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
**DELIVERY 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.

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

**FOUR-YEAR HONOURS EXCEPT PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

| SQA Highers: | 
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| ABBB – one sitting | 
| AABB – two sittings | 
| **GCE A-levels:** BBB | 
| **IB Diploma:** 32 | 
| **BTEC (Level 3):** DDM |

**FOUR-YEAR HONOURS PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

| SQA Highers: | 
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| 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.

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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>
<th>Secondary core education</th>
<th>Other subject modules</th>
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<td>1 Autumn</td>
<td>Education: Purposes, Principles, Practice (20 credits)</td>
<td>Two modules in the subject you are training to teach</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 secondary school</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 - March</td>
<td>Placement – 10/11 week in a secondary school - 3 days in school and 2 days in university</td>
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<td>6 Spring/7 Autumn</td>
<td>Differences and identities (20 credits)</td>
<td>Debates in Subject Teaching (40 credits)</td>
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<td>Placement – 10 weeks in secondary school, or 12 weeks if dual subject (20 credits)</td>
<td>Enquiry into Practice (Honours students) (20 credits)</td>
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<td>Developing as a Reflective Practitioner (20 credits)</td>
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<td>Enquiry into Practice (cont.)</td>
<td>Developing as a reflective practitioner (cont.)</td>
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CONCURRENT DEGREE COURSES
These are combined in the way that the Education department and University subject departments work together.

Biology
Business Studies
Business Studies/Computing Science
Chemistry *
Computing
Computing Science
Engineering Technology*

English Studies
Environmental Geography
French
French and Spanish
History
History/Politics
History/Sociology

Mathematics
Philosophy/Religion
Physics *
Religion
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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