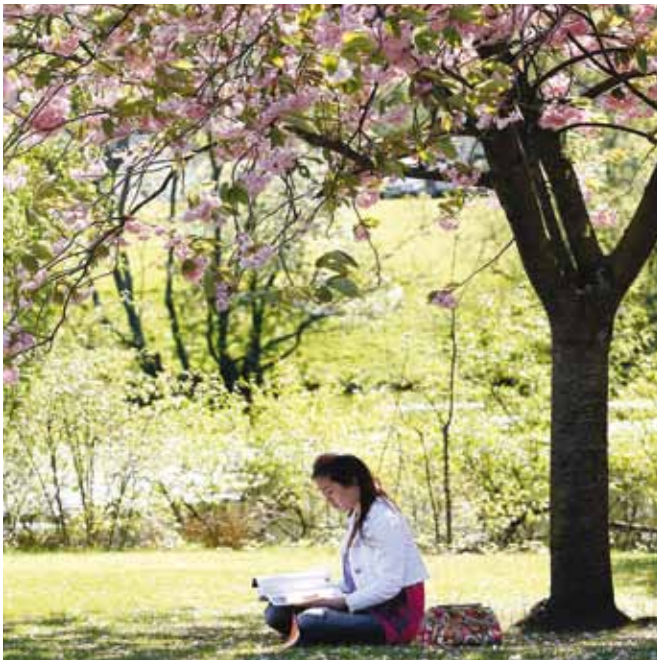




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National Wallace Monument

Golf Centre

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Cottrell Building
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Students' Union

Stirling Management Centre

Medical Centre

Shops, theatre and cinema

Library

Chalet Accommodation

Main halls
of residence

Sports Centre

sportscotland Institute of Sport

National Tennis Centre

National Swimming Academy

Student Recruitment
and Admissions Service

Pathfoot Building
(Academic Schools)

Main Entrance

Stirling City
10 minutes by bus or
car and 50 minutes
to the nearest
international airport

Welcome to our University

Fàilte don oilthigh againn

The University of Stirling is a wonderful place to study – but don't take my word for it. Ask our students.

We have a reputation for being one of the friendliest universities in the UK, and we are also one of the best. You will be joining a community which boasts some of the UK's finest researchers and teachers, and you will be studying alongside some of the brightest students in Scotland.

We know you have a choice of universities to study at, so we have gone out of our way to make sure the Stirling student experience is unrivalled.

Visit our campus, and you will get a sense of what we have to offer. Set in the midst of a stunning parkland, the University of Stirling provides the perfect environment to work, rest and play.

All the facilities you need are on campus, but on our doorstep is the historic city of Stirling – 'Braveheart country' – offering all the amenities a lively city has to offer, and you are just a short train or bus ride away from Glasgow and Edinburgh. We also have fabulous campuses in Inverness and Stornoway, specialising in nursing and midwifery education.

Our staff understand students and their needs. They respect the fact that you are capable of making your own decisions, but they will be there if you need help, advice or just someone to share your thoughts with. That's why we were named The Sunday Times Scottish University of the Year in 2009/10.

Settling in could not be easier. Our award-winning Students' Union is the student hub of the University providing entertainment and welfare services, and it supports a wide range of clubs and societies.

The campus is also home to the MacRobert Arts Centre, with its theatre and cinema, and as Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, our sports facilities are among the best in the world. We have five national centres including swimming and tennis, and provision for many other sports at competitive or recreational levels.

This prospectus is an introduction to the University, but I would like to invite you to visit us – test what we say about ourselves here with our students on the ground, and find out what we can offer you. See the opposite page for details of opportunities to visit.

As a University noted for our high academic reputation and our commitment to students, you will enjoy your visit.

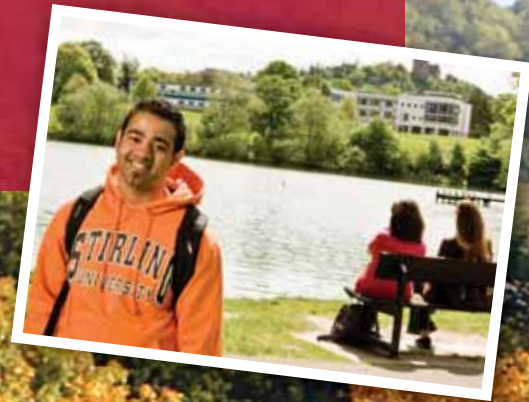
Stirling has an international outlook, and our graduates, staff and students are committed to playing their part in shaping the world around us. Stirling offers you more than an education; it opens the door to a life you will be proud of.



Professor Gerry McCormac
Principal & Vice-Chancellor



Experience Stirling...





Your new surroundings

Our Stirling campus is in a stunning setting. Beautiful, inspiring, safe and modern. It's easy to get around and there's nowhere else like it in the UK. We also have campuses in Inverness and Stornoway, where some of our Nursing & Midwifery students are lucky enough to be based.



You'll be inspired

The University of Stirling was founded on the site of the historic Airthrey Estate in 1967. Nestling beneath the Ochil Hills, our campus covers 310 acres and has a beautiful loch and 18th-century Airthrey Castle at its heart. The views are breathtaking and the buildings are designed to harmonise with their surroundings.

It's all on your doorstep

All the facilities are a short walk from each other. In particular, a central social area links the library, eating facilities, shops, the Students' Union and arts centre (MacRobert). There are also 2,300 accommodation spaces on campus, all just an early-morning stroll away from the lecture theatres, labs and library.

Everything's laid on

As well as the academic facilities you'd expect, the campus also boasts:

- a cinema and theatre, in the MacRobert arts centre
- bars and a nightclub, in the Robbins Centre
- a shopping precinct with bank, travel agent, pharmacy, bookshop, newsagent and supermarket
- extensive indoor and outdoor sports facilities, including a nine-hole golf course and 50-metre swimming pool

It's safe

The police have repeatedly described our campus as one of the safest in Britain.

Highland and Western Isles campuses

If you're studying nursing or midwifery, you'll have the opportunity to be based at our Stirling campus, or at one of our other dedicated campuses in Inverness and Stornoway. Clinical placements are available throughout these regions.

Inverness campus

Situated adjacent to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness, the Inverness Campus offers state-of-the-art teaching facilities in the world-class Centre for Health Science. Also located in the Centre is the Highland Health Science Library, which caters for students, staff and NHS employees.

Stornoway campus

Located in Stornoway, our Stornoway Campus teaching facilities are an integral part of Western Isles Hospital. There are also library facilities and a great range of information and communication technologies.

Your new city

Busy, confident and fun. Stirling is one of the UK's most attractive places to live, capturing the historic and contemporary in a unique atmosphere. Here are some of the key things you'll probably want to know...

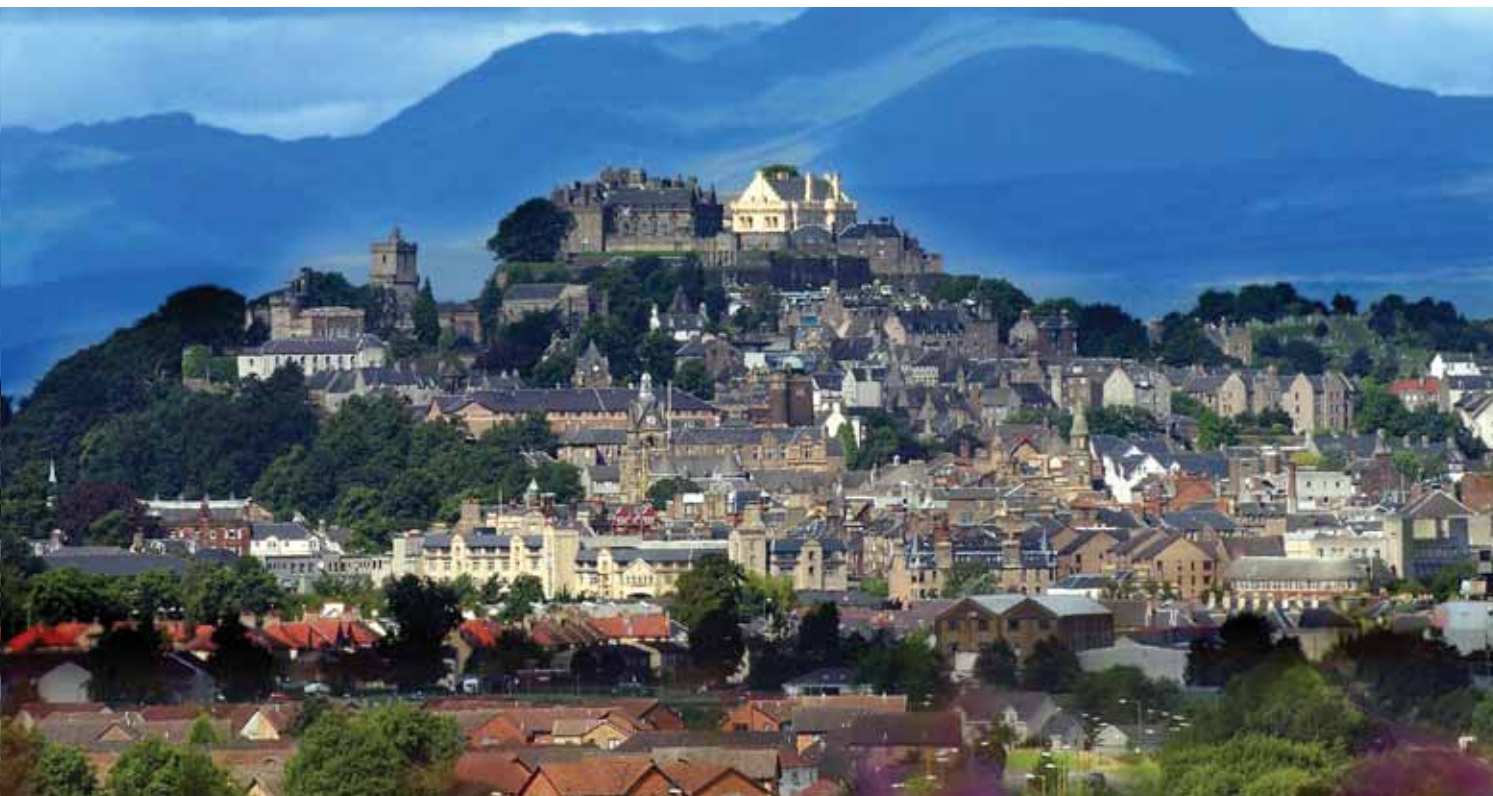
How big is Stirling?

We think it's the perfect size. The population's around 45,000 – 20 percent of whom are students.

This makes Stirling big enough to offer a full 'city experience': shopping, café culture, performing arts and nightlife. Yet it's still compact enough to retain a warm friendly community feel – and make it easy for you to get around and settle in.

How far is it from the campus?

Stirling city centre is just two miles from the campus – less than 10 minutes by bus.



What can I do?

Stirling combines the charm of a historic destination with the buzz of a contemporary city. There's truly something for everyone, much of it aimed directly at students.

You'll soon learn that Stirling is linked to two of Scotland's historic heroes: William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Along with a dramatic medieval castle, these give it a magical aura.

