MSc Substance Use
This course is ideal for professionals looking to develop their career in the field of substance use as well as individuals looking to build on their undergraduate studies.

The course adopts a blended approach to teaching with all core modules delivered online. The course syllabus explores how substance use affects people who use substances, their family members, communities and contemporary societies, as well as international and UK policy and practice responses. In recognition of both the complexity of the needs of people who use substances but also the integration of the practice field in substance use, the course offers a unique interdisciplinary focus through its suite of optional modules in specialist subjects such as housing, public health or rehabilitation and criminal justice work.

Your learning is greatly assisted by the contribution to teaching from staff from third sector organisations, NHS, and other guest lectures.
WHY STUDY MSc SUBSTANCE USE AT STIRLING?

Our MSc Substance Use is an innovative course, providing blended learning opportunities to develop your intellectual and critical thinking skills in the field of substance use.

We promote an understanding of substance use which is informed by social justice, and human rights approaches. You will gain an awareness of international, UK and Scottish policy responses to substance use as well as an understanding of the different approaches to working with distinct groups of people who use substances and their families.

The course is taught by research active staff who are members of national and international organisations such as the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research and the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy.

IS THE MSc SUBSTANCE USE FOR ME?

Do you want a career that is stimulating, rewarding and makes a positive contribution to society? If so, working in the field of substance use could be for you.

During your studies you will learn to critically assess theories underpinning substance use policies, research and practice. Whether you are looking to develop your career in the field of substance use or build on your undergraduate studies, the MSc Substance Use could be ideal for you.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON COURSE CONTENT VISIT: stir.ac.uk/2qb
The course provides graduates with knowledge and understanding along with the intellectual and practical skills to develop or further their careers in research and practice within the substance use field.

This masters offers a pathway of career development whether in practice or further study to either Professional Doctorate or PhD study.

Different career paths for graduates of this programme include third sector organisations, policy advocacy organisations, government and NGOs or public services as well as research.

YOU CAN FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AT:
stir.ac.uk/scholarships
Five Reasons
YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

1. Our course showcases international perspectives on substance use studies.

2. We offer specialist modules in housing, public health and rehabilitation, and applied professional studies.

3. Our academic staff are members of the Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research as well as International Societies.

4. The bespoke final year project gives you the opportunity to look in-depth at a topic or issue relevant to your work or area of interest.

5. Our course is part-time and takes a blended learning approach, enabling you to fit your Masters coursework around your personal and professional commitments.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class honours degree or equivalent.

Applicants without these formal qualifications but with significant appropriate/relevant work/life experience are encouraged to apply.

TUITION FEES AND FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at: stir.ac.uk/2qb

Funding opportunities at the University of Stirling can be found on our scholarships finder. For details, please visit: stir.ac.uk/scholarships

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language you must have one of the following qualifications as evidence of your English language skills:

- IELTS: 6.5 with 6.0 minimum in each skill
- Cambridge C1 Advanced (CAE) 176 with minimum of 169 in each skill
- Cambridge C2 Proficiency (CPE) 180 with minimum 169 in each skill
- Pearson Test of English (Academic): 60 with 56 in each component
- IBT TOEFL: 90 with no subtest less than 20

If you do not meet the required score, you may be able to register for one of our pre-sessional English courses. For more information, visit: stir.ac.uk/1b4

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