INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

ARE YOU READY TO DISCOVER SCOTLAND?
The University of Stirling is an international university with a global reputation for excellence in teaching in a research-led environment.

Situated beneath the stunning Ochil Hills, our 330-acre campus is simply breathtaking. It boasts a beautiful lake (loch), as well as the 18th century Airthrey Castle.

You’ll find it very easy to get around campus, with all the facilities (accommodation, teaching, social and sports centres) no more than a ten-minute walk apart.

As a student, you’ll be able to enjoy our world-class sports facilities, including the National Tennis Centre, the MP Jackson Fitness Centre and the National Swimming Academy.

2018 is Scotland’s ‘Year of Young People’, which celebrates young people locally, nationally and globally. There’s no better place to get involved in that celebration than spending your summer at the University of Stirling.

Every year, Scotland welcomes more than 50,000 international students from more than 180 countries, attracted by its vibrant cultural scene and academic excellence.

Our International Summer School (ISS) allows students to enjoy all that the University of Stirling and Scotland have to offer, while gaining credits towards your degree.

You will discover Scotland’s rich history, dramatic landscapes and cosmopolitan cities as part of our comprehensive programme of day trips, social activities and module excursions.

Students will experience Scotland’s warm and welcoming culture while meeting new friends from around the world.

We encourage international students to take part in the International Summer School (ISS), and look forward to welcoming you during the summer of 2018.

Maria Cid Castilla
Internationalisation Manager
With our beautiful campus as your base, choosing Stirling means immersing yourself in the unique sights and sounds of one of the world’s most vibrant and inspiring countries.

EDUCATION
Scotland has more world-class universities per head of population than anywhere else in the world. Scottish universities are renowned throughout the world for their innovative thinking, research excellence and cutting-edge teaching. Our universities offer unrivalled quality and choice, and also maintain some of the highest rates of graduate employment in the UK.

BEAUTY
Scotland is, quite simply, beautiful. Mountains, lochs, beaches, islands and castles offer wonderful opportunities for cycling, climbing, walking, skiing, swimming or simply having the space to sit and think. Our towns and cities all have their own character, and Stirling’s central location means you’re never far from a new adventure. And travelling to the rest of the UK and Europe is easy, with convenient and affordable transport links.

SPORT
The Scots invented golf and cycling, and have had a major impact on the development of rugby, hockey, football and curling. The country celebrated its biggest ever medal haul in the modern era at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, with University of Stirling athletes bringing home three silver medals.

FOOD AND DRINK
Scotland is renowned for its unique cuisine and internationally acclaimed whisky. The country boasts an incredible culinary tradition with no fewer than 13 Michelin-star restaurants. No Scottish experience is complete without a hearty serving of haggis, neeps and tatties. Meanwhile, some of the globe’s top whisky distilleries are dotted throughout the countryside surrounding Stirling and the neighbouring Highlands. If you’re into food and drink, Scotland has plenty to offer.

DISCOVER SCOTLAND
#SCOTLANDWELCOMESTHEWORLD
The vibrant city of Stirling offers students a unique blend of Scottish history and contemporary culture. Almost 100,000 people from all over the world call Stirling home – and the city’s friendly atmosphere and rich variety of shops, bars, restaurants and things to do make it a fantastic place to spend your summer.

PUB AND GRUB
Stirling is home to the award-winning TinPot microbrewery, and is just a few minutes’ walk from campus. Craft beer revolutionaries BrewDog also recently set up shop in Stirling – while student-friendly eateries like Nando’s, Domino’s and Subway are sprinkled throughout the city centre.

SOAK UP THE CULTURE
Stirling Castle and The Albert Halls regularly attract some of music’s biggest names, while hidden gem The Tolbooth provides the best of Scotland’s underground folk scene. The city is home to a multiplex cinema, while on campus the MacRobert Arts Centre showcases the best in arthouse and mainstream cinema.

SHOPPING IN STYLE
Stirling has everything you could hope for in a shopping destination. The city’s historic Victorian arcade, bustling high street and Thistles Shopping Centre offer big-name brands and quirky pop-up shops alike.

GET CONNECTED
Stirling’s central location means getting across Scotland couldn’t be easier. Glasgow and Edinburgh are both within easy reach for a day of shopping or a night out. With around 130 gigs a week in Glasgow, and the world’s biggest arts festival in Edinburgh, you’re not going to want to miss out on either city.
The University of Stirling welcomes students from all around the world to take part in our International Summer School. Our dynamic programme will allow you to experience student life at the University, while gaining credits towards your course at your home institution. Lecturers and tutors at Stirling are experts and leaders in their field. The International Summer School offers the unique opportunity to undertake an internship and gain valuable international work experience. The ISS is run by a dedicated team within the University that will ensure you enjoy a rewarding, once in a lifetime experience through your education, social and cultural programme.