Stirling's history blends perfectly with a thriving modern soul. The city lights up at night, and many pubs, clubs and bars gear themselves towards students, with themed nights and DJs, whilst there is also a selection of traditional pubs providing quieter alternatives, with open fires, real ale and folk music. Closer to campus, Bridge of Allan's pubs are a vibrant mix of old and new, with beer gardens for long summer evenings.

Culturally, Stirling Castle is an established concert and arts venue, having hosted acts such as Travis, James Blunt and Lulu. The Tolbooth building is another busy focus for performing arts and other events.

The city's a major tourist destination, something reflected in the wide choice of cuisine at the numerous restaurants, bistros and cafés. There's everything from pub grub to fine dining, with Italian, Indian, Chinese, Thai and Mexican all well represented. And you can pop into nearby Bridge of Allan for delis, bakeries and a classic fish 'n' chip shop.

What's the cost of living?

Consistently lower than neighbouring cities such as Glasgow and Edinburgh. With plenty of accommodation on campus, you can minimise travel costs. And the self-catering halls mean you can cook to your own budget if you wish.

See p46 for more on the cost of being a student.

And if you want to supplement your income, the University's Job Shop can help. It advertises part-time, casual and vacation work, both on campus and in the local area.

> www.jobshop.stir.ac.uk

Where else is nearby?

Nestling where the Scottish highlands and lowlands meet, it's no surprise that Stirling is known as 'the heart of Scotland'. On your doorstep is the peace and tranquillity of unspoiled mountains, lochs and shores – perfect for outdoor activities such as walking, canoeing, mountain biking and sailing.

And, as the geographical heart of Scotland, Stirling naturally has superb links to the rest of the country and beyond.

In particular, both Edinburgh and Glasgow are within easy reach, both being less than an hour away by road or rail.

Our other campuses

Inverness (population over 55,000) is the capital of the Highlands and is Scotland's fastest growing city. It is a popular centre for tourists, hill walkers and skiers, and has a lively nightlife.

Stornoway (population 9,500) is the largest town in the Western Isles. The Western Isles stretch for 135 miles and include the islands of Lewis, Harris, North Uist, Benbecula, South Uist and Barra.

> www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life

Your new city

Stirling city. A thrilling mix of the old and the new. Known as the 'heart of Scotland', it's a cosmopolitan, student-friendly and lively place to be.





Your new home

We understand that moving away from home can seem a daunting prospect, but before you know it you'll be settled in, making new friends and bundling up your washing to take home! To get you started we've put together a few key things you need to know...

1. You'll definitely get a room

We guarantee accommodation for all new degree students attending the Stirling campus (as long as your online application is received before 25 August). Please note that this guarantee extends only to one offer of accommodation, if you reject the offer or do not accept within the specified time we do not make any further guarantee of accommodation.

We are happy to discuss any specific requirements you may have, for example, diabetic fridges, access level accommodation, wheelchair accessible rooms etc. All we ask is that you get in touch with us as soon as possible by telephone or email (contact details listed below). For some medical conditions a doctor's certificate may be requested to reserve specific accommodation. Please note that disabled access accommodation may be subject to availability.

2. You won't be miles away

Stirling campus has a number of residences available for first-year students located both on and off campus. We offer accommodation in traditional style halls of residence or within self contained flats. These flats vary in size, accommodating between five and seven people sharing kitchen, w/c and shower facilities.

Off-campus accommodation is located only a couple of miles away from the main campus and is near to local bus routes serving the University campus.

3. You'll have your own space

Our rooms are almost all single occupancy. However, in times of very high demand, some students in halls of residence may be required to share a twin room for a short time.

Although en suite bedrooms are available in Andrew Stewart Hall, these rooms are limited and allocated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. If you require an en suite room due to an existing medical condition, please contact Residential Services as soon as possible. Our other residences offer shared bathroom facilities.



4. You'll enjoy it!

We accommodate students from all academic years and from all nationalities, providing a diverse community in which to live. Each residence offers:

- Communal self-catering kitchen facilities
- Duvet, pillow and all bed linen (laundered on a regular basis) and laundry facilities for your washing (no need to take that home after all!)
- Rooms in residences are networked, so you can link your PC to our high-speed network

5. You can choose what to do in future years

We welcome online applications from all returning students for either on- or off-campus accommodation, however places may be limited. Information in regards to re-application dates are posted in residences and via the student email system.

In addition to administering all University accommodation, Residential Services maintains a list of privately owned, off-campus properties for rent. These properties are not inspected or managed by the University. Students are advised to view any property and check all leases before committing to a property.

What does it cost?

For up to date prices, visit:

> www.studentaccommodation.stir.ac.uk

Accommodation in Hall of Residence

It should be noted that the University plans to commence a major redevelopment of Residences from Summer 2012. The redevelopment programme will be managed to ensure that the number of student rooms available on campus is maintained at current levels and that disruption to students is kept to a minimum.



What about our other sites?

For information on accommodation at our Inverness Campus, telephone: +44 (0)1463 704343.

For information on accommodation at our Stornoway Campus, telephone: +44 (0)1851 708243.

How do you apply?

Once your place has been confirmed, Student Recruitment & Admissions will send you details of how to 'discover' your University computer account and link to our online applications system.

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Food for thought

Sodexo, one of the world's leading food service providers, manages an excellent range of catering outlets at our Stirling campus, including two dining rooms and a variety of cafés, providing light meals and snacks.

Haldane's Eatery and Pathfoot Eatery

Our two main dining rooms offer a wide range of delicious options, including Scottish traditional cuisine and a range of healthy choices. There is also a live 'Chef's Theatre', where you can see your lunch freshly prepared. Pathfoot Eatery also offers a range of drinks from Costa Coffee.

The Bite

The University's newest catering outlet, The Bite, incorporates Costa Coffee and offers 'grab and go' hot and cold snacks, confectionery and soft drinks within a convenient location for students on their way to and from lectures and classes.



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Stir Café customers can enjoy tasty, freshly made cakes, Triple Certified Coffee and delicious soup, paninis and salads.

Atrium Food on the Move

Atrium Food on the Move serves hot snacks, including freshly prepared burgers, pizzas, jacket potatoes, and a fantastic Wokery is also available. Freshly made soup and sandwiches, served on a variety of breads, are on offer from the Atrium Sandwich Shop.

Whilst all of the University's student accommodation is offered on a self catering basis, the University's catering team appreciates that not every student will wish to cook for themselves.

With this in mind the University offers students catering options which allow you to both budget for your catering needs and also guarantee yourself at least one square meal a day. For details of our superb value Flexi Meals deals, and how you can sign up for cashless purchasing, log on to the catering web pages.

www.catering.stir.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING
Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence



MyStirling...

“ Having completed four years as an undergraduate studying Business Studies and Sports Studies, and currently in the middle of a two-year term as Sports Union President, I am absolutely convinced that there is no better place in Scotland for sport. The unique mix of a stunning campus setting with fantastic modern sports facilities means that students are spoiled for choice when it comes to sport.

We have over 40 different sports clubs which cater for all abilities and interests. These clubs will help you keep fit and healthy, provide your social life and, if you're lucky, help you travel the world. I would encourage you to come to the University of Stirling and be part of what is a very special sporting environment. ”

Jamie MacDonald – Sports Union President

Seasons of Stirling: Sport

Maybe it's the natural surroundings of the campus. Maybe it's the strong community feel or the number of professional sporting bodies based here. Great facilities, superb opportunities and a winning support network. Whatever the reason, Stirling has gained one of the best reputations for sport of any UK university and is Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence.

What's on offer?

Some outstanding facilities, among the best you'll find at any UK university. We've even been selected as a training camp for the 2012 London Olympics.

The Gannochy National Tennis Centre has six indoor courts, two outdoor all-weather floodlit courts and two outdoor clay courts. In 2006 it was extended and re-opened by local tennis ace Andy Murray.

The National Swimming Academy houses a 50m, six-lane pool, land conditioning room and seminar suite.

The state-of-the-art MP Jackson Fitness Centre has over 65 pieces of cardiovascular and resistance equipment and an extensive free weights area.

You can also enjoy:

- An eight-court sports hall and three squash courts
- Air-conditioned aerobics and dance studio
- A football centre
- A 400m all-weather running track
- Two artificial pitches and seven grass pitches
- A nine-hole, par-three golf course, putting green, driving ranges, pavilion and video analysis suite

The loch at the centre of campus is a great venue for canoeing and fishing. And beyond the campus, Scotland's spectacular scenery offers endless outdoor activities.

The Sports Development Service offers a range of classes and courses for all students. You can take part in fitness activities from aerobics to yoga, and sports such as canoeing and trampolining.

What can I do?

As well as enjoying the facilities listed above, a great way to get involved is through our clubs and societies. There are over 40 of these run by the Sports Union, covering individual and team sports – see p17.

When it comes to competing with other universities in Britain and abroad, these clubs have an excellent track record. Stirling students are regular winners at golf, tennis, swimming, football, rugby, netball and hockey.

To help with this, we run a Club Performance Programme. This is organised by the School of Sport in partnership with the Sports Union. It helps improve the success of our teams in national and international competitions, and increase the number of students gaining representative honours. Several core sports benefit from its methods, which include coaching, sports science and sports medicine.

Can you help me compete at high levels?

Absolutely – we excel at this.

For students competing at national level or above, we operate an International Sports Scholarship Programme for both UK and overseas students. This includes financial help and top-level coaching. It also enables you to extend your degree to allow for times when it's crucial to concentrate on a competition.

It's got a great track record too. Recently, we've helped produce:

- Over 100 junior and senior internationalists
- 14 athletes for the 2010 Commonwealth Games and Six Olympians at the 2008 games
- Medal winners at European and World Championships
- More than 50 British Universities' representatives in the past three years
- The winner of the 2006 US Amateur Golf Championship (plus we helped nine golfers gain professional tour status)
- A team winner of the 2008 Eisenhower Trophy, the world amateur golf championship

Scholarships are awarded in six sports: golf; swimming and disability swimming; tennis; triathlon; football and taekwondo.

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Can I learn to coach?

We offer a coach education programme for a range of sports. So if you fancy gaining a nationally-recognised qualification, Stirling's the place. If you already have qualifications, we can provide practical coaching experience.

Partners on campus

The quality of our sporting environment has attracted several bodies to base themselves on our campus including:

- sportscotland Institute of Sport
- Central Scotland Institute of Sport
- Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland
- Scottish Swimming
- triathlonscotland

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Seasons of Stirling: Culture

Whether you want to stay on campus, hop into Stirling, explore all Edinburgh and Glasgow have to offer or venture further in Scotland, the UK or Europe, we sit at the heart of a host of cultural and social opportunities.



You don't actually need to leave campus for top-class culture and entertainment; we have our own well established arts venue, MacRobert, right on site. With a state-of-the-art cinema showing the latest releases and cult classics, the mainhouse theatre hosting theatre, dance, music and comedy, a café/bar with restaurant and workshop and rehearsal space in the workhouse, we'd understand if you never ventured far.

MacRobert: international entertainment on campus

No other festival or venue in Scotland offers so many events for young people all year round. Theatre that tours nationally and internationally, pioneering events like the International Film Festival for Children and an innovative and imaginative focus on arts programmes for children and young people have earned our well-established arts venue an excellent reputation.

MacRobert is home to a children's art gallery with projection facilities (the arthouse), the first dedicated children's theatre in Scotland (the playhouse), a fully supervised crèche (the treehouse) and an unsupervised children's playroom with playstations, books and games (wallace's den).



