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MSc/PGDIP HOUSING STUDIES (WITH INTERNSHIP)  
MSc/PGDIP HOUSING STUDIES (PART-TIME)

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## WHY STUDY FOR DIPLOMA OR MASTERS IN HOUSING AT STIRLING?

**The professionally-orientated Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip) and Masters (MSc) in Housing Studies offers a unique combination of academic study and professional work experience.**

Our courses cover all aspects of housing services, sustaining communities, governance and law, housing organisations and health and well-being.

If you are new to the housing sector, you can opt for the full-time or part-time qualification which includes an internship, offering you a direct route into employment in the housing sector. If you are already working within housing, our flexible part-time qualification without an internship can help develop your career further with an academic and professional qualification.

The Chartered Institute of Housing is the professional body for housing and validates

both course routes. On successful completion of the Diploma, you will have satisfied the requirements for chartered membership of the Institute of Housing (CIH). Through membership of the CIH, you will have access to information and news about housing organisations across Scotland as well as being able to attend major conferences in the sector.

Following the Diploma, you will also be able to register for further study towards a Masters qualification. This will require completion of either a research-based dissertation or advanced-level reflective skills. If you undertake an internship during your Diploma, this work can contribute to the Masters dissertation project.

A very substantial number of housing organisations across Scotland support student internships and sponsor their staff to undertake the Housing Studies course at Stirling. Teaching staff also work with organisations across the country in their research activities.



For further information  
on course content visit:  
[stir.ac.uk/y](http://stir.ac.uk/y)

## RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A professional qualification is a great advantage to help you kick-start or get ahead in your career.

Stirling graduates have a strong track record of making rapid career progress on completion of the Masters or Diploma. Potential career opportunities include management in housing organisations, specialist research, policy and strategy work. Increasingly, there are opportunities linked to key government initiatives and policy areas.

Upon completion of your qualification, you will have gained transferable skills that will enable you to find employment or continue your career with greater confidence and effectiveness. You will also have gained comprehensive knowledge of how your job links to the rest of your organisation and the work of other agencies in Scotland.

## IS A MASTERS IN HOUSING STUDIES FOR ME?

A distinctive feature of the course is the freedom we offer you in our delivery. You are able to opt for part-time or full-time study and delivery is mainly conducted through Canvas, the online learning system used by the University of Stirling. There is an on-campus induction and subsequent campus days at the start of each module to keep you in touch with tutors and fellow learners. Weekly online sessions allow you to study flexibly while still benefiting from tutor and peer learning support ensuring that you can fit your studies alongside your personal and professional life.



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*I wanted to complement and enhance my understanding of housing to the betterment of myself and my organisation.*

*The Postgraduate Diploma offers those of us working in this profession the opportunity to advance our knowledge and skills.* ”

**DOUG WEBSTER**  
PgDip Housing Studies



## COURSE OVERVIEW

As part of the course you will be introduced to the most up-to-date ideas and debates, and learn about cutting-edge housing practice. This course blends sessions on campus with a significant element of online study, giving you the ideal learning experience in a format which is accessible and engaging.

If you already work within the housing industry and wish to study for a PGDip or MSc in Housing Studies part-time, you will study six academic modules. These include: Providing Housing Services; Sustainable Communities; Housing Governance; Housing Finance and Strategy; Healthy Housing and Organisational Behaviour.

For further course detail about the PGDip/MSc Housing Studies (part-time), visit: [stir.ac.uk/1it](http://stir.ac.uk/1it)

If you are looking to start a career in housing, you can opt for the internship route (full-time or part-time) where you will also complete a 50-day internship in addition to studying the six academic modules. Workplace attachments and internships are arranged by tutors, taking account of student preferences and interests. To find out more about the PGDip/MSc Housing Studies (with internship), visit: [stir.ac.uk/1iv](http://stir.ac.uk/1iv)

## KEY TEACHING STAFF

Our key teaching staff comprehensively cover the multi-disciplinary nature of housing, research, policy and practice. The University of Stirling is in an excellent position to provide you with the skills required to succeed in a competitive job market. Our research-led teaching draws on our specialist expertise in policy analysis, homelessness and housing rights, social theory, housing, dementia, ageing, welfare and land market analysis.

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.



## FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE

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On successful completion of the Diploma or Masters, you will have satisfied the **requirements for membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing**, recognised throughout the UK.

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The course follows a structured route of learning but **flexibility and choice are offered to students**; and to employers who wish to sponsor their employees.

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The **flexible courses** are designed to suit those who are new to the housing sector alongside those who are already employed within it.

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You will be taught by a team of academics with **extensive experience in the housing sector** and world-class research records.

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Those who choose the internship option will **gain valuable work experience in the housing sector**.

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# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of a second class Honours degree (2.1 preferred) or equivalent in a relevant subject is normally required. Applicants without these formal qualifications but with relevant work or voluntary experience, an understanding of the importance of housing in society, and a commitment to improved housing for all are encouraged to apply.

Potential applicants who are already working can apply for the MSc Housing Studies course on a part-time basis over two years, without having to do an internship

## Exit Points

Students may build up to the full Masters (MSc) of 180 credits in stages, or exit at any stage and receive an award.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

Details of tuition fees can be found at:

- Housing Studies (part-time)  
[stir.ac.uk/1it](http://stir.ac.uk/1it)
- Housing Studies (with internship)  
[stir.ac.uk/1iv](http://stir.ac.uk/1iv)

For Scottish students and EU domiciled students, this course is currently approved for PTFL (Postgraduate Tuition Fee Loan) funding from SAAS.

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

[stir.ac.uk/scholarships](http://stir.ac.uk/scholarships)

Tuition fees and other associated expenses are normally met by sponsoring employers. Students and employers may wish to take into account other costs in budgeting for the course such as book purchase, travelling expenses and accommodation for visits to campus.

Students who pay their own fees may be entitled to claim tax relief on fees or receive support with fee payment from an Individual Learning Account. Find out more at: [myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/sds-individual-learning-accounts-ila](http://myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/sds-individual-learning-accounts-ila)

## 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 (6.0 in speaking and listening; 6.5 in reading and writing).

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, visit: [stir.ac.uk/1ae](http://stir.ac.uk/1ae)

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