SECONDARY EDUCATION
BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons)

ARE YOU STIRLING?
WHY STUDY SECONDARY EDUCATION?

Where can I be challenged in my thinking and gain practical and hands-on experience that will allow me to qualify to teach in secondary schools? How can I best support effective learning? How can I ensure that all learners feel valued, safe and included?

Stirling has long been distinctive amongst Scottish universities in offering concurrent courses to prospective secondary school teachers. These degree courses will enable you to gain a research-informed degree in Professional Education with an appropriate teaching subject (or subjects) for secondary in four years, rather than the traditional five.

Successful completion of the course also enables you to provisionally register in the appropriate sector with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and enter the Scottish probationary scheme.

COURSE DETAILS

If you wish to be a secondary school teacher then our concurrent degrees in secondary education will appeal to you.

As a student on our secondary degree course you will study both pedagogy (the craft and practices of teaching) and a first teaching subject. In some cases it is possible to take a second subject (see degree combinations below) in tandem, one frequently informing and enriching the other. Stirling has offered this route for over 40 years, and our confidence in this process is reflected in, and validated by, the recommendation of the Donaldson Report into Teacher Education.

As a research-led centre for excellence, we review and modify our courses to take account of the changing educational context in order to ensure you will have the most relevant and up to date knowledge and skills for teaching. We also work in close partnership with the Local Authorities, schools, Education Scotland and the General Teaching Council for Scotland to ensure that you are supported throughout your studies to become an effective professional educator.

Our secondary education course has been recently re-accredited by the General Teaching Council of Scotland with seven commendations including being student-centred and the high quality of our researched informed approaches.

“Over the last several years we have noticed that the students and probationer teachers coming from Stirling University are better and better prepared for their role as teachers.”

Depute Headteacher, Alloa Academy
Delivering and Assessment
You will usually follow eight semesters (four years) which leads to an Honours degree in the chosen teaching subject(s) and Professional Education. Alternatively, seven semesters (three and a half years) lead either to a General degree or to a Bachelors degree in Professional Education. General degree students may only be able to qualify in one teaching subject.

With a relatively small class size you will also establish close working and pastoral relationships with your tutor across the four years of study.

1st in Scotland for Education Studies
The Guardian University Guide, 2019

Career Opportunities
The great majority of our graduates enter the Scottish Government’s Probationary Teacher Scheme, which entitles them to guaranteed employment for one year as a newly qualified teacher in a Scottish Local Authority school. Of course, your degree and teaching qualification will also qualify you to enter into a wide variety of other professional roles, such as corporate training and development, museum and leisure education, educational psychology, translation or media, as well as other career routes less closely allied to teaching.

Additional Entry Requirements
There may be additional requirements for each subject, please see below:

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<th>Subject</th>
<th>Additional Essential Subjects</th>
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<td>Biology</td>
<td>Higher Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics or Physics or equivalent</td>
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<td>Chemistry*</td>
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<td>Engineering Technologies*</td>
<td>Higher Mathematics and Higher Physics or Higher Engineering Technologies or equivalent</td>
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<tr>
<td>Environmental Geography</td>
<td>Higher Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Mathematics or Physics or equivalent</td>
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<tr>
<td>French and Spanish (combined)</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
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*Specialised subject studied at Heriot Watt University

Secondary Education
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Minimum Requirements

Four-Year Honours Except Physical Education

SQA Highers:
- ABBB – one sitting
- AABB – two sittings

GCE A-levels: BBB

IB Diploma: 32

BTEC (Level 3): DDM

Four-Year Honours Physical Education

SQA Highers:
- AAAB – one sitting
- AAAA – two sittings

GCE A-levels: BBB

IB Diploma: 32

BTEC (Level 3): DDM

Other Qualifications
Scottish HNC/HND:
Minimum entry: Bs in graded units.
Essential subjects:
- Higher English (B) or GCSE English Language and English Literature (B) or Communications 4 and Literature 1.
- Mathematics National 5 (B), Intermediate 2 (C), Standard Grade (2), GCSE (B) or equivalent.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed.

Additional Information
General entry requirements apply. Please visit: stir.ac.uk/av

The subjects in the table to the left have additional requirements.

Entry to these courses is provisional until the end of Year 1 and subject to interview and a criminal record PVG check. If you have a criminal record you should contact the Admissions Manager in confidence to discuss entry to this course.

Study Abroad Options Available
### TYPICAL TIMETABLE

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<th>Semesters</th>
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<td>1 Autumn</td>
<td>Education: Purposes, Principles, Practice (20 credits)</td>
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<td>2 Spring</td>
<td>Education: Learning and Teaching (20 credits)</td>
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<td>Over semester 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>First year ITE students must undertake a self-arranged placement in an educational context over a 2 week period.</td>
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<td>3 Autumn</td>
<td>Pedagogy I: The Nature of Learning and Teaching (including Microteaching) (20 credits)</td>
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<td>4 Spring</td>
<td>Pedagogy II: Differentiation, Assessment and Progression (including Link Practice) (20 credits)</td>
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<td>May / June</td>
<td>Placement – 4 weeks in a primary 6-7 class</td>
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<td>5 Autumn</td>
<td>Developing Pedagogy across the Curriculum (10 credits)</td>
<td>Three other modules</td>
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<td>Jan / Feb</td>
<td>Placement – 5 weeks in secondary school</td>
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<td>6 Spring</td>
<td>Differences and identities (includes an extension placement in schools) (40 credits)</td>
<td>Curriculum development through currency (20 credits)</td>
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<td>7 Autumn</td>
<td>Placement – 10 weeks in secondary school, or 12 weeks if dual subject (20 credits)</td>
<td>Enquiry into Practice (Honours students) (40 credits) or School Experience Evaluation (December finishers) (40 credits)</td>
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<td>8 Spring</td>
<td>Enquiry into Practice (cont.) (20 Credits)</td>
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### COMBINED DEGREE COURSES

Normally students following combined studies will study Education with two additional subjects:

- Biology
- Business Studies
- Business Studies/Computing Science
- Chemistry *
- Computing
- Computing Science
- Engineering Technology*
- English Studies
- English Studies/History
- English Studies/Religion
- Environmental Geography
- French
- French and Spanish
- History
- History/Politics
- History/Sociology
- Mathematics
- Philosophy/Religion
- Physics *
- Religion
- Religion/History
- Sports Studies, Physical Education and Professional Education +

* Chemistry, Engineering and Physics take place at Heriot-Watt University (4 days) and University of Stirling (1 day)
+ Physical Education is not available in combination with any other degree programme.

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