Stirling: on your doorstep

But Stirling is right on your doorstep: a city described as the gateway to the Highlands, it sits at the gateway to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs. With the buzz and cosmopolitan culture of a university city – theatre, cinema, contemporary art galleries and live performance venues number among its attractions – and the charm of its Old Town with the Castle and Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling is a perfect balance of new and old.

Further afield: exploring Edinburgh and Glasgow

Step a little further and you can enjoy everything two of Scotland's biggest cities have to offer: Edinburgh and Glasgow are less than an hour away by road or rail. Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh, has streets steeped in history and a thriving contemporary scene: a UNESCO World Heritage site encompassing the medieval old town and Georgian New Town. The city bursts to its seams in August with festivals representing the best, most interesting and sometimes most bizarre examples of performance art, music, comedy, film and books. And there's a year-round programme of festivals encompassing everything from international culture to science. Top-class restaurants, a thriving night scene, must-sees for art-lovers like the National Gallery and Fruitmarket, big-budget dance and



drama, classic revivals and new writing plays from a collection of fantastic theatres... the list goes on.

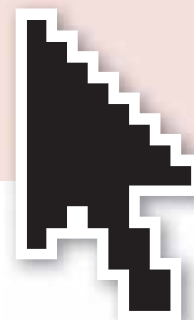
Glasgow is one of the liveliest and most cosmopolitan destinations in Europe and has a legendary music scene. Named a UNESCO City of Music in 2008, it has an average of 130 music events every week. But it's not just about music: from the beautifully restored Kelvingrove to the renowned Burrell Collection in Pollok Park, the Hidden Gardens at the Tramway to the first public museum to examine the origin of all the world's religious faiths, galleries and museums are in abundance, most of them free of charge. Glasgow's architecture is certainly an attraction in itself, particularly its impressive Victorian structures and of course, the unique masterpieces of one of the city's most celebrated sons, architect and designer Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Less highbrow, but no less important, Glasgow has the best shopping outside of London: high street brands, designer labels and independent stores all set in the café culture of the Italian Centre, Merchant Square and Buchanan Galleries.

At the centre of everything

Shopping, nightlife, arts venues, galleries – our campus, Stirling, Edinburgh and Glasgow have it all. And don't forget that Scotland hosts some of the biggest music and arts festivals in Europe: T in the Park, Sound, the Wickerman Festival and Rock Ness to name just a few. Plus Stirling makes a great base for exploring all that Europe has to offer with two major international airports under an hour away in Edinburgh and Glasgow. When you're not studying you'll never be stuck for something to do or somewhere to go...

Go exploring...

www.macrobert.org
www.visitstirling.org
www.edinburgh.org
www.seeglasgow.com
www.visitscotland.com



Seasons of Stirling: Social

At university, what you do is up to you. This spirit thrives at Stirling, and key to it is the Students' Union. They organise and provide everything you could possibly want. They support and help you. They give you the opportunity to get involved. And because they're your peers, everything they do is run by students for students.

Getting involved

You'll automatically become a member of the Students' Union when you register at University. From then on, what you do is up to you – including having the chance to help run some of the services listed below!

Your Union is the place for your voice, your clubs, your support and your services. It's an approach that's won several awards, including Best Bar None accreditation in 2005, 2006 and 2007, and was ranked in the top 10 for having the best clubs and societies (What Uni Award, 2009). This recognises the Students' Union long-standing commitment to social responsibility and the safety of its members. They also have an environmental focus and last year won a bronze Sound Impact award.

One great way to get involved is through the Union's media activities – the campus radio, student newspaper, TV station and website:

- **Air3** broadcasts student-made programmes, features, plays, news and views. www.air3radio.com
- **Brig** has been runner-up for NUS/Guardian Student Newspaper of the Year. www.brignewspaper.com
- **AirTV** provides great experience if you're interested in film and TV production, advertising, acting and scriptwriting. www.airtvonline.com
- **The Students' Union** website is a great way to keep up to date with what's happening on campus, campaigns, and hosts pages for Stirling's clubs and societies. It also gives students the chance to get involved in the behind-the-scenes workings of web development. www.stirlingstudentsunion.com

Another great way to get involved is through representation. You can become a programme representative to shape your learning or there are elected Union Officer positions that help run the Union and take responsibility for specific areas or campaigns, such as:

- Black Students' Officer
- Charities Officer
- Clubs Development Officer
- Communities Officer
- Disabled Students' Officer
- Highland and Islands Officer
- International and Exchange Students' Officer
- LGBT Officer
- Mature Students' Officer
- Postgraduate Officer
- Women's Officer

Other positions are available so that all students feel a part of their Union. Through the Union's representation you can get involved in local and national campaigns to make the lives of students better. So if there's an issue you care about, get involved.

Going out

The Students' Union runs bars on campus and hosts a wide variety of entertainment in these venues. There's a fantastic choice, so there's always something to do, whether you want to chill or party, chat or dance.

The Union offers a variety of venues to cater for all tastes. By day, it has a contemporary café feel with some tasty and great value food on offer. You can also check out Underground, our coffee shop serving Starbucks which features all your favourite lattes and cappuccinos as well as some indulgent cakes! At night, you can choose between a relaxed atmosphere or party the night away. The outside deck area offers dining with great views, while inside the big screens and lounge sofas make this a great place to wind down or watch the latest big football match! With weekly entertainment including the famous RAG Pub Quiz and Karaoke plus Rock Night and live music nights, there really is something for everyone. The Union also offers a great place to grab a coffee and relax. We offer free wireless as well so it's a great place to get away from the stresses of the library!

All of our major events are promoted on the Union's website so be sure to check out www.stirlingstudentsunion.com for more information.

Joining in

Whether it's furthering your interest in an existing passion, or trying something totally new, the Students' Union's clubs and societies will help make your time at Stirling happy and fulfilling.

The list's always growing, but some current clubs are listed right. There are also several departmental and subject-based societies. For a full list, visit the Union website: www.stirlingstudentsunion.com

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Clubs and societies

- Afro Caribbean Society
- Amnesty International
- Art Club
- Barnados Society
- Beta Union
- Black Students Group
- Business Club
- Catholic Society
- Celtic Music Society
- Comic Fantasy & Sci Fi
- Computer Club
- Concert Band Society
- Conservative Union
- Craft Beer Society
- Creative Writing
- Critical Theory Reading Group
- Dance @ SU
- Debating and Public Speaking Club
- Disabled Students Group
- French Society
- International Students Society
- Jewish Society
- Korean Society
- Labour Students
- Law Society
- LGBT Society
- Manga & Anime Society
- Nature Society
- Paintball Society
- People and Planet
- Philosophy Society
- Photography Society
- Poker Society
- Psychology Society
- RAG (Raise and Give)
- Red Cross Society
- Rock Society
- Save The Children Society
- Scottish Nationalist Society
- Socialist Society
- Spanish Society

- Stirling Students United
- Against Cuts
- Stitch
- Strategy Gaming and Role-Playing Society
- SUDS (Drama Society)
- Turkish Society
- Venture Club
- Wizarding Society
- The Wave (Women's Group)

Sports Clubs

- American Football
- Athletics/Cross-country
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cricket
- Equestrian Club
- Fencing
- Football
- Gaelic Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kayak Club
- Lacrosse
- Mountaineering
- Netball
- Octopush
- Polo Club
- Rugby
- Sen-no-kai
- Skydiving
- Snow Sports
- Squash
- Sub-Aqua
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Tenshinkan Karate
- Trampoline & Gymnastics
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Urban Dance
- Volleyball
- Waterpolo



MyStirling...

“ I came to study English Studies here because the programme interested me and when I came for an open day I fell in love with the campus. Everyone was really friendly on that first trip and that’s been true ever since. For me, what’s really special about Stirling is the community. From the second you start as a student you’re a member of the Union and you’re immediately part of what really is the heart of Stirling. It’s difficult to feel alone with such a strong sense of community and with so many clubs and sports all under one roof you won’t know what to join first. I’d quite like to be in your shoes so I could choose Stirling again. ”

Rhianna Humphrey – President of the Students’ Union

Seasons of Stirling: Support

While university is about finding your own way, it helps to know you can get advice and support from people who've been there before you. We offer services that help you make the most of your time at Stirling and also to kick-start life afterwards. Here are nine key areas.

Money advice

Our Student Money Advisers can help you to budget, assist you in applying for all the financial support to which you may be entitled and can refer you to appropriate external agencies.

We also have an extensive library of information on topics such as funding, disability-related matters, health, mental health and wellbeing, fitness and healthy living. And you can search our database for possible additional funding, from an extensive pool of national and local trusts.

> Corridor 4Y, Cottrell Building
studentadvice.money@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467080

Counselling and wellbeing

We offer a free and confidential service, so you can talk in private about anything that might affect your ability to study.

> Corridor 4Y, Cottrell Building
student.counselling@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467080

Support for young people leaving care

We are fully committed to supporting students entering and succeeding in Higher Education after being in care. We recognise the additional challenges this group of young people face, therefore we like to make things as easy and possible, and make the necessary adjustments for anyone choosing Stirling as their Higher Education destination.

We welcome applications from those students who have experiences of time in care and we are continuing to develop our unrivalled student support services to meet their specific needs.

> Corridor 4Y, Cottrell Building
student.advice@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467080

Disability service

Our Advisers offer one-to-one information, support and guidance; including applying for Disabled Student Allowance, organising diagnostic assessments and support for students with dyslexia.

They're particularly helpful if you want to visit or discuss things before applying.

- Our campus is highly accessible to wheelchair users and those with mobility issues (map available)
- Specially-adapted accommodation is available
- Study-related assessment of needs can be carried out and recommendations implemented where required
- Support workers and personal learning assistants can be arranged according to assessed needs
- We have dedicated computing facilities
- Assistive technology and training in the use of this technology is available
- All our lecture theatres have infra-red technology for hearing impairments

Pre-entry visit

Pre-entry visits are open to all prospective disabled students. This visit will help you to assess for yourself the suitability of the University environment.

For students with mobility or sensory impairments in particular, an early pre-entry visit is highly recommended.

> Room 2A1, Cottrell Building
studentadvice.disability@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 466612

Health

There's a General Medical Practice and Dental Centre on campus. If you're living away from home, you'll be advised to register with a doctor in the area.

> Airthrey Park Medical Centre
info@apmc.co.uk
 +44 (0)1786 463831

> Airthrey Park Dental Centre
 +44 (0)1786 448890

Seasons of Stirling: Support (continued)



Religion

The multi-faith Chaplaincy/Faith Centre organises programmes of worship, discussion and social events. It provides for all religions and can put you in touch with the nearest representatives of your group. It also hosts Family Schemes for international students.

We have a dedicated prayer room for Muslim students.

All our chaplains are part-time and financed by their respective denominations.

> +44 (0)1786 467164

Childcare

Bright Beginnings Nursery, next door to the University, caters for children from three months to five years.

> +44 (0)1786 474712

Psychology runs an on-campus playgroup for pre-school children.

> +44 (0)1786 466836

Career development

Careers guidance

We offer one-to-one interviews, mock job interviews and a 'drop in' service.

Careers information

- Online vacancy facility for graduates
- A Job Shop for part-time, casual and temporary vacancies
- Well-stocked information room, plus take-away directories and magazines
- Monthly careers newsletter
- Careers fairs and employer presentations

Careers education

- Credit-bearing career planning modules
- Credit-bearing work experience modules
- A range of seminars to develop employability skills
- Insight into Teaching programme

> Room 3A1, Cottrell Building

www.careers.stir.ac.uk

careers@stir.ac.uk

+44 (0)1786 467070

Enterprise and entrepreneurship

Scottish Institute for Enterprise (SIE)

SIE helps students in Scotland discover their entrepreneurial talent and even start up their own ventures. Our mission is to help create new student businesses including social enterprises.

Every year, two SIE Stirling Student Interns promote SIE as well as the University's own Enterprise Programme by running local events, competitions and the enterprise society.

Most importantly, we want to emphasise that every student, no matter what their degree, interests or current involvement with business, can make enterprise an active part of their life and have the potential to be an entrepreneur.

> www.su-bc.org

> www.sie.ac.uk

SUREstart Business Incubators

Be one of the many Stirling students to have created a successful business in the unique setting of the SUREstart incubator. You'll get office space, a landline, a PC, plus access to lawyers, accountants, marketing experts, funding and a whole range of other benefits; and it's all free!

Find out how to get involved with any part of the Enterprise Programme by emailing the Student Enterprise Manager, alasdair.gammack@stir.ac.uk



Coming to Stirling from overseas







MyStirling...

“ The International Study Centre makes transition onto a degree programme so easy. We learn a variety of different subjects as well as English, and if my marks are good enough I'll progress straight into the second year my chosen degree in Business Studies and Film & Media. It's a great way to meet people in the same situation as you. We all look out for each other. ”

Maricarmen Domador Pineda – International Study Centre student

Your questions answered

Coming to Stirling from overseas, you'll probably have numerous questions. Where are other students from? How will I make friends? What's the weather like? How do I get to the University from the airport? We can answer all these questions and more...

Where are most students from?

We have one of the most diverse communities of any UK university. 19 percent of our students come from overseas and over 90 nationalities are represented on campus. As well as meeting others from your country, you'll have a unique chance to make lasting contacts with people from a range of cultures, creeds and countries.

Wherever you're from, you'll be welcomed by local students and the local community alike.

How will I meet people?

We appreciate that being so far from home can seem daunting. But thankfully, it's really easy to settle in at Stirling:

- Most new undergraduates live on campus, so you'll be surrounded by other people within the ready-made community of a hall of residence or similar
- Clubs and societies will give you things to do, as well as ways to meet people
- Our teaching methods are structured around interaction and involvement

What's the weather like?

The Scottish weather is varied, but the climate is usually temperate – there are few extremes. In summer, temperatures may vary between 18–22°C, in autumn 8–11°C, winter 0–10°C and spring 4–10°C.

What's it likely to cost?

You'll need to consider both tuition fees (see p46), and the cost of living. This depends on your lifestyle, but we estimate £6,000 a year as a guide (not including tuition fees).

Does the University ever visit my country?

It helps to talk things through before you decide to study in another country. That's why we try to be as available to you as possible:

- You can email us questions at any time
- Our International Recruitment staff regularly visit many parts of the world
- We have appointed representatives in many countries

> +44 (0)1786 467046
www.stir.ac.uk/international
international@stir.ac.uk



Can I work in the UK after I graduate?

Some overseas students stay in the UK to work after graduation. The immigration rules for workers change frequently, so it is best to consult with the following websites for up-to-date information.

> www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk or
 > www.ukcisa.org.uk

Our International Student Adviser and Career Development Centre can help you with immigration advice and in job search skills.

> International & Postgraduate Office
www.stir.ac.uk/international
international@stir.ac.uk

> Career Development Centre
www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/career-development-centre
careers@stir.ac.uk
 + 44 (0)1786 467070

Your questions answered (continued)



How close is Stirling to an airport?

Less than one hour to either Edinburgh or Glasgow International airports. Most students fly to these airports either direct or via a European hub. Special transfer services are available from Edinburgh and Glasgow airports at the start of each semester. For further details, visit:

> www.stir.ac.uk/study-in-the-uk/visit-the-campus/airport-collection

What if English isn't my first language?

You'll need to show proficiency in English. Most commonly this is the IELTS exam with an overall grade of 6.0 to include 5.5 in Listening and Writing. We also accept TOEFL, the SQA ESOL qualification and many others. We can help you improve your English in a number of ways. Our International Study Centre and Centre for English Language Teaching have a number of options, from short courses to ways of preparing for your degree – see opposite page and p28.

> www.stir.ac.uk/study-in-the-uk/entry-requirements-and-english-language



What can I study?

All our full degree programmes are open to you. We accept a wide range of qualifications from around the world.

If you're thinking of coming from abroad for short-term, non-graduating study at Stirling, our modular semester system gives you flexible options. You can study for any course for which you have the appropriate academic background, regardless of the semester level or Academic School involved. Our International Summer School is also available to you. You'll be eligible for University accommodation and will have full access to facilities.

How do I apply?

For full-time degree programmes commencing in September, you should apply through the UCAS system – see p48 for details.

For degree programmes commencing in February you should apply directly to the University. Please contact the International & Postgraduate Office for more details.

If you need assistance with your application you may wish to speak to a University Representative in your own country. Details of our official representatives can be found on our website:

> www.stir.ac.uk/international

What help and advice will I get?

Before you arrive, we'll send you a copy of our International Student Handbook. This gives practical advice on arriving and living in Scotland.

As well as offering advice before your arrival, our advisers can help with any academic or personal issue while you're here – see p19.

> international@stir.ac.uk
+44 (0)1786 467046



Improving your English

If you need help improving your English there is a number of options available to you (including the International Study Centre, see overleaf).

English Language Courses

Pre-sessional Courses 2011

The Centre for English Language Teaching (CELT) offers two pre-sessional routes for students preparing to enter degree programmes at the University of Stirling: an eight-week pre-sessional course in July and August for students who need to raise their IELTS score to meet the language requirement associated with their degree programme, and a four-week pre-sessional course in August for students with unconditional offers for Stirling degree programmes.

Please note: students must have met the IELTS requirement associated with entry to the eight-week pre-sessional before the course commences. Details of both courses are outlined below. Should you have any doubts regarding the appropriate course of study for you, please contact the International & Postgraduate Office for advice.

Accommodation: On-campus accommodation should be booked along with your course. This comprises a single study bedroom with shared use of bathrooms and kitchens.

The Eight-week Pre-sessional Course

4 July to 26 August 2011

This course is for students with conditional offers from the University of Stirling who want to increase their IELTS score by 0.5 overall and in some skills without retaking the IELTS test.

The course aims to improve students' English language proficiency and study skills. Students will: practise understanding and taking notes from lectures; give presentations; hone seminar and discussion skills; write academic essays; learn academic referencing and compile bibliographies.

Students will be assessed in listening, reading, writing and speaking.

The timetable of classes is 9am to noon, Monday to Friday, and 1pm to 3pm, Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, from 1pm to 4pm, students will attend one-to-one feedback sessions with their tutors.

Tuition Fee: £2,800

For an application form, contact the International & Postgraduate Office.



The Four-week Pre-sessional Course

1 to 26 August 2011

This course is for students who have an unconditional offer from the University of Stirling.

The course aims to improve students' English language proficiency and study skills. Students will: practise understanding and taking notes from lectures; give presentations; hone seminar and discussion skills; write academic essays; learn academic referencing and compile bibliographies.

The timetable of classes is 9am to noon, Monday to Friday and 1pm to 3pm, Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays from 1pm to 4pm, students will attend one-to-one feedback sessions with their tutors.

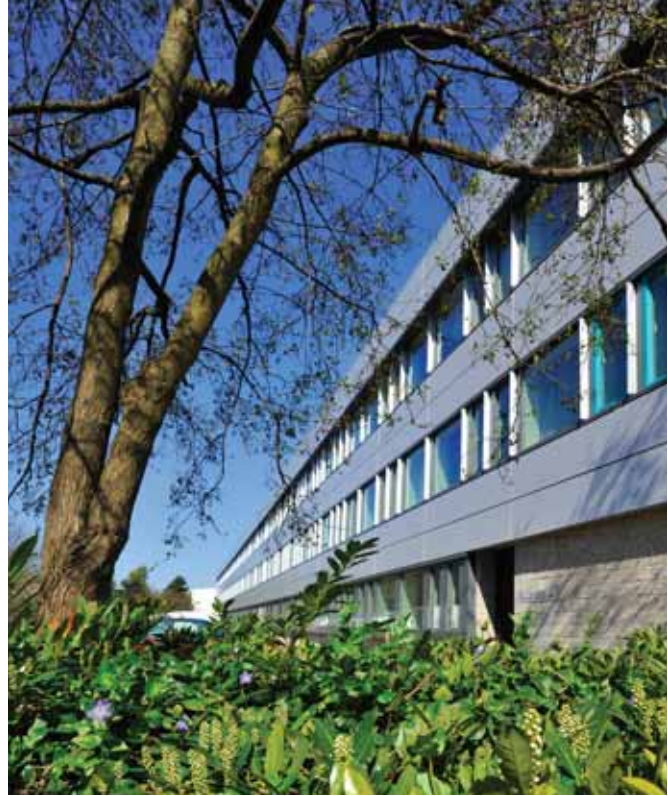
Tuition Fee: £1,400

For an application form, and for 2012 dates, contact the International & Postgraduate Office.

> International & Postgraduate Office
Student Recruitment & Admissions Service
international@stir.ac.uk
+44 (0)1786 467046

International Study Centre

The University of Stirling International Study Centre provides undergraduate preparation programmes for international students who do not meet the requirements for direct entry to a Stirling undergraduate degree.



International Year 1

Who is it for?

If you need help with your English language skills, and do not have the required level of academic qualifications, the International Year 1 will ensure you gain the competence and knowledge to succeed in your degree. It provides a direct path to second-year undergraduate entry onto a Bachelor's degree.

Typically, you should have an English language level equivalent to IELTS 5.0 (minimum 5.0 in writing) or TOEFL 500 (173 computer-based test), and good high school graduation grades or equivalent.

Which degrees does it lead to?

The International Year 1 offers entry into the second year of a wide range of our degree programmes, in the fields of business, arts and humanities, computing and sciences. Once you successfully complete the International Year 1 and achieve the required grades, you will be guaranteed admission onto the second-year of an undergraduate degree.

For a full list of degree programmes visit:

> www.stir.ac.uk/isc

When can I start?

Entry is in either September or January for second-year degree entry the following September.

How is the course structured?

This is a three-term course that will develop your language and academic skills. It combines English language preparation, academic modules and study skills.

You'll be assessed regularly throughout the course to check you're on track. This will involve continuous coursework and specific assessments at the end of each term or module. You'll also need to complete a series of extended essays.

Core modules:

- Academic English Skills 1
- Academic English Skills 2
- Academic English Skills 3
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Academic and Personal Development Planning

Specific route modules:

Business and Social Studies

- Economics 1
- Economics 2
- Sociology 1
- Sociology 2
- Sociology 3
- Business Models and Management Accounting Techniques
- Accounting and Finance

Sciences and Computing

- Chemistry 1
- Chemistry 2
- Biology 1
- Biology 2
- Computing 1
- Computing 2
- Mathematics for Science

International Year 2

The International Year 2 is an intensive three-term course equivalent to the second year of undergraduate study. Students who complete the course will enter Year 3 of an undergraduate degree.

The course combines English language preparation, academic modules and study skills to prepare you for undergraduate study.



Who's it for?

You should have an English language level equivalent to IELTS 5.5 (minimum 5.5 in writing) or TOEFL 513 (183 computer-based test), good high school graduation grades or equivalent, plus evidence of further study.

Which degrees will this lead to?

Once you successfully complete the course and achieve the required grades, you will be guaranteed admission onto the third year of one of the following undergraduate degrees in business:

- BA Accounting
- BA Business Studies
- BA Business Studies & Marketing
- BA Finance & Investment
- BA Marketing

When can I start?

Entry is in either September or January for third-year degree entry the following September.

How is the course structured?

You'll be assessed regularly throughout the course to check you're on track. This will involve continuous coursework and specific assessments at the end of each module. You'll also need to complete a series of extended essays.

Modules:

- Core Academic English Skills (CAES 1, 2 & 3)
- Introduction to Economics
- Accounting 1
- Organisational Behaviour
- Management
- Learning Skills – Information Gathering, Quantitative Methods, Quantitative Research and Communication
- Academic and Personal Development Planning
- Accounting 2 or Principles of Marketing



English Language Preparation (ELP)

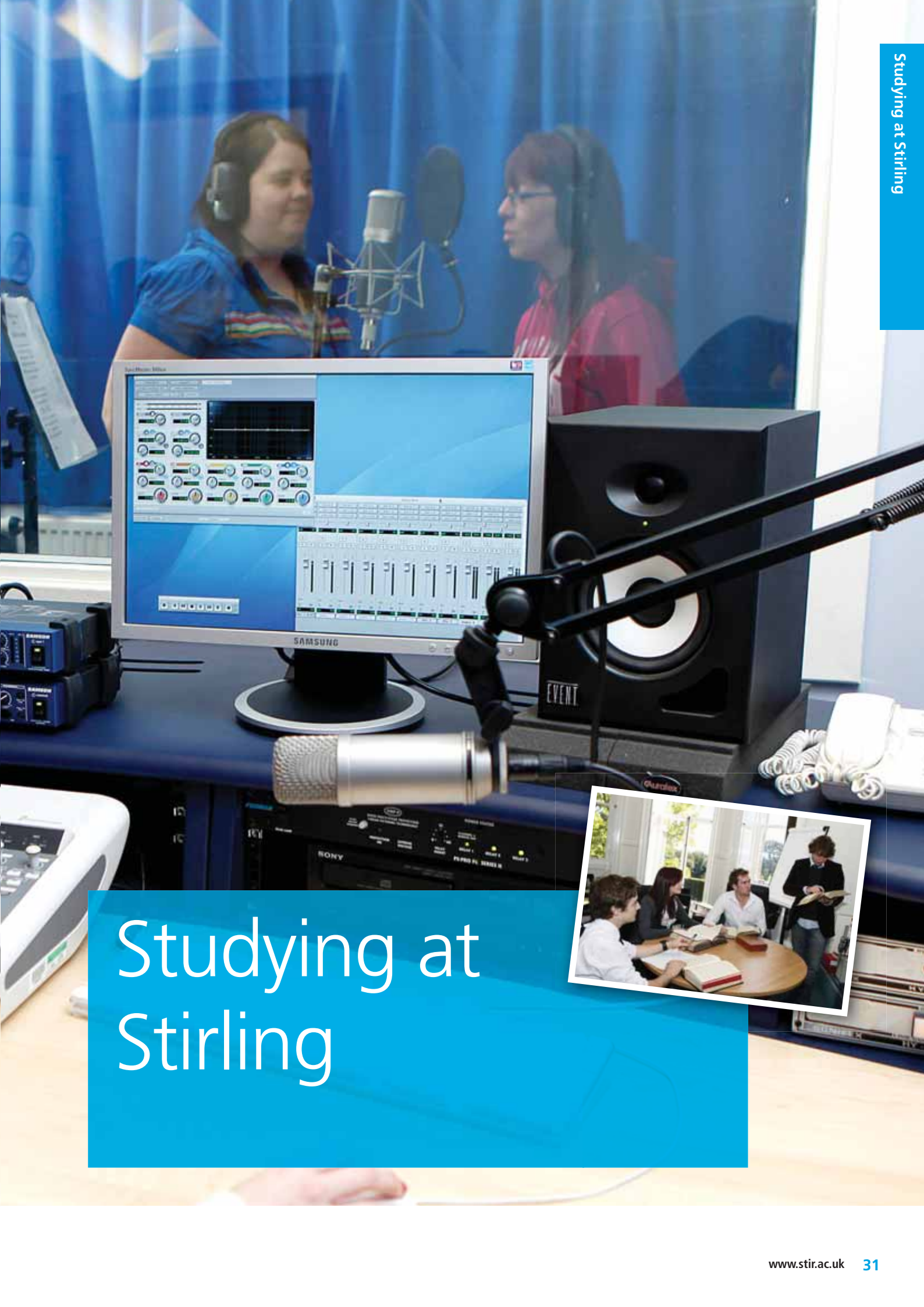
You will need an IELTS of 5.0 (with minimum 5.0 in writing) or equivalent to start the Undergraduate Certificate and an IELTS of 5.5 (with minimum 5.5 in writing) or equivalent to commence the International Diploma. Should you require additional English language training you can take our English Language Preparation Programme at the ISC.

The International Year 1 and International Year 2 and ELP programmes are taught at the International Study Centre, a dedicated facility at the heart of our campus. This facility is operated by Study Group, a leading provider of preparation programmes for international students, in partnership with the University.

For further information, contact our expert Student Enrolment Advisers:

> www.stir.ac.uk/isc
+44 (0)1273 339333





Studying at Stirling



A high quality education

Ranked highly for our teaching approach by education experts and students alike, and internationally respected for our excellent research, your education is in safe hands.



Our teaching pedigree

At Stirling you'll find yourself part of an academic community with a strong staff-student dynamic. As well as teaching, our staff are responsible for their own research which means you get the best of both: an academic expert who also has real-world industry and business experience.

We were voted Scottish University of the Year 2009/10 by The Sunday Times. They praised our high quality of teaching and noted that "Stirling has provided a distinctive higher education for the past 40 years in a fantastic setting". It's not just education experts who rate us: we also earned high marks in the National Student Survey 2010, coming joint third in the UK when final-year students were asked to rank the overall quality of their programme. We achieved a rating of 89 percent, beating the UK average of 83 percent.

To make sure that our teaching remains at this high standard, we evaluate our approach every year (at least). Our students are an important part of the quality assurance process; we make sure we listen to what works for you and act on it to make improvements. That's just our own checks – we also take part in a quality assessment scheme that covers the whole university sector run by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

How you'll be taught

We use a mixture of different approaches depending on the subject, the students and what we want you to achieve. You're likely to take part in:

- **Lectures.** These large classes form the basis of teaching in the early years of your programme

- **Tutorials and seminar discussion groups.** These supplement lectures and give you the chance to participate by, for example, preparing and giving a brief presentation, or contributing to discussions. The small group format allows for closer supervision and support
- **Laboratory sessions.** Part of all sciences, including Computing Science and Psychology
- **Fieldwork and excursions.** Part of many natural science programmes
- **Individual and group project work.** Part of teaching in many Academic Schools, where both theoretical and real-life cases are studied

Our international reputation for research excellence

We're proud of the quality of our research and the real-world applications developed as a result: applications which shape and improve lives. Stirling's energetic research community includes: the Institute for Social Marketing, whose specialists on the impact of tobacco and alcohol marketing help to shape government policy; the world-renowned Dementia Services Development Centre; the Institute of Aquaculture, which is the leading international centre in its field, the biggest portfolio of health care knowledge transfer partnerships of any Scottish university; and many other areas of expertise from economics to the environment. What's more, the most recent UK-wide Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) judged 85 percent of our research to be internationally excellent and internationally recognised, with the top 10 percent of that judged to be world class.



Stirling's teaching and research in five points...

1. We were voted Scottish University of the Year 2009/10 by The Sunday Times and final-year students gave us an overall satisfaction rating of 89 percent (National Student Survey, 2010).
2. Tutors combine teaching and research – so they offer real-world insight as well as academic excellence.
3. We use everything from lectures to lab sessions, tutorials and seminars to offer you the very best approach to learning.
4. We're recognised all over the world for the high-quality of our research: the most recent UK-wide Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) revealed 85 percent of our research to be internationally excellent.
5. We're top of the league in Scotland for research in Sport, Nursing and Midwifery, Education, and Film and Media*.

*Most recent UK-wide Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

Helping you to learn effectively

Studying at this level means learning in different ways: managing your own time; conducting research; mastering new computer skills. We've got the facilities and advice on hand to help you do all this – and do it well.



State-of-the-art library resources

The main University library sits at the heart of the campus in the Andrew Miller Building. It was extensively re-developed in 2010 at a cost of around £11 million. It's a vibrant, welcoming place, with resources in many formats and helpful professionals on hand to help you navigate your way around what is now a true 21st century resource. Part of your induction to University life is automatic enrolment on to a tour of the library to show you all the basics. We have two other libraries, the Highland Health Sciences Library on our Inverness campus and one operated by the Western Isles Health Board in Stornoway that contains mostly medical and other health services material. Our inter-site loan system lets you borrow from any of these libraries, wherever you're based.

Extensive IT facilities and free advice and training

Excellent computing facilities and appropriate skills will help you a great deal no matter what programme you're on. We've made sure we've got both top notch facilities and a range of courses to help you master the skills that will make academic life easier. And there's plenty of on-going support if you get stuck, online and via our Information Centre.

Facilities

You can bring your own PC or laptop with you – there are plenty of connection points throughout campus, as well as wireless networks, or we have numerous IT labs with up-to-date, comfortable facilities. A regular upgrade programme, your own email account and filestore, and many computers and printers available overnight mean you'll always have access to the latest software and hardware.

Training

IT skills

Whether you're a complete novice or already have some computing skills we can help you develop to a higher level. We offer two modules in the form of practical workshops:

Module 1: Essential skills

Covers the use of Microsoft software packages (word processing, spreadsheets, PowerPoint), communication via email and the web, and effective use of multimedia.

Module 2: Advanced skills

Builds on your existing skills to cover more advanced topics such as web design and organising data.

Data skills

You can also take a number of modules that will help you with data skills, designed to build your confidence in handling numbers and formulae. These cover statistics and using them in solving practical problems, key mathematical skills and an introduction to calculus.

Employability skills

We think long term, not just about your time as a student. 93 percent of our students are in employment or further study six months after graduation (Higher Education Statistics Agency, 2010), a testament to the quality of education we provide and to the long-term advice we can offer. We can help you explore your career plans, develop your employability skills through work experience and plan for life after graduation. You can also take part in seminars or discuss your ideas with a Career Development Adviser on a one-to-one basis.



Personal Development Planning

Personal Development Planning has been developed to help you define and explore your goals and map out ways to turn them into reality. The idea is to enable you to think about and reflect on the skills you are developing throughout your time as an undergraduate in order to open up opportunities in the future. You'll have access to your own Personal Development Record through the student portal.

About Student Learning Services (SLS)

Student Learning Services is a support service for all students. SLS works with you to ensure that you are both effective and efficient in your approaches to learning and that you get the best out of your academic studies. If you want to improve your study skills in areas such as time management, assignment planning, academic writing, critical thinking, avoiding plagiarism and exam techniques, contact SLS for a range of services to suit your learning requirements.

Want to know more about any of these facilities or courses? Please get in touch...

> Information Centre

www.is.stir.ac.uk
infocentre@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467250

> IT skills

Carron Shankland
www.cs.stir.ac.uk/courses/itskills
it.skills@cs.stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467444

> Data skills

Kate Howie
www.maths.stir.ac.uk/dataskills
 +44 (0)1786 467465

> Career Development Centre

www.careers.stir.ac.uk
careers@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467070

> Student Learning Services

www.studentlearningservices.stir.ac.uk
sls@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467950

A degree of flexibility

Flexibility and choice: our two watchwords. Our modular approach means you can develop your studies as you go, putting you in control of your education.



Your year

We split each academic year into two 15-week semesters, rather than the traditional three terms. Each semester has:

- A week-long mid-semester break
- A reading / study block
- A two-week exam period at the end
- An extended winter break of seven weeks after the first semester and a 15-week break over the summer after the second semester.

2012/2013 Semester Dates

Autumn Semester

Monday 10 September – Monday 17 December 2012

Mid-semester break

Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October 2012 (inclusive)

Spring Semester

Monday 11 February – Saturday 1 June 2013

Mid-semester break

Friday 29 March – Friday 5 April 2013 (inclusive)

Your subject choice

One of Stirling's major advantages is that you get to adapt and develop your study choices as you go along. In your first couple of years, you take more than one subject – generally three each semester. You can choose these from across the University; there are no faculty restrictions. For example, you could take a business subject like Human Resource Management alongside a very different discipline, such as Psychology. As you'll see from the following sections, you can then alter the focus of your degree subject as your interests and aspirations change.

How you earn your degree – the credit system

Pretty much all educational institutions in Scotland use the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework (SCQF), which is a credit system used for all qualifications. In order to earn a degree, you have to

accumulate credits. Credits are basically a way of showing how much time it takes to complete a piece of learning. As a rough guide, one credit point represents the amount of learning achieved through ten hours learning time. These are divided into different levels ranging from Access at Level 1 to Doctorate at Level 12. For Honours and Bachelor degrees, you'll typically be studying at about Levels 7 to 10.

Further information on the SCQF credit framework is available on our website at www.stir.ac.uk, or at www.scqf.org.uk

How your degree is structured – the module system

Your studies are split into modules. Most modules are worth 22 credits each. You generally take three modules each semester; they can be in three different subjects, or all the same subject, depending on what you want to study. You are assessed and awarded credits as you go along, at the end of each semester. This means you could change from full to part-time study and all your work would still count – it might just take a little longer to get there.

The key benefit of modular study is flexibility. It's possible to start on one degree programme and graduate in something entirely different, or change the emphasis of the degree programme you follow. You have until the middle of your second year to decide exactly what subject you want to qualify in.*

How you'll be assessed

We assess you as you go along. Your final grade after each semester is likely to be made up of several pieces of assessed work. These will vary from subject to subject, and from one programme module to the next, but could include essays, short tests, lab reports, projects, presentations – either individual or in groups – and examinations. In most cases, examination accounts for no more than 50 percent of the overall grade for each module. Dissertations or research projects undertaken in the final year are assessed entirely by coursework. We prefer this approach as it's fair and precise, it means you get constant feedback and it minimises the stress of intense final exams.

*There are some exceptions. For example, if you're studying Social Work, Nursing & Midwifery, LLB Law, or some of the Biological and Environmental Science programmes, you'll take three prescribed modules within your programme.



What qualifications can I get?

Qualification	Minimum number of modules	SCQF Credits	Details
Honours Degree	22 If you're full time, you can get this in four years. In most programmes you study three subjects in your first year.	480 At least 90 at Level 9 and 90 at Level 10 for Single Honours. A minimum number of Level 10 credits for each subject in a Combined Honours degree.	You can take a Single Honours degree – one main specialist area of study in your last two years (semesters five to eight) or a Combined Honours degree – two or occasionally three subjects.
Bachelor Degree	16 (with one module worth more than 22 credits to make the total)	360 At least 60 credits at Level 9.	A three-year programme in a single subject, it still combines study in a number of areas in the initial stages. You can also take a General degree over three years, allowing for a greater breadth of study.
Diploma Of Higher Education	11	240 Minimum of 90 credits at Level 8 or above.	We hope you'll leave us with a degree, but if not, we offer qualifications that require less credits in case you have to leave before three years.
Certificate Of Higher Education	6	120 Minimum of 90 credits at Level 7 or above.	

For all qualifications, you start by taking a variety of subjects – probably three each semester for the first year at least. At the end of each semester you can carry on with these subjects or drop one or even two and start something different. The only thing you must do is any compulsory components of your intended degree. At the end of Semester 3 (midway through your second year) you make your final decision about the subject(s) you want to study to degree level.

MyStirling...

“ Stirling offers great flexibility in its joint degree programmes. I enrolled in Sports Studies but was able to change my programme in Year 1 to include an accountancy module. In Year 2 I joined the Cheerleading Squad. That’s one of the best things about the University – you get the chance to study towards an excellent degree whilst having the flexibility to change your degree choice and be a member of a large variety of successful sports teams. ”

*Nicola Kearney –
Accountancy and Sports Studies*



The University of Stirling Cheerleading Club is not only a great way to keep fit, have fun and meet friends. The squad competes in national competitions, recently coming 4th in the UK and winning the title of Scottish National Champions, 2010.

A tailor-made education

You might have a clear idea of what degree subject you want to focus on when you enter higher education. Or you might want to keep your options open. At Stirling, your degree can develop as your interests and ambitions do too.

Example of how your degree can change

In your first year you choose three subjects each semester. Both our sample students are BA (Hons) Politics students but the subjects they end up choosing are very different. At this stage you can pursue subjects you've enjoyed studying to date, choose areas of study you think will help you with your career, or simply try out something new. You can even mix arts with business or science with humanities; there are very few restrictions across the subject areas.

Year 1 – keeping your options open

Student A – BA (Hons) Politics			
Semester 1	Politics	French	Management
Semester 2	Politics	French	Management

Student B – BA (Hons) Politics			
Semester 1	Politics	French	Management
Semester 2	Politics	French	Management

Mid-way through your second year – at the end of your third semester, you make your final decision about what you want to study to degree level. Student A is focusing on Politics and continuing with a Single Honours programme of study, whereas Student B has decided to combine French and Marketing, as Marketing is covered in Management, and will now be studying for a BA (Hons) French and Marketing degree.

Year 2 – refining your choices

Student A – BA (Hons) Politics			
Semester 3	Politics	Politics	Management
Semester 4	Politics	Politics	History

Student B – BA (Hons) Politics			
Semester 3	Politics	French	Management
Semester 4	Politics	French	Marketing

By your third year, you're immersed in your chosen subject, as are our sample students. Student B will leave for France in the second half of their third year to further specialise. Many of our degree subjects allow for a period of study abroad, especially if one of your Combined Honours subjects is a language.

Year 3 – becoming a specialist

Student A – BA (Hons) Politics			
Semester 5	Politics	Politics	Politics
Semester 6	Politics	Politics	Politics

Student B – BA (Hons) French and Marketing			
Semester 5	Marketing	French	French or Marketing
Semester 6	Period of study abroad with two modules at degree level, one in French, one in Marketing.		

While the first and second years are about choice and exploration, your final two years are about specialisation and performance: these are the years that determine your final grade. In our example, Student A with a Single Honours degree will graduate in Politics and Student B will graduate with a Combined Honours degree in French and Marketing. Whatever path you decide to take you can be sure of our support, advice and inspiration every step of the way: but remember, the choice is yours.

Year 4 – working for your degree

Student A – BA (Hons) Politics				
Semester 7	Politics	Politics	Politics dissertation	
Semester 8	Politics	–	Politics dissertation	BA (Hons) Politics

Student B – BA (Hons) French and Marketing				
Semester 7	Marketing	French	Marketing/French	
Semester 8	Marketing	French	Marketing/French	BA (Hons) French and Marketing

Something for everyone

Not everyone takes the traditional route into higher education. Perhaps you can't commit to a full-time programme? Or maybe you've not studied for years or don't think you have the qualifications you need? We welcome everyone who wants to study...

Who can apply for part-time study or Access courses?

Anyone. Whatever your age, whether you have qualifications or not, your life and work experience will always count.

How flexible is part-time study?

- You can achieve an Honours degree in many subjects via the part-time route
- You can progress at a pace that suits you, taking one or two modules each semester (full-time students typically take three modules each semester)
- You can start in September or February
- You can join normal University classes
- Previous studies or experience may count as credits towards your degree, shortening the time it'll take you to complete the programme
- With just a few exceptions, our entire range of degrees is available to you

Delaying the start of your degree

We're the only Scottish university where you can start degrees in February. In fact, we're one of only a few places in the UK which offers this option. We can also help you 'catch up' and graduate alongside people who started five months earlier.

Which degrees are available?

- Accountancy
- Business Studies
- Criminology
- Education (limited teaching subjects)
- English Studies
- Environmental Science
- Film & Media
- Finance
- History
- Human Resource Management
- Journalism Studies
- Law
- Management Science
- Marketing
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Psychology
- Retail Marketing
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Sports Studies

Please note:

- Not all subjects can guarantee availability each year, due to number restrictions
- Because the timetabling for February starts is slightly complex, not all of our combined programmes are available
- Your ability to change programmes may also be affected

To discuss your options, please contact our UK Undergraduate Office.

Who can start in February?

Anyone. It's available to both full-time and part-time students. Entry requirements are generally the same as for September entry.

How long will my degree take?

Start in February and you can still graduate in three and a half years. Ways of doing this are:

- Taking additional half modules during a semester
- Having previous qualifications that count as credit towards your degree

Due to the modular nature of our degrees, you'll be joining and starting modules at the same time as all our other students, so you'll never have any sense of 'being behind'.

Will I get help with my studies?

Yes. We know returning to study is an exciting way to change your life, but it can be daunting, especially if it's a long time since you last studied, or if you feel unsure about your learning skills.

For more information on and advice to help you learn effectively, turn to p34.

Who can I talk to?

For general information about any of our Access courses, or for application forms, call:

> UK Undergraduate Office
admissions@stir.ac.uk
 +44 (0)1786 467044

If you want to start your degree later, in February, apply direct to our UK Undergraduate Office on the details above, not to UCAS.



Access courses and continuing education

Whether you've just missed out on the grades you need to get to university, are returning to education after a number of years or seeking a change in direction, we have something to offer you.

Course	In a nutshell	Details	Entrance requirements	Duration
Access to Degree Studies	Helps those who don't have qualifications to prepare for University study	Initially, you'll take a Learning Strategies module to help you with your return to learning and you then move onto subject-specific modules, such as English, History, Sociology, Psychology, Maths and Biology. Once you've successfully completed this programme, you can then progress to a degree level programme.	No formal qualifications but you need to demonstrate potential for academic study. Interview and short piece of writing required.	Stirling campus, part-time for nine months evenings, daytime or both.
Bridging Programme	Designed to help those who narrowly missed the entrance requirements for University to reach the required levels.	Students who successfully complete the Bridging Programme with the required grades are guaranteed a place on one of Stirling's degree programmes. It's particularly suitable if you're local, as help with fees or accommodation is restricted.	For recent school leavers.	The programme lasts three months in the Autumn Semester, so you may have the option of starting your degree the following February, rather than having to wait a full year.
College Entry	Allows students to progress from a specific HND or HNC course to a degree programme.	Links with colleges locally and nationally mean that the University has agreements with the colleges allowing students to progress.	HND or HNC.	Possible entry in the second or third year of a degree programme.
Advanced Entry	Entry into Year 2 for students who've achieved high grades at Advanced Higher or A-level. See specific course pages for details.	Students studying other qualifications (e.g. International baccalaureate) may also be considered for advanced entry.	Advanced Highers or A-levels with at least ABB (in your area of study).	Year two of a degree programme.
Continuing Studies Programme	For those who want to sample a couple of courses at university level.	Short accredited courses that allow you to experience university teaching and gain credits that can be carried into a degree later.	Anyone can apply – no previous qualifications needed.	Usually evening courses in either Scottish History or Literature Studies.

To find out if you are eligible for advanced entry please contact the UK Undergraduate Office on +44 (0)1786 467044 to discuss your individual circumstances.

For further application information and an application form contact:

> UK Undergraduate Office
 +44 (0)1786 467044
 admissions@stir.ac.uk

Your opportunities to study abroad

Fancy spending some of your undergraduate days studying overseas? Stirling offers you some great opportunities to do so. From a semester to a year, from Europe to the other side of the world, here's what's possible.



International exchanges

International education and collaboration have never been more essential than they are now. As we look toward the future, many professions and disciplines will ever more require a period of study abroad for student success. Whether our graduates are in Stirling or Beijing, they will be living and working in a global environment. To ensure their own success, they will demand international experience as part of their world-class education. Global literacy is a practical necessity for their success.

As a Stirling student, you have a unique opportunity to spend a year studying in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan or the United States as a full part of your degree programme earning credit towards graduation.

This opportunity is open to most Honours programme students. You won't be excluded on grounds of gender, age, disability, nationality, sexuality, religion, family or financial circumstances or other similar factors.

You'll be chosen on both academic and personal merit, and the process involves an interview.

When does it happen?

Students are selected in Semester 3, and spend their third year or Semesters 5/6 abroad.

What about cost?

The cost of studying abroad is comparable to the cost of staying on campus at Stirling. Students opt in or out of a University loan to help cover the costs abroad, the amount of which varies depending on where you study. These funds pay for accommodation, food and basic personal expenses during your exchange period.

Other exchanges

The School of Arts and Humanities and the School of Natural Sciences offer specialised subject exchanges.

In Europe

We have ERASMUS exchange agreements with 50 universities in Europe. Each year, around 65 of our students spend time in places such as the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

Several Academic Schools have established ERASMUS exchanges with similar departments in European universities. Each exchange has an academic co-ordinator who organises the selection and support of students. These exchanges are School-specific, so not all degree programmes have them and you must be on a suitable Honours degree programme.

When does it happen?

Selection is usually during Semester 4 or 5, and you spend Semester 6 abroad.

What about cost?

Currently, if you take part in this exchange programme you're entitled to an additional grant. This goes towards the cost of your studies, and varies depending on where you're going and for how long.

Other exchanges

The Languages, Cultures and Religions department also organises periods of residence abroad in French – or Spanish-speaking countries, including new exchanges in Chile and Mexico, as appropriate for its Honours students.

Want to know more?

For more information and up to date listings of exchange partners, please contact the International & Postgraduate Office:

> +44 (0)1786 467040
study-abroad@stir.ac.uk
www.stir.ac.uk/study-abroad

Our International Exchange Universities

USA

University of Alaska

You can study at either the Anchorage or Fairbanks campuses, both of which allow you to experience some of the wildest countryside on earth. There are great opportunities within the sciences.

University of Hawaii at Hilo

Hilo, the largest of all the Hawaiian Islands, comprises 13 different climate zones. The campus itself offers a richly diverse student population, with a unique blend of local, mainland and international students.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Based near Chicago, UIUC ranks among the best in the world and offers a wide range of subject areas.

University of Kansas

Based in Lawrence near Kansas City, a major college town. It is in the US top 100 for quality and offers good opportunities in a variety of subject areas. Media and sports facilities are particularly outstanding.

Le Moyne College, New York State

Located at Syracuse, a beautiful part of upstate New York, Le Moyne offers a good range of business and liberal arts courses. The environment is strongly academic and the facilities are excellent.

University of Massachusetts

UMass is just a few hours from Boston and New York City, in the New England town of Amherst. It's a great student town and has a good range of courses.

University of Miami

The University of Miami's main campus is located on 260 acres in the city of Coral Gables, just south of Miami. Students from every state in the USA and from 114 nations around the world study at the University.

University of Mississippi

Ole Miss is one of the best known institutions in the deep south. With over 17,000 students, UM offers courses in a broad range of subject areas including business, liberal arts and psychology.

University of New Mexico

Offering a distinctive campus environment with a Pueblo Revival architectural

theme, the campus echoes the buildings of nearby Pueblo Indian villages. From the magnificent mesas to the west, passed the banks of the historic Rio Grande to the Sandia Mountains to the east, Albuquerque is a blend of culture and cuisine, style and stories, people, pursuits and panoramas.

University of North Carolina

Located at Wilmington on the Atlantic Coast, UNCW offers a great range of liberal arts programmes and is also very strong in biological and marine sciences.

University of Northern Iowa

UNI is on the west side of the Cedar Falls/Waterloo metro area in northeast Iowa and has approximately 13,000 students. UNI is one of the University's newest partners and regularly voted one of the best public schools in the midwest.

San Diego State University

SDSU has one of the most active study abroad programmes in the country. SDSU offers a broad range of subject options and the opportunity to enjoy a diverse cultural and social experience.

Washington State University

Internationally renowned, WSU is in Pullman, a vibrant college town in eastern Washington State. A highly residential campus, with a great surrounding area for outdoor activities.

University of Wisconsin

Each of Wisconsin's three campuses offers a diverse range of courses and a different living environment for students.

University of Wyoming

Two hours north of Denver, UW offers a broad range of subjects including business and management, history and journalism – skiing and hiking too.

Canada

Carleton University, Ottawa

Located near central Ottawa, the university offers a wide range of courses. Carleton is a great base for exploring North America.

Ryerson University, Toronto

Ryerson has grown from being a departmental exchange to a university-wide exchange. Subjects are in mainly business-related and some media areas.

University of Toronto

Canada's largest university with over 60,000 students. The courses offered complement Ryerson, and include classes in arts, humanities and natural sciences.

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

On Canada's west coast, SFU is consistently rated highly. It offers a broad range of courses, including psychology, biological sciences and management-related subjects.

University of Victoria, British Columbia

UVic is one of Canada's leading universities. Opportunities are available within Arts and the Human and Natural Sciences faculties.

Australia

Flinders University, Adelaide

Located a few miles from the city centre, and only 20 minutes from the beach and the hills. Exchanges are offered in a variety of subjects, particularly management and science-related areas.

University of Sydney

In the heart of the city centre, Sydney is Australia's oldest university. Courses are offered in arts, sciences and humanities.

Hong Kong

City University of Hong Kong

Located in Kowloon, City University offers a wealth of opportunities to explore this culturally diverse region. Areas of study include: business, marketing, media and biological and environmental sciences.

Japan

Waseda University, Tokyo

A top university in Japan, Waseda's 45,000 students include over 2,000 exchange students. Located in downtown Tokyo, this is a unique opportunity.

Rikkyo University, Tokyo

Rikkyo University offers students the chance to study for a semester at one of Japan's oldest universities. Business students in particular will find this a great opportunity.

Akita International University, Akita

Based in northern Japan, AIU provides a very different environment to our city-based exchanges. With only 600 students and a vibrant cultural mix, AIU offers a broad range of subjects in English.

How to apply





How much does it cost?

Fees vary depending on your permanent place of residence; so does the funding you can get. Here's a quick guide for full-time students. Don't forget you'll also have your living costs – we've included advice on those too.

Tuition fees for BA/BSc/BAcc (Hons) programmes (excluding Nursing & Midwifery)

Scottish/EU domiciled students

You won't have to pay tuition fees. The Scottish Government pays these on your behalf, through the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). You must apply for this funding every year.

If you've had fees paid for a previous degree, or you're repeating part of a programme, you may have to contribute. Please contact SAAS for advice (see contact information below).

Entry requirements are generally the same as for September entry.

UK students (domiciled outside Scotland)

You will be required to pay tuition fees at the 'home' rate for each year of your programme.

Home rate tuition fees in Scotland are set by the Scottish Government and are the same at all institutions. Fees are generally set in March each year. The annual fee level for new students entering in 2010 was £1,820; please check the University website for the latest information.

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/financial-information

International students (domiciled outside the EU)

You will be required to pay tuition fees at the 'overseas' rate for each year of your programme.

Overseas rate tuition fees vary according to the degree programme studied. The annual fee level for new students entering in 2010 was £9,900 for classroom-based programmes, and £11,950 for laboratory-based programmes.

Financial support

Scottish domiciled students

If you live in Scotland you can get financial support for living costs through SAAS.

• Student loans

Student loans to help with living costs are available to all Scottish students. The amount available to you is individually assessed according to your programme, your house-hold income and whether or not you plan to live away from home while at university.

• The Young Students' Bursary

If you are classed as a Young Student and your household has an annual income of less than £34,195 (2010 figure), you are likely to qualify for a non-repayable bursary. The size of the bursary varies according to income and it is intended to help with your living costs.

When combined with the student loan, the total package available is equal to or slightly higher than the maximum loan entitlement.

• Additional support

Certain students are eligible for extra financial help through non-repayable supplementary grants such as the Lone Parents' Grant and the Disabled Students' Allowance. You may also be entitled to apply for travel costs incurred in connection with your studies.

For full details of the support available to you, and how to apply, please contact SAAS.

> **Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)**
Gyleview House, 3 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle,
Edinburgh EH12 9HH
www.saas.gov.uk
+44 (0)131 244 8075

Part-time students

You will be required to pay tuition fees. Fee waivers are available if you're on benefits or a low income – please contact the University Student Matriculation and Records Office for further information.

> records.office@stir.ac.uk
+44 (0)1786 466654

UK students (domiciled outside Scotland)

All students are able to access a fee loan to cover annual tuition fees. In addition, you can apply for a maintenance loan to help with living costs and, depending on your personal circumstances, other grants may also be available. The total support package for living costs depends upon your household income.

You apply for support in the same way as for any other UK university. Applications can be made online via the following official websites:

If you live in England:

> www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

If you live in Wales:

> www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

If you live in Northern Ireland:

> www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

EU and international students

EU nationals and international students are typically not able to claim support for living costs through SAAS or from other UK public funds.



A number of countries do offer financial support to those citizens who choose to travel abroad for university study. If you are from outside the UK we advise you to contact the relevant authority in your own country to find out what's available.

Nursing & Midwifery students

Tuition fees are paid for all UK students on Pre-registration courses by SAAS. In addition, there is a non means tested bursary of £6,578 (2010/11 figure) paid and placement travel expenses can be claimed for. In addition means-tested allowances may also be available.

Bursaries are not normally available to EU students although their fees are paid by the Scottish Government.

Non-EU students pay their own fees and are not eligible for bursaries.

> www.saas.gov.uk

Scholarships and awards

• Carnegie Trust

This scholarship fund, which is available to students at Scottish universities, is designed to promote and reward academic excellence.

If this is your first degree and you were born in Scotland (or have a parent born in Scotland or have at least two years of secondary education in Scotland), you can apply for assistance with your tuition fees. You must be able to demonstrate that you would suffer hardship if assistance was not given, and your fees must not be paid by any other body (e.g SAAS).

> [Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland](http://www.carnegie-trust.org)
www.carnegie-trust.org
 +44 (0)1383 724990

• Stirlingshire Educational Trust

This Trust provides assistance to local students in financial need. Grants are available to both full-time and part-time students and are designed to help with the cost of fees, books and equipment, travel and general living costs.

> [Stirlingshire Educational Trust](http://www.stirlingeducationaltrust.org.uk)
 68 Port Street
 Stirling FK8 2LJ
www.stirlingeducationaltrust.org.uk
 +44 (0)1786 474956

These are just two examples of a wide range of charitable and educational trusts which exist to provide support to UK students. For further information on other possible sources of funding, please contact the Educational Grants Advisory Service (EGAS):

> www.egas-online.org.uk

or the Association of Charitable Foundations:

> www.acf.org.uk

International Scholarships

For information on our range of scholarships for 2011/12, please contact our International & Postgraduate Office.

International students should note that there is also a number of organisations including the British Council, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development that offer scholarships to certain overseas applicants.

> [International & Postgraduate Office](mailto:international@stir.ac.uk)
www.stir.ac.uk/international
international@stir.ac.uk

Cost of living

On average, students at Stirling spend between £5,500 and £7,000 per year (not including tuition fees).

When planning your budget, factor in basic costs such as accommodation (plus any bills), food, telephone, clothes and personal items, entertainment and travel. Also, don't forget the important extras, such as a TV licence and insurance.

Obviously the amount you will spend depends on your lifestyle, and will also be affected by the geographic area in which you choose to study. Stirling has a relatively low cost of living, compared to other parts of Scotland and the rest of the UK.

Discretionary and childcare funds

These are discretionary funds designed for UK students who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. These funds, which are administered by the University, are non-repayable and are in addition to any other forms of student support.

> +44 (0)1786 467080
[Student Development & Support Services](http://www.stir.ac.uk/student-development)

Please note

All this information is correct at time of print. For updates and more detailed information visit our website:

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/financial-information

Application procedures

How to apply depends on when you're coming to study at Stirling – September or February – and whether you're studying full-time or part-time.

Applying for full-time study, September entry

You must apply through UCAS. This applies to both home and overseas students, and even if you're applying for transfer or credited entry.

How to apply

You'll need to complete an online 2012 UCAS application form. For an up-to-date list of programmes available please refer to the UCAS website:

> www.ucas.com

All applications are done online through 'Apply'.

'Apply' is a web-based application process. This can be submitted by individual applicants or by a registered user (for example, through your school, college or agent). You should check to see whether or not your current institution is a registered user.

For further help and information, visit:

> www.ucas.com/students/apply

UCAS provides a helpline for filling in the form, tel:

> +44 (0) 871 468 0 468.

There's also a version of the application for students with overseas addresses:

> www.ucas.com/students/nonukstudents/howtoapply

Our overseas representatives (agents) can help you apply to the University.

When to apply

UCAS can start receiving applications for entry in autumn 2012 from 1 September 2011 onwards.

You should apply as soon as you've made a careful and considered choice. Universities are obliged to consider all applications if they are sent to UCAS by 15 January. It's in your best interest to apply before this date. Any applications received after this date are considered by institutions at their discretion, and no guarantee can be made that they will be given the same level of consideration as applications received before it.

You should contact the UK Undergraduate Office if you're applying after this date to check we're still accepting applications in your requested subjects.

International applicants have until 30 June to apply. However, all applicants should apply as early as possible and not leave it to the final date.

Programme choices

You may apply for five institutions/programmes on the UCAS form. Don't feel obliged to use all five choices. If you wish to apply to the



University of Stirling for more than one degree programme, you'll normally have to make separate entries on your application form for each choice.

Application fee

There is a fee to apply to UCAS of £22 (£11 for a single application). You should refer to UCAS instructions regarding methods of payment.

Applying for full-time study, February entry

Applications for entry in February are currently made direct to the University (not UCAS). Please contact us for an application form.

> UK Undergraduate Office

University of Stirling

Stirling FK9 4LA

+44 (0)1786 467044

Applying for part-time study

For both February entry and September entry to part-time degree study, you should apply directly to the UK Undergraduate Office.

If you are an adult learner returning to education, previous qualifications and levels of study are considered. The Head of UK Undergraduate Office or Deputy looks at all applications and these are passed to the Academic Selector(s) when appropriate. If you have only a few qualifications, or ones which are not recent, you may initially be offered a place to study a stand-alone module with the possibility of transferring to degree study at a later date. If you are applying as a recent school leaver, the typical entry requirements are normally asked for (see relevant subject entries for further details).

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Between school and university deferred entry

We're happy to consider applications from students who wish to defer their entry for a year. Such applicants should apply in the normal way in the autumn of 2011 for admission in September 2013. There is a box on the UCAS form for applicants to indicate this.

For more detailed advice contact:

> Student Recruitment & Admissions Service

UK Undergraduate Office

admissions@stir.ac.uk

+44 (0)1786 467044

How your application will be considered

All applications – full-time, part-time, and for all subjects – are individually considered to ensure fair admissions. We're committed to making all offers in a fair and equal manner, though the grades required may vary according to the applicant and subject.

Equal opportunities: fair admissions

In accordance with its Charter, the University's applications for admission to all programmes are assessed in accordance with the University's equality and diversity commitments and obligations as set out in its Single Equality Scheme and in line with the latest professional guidance. Disability/special needs are not usually a bar to entry on programmes, but applicants are encouraged to fully declare these at an early stage so that any special arrangements are made before you join us.

For students joining the nursing and midwifery profession you should read the guidance on:

> www.nmc-uk.org

Past criminal convictions should also be declared. This is particularly relevant for those applying to Nursing & Midwifery, Social Work and Teacher Training. There are no lower and upper age limits for admission to most BA/BAcc/BSc degree programmes at Stirling.

All applications received by UCAS before the initial 'cut-off' date (currently 15 January) will be considered on an equal basis. However, sometimes we can consider applications in some subjects after this date. Programmes available for consideration after this date will be shown on the UCAS web-site:

> www.ucas.com

What criteria are considered?

Academic qualifications are of crucial importance as we are looking for strong academic potential. However, supporting information on your form is also important. Explaining why you're choosing a programme is essential, especially for vocational programmes (for example, Film & Media/Journalism Studies, Law, Nursing & Midwifery, Education and Social Work). Describe any relevant experience and how this has helped you in your choice of programme.

We'll look for evidence of transferable skills, such as teamwork and communication ability. Clearly indicate on the form how you achieved these skills through academic study, voluntary work, jobs, hobbies and life experience.

References are also considered carefully. Give an academic reference if possible, but failing this, an employer's reference is acceptable. Friends as referees are not usually accepted and we may ask for a further reference.

Will there be an interview?

Not normally. But interviews may be required for particular subjects (PE/Professional Education, Primary Education and Nursing &

Midwifery) and in special cases; for example, if you don't have normal entrance qualifications, or your qualifications aren't recent.

How are offers made?

Offers are made by experienced members of the UK Undergraduate Office, to set criteria laid down by academic members of staff. If your application doesn't fit into the set criteria it will be referred to an Academic Selector and/or the Head of UK Undergraduate Office.

Offers are either unconditional or conditional. Conditional means we need further qualifications or information before we can finally confirm your offer.

All applications are dealt with as quickly as possible, although at peak times it may take longer. If we want to interview you, or need further details, the process may take longer – but we'll keep you fully informed.

What happens with examination results?

If you apply through UCAS and are sitting Highers or A-levels/VCE qualifications or the IB Diploma we usually receive your grades from UCAS and you don't need to send them to us. However, if your TRACK page does not show a change in decision a week after you have your results published then you should contact the UK Undergraduate Office as we may not have received your results.

If you're sitting qualifications other than those mentioned above, please send a copy of your results to the UK Undergraduate Office as soon as you receive them.

Please note that the University is under no obligation to accept you if we do not receive your results by 31 August and it is your responsibility to ensure we have your results.

What happens if I don't get the grades asked for?

Even if you don't get the grades we asked for, we won't automatically reject your application. Instead we'll review it, paying particular attention to the personal statement, reference and past academic performance. You may, therefore, still be offered a place despite not having achieved the exact conditions required.

Can I visit the University?

Absolutely. We strongly urge you to do so. Please see inside front and p128 for details.

Entrance with UK qualifications



Scottish qualifications

Year 1 entry Highers

We make offers on the basis of Highers, though Advanced Highers can be a way of meeting entry requirements if you are unable to meet them with Highers alone. A grade C or above in Advanced Highers will translate as an upgrade to the Higher grade achieved. If you have an Advanced Higher without the relevant Higher, you'll normally be asked for grade B in the Advanced Higher.

Currently, we don't use the UCAS points tariff scheme.

We do accept Highers taken over two sittings, although you may be asked for a higher grade if you have repeat or upgrade examinations.

Core skills

Core skills are encouraged, but are not normally listed as separate entrance qualifications in any offer made.

Credited entry Advanced Highers

It may be possible for students with three Advanced Highers to be offered Year 2 entry. It is also possible for applicants with two Advanced Highers to join in February with partial-year credit (i.e. direct/credited entry into Semester 2) if your examinations are

in relevant subjects with good grades. If you're interested in this option, contact the UK Undergraduate Office and look at individual entry pages for further detailed requirements.

Scottish Baccalaureate

We welcome the new Baccalaureate in Science and Languages. Entry to Year 2 of a degree programme may be possible but will be dependent on the subjects taken within the Interdisciplinary Project and the grades achieved.

Other UK qualifications

Year 1 entry A-levels/VCE/ASs

We make offers on the basis of A-level grades. Currently, we don't use the UCAS points tariff scheme.

Offers will normally be made on a basis equal to three A-levels, although all applications will be considered individually and offers may be given with less.

If you have a mix of ASs and A-levels (A2), we may be able to frame our offer in light of the AS grades already achieved. Any offer will have a minimum of two A-levels requested.

If you are re-sitting or upgrading some A-levels we may increase our normal grade requirements.

Advanced Diplomas

We welcome Advanced Diplomas and the University is accepting these as suitable entry requirements. We are asking for specific grades in the Diploma and Additional Specialist Learning (ASL) component. Certain subject restrictions occur for some subjects. For greater details you should refer to the UCAS Course Search facility for our University.

< www.ucas.com/students/coursesearch

Key skills

Key skills are encouraged, but not normally listed as a separate entrance qualification in any offer.

Year 2 entry for school leavers

Direct entry to Year 2 is available in some programmes to students with three Advanced Highers or A-levels with grades ABB to include the programme subject(s). If you have other qualifications (e.g. International Baccalaureate), you may also be offered credited entry. Details are found on the pages relating to individual programmes, and are in subjects of Biological and Environmental Science programmes, Business and Management programmes, Economics, English, History, European Languages, Marketing, Mathematics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology.