designed to develop graduates with the employability skills required by their sector.

We are the premier research-intensive education and research provider for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals in Scotland, and have close links with industry, including NHS Forth Valley. Stirling was also the winner of the 2016 Student Nursing Times Award for ‘Nurse Education Provider of the Year’.

ADVANCING PRACTICE

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
TUITION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)
PT

Our Masters course is open to trained nurses and social and allied health professionals from a range of backgrounds and interests. It is designed for practitioners and managers who want to advance their knowledge and contribution to contemporary health and social care, within a position they currently hold. It will also suit those who want to develop new roles linked to the national clinical strategy for Scotland, with an emphasis on advanced practice.

Teaching at Stirling is practice-focused, with an emphasis on employability and transforming careers. Throughout, you will develop your leadership skills and critical thinking. You can graduate with a core or a specialist named award, displaying your particular critical knowledge and skills associated with advanced practice. All modules are related to the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework.

CORE MODULES
- Advanced Practitioner
- Methodologies for Project Work in Practice

PATHWAYS
You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MSc in Advancing Practice, or opt to specialise in the following pathway:
- MSc Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice)

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/caken

CAREER PROSPECTS
This flexible course aims to help nurses, allied health professions and social care practitioners to develop their professional role, leadership skills and contribution to their own area of practice, whether clinical practice, management or education, or practice development.

EARLY YEARS PRACTICE HEALTH VISITING

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
TUITION FEE BANDS: See course web page
PT

Delivered in collaboration with the NHS Board and local authority partners, this course provides nurses and midwives with an enhanced knowledge in health visiting practice. You will graduate with the required Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) qualification as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse.

Led by a group of world-leading academics, the course integrates both academic and practice learning, giving you the opportunity to connect theory and practice knowledge. You will learn the skills you need to respond to the demands of contemporary public health practice in the community, and to improve the standard of care for children, young people and their families.

CORE MODULES
- GIBREC – A Multi-Agency Approach to Practice
- Principles and Practice of Child and Family Health and Wellbeing
- Understanding Children and Young People with Dementia
- Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People
- Contemporary Leadership in Early Years Practice
- Health Visiting in Practice
- Early Years in Health Care (Health Visiting): Action Research

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/v

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. Most students will stay in their clinical speciality after graduating, but will use their enhanced research skills in their roles.

Health Research (Online)

MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert
TUITION FEE BANDS: See course web page
PT

Our Masters meets the growing demand for health professionals to be involved with research, clinical audits and quality improvement. It will suit people from a range of backgrounds, including health and social care professionals or those with qualifications in social or behavioural sciences. Taught entirely online, you can study whenever and wherever it suits you.

You will carry out a research placement (either virtually or on campus) working alongside researchers working on live projects. You will leave the course with an 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
- Quantitative Research and Analysis
- Research Ethics and Governance
- Study Design in Practice
- Research in Practice

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/v

CAREER PROSPECTS
This online course supports the development of expert knowledge in care of the older person. It helps prepare professionals in health, allied health, social care and not-for-profit sectors to deliver the specialist knowledge and skills required to support their practice. The course is ideal for graduates or experienced practitioners who want to make a difference in their practice and service delivery alongside older people in a range of settings.

Research opportunities

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

For more information about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

stir.ac.uk
We have specifically designed this new course for students who have an interest in public health research, policy and practice. It will be relevant to those who are planning a future public health career, either in the UK or abroad.

This interdisciplinary course is online, which is ideal for those who want a Masters qualification while working. The module choices are extremely flexible, which allows you to create a tailored programme that suits your own learning needs, interests and goals.

Students will graduate with an in-depth and unique insight into modern public health. The course also provides an excellent opportunity to interact with experts in the field. You will learn about public health theory, methods and evidence, and how to apply these to your work.

CORE MODULES
- What is Public Health?
- Epidemiology and its Numbers
- What is Public Health Research?
- Policy in the Real World

For more information about this course, see stir.ac.uk/1e3

CAREER PROSPECTS
You will graduate with the relevant theoretical and practical skills needed for a career as a public health researcher, policymaker or practitioner across the public private, voluntary, community and not-for-profit sectors.
This broad subject grouping brings together expert teaching and research on a number of themes, including: Private Law; Environmental and Energy Policy; Commercial Law; Public Law; Competition Law; and Intellectual Property Law.

Students studying Law at Stirling will benefit from our world-class academics, who offer innovative and distinctive multidisciplinary degrees, and provide graduates with an in-depth understanding of energy law and policy, as well as key areas of investment law, energy management and economics. Our Faculty of Arts and Humanities is also home to the Scottish Political Archive.

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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 career in the public sector and vocations that contribute to the development or delivery of public policy.

The course is extremely flexible and you can tailor it to fit your particular interests. If you want to use the degree to pursue research, you can take three modules in Applied Social Research. Alternatively, you could combine a focus on policy and research with options in areas like law, economics, behavioural science, social marketing, and energy, environmental and international politics.

**CORE MODULES**
- **How Does the Policy Process Work?**
- **Policymaking: Theories, Approaches and Applications**

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/jj

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
You will graduate with subject-specific knowledge of the policy process as well as transferable skills in research and analysis. Previous graduates have entered government, the voluntary sector, and private companies offering research and policy analysis. The degree also equips you to study a PhD.

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**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; Scottish Literature, Humanities, Translation Studies; and The Gothic Imagination.

As a student within the literature and languages cohort, you will have access to a vibrant, transdisciplinary team of academics, whose research-led curriculum focuses on a spectrum of topics from Book History and Creative Writing, to Religion and Scottish Studies.

Our staff also give us important links to other sectors and practitioners in Scotland and further afield. For example, Publishing Studies staff provide links with the publishing industry, while academics within Creative Writing regularly invite established and renowned writers to give workshops and readings on campus.

**CORE MODULES**
- **Writers’ Workshop A**
- **Writers’ Workshop B**
- **Writers’ Workshop C**
- **The Writing Life**
- **Research Skills for Writers**

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/g

**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.

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**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

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:
- **MPhil in Humanities**
- **MPhil in Renaissance Studies**

To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a
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. The course provides a grounding in theories and methods essential for a range of careers. You will graduate with a knowledge of contemporary linguistic theories and their application in a wider cultural context, including both generative and cognitive approaches to linguistic description, and the contexts in which these theories arose.

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

Our Masters provides you with a solid grounding for a wide range of positions. Many of our graduates go on to careers in areas such as teaching, private and public sector management and research, marketing and advertising, government administration, journalism, banking and finance, while others have gone into specialist areas like linguistic consultancy and speech therapy.

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**PUBLISHING STUDIES**

**MRes, PG Dip, PG Cert**

**TUITION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)**

**FT/PT**

The Stirling Centre for International Publishing and Communication has a global reputation for its postgraduate degrees in publishing, its research activities and its industry links. Our Masters covers all forms of publishing, including book, magazine, journal and digital publishing. You will learn about the whole process of planning, editing, production, marketing and publication management in print and digital environments. We update the content every year to reflect the rapid changes that transform the industry, so students will leave with cutting-edge skills and knowledge of current publishing industry practice and standards. All the staff in the Stirling Centre for International Publishing and Communication have a background working in the industry, and extensive contacts within publishing.

**CORE MODULES**

- Portfolio of Work
- Skills Training for Publishing

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/23

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

This research-focused Masters course can be used to advance existing publishing careers or for students to pursue further study at PhD level. The course offers excellent employability prospects and we have over 30 years of graduates now working in the publishing and related industries across the world.

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**LITERATURE AND LANGUAGES**

**MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert**

**TUITION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)**

**FT/PT**

Available in four languages paired with English, French, German and Spanish (one of which must be your native language).

Our Masters course has a strong focus on practical translation and specific situations in which people communicate with one another across different cultures. You will study a balanced mix of translation skills, theoretical methodologies and computer-based technologies. These skills are all highly relevant to a career as a translator.

Through seminars led by experts in intercultural communication, you will examine some major debates around the opportunities and problems that arise when people from different cultures communicate and translate. There will also be some opportunity for work-related study and exercises, as well as a chance to develop your skills using translation software packages.

A world of globalisation and multilingual, multimedia media, your translation skills gained so far will set you apart from the crowd.

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

Our Masters equips you with many skills and abilities that are sought after by employers across the private and public sectors. Many previous graduates of the course have gone on to study a PhD, and our graduates have pursued successful careers in such fields as teaching, publishing, research, academia, advertising, journalism and the film industry.

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**SCOTTISH LITERATURE**

**MLitt, PG Dip, PG Cert**

**TUITION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)**

**FT/PT**

With debate continuing over Scotland’s political status, this course examines the role of literature in shaping the image and reality of the nation. You will learn to view Scottish writing in the light of this ambiguity, from a perspective shaped by critical theory as well as traditional literary history.

Stirling’s postgraduate degree in Scottish Literature focuses on the strong role played by literature in sustaining the reality and difference of Scottish culture over the past three centuries. Ranging across four centuries of the Scottish literary imagination, this course explores key figures, texts and debates from the period of Robert Burns (1759) to the present, often placing literary writing at the heart of cultural and political debate.

Students do not need to have any previous experience in studying Scottish Literature.

**CORE MODULES**

- Regal Union to Empire
- Scottish Renaissance
- Romantic/modernist Engagements
- Training for Masters in Arts and Humanities

**PATHWAYS**

You can work towards our core Masters degree, the MLitt in Scottish Literature, or opt to specialise in the following pathway:

- MLitt in Scottish Literature (Creative Writing)

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/1e2

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

Advanced education in the Arts, the practical experience of research and producing a dissertation are significant transferable skills for many careers in business and the professions. Our graduates have gone on to a variety of roles in recent years, including research, teaching, journalism and editing. Many others have progressed on to study a PhD.
TRANSLATION STUDIES WITH TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
TUITION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)
FT/PT

Available in four languages paired with English: Chinese, French, German and Spanish (one of which must be your native language).

Our Masters course has a strong focus on practical translation and on specific situations in which people communicate with one another across cultures. You will also benefit from a sustained focus on contemporary theory and practice in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Stirling’s course is one of only a small number in the UK offering this combination.

In the Translation part of the course, you will carry out extensive practical translation work and have considerable flexibility in choosing the areas of translation you want to specialise in. In the TESOL part of the course you will learn linguistics and TESOL methodologies, and develop your teaching practice through class observation and peer assessment of your lesson planning and teaching.

CORE MODULES
- Portfolio of Translation
- Cultural Translation and Transfer
- Methodology (TESOL)
- Terminology and Translation Project Management
- Microteaching (TESOL)

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/7u

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters degree examines the history and context of the development of key feminist debates, exploring commonalities and differences in the ways they have played out in a range of contemporary, historical and global cultures. It delves into the ways in which academic debate informs, is shaped by and is – at times – distanced from how gender ‘works’ in real-world contexts.

Housed in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, you will have access to events and speakers throughout the year. You will leave the course confident of your ability to apply classroom learning to real-world contexts.

CORE MODULES
- Understanding Gender
- Feminist Research
- Key Feminist Thinkers
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/ji

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Masters course combines in-depth knowledge of gender studies with the transferrable skills in research and analysis that are indispensable in a range of public, private and third-sector organisations. The course can also serve as a launching pad for further postgraduate studies.

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
TUITION FEE BANDS: E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)
FT/PT

Flexible pathways available

This interdisciplinary course provides you with the very best theoretical and practical skills in gender analysis and research. It has been developed by specialists who are passionately engaged with gender, feminist and queer issues.

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Our course gives you an exciting opportunity to study for your Masters in Vietnam while being enrolled at the University of Stirling. It is delivered in English by academics from the University, with teaching from Western educated local media specialists and leading Vietnamese media practitioners.

You will gain a thorough grounding in communications management, including marketing, branding, internal and crisis management, media economics, and social media community management. You will improve your management skills as well as your analytical perspective on the communications and media industries.

**CORE MODULES**
- Organisation and Management
- Foundations of Communication
- Media Economics
- International Communications
- Integrated Marketing Communications
- PR Technology (online)
- Research Methods
- Corporate Communication

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/tp

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
As a Media and Communications Management graduate, you will leave with a comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of the subject. Many former students are successful practitioners, entrepreneurs and executives in the media and communications industry, as well as other fields. They regularly return to share their professional experience with current students.

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The Media Management BSc is a course to share their professional experience with practitioners, entrepreneurs and executives in the media industry. This course continually evolves to keep up with the rapidly changing media landscape. Students will benefit from being taught by highly qualified, international-standard tutors, and will graduate with strong management skills and an analytical perspective on the media industry. You will also have an understanding of the evolving regulatory and policy environment in which the media operates. This course provides a theoretical and case-study-based foundation in media economics, finance and business strategy. With advanced study in contemporary media and cultural theories training in appropriate research methodologies.

**CORE MODULES**
- Global Creative Industries
- Mass Media Research Methods
- Media Regulation and Policy
- Digital Culture for Media Managers

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/mp

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
You will leave this course with a range of practical skills and attributes that are widely sought after by employers. Our graduates are located throughout the world, successfully working in a variety of organisations and roles, both in media and in other fields.

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The MSt in Media Management offers excellent preparation for meeting the challenges posed by unprecedented changes and increased competition in the media industries. This course continually evolves to keep up with the rapidly changing media landscape. Students will benefit from being taught by highly qualified, international-standard tutors, and will graduate with strong management skills and an analytical perspective on the media industry. You will also have an understanding of the evolving regulatory and policy environment in which the media operates. This course provides a theoretical and case-study-based foundation in media economics, finance and business strategy. With advanced study in contemporary media and cultural theories training in appropriate research methodologies.

**CORE MODULES**
- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Media Research Methods 1
- Applied Methods
- Qualitative Data Analysis

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/mf

**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 for media research for industry, marketing and advertising research, that production research. Graduates have successfully developed careers as academic researchers in a range of media-industry-related careers.

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**IN SCOTLAND AND TOP 15 IN THE UK FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA**

The Times Good University Guide 2017

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**IN SCOTLAND AND 6TH IN THE UK FOR MEDIA AND FILM STUDIES**

The Guardian University Guide 2018

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The Strirling 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. Jointly taught by leading academics in media and social science research, you will gain both a theoretical and practical understanding of social science research methods, and how to apply these to the media and cultural industries. Covering social sciences and humanities approaches, our interdisciplinary Masters will give you a solid, extensive training in advanced media research methods. You will be encouraged to explore your own research interests, gain real-world experience of research and develop your own approach to research throughout the course.

**CORE MODULES**
- Research Design and Process
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Media Research Methods
- Applied Methods
- Quantitative Data Analysis

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/ms

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
You can expect to have an excellent understanding of the theory behind public relations, and have many opportunities to put this theory into practice. We are continually updating the course in line with new advances, including how communication campaigns may successfully integrate digital media. Field trips and guest lectures offer the opportunity to discuss strategic communication issues with leading practitioners. These also give you networking opportunities and an understanding of current best practice. The course is recognised by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

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Combined study with work or other personal commitments with our flexible online Masters. This course gives you a thorough understanding of the role of public relations in contemporary society, as well as developing key analytical, management and communication skills that are tested through a variety of academic assessments and practical exercises. By the end of your studies, you will have the necessary skills to work at managerial level in public relations. You will be able to analyse environments, issues, organisational cultures and relationships, as well as set objectives, evaluate and implement public relations strategies.

**CORE MODULES**
- Public Relations and Public Communication Theories
- Strategic Public Relations Planning
- Research for Dissertation
- Public Affairs and Advocacy

Plus, a choice of one of the following core modules:
- Public Relations and Digital Media
- Media Relations and Production
- Strategic Communications Research Design Placement

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/sp

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
Our Masters will suit those who want managerial careers in public relations, organisational communication, corporate communication, and public relations management. Our alumni are to be found around the globe, in public, private and voluntary sectors. Many graduates work in PR consultancy roles for companies around the world, or have started their own business. Others stay in academia, going on to gain PhDs and then work as lecturers, teaching and researching in universities.
Psychology at Stirling brings together complementary perspectives to address fundamental psychological questions, with activities falling under three main themes. Each explores a number of different research populations to improve our understanding of behaviour, welfare, communication and cognition.

Our three research groups are:

- Behaviour and Evolution
- Centre for Health and Behaviour Change
- Cognition in Complex Environments

Psychology students at Stirling aim to understand mind and behaviour in rich, complex, real-world physical and social environments. Our teaching is research-led, and we have key societal impact in areas such as improving face recognition, welfare of captive animals, and human health and wellbeing.

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

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

We offer the following research postgraduate degree:

**Doctor of Health Psychology**

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

**CHOICE OF COURSES**

- **Health Psychology**
  - MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
  - **Tuition fee bands:** E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)
  - **FT/PT**
  - If you are looking to become a Health Psychologist, this course is for you. Our Master’s degree meets the British Psychological Society’s requirements for Stage 1 training in Health Psychology, giving you the skills you need for professional training (Stage 2) to become an enrolled Health Psychologist.

- **Human–Animal Interaction**
  - MA, MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
  - **Tuition fee bands:** E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)
  - **FT/PT**
  - This course will introduce you to interdisciplinary approaches and a diverse range of methods used to research our relationships with other species. It introduces you to 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.

- **Psychological Therapy in Primary Care**
  - MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
  - **Tuition fee bands:** See course webpage
  - This 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 you need to work as a clinical associate in Applied Psychology within the NHS.

**For more information about this course, visit:** stir.ac.uk/sib

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

Our Masters provides you with the first stage of professional training towards becoming a health psychologist. Students intending to go on to become registered Health Psychologists can achieve this by working in healthcare or in academic posts. There are opportunities in mental health, health education or health promotion, or in community-based health improvement projects.

For more information about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/9a

**FOR DETAILS ON OUR PSYCHOLOGY OF SPORT COURSE, SEE PAGE 107.**
Psychological Research Methods (General) course provides broad training in the fundamentals of psychological science - the modern approach to studying mind and behaviour. This course combines training in psychological theory with practical skills 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 the General pathway is flexibility - you will be free to investigate a wide array of topics across the discipline. This aims to encourage an 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. Study on this course are an integral part of Stirling Psychology's research community.

Core Modules
- Psychological Research Methods (General)
- Psychological Research Methods I and II
- Analysis of Psychological Research
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers

Pathways
The following specialist pathways are available:
- Autism Research
- Bilingualism Research
- Child Development
- Cognition and Neuropsychology
- Evolutionary Psychology
- Perception and Action
- Psychology of Faces

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/c0/3rd

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 well placed for careers in clinical and health psychology, educational psychology and teaching, human resource management and personnel. The skills you gain are also readily transferable to other careers. You will meet the growing sector demand for a good understanding of human behaviour, the ability to interpret and analyse complex forms of data and communicate your ideas clearly with others.

100% of psychological research rated world-leading or internationally excellent REF2014

The Psychological Research Methods (Cognition and Neuropsychology) course provides broad training in the fundamentals of psychological science. The course combines training in psychological theory with practical skills development, alongside a thorough introduction to quantitative and qualitative research, the analysis and interpretation of data, and a critical, sceptical approach to psychological science.

Opportunities for practical hands-on skills development are built in, ranging from low-tech observational assessment to high-tech eye-tracking, and including training on giving oral presentations. A self-reflexive approach to personal development is encouraged, and students on this course are an integral part of Stirling Psychology's research community.

Core Modules
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers
- Cognition and Neuropsychology
- Analysis Methods in Psychological Research
- Key Skills for Psychology Researchers

Career Prospects
For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/c2/3rd
Our Evolutionary Psychology pathway is the ideal preparation for a research career, enabling you to progress to a PhD in the areas of evolutionary psychology, comparative cognition or animal behaviour. If you are already working in this field, this Masters can also be valuable for continuing your professional development.

You will benefit from the expertise of our leading researchers in evolutionary psychology, who have particular interests in cultural evolution and language, social learning and mate choice. Students will also be able to take advantage of our on-site and overseas labs, field sites and close-industry links. For example, the University works closely with the Living Links to Human Evolution Research Centre at Edinburgh Zoo.

CAREER PROSPECTS
The Evolutionary Psychology pathway will prepare you for a research career in evolutionary approaches to behaviour, especially those intending to proceed to a PhD. You will become an integral member of our lively and active research group and will be supported in making the complex transition towards being an independent research scientist. The placement opportunity also allows considerable scope for those interested in more applied areas to develop relevant skills for these careers. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for an ESRC 1+3 studentship.

Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for an ESRC 1+3 studentship. The University of Stirling has a long history of expertise in face research. Our internationally renowned team of experts study almost all aspects of face perception, including low-level visual processing, adaptation, face perception, social perception such as mate preference and attractiveness, mechanisms of recognition, and forensic aspects such as unfamiliar face matching and eye-witness recovery of memories for faces.

This research has led to EvoFIT, a unique system for constructing facial composites of offenders by witnesses and victims of crime, which has a suspect identification rate ten times higher than traditional methods used by police. You will become part of this vibrant research community as you study the key research methods related to face research and will put your learning into practice during a month-long placement.

CORE MODULES
• Psychology of Faces
• Psychological Research Methods I and II
• Key Skills for Psychology Researchers

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/7z

CAREER PROSPECTS
This course prepares you for a research career involving perception in action and is ideal if you intend to study for a PhD in Psychology. Students who complete this MSc may also be eligible to apply for an ESRC 1+3 studentship.

We offer an established, research-led suite of taught postgraduate courses, including our ESRC-recognised courses in Social Research and our externally accredited professional courses in Educational Leadership, Housing Studies and Social Work Studies. Each course is designed to equip our students with the practical and transferable knowledge necessary to meet the complex demands of professional practice.

Students will also benefit from partnerships with a number of research centres and networks, including the Centre for Child Wellbeing and Protection (CSCP); the Dementia Services Development Centre (DSDC); ProPEL: Professional Practice, Education and Learning; and the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research.
This Masters course provides you with the skills and knowledge you need to carry out robust social research and evaluation. You will learn how to collect, analyse and report qualitative and quantitative data, taking account of ethics, reliability and validity. You will critically examine the theoretical foundations that underpin social scientific research and explore the issues with social network research. Finally, you will develop an understanding of the relationship between research and policymaking.

The course meets Economic and Social Research Council requirements for postgraduate research training.

**CORE MODULES**
- Nature of Social Enquiry
- Research Design and Process
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Social Network Research
- Policy Analysis and Evaluation Research

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/8f

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
You will graduate with the skills you need for a career in research, research management or research commissioning in the public, voluntary or private sectors. Employability is an important focus of the course. During your studies you will have the opportunity to carry out a research placement to gain practical experience and establish relevant professional contacts.

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In a rapidly changing world, social statistics is an important area within applied social research, offering you employment opportunities in the private, public and voluntary sectors, as well as further study. The course is designed to provide you with the technical skillset you need to undertake a PhD.

**CORE MODULES**
- Research Design and Process
- Introduction to IT and Library Services
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Research Methods in Crime and Criminal Justice Studies
- Criminological Perspectives
- Criminalisation, Social Control and Human Rights

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/wt

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
Social statistics is an important area within applied social research, offering you employment opportunities in the private, public and voluntary sectors, as well as further study. You will become part of an online international community of fellow students and academics committed to improving dementia practice and the experience of people living with the condition. The course encourages collaborative, interdisciplinary, critical learning, and is dedicated to creating leaders of change in dementia care.

**CORE MODULES**
- Critical and Creative Approaches to Dementia
- Demographic Environment
- Critical and Reflective Thinking in Dementia Studies
- Enhancing Dementia Practice
- Living with Dementia
- Understanding and Evaluating Dementia
- Understanding Human Trajectories of Clinical and Researching Dementia
- Researching Quality of Life with Dementia: Approaches and Methods
- Developing a Dementia Research Proposal

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/6i

**CAREER PROSPECTS**
Our course is for experienced professionals from all relevant disciplines and enables you to study while continuing to work in your existing post. After graduation, some students have moved to more specialised posts, while others have secured a promotion, undertaken further research or become involved in training.

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With the number of people living with dementia across the world expected to double in the next 20 years, this innovative e-learning course has been developed to provide you with an in-depth, research-based knowledge of dementia and approaches to dementia care. Run by a team of academic experts who are active researchers in this field, we offer Dementia Studies as a distance learning postgraduate course. It includes the latest theories, innovations and best practice in dementia care, an overview of policy drivers and initiatives, and a grounding in academic and research skills.

**CORE MODULES**
- Critical and Creative Approaches to Dementia
- Demographic Environment
- Critical and Reflective Thinking in Dementia Studies
- Enhancing Dementia Practice
- Living with Dementia
- Understanding and Evaluating Dementia
- Understanding Human Trajectories of Clinical
- Researching Dementia
- Researching Quality of Life with Dementia: Approaches and Methods
- Developing a Dementia Research Proposal

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Housing Studies

**MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert**

**TUITION FEE BANDS:** See course web page

**PT**

Providing Housing Services

Theory and Practice: Crime, Welfare

Healthy Housing

Measuring Social Outcomes and Impacts

Housing Finance and Strategy

Housing Governance

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Theory and Practice of Social Work

Human Development and Family Contexts

Core Modules

- Providing Housing Services
- Sustainable Communities
- Housing Governance
- Housing Finance and Strategy
- Healthy Housing
- Organisational Behaviour
- Contemporary Housing Practice (including 10-week internship placement)

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/11u

**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 key government initiatives and policy areas.

Social Enterprise

**MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert**

**TUITION FEE BANDS:** See course web page

**FT/PT**

Social enterprises are becoming an increasingly important engine for economic and employment growth. Our Masters degree has been created to support this dynamic sector and help you meet the ongoing challenges of commercial viability, innovation and sustainability. If you are a professional working within a social enterprise or are interested in creating an enterprise of your own, then this course will provide you with the tools and knowledge you need.

With a focus on the things that matter to social enterprises, you will learn how to deliver excellent social and high social value, build and maintain stakeholder support, secure funding, and measure and communicate success. With flexibility built into the course, you can opt to gain expertise in specific sectors or functional areas of business depending on your own personal requirements or the needs of your organisation.

Core Modules

- Understanding Social Enterprise
- Delivering Excellence in Social Enterprise
- Measuring Social Outcomes and Impacts
- Research and Development in Social Enterprise

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/au

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

If you run or are involved in a social enterprise, this course will provide a solid grounding in the skills, knowledge and expertise needed for an organisation to succeed. If you are a professional responsible for advising social enterprises, then you will graduate with greater insight into this exciting sector and how you can help it to thrive.

Social Work Studies

**MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert**

**TUITION FEE BANDS:** E (Home/EU), A (Overseas)

**FT/PT**

If you want a career that is rewarding and makes a positive contribution to society, then social work could be for you. Stirling is the highest-ranked provider of social work qualifications in Scotland and the third highest in the UK.

Our course is taught by world leaders in their field, and many of our academic staff continue to practice as social workers. Your studies will give you access to contributions from carers and people who have used social work services. 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.

Core Modules

- Human Development and Family Contacts
- Theory and Practice of Social Work
- Research Methods
- Practice Learning 1 and 2
- Critical Approaches to Theory and Practice: Children, Families and Society
- Theory and Practice: Crime, Welfare and Justice
- Theory and Practice: Health, Illness and Disability
- Dissertation

For more information about this course, including optional modules, visit: stir.ac.uk/28

**CAREER PROSPECTS**

This Postgraduate Diploma and MSc is recognised throughout the UK and is your ‘licence to practise’ as a qualified social worker. You can work in community-based teams, hospitals, day and residential centres and voluntary agency projects. In Scotland and Northern Ireland, the qualification also enables you to work in social work in prisons and criminal justice teams.
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, research-led postgraduate and CPD programmes, and brings together world-leading academics to deliver high-quality teaching in coaching, health and exercise science, management, and psychology.

Our mission is to be the natural first choice for everyone with an interest in health and sport, to develop global citizens through internationally relevant curricula, and to deliver excellence in teaching and learning through our research-driven approach.

Performance sport at Stirling also benefits our postgraduate community by providing access to elite-level athletes and industry networks, with a number of sports agencies based on the University campus.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
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 in the following areas:
- Sport culture
- Sport management
- Health and exercise science
- Sport psychology
- Coaching and performance
- Athlete physiology
- Sport nutrition

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

SPORT MANAGEMENT

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
Tuition Fee Bands: See course web page

CORE MODULES
- Application of Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Social Psychology of Sport and Exercise
- Research Methods for Sport
- Key Readings in Sport and Exercise Psychology
- Public Practice in Sport and Exercise Psychology

CAREER PROSPECTS
This course gives students a strong foundation for a career in psychology. It is focused on the field of sport and exercise psychology, but we expect graduates to choose a broad range of careers. Graduates may go on to various sport and health roles, positions in the science industry, or careers in the civil service and government.

SPORT NUTRITION

MSc
Tuition Fee Bands: See course web page

1st in the UK and 3rd in Europe for Sport Management

SportBusiness International Postgraduate Sports Course Rankings 2016

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
Tuition Fee Bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

CORE MODULES
- Principles of Management in Sport
- Sports Finance
- Research Methods for Sport
- Professional Practice
- Sport Event Management
- Sport Management Challenges
- Sport Marketing

CAREER PROSPECTS
This Masters will prepare you for a career in sport management with a local authority, commercial organisation or voluntary sports organisation like a governing body of sport. A key benefit of the course is that you will leave with an in-depth knowledge of management that you could apply in other sectors too.

SPORT PSYCHOLOGY

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
Tuition Fee Bands: E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

CORE MODULES
- Applied Coaching Project
- Coaching Concepts
- The Coaching Process
- Coaching as learning
- Independent Study
- Understanding Performance
- Performance Analysis and Planning

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

PERFORMANCE COACHING (ONLINE)

MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert
Tuition Fee Bands: See course web page

FT/PT

Stirling offers the only sports psychology Masters in Scotland that is accredited by the British Psychological Society. This interdisciplinary course has a broad focus, designed to meet the needs of this growing industry. You will develop a critical understanding of contemporary theory and research, which you will be able to put into practice to facilitate better performances by individuals and teams.

You will have the chance to tailor your learning and develop your specific interests using both quantitative and qualitative research. The course is taught by a team of highly qualified academics with strong consultancy and research experience.

1st in the UK and 3rd in Europe for Sport Management

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MSc
Tuition Fee Bands: See course web page

FT/PT

Sports 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.

Our Masters degree focuses on the science behind sports nutrition, and is designed specifically for students who already have an 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.

During the 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.

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.

TUITION FEE BANDS:
E (Home/EU), B (Overseas)

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Deciding to pursue a postgraduate qualification can be a huge career step, and we know you might have some questions.

Applications and Admissions
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- graduate.admissions@stir.ac.uk

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- graduate.admissions@stir.ac.uk

Student Accommodation
Accommodation Services are responsible for all University-owned accommodation. For full details on when and how to apply, costs, and different accommodation options, you can visit us online or contact:

- +44 (0) 1786 467 060
- pgfamilyaccommodation@stir.ac.uk

Student Support
Student Support Services provide a wide range of support services to assist you during the course of your studies and to help prepare you for life after graduation. Services include:

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- Money Advice
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For more information, contact:

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Student Visas and Immigration
If you’re an international student, the International Advisors Team will be able to offer you advice and support during the visa application process and throughout your studies. Services include enquiries regarding immigration statuses, application processes and visa extensions.

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- international@stir.ac.uk

Students’ Union
The Students’ Union is not just about clubs and societies. It’s an organisation dedicated to making students’ lives better, and offers a range of dynamic support services.

Find out more by contacting:

- +44 (0) 1786 467 166
- www.stirlingstudentsunion.com

Visiting the Campus and General Enquiries
If you’d like to arrange a visit to our beautiful campus, or would like to speak to a member of our Student Recruitment Team, please contact:

- +44 (0) 1786 467 046
- international@stir.ac.uk
CAMPUS LOCATION

GETTING AROUND THE CITY
It’s easy to get from Stirling to the campus – you can walk, cycle or take the bus.

TRAVELLING BY CAR
When coming onto campus by car, you will have the option to buy a parking permit or use the on-campus pay and display.

TRAVELLING BY BUS
There are Uni Link bus services between the University and city centre that run every 10 minutes during semester time. National bus operators also offer frequent services that run to Edinburgh, Glasgow and other major UK destinations.

TRAVELLING BY TRAIN
Trains depart from Bridge of Allan or Stirling stations and run across the UK. On average, there’s a train to Glasgow or Edinburgh every 30 minutes – more at peak times.

TRAVELLING FURTHER
Scotland’s two main international airports are less than an hour away by car. You can reach other airports by public transport, too. There’s also a direct transfer service provided by Stirling Direct, the University’s airport pick-up service.

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Belfast: 40mins
Birmingham: 1hr 20mins
Cardiff: 1hr 30mins
London: 1hr 15mins
Manchester: 1hr 5mins

BY TRAIN TO STIRLING
Birmingham: 5hrs
Edinburgh: 55mins
Glasgow: 35mins
London: 5hrs 30mins
Manchester: 4hrs 20mins
Newcastle: 2hrs 30mins

BY CAR TO STIRLING
Birmingham: 4hrs 30mins
Cardiff: 6hrs 30mins
London: 3hrs
Manchester: 3hrs 45mins
Newcastle: 3hrs

BY FERRY AND CAR FROM BELFAST TO STIRLING
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