Welcome to the University of Stirling

Congratulations on gaining a place to study at the University of Stirling. I’m delighted to welcome you and your family to our beautiful campus. This is an exciting time for you as you begin your studies, make new friends and discover all the University has to offer.

I am confident that you will enjoy your time here. We are ranked first in Scotland and third in the UK for student employability and generations of students say that the experience here was one of the most fulfilling chapters in their lives.

Stirling is a great place to study. We have an enviable record in providing the best teaching and learning backed up by an excellent research reputation which means you will be taught by world-leading experts.

Over the years your family has given you practical, emotional and financial support. I’m sure that support will continue as you begin your studies. To help, we run a Family Programme that will keep those close to you informed about life at the University giving them an insight into your experience as a student.

Freshers’ Week offers a wide range of activities to give you the best possible start to University life. You will discover that we are a caring community, with a broad range of high quality student support services to help you access development opportunities and provide you with advice and guidance on a wide range of issues. We also have an active Students’ Union, run for students by students, and we encourage you to get involved. Enjoy the next few years: they will change your life.

Professor Gerry McCormac
Principal and Vice-Chancellor

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Welcome sessions

We know that the transition to university can be overwhelming so, to help you settle in, we offer Welcome sessions for our new students and their families. We are sure you will have lots of questions, so please join us for our Families’ Welcome Reception and Essential Guide for Parents talk. We are here to help, and to ensure that you leave the campus informed, reassured and excited for their future.

Families’ Welcome Reception
Saturday 9 September at 2.30pm, Macrobert Arts Centre
Family members and new students are invited to attend our Families’ Welcome Reception. After a welcome from our Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gerry McCormac, you will hear from Astrid Smallenbroeck, Students’ Union President, Jill Stevenson, Head of Student Support Services and Cathy Gallagher, Director of Sport. We then invite you to enjoy light refreshments and meet staff from across the University who can answer your questions.

Essential Guide for Parents to University Life
Saturday 9 September at 12 - 1pm, Lecture Theatre A3, Cottrell Building
This session is designed exclusively for parents of new students and provides the ideal opportunity to find out about the numerous support services we have at the University.

International and Postgraduate Students’ Welcome Reception
Tuesday 12 September from 6pm
Are you an international or postgraduate student? Please join us for an informal welcome reception hosted by the Dean of Internationalisation, Professor Leigh Robinson. She will be joined by the President of the Students’ Union, Astrid Smallenbroeck, and by Councillor Chris Kane, Bailie of Stirling Council.

Don’t miss out...

Not sure what to do or where to go? See below for the information and sessions you really can’t miss.

First Week timetables
Check your First Week timetable online for details of our induction week activities, or pick up a copy from the Atrium, Andrew Miller Building for details, venues and times of activities.

Student ID Card
Make sure you collect your student ID card, available from Sunday - it’s a student must-have!

Register for the Health and Dental Services (Sun/Mon)
Staff from the on-campus medical centre and dental service will be available to answer questions and register you at the practices.

Essential Student Guide to Library and IT Services (Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri)
Learn all about the Library and IT services at Stirling including how to print/copy, student email and using the Library.

Maker Space – experience new technologies! (Mon/Fri)
The Library will be hosting a ‘Maker Space’, courtesy of Stirling Council libraries. This will include new technologies such as 3d printing and scanning, robotics and much more. Come along and try your hand at the technology of the future.

How to be a successful student (Wed)
This workshop explores some of the skills undergraduate students need to be successful. Learn what is expected of you, and hints and tips on managing your assignments.

Write it right – positive ways to approach writing and referencing (Wed)
This workshop explores the expectations around academic writing at University. There will be a particular focus on using ‘evidence’ within your work, referencing and avoiding plagiarism.

Booker Prize Foundation’s Universities Initiative

Are you a first year undergraduate student? Make sure you collect your FREE copy of Graeme Macrae Burnet’s acclaimed book, His Bloody Project when you collect your student ID card. This gift is part of an international initiative to encourage students to read contemporary fiction and is jointly funded by The Booker Prize Foundation and the University of Stirling. This year’s book, His Bloody Project, was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize in 2016, and Graeme Macrae Burnet will visit the campus on Wednesday 15 November to talk about his novel. Make sure you register in advance at stir.ac.uk/events - this event is open to all!
Information Hub

Visit our dedicated Information Hub in the Atrium, Andrew Miller Building, where our teams will be happy to answer your questions.

Student Information Desk
From semesters to supermarkets, the team on the Information Desk will be happy to answer your questions (or to point you in the right direction at least!)

BaxterStorey
Speak to representatives from BaxterStorey, the University’s catering provider, about their cashless purchasing system for students. Don’t forget to try the free samples in the Atrium!

Careers and Employability Service
Let us help you to #bethedifference. Right from the start of the academic year, you will have opportunities to make friends, find part-time work and develop your employability skills. Visit our stand to find out how we can help.

Electoral Registration
New to Stirling? Don’t miss the chance to vote in the next election. Find out how you can join the Electoral Register and ensure you are eligible to vote.

University of Stirling Family Programme
Our Family Programme offers parents and family members the opportunity to get involved and become part of our wider community – make this your university too by signing up today.

Santander Bank
The University of Stirling is part of the international Santander Universities network. Find out how you can benefit from Santander funding opportunities and from our general banking services during your time at Stirling.

FREE Guest Wi-Fi
Go to UoS Guest Wi-Fi to register and follow the on-screen instructions.

Sports Centre
If you haven’t already done so via the University Portal, visit our stand to sign up for our fantastic value-for-money Sports Centre membership deal.

STEER mentors
STEER is a University-wide Student Peer Support Scheme providing Mentors or Buddies, for any Undergraduate or Taught Postgraduate student respectively, in their first year at the University.

Stirling Court Hotel
The Stirling Venues team will be on hand with information and offers for the on-campus, 100 bedroom Stirling Court Hotel. It’s the perfect choice if friends and family are visiting during term time.

Student Learning Services
Student Learning Services can work with you to make your learning enjoyable and to ensure you get the best grades possible. Come and find out more about our workshops, resources and tutorials.

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The Students’ Union

The Union represents and serves the interests of students, both within the University and beyond. Union Officers provide peer guidance and representation at a local and national level as well as administering and supporting over 100 clubs, societies and sports teams.

Look out for them and the Freshers’ Team (F Team) who are on hand to help you move into your new accommodation and provide all the information you need to know to help make Freshers 2017 the best week ever!

Visit us in the Atrium to get Freshers’ Week off to the best possible start. Pick up your Freshers’ Week lanyards, meet the F Team and get your Freshers’ event tickets, University hoodie and NUS Extra card. #stirfreshers17

Student Support Services

We’re here to help you get the most out of University, and to help you with any support needs. That includes advice on budgeting, financial support, welfare and housing, support for disabled students, counselling and wellbeing support. Pop in to visit us in the Student Services Hub in Room 2A1, Queen’s Court Reception, Cottrell Building, or send an email to ask@stir.ac.uk
Family Programme registration

If you wish to join the Family Programme to be kept informed of what is happening at the University, and you have not previously registered, please complete and return this form to the Family Programme’s desk in the Atrium. To be completed by a parent, guardian or other relative (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE). Alternatively, you may prefer to attach a business card.

Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, etc.): ........................................ First name: ........................................ Surname/family name: ....................................................... Address: ........................................................................................................................................................................................................

City: ....................................................................................................................... Postcode: ........................................................................................................

Telephone: ........................................................................................................ Email: ........................................................................................................

Are you a graduate of Stirling?: Yes/No (Delete as appropriate) If yes, please give date of graduation and degree awarded: .................................................................

Student’s full name: ........................................................................................ Relationship: Son/Daughter/Other (Delete as appropriate)

Student’s course of study: ............................................................................. Student’s date of birth: ..............................................................................

Anticipated year of graduation: 2018/2019/2020/2021 (Delete as appropriate)

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Campus map and catering outlets

With so much going on today, and so much information to take in, don’t forget to feed your body as well as your mind. The following on-campus catering outlets are open throughout the day. The campus map also shows the location of some of our key venues.

Pathfoot Building: Crush Hall Pod (10am - 4:30pm)

Student Support Services: 2A1, Cottrell Building

Willow Court Residence and Refresh brasserie (8am - 10pm)

Sports Centre Café (7am - 5pm)

The Atrium, Andrew Miller Building

Stir Café (8am - 7pm)

Market Street (8am - 6pm)

Students’ Union Underground (10am - 5pm)

Students’ Union Studio (11am - late)

Haldane’s (12 - 2pm)

Stirling Court Hotel

Lecture Theatre A3

Macrobert Arts Centre: Families’ Welcome Reception (Sat) Café bar (10am - late)

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