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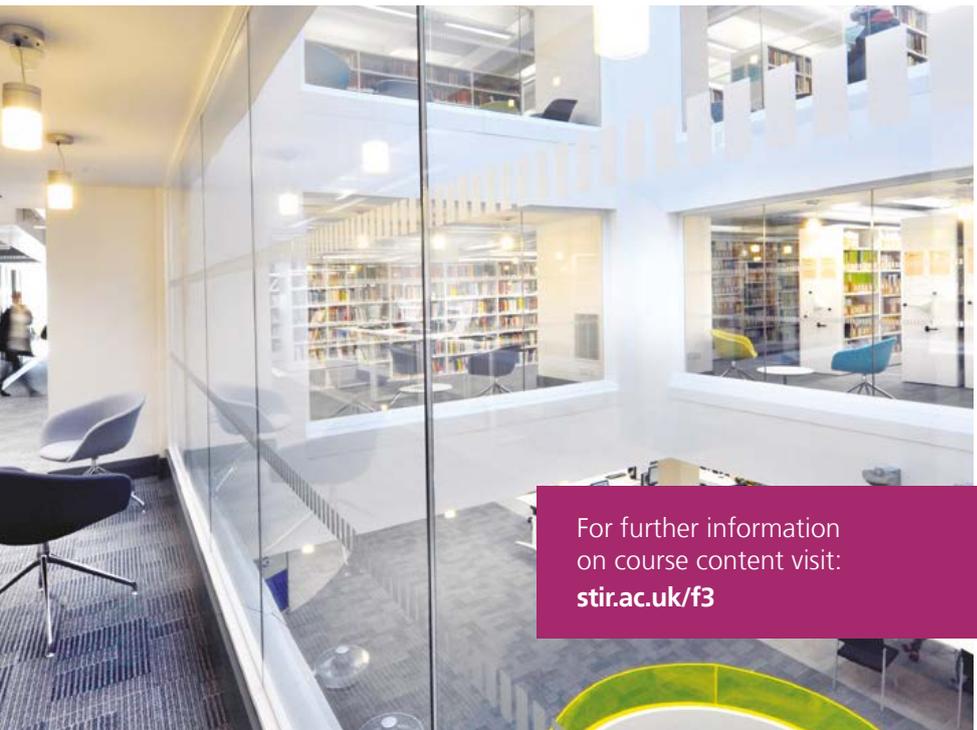
WHY STUDY A MASTERS PUBLIC POLICY?

The MPP is an advanced qualification in research and policy analysis. Studying for an MPP allows you to develop the conceptual, analytical and practical skills required to flourish in the policymaking world. It prepares you for a career in the public sector or in sectors that make a contribution to the development or delivery of public policy (such as non-profit or professional bodies).

You can also use it as a springboard for further postgraduate research. The MPP combines core modules in policy and policymaking with a suite of modules in social research and policy relevant disciplines.

If you want to use the degree to focus on research (for example, to pursue a PhD) you can take modules primarily in applied social research. If you want to pursue an interest in other policy-relevant disciplines, you can combine a focus on policy and research with module options in areas such as law, economics, behavioural science, gender studies, social marketing, energy, environmental and international politics. The course is designed to meet your specific requirements. The norm in the core modules is small group teaching in weekly seminars – to help produce a group identity and a collegiate approach to your studies.

You complete the course by completing 120 credits in taught modules, then producing a dissertation which applies intellectual rigour to a real world policy problem and speaks to a policymaker audience.



For further information
on course content visit:
stir.ac.uk/f3

RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The MPP gives you the opportunity to apply your research to real-world problems. We have excellent links with a range of organisations in the public, third and private sectors.

When you begin your course, we will discuss how you want to make use of them. If you seek as many practitioner links as possible, we will explore how to apply your studies and coursework to a range of problems identified by those organisations – and arrange, in negotiations with organisations, how best to use your developing skills.

You may also be taking the MPP to pursue a more 'traditional' academic path, with the knowledge that academic 'impact' is a key part of a postgraduate degree. We will discuss how best to balance the theoretical, empirical and practical aspects of your study.



You can find out more about funding opportunities at:
stir.ac.uk/scholarships

IS AN MPP FOR ME?

Students come to the MPP from a variety of backgrounds.

There is no expectation that students have prior academic training in this area, but an interest in politics and policymaking – demonstrated through academic study, voluntary or paid work – is an advantage. In addition to students applying straight from undergraduate courses, we welcome applications from people who are returning to Higher Education after a period away.

Applicants who do not meet the normal requirements for entry will be considered on a case-by-case basis and are encouraged to contact the Course Director before application.



FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1

You will be taught by **experienced and committed staff**, teaching in a field they are passionate about. All contributing staff are engaged in research at the forefront of their disciplines, including Professor Cairney, who is currently funded by the European Union to research evidence-based policymaking to reduce inequalities.

2

You will develop a range of **research skills** that enhance further study and employability.

3

You will engage with **debates** from a wide variety of different disciplines.

4

You will have the opportunity to **apply your knowledge** and skills in real-world settings.

5

You will enjoy studying on one of the most **beautiful campuses** in Europe.



COURSE OVERVIEW

TIMETABLE

The MPP combines a weekly seminar in core modules with optional modules.

Modules

Semester 1: One 2-hour MPP workshop per week, plus two further modules.

Semester 2: One 3-4 hour MPP workshop per week, plus one further module.

Dissertation

Finally, you complete a supervised dissertation of approximately 10,000 words (and a 500-word blog post to describe its insights to a general audience).

KEY TEACHING STAFF

The Director of the MPP is Paul Cairney, Professor of Politics and Public Policy in the Division of History and Politics, Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Paul will deliver the majority of the core module content and oversee the completion of your dissertation (and, if appropriate, as the first supervisor). He will work closely with Richard Simmons, the director of the Faculty of Social Science's applied social research course.

University courses, services and procedures are continually reviewed, enhanced and revised, and this may result in some changes between the time of publication and the date when the student enters the University. Where any changes will affect an applicant, the University will keep the applicant fully informed.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class honours degree (2.1 preferred) or equivalent is normally required. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with significant appropriate/relevant work/life experience are encouraged to apply.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of your proficiency such as a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 with 6.0 minimum in each skill.

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses.

To register you must hold a conditional offer for your course and have an IELTS score 0.5 or 1.0 below the required standard.

For more information, go to:
stir.ac.uk/1ae

TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at:
stir.ac.uk/1kr

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS. For more information visit: saas.gov.uk

You can find up to date financial information and funding opportunities here:
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