“I love Scotland, it has a very strong culture and the people are really welcoming. The University campus is beautiful and the lecturers are highly qualified. It’s a great place to study.”

Sebastián Alberto Martínez
Carazo, Nicaragua

“What attracted me the most were the interesting modules and the day trips offered. I got the chance to meet people from all over the world and I am so glad I stayed for two blocks!”

Reina McKenzie
Chicago, USA
AIRTHREY GOLF COURSE
Less than a five-minute walk from student accommodation, our nine-hole golf course is right on your doorstep.

AIRTHREY CASTLE
Our 18th century castle looks over the University golf course and back pitches.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION
Student accommodation consists of two villages, with over 2,500 bedrooms across 20 residences on and off campus.

AIRTHREY LOCH
Our very own loch. Home to our water sports teams, along with our resident swans.

ANDREW MILLER BUILDING
This is the heart of of the University, made up of the library, Students’ Union and the MacRobert Arts Centre.

COTTRELL BUILDING
Built in memory of our first Principal, the Cottrell Building is a hub for students and staff alike.

STIRLING COURT HOTEL
One of only two venues in Scotland awarded the Conference Centre of Excellence Award.

SPITTAL HILL
Our University accommodation, Spittal Hill, offers 23 attractive Scandinavian-style timber chalets.

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING INNOVATION PARK
Home to cutting-edge research and development companies.

NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE
Tennis superstars Andy Murray and Gordon Reid famously honed their skills on our courts.

NATIONAL SWIMMING ACADEMY
Home to our Rio Olympians, who practise more than 30 hours per week in our Olympic-sized pool.

ANDREW MILLER BUILDING
Where the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport are based. It also hosts a permanent art collection with temporary exhibitions on display.

PATHFOOT BUILDING

WALLACE MONUMENT
Climb 246 steps to reach the top of our famous landmark, built to commemorate Scots hero, Sir William Wallace.

OUR CAMPUS
The modules (classes) are offered over two four-week blocks, so you can choose to study for four weeks or the full eight weeks. If you choose to add an internship to your international experience, you will need to attend both Block 1 and Block 2.

Each module is accredited by the Scottish Credit Qualification Framework (SCQF), and is granted at 10 SCQF credits each. The module number, US/ECTS credits, course length and Stirling credit (SCQF) are outlined below.

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The modules incorporate a distinctive Scottish flavour, while also allowing for critical thinking of international themes.

**BLOCK 1: 9 JUNE - 7 JULY 2018**

- Brief Encounters: An Introduction to Writing Short Stories (ISSU9BE)
- Education and Learning: A Scottish Perspective (ISSU9EL)
- Marketing and Branding Scotland (ISSU9BS)
- Photographing the Urban (ISSU9PU)
- The Psychology of Art with a Tartan Twist (ISSU9AR)
- Religion and Conflict (ISSU9RC)
- Royals and Rascals: Contemporary Studies in British Journalism (ISSU9JO)
- Scotland the What? Contemporary Scottish Literature and Identity (ISSU9SC)
- Scotland on the Screen (ISSU9SS)
- Scottish Wars of Independence c. 1286 - 1371 (ISSU9TW)
- Rethinking the City (ISSU9RE)

**BLOCK 2: 7 JULY - 4 AUGUST 2018**

- Internship for International Summer School (ISSU9IN)
- Crime and Justice in Scotland: The Criminal in Scottish Society (ISSU9CJ)
- Green Politics: Theory and Practice (ISSU9GP)
- International Relations (ISSU9IR)
- Monsters and Vampires: The Impact of British Gothic on Contemporary Popular Culture (ISSU9MV)
- Scottish History: The Jacobites (ISSU9JT)
- Sports Management and Culture: A European Perspective (ISSU9SM)
- Witchcraft in Early Modern Scotland (ISSU9WS)

Modules are subject to change. Please visit stir.ac.uk/iss for the latest details.
INTERNSHIPS
If you're looking for a summer internship opportunity, the International Summer School (ISS) offers a unique chance to study and work abroad while gaining credits.

You will receive full support from ISS staff and members of the University of Stirling’s dedicated Careers and Employability Service. We will match you to an appropriate business or organisation, and support you through your internship.

Please visit stir.ac.uk/iss/internship for more information.

ISS internship students have successfully completed internships at organisations including:
• Basketball Scotland
• Creative Stirling
• Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration
• Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum
• Forth Valley Disability Sport
• The Conservation Volunteers
• Marketing at the University Of Stirling Management School

“My internship at the Stirling Management School was extremely beneficial. The knowledge I gained helped me secure a job after graduation. There will always be a special place in my heart for the memories I made during my time at ISS!”
Jeanne Cantwell
Ohio, USA

EXCURSIONS
MODULE EXCURSIONS
Educational trips to some of the most exciting locations around Scotland are a vital part of each module you will study.

Each module (class) will include an excursion to an exclusive destination that will bring the module’s unique curriculum to life. You will be able to put the knowledge you have gained into a real-world context.

Past excursions have included visits to the Battle of Bannockburn to learn about the famous battle between Scotland and England, the Scottish Parliament, poetry readings with famed Scottish authors in Stirling’s Tolbooth Arts Centre, The Edinburgh Dungeon, and tours of Stirling Castle and its stronghold in Scottish history.

96% OF OUR GRADUATES IN WORK OR FURTHER STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATING
HESA 2017

stir.ac.uk/iss
AIRPORT TRANSFERS
Glasgow Airport and Edinburgh Airport arrivals and departures to and from campus are available at selected times on the first and last day of each block.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
The ISS balances the academic schedule with a wide range of exciting and fun activities that allow you to discover Scottish culture and the Stirling area. Past activities have included golf lessons on campus, Scottish dance lessons, nature walks and fun karaoke nights.

DAY TRIPS
In addition to our module excursions, all ISS students are encouraged to join our day trips to Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews. These trips are an excellent way to enjoy some of Scotland’s major attractions under the guidance and expertise of our ISS team.

FAREWELL CEILIDH
Pronounced ‘kay-lee’, this traditional Scottish dance ensures a memorable farewell. Complete with a live band, buffet dinner and red carpet, it will be one of the highlights of your summer.

24/7 SUPPORT
Our staff will provide you with support and assistance and will be available 24 hours a day throughout the summer.

ACCOMMODATION
You will enjoy luxury student accommodation within our campus.

Each student will have a private en-suite bedroom in a shared flat (apartment) in one of the University’s newest accommodation buildings.

Each flat is shared only with other ISS students, and will include communal living areas such as kitchens and living rooms, where you will be able to socialise with fellow ISS students.

All accommodation is self-catered and fully furnished, including bed linen, kitchenware and 24-hour University of Stirling staff support.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

STIRLING UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

- TOP 150 MOST INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD
  Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2016

SOMEBWHERE TO CALL HOME
FEES
The ISS package includes tuition fees, day trips, excursions, accommodation, social activities, designated airport pick up/drop off, as well as use of the University of Stirling’s sport facilities and a dedicated 24-hour team of staff.

The cost of the programme is dependent on whether you are planning to study for one block (4 weeks) or two blocks (8 weeks), and how many credits you intend on taking.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
You will be asked to provide your latest transcript, a letter of recommendation and a copy of your passport. You may also be asked to provide evidence of your English language proficiency (if English is not your first language). For more information, please visit stir.ac.uk/iss.

HOW TO APPLY
Applying is easy! Visit stir.ac.uk/iss/application to download our application form.

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FLIGHTS TO SCOTLAND
If you’re coming from outside the country, Edinburgh Airport and Glasgow Airport are your go-to destinations, with a wide range of incoming flights each day from across the globe.

ABUJA 9hrs 15mins
BERLIN 1hr 30mins
BEIJING 10hrs 30mins
HONG KONG 11hrs 30mins
CHICAGO 9hrs 50mins
LONDON 1 hr 15mins
SAN FRANCISCO 12hrs 10mins
LOS ANGELES 12hrs 45mins
NEW DELHI 9hrs
NEW YORK 7hrs 30mins
OSLO 1hrs 45mins
PARIS 1hr 30mins
TORONTO 6hrs 40 mins
SINGAPORE 15hrs 30mins
SYDNEY 24hrs 30mins
TAIPEI 12hrs
TOKYO 12hrs
VANCOUVER 10hrs 35mins

OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

USEFUL WEBSITES
edinburghairport.com
glasgowairport.com
stirlingdirect.org
thetrainline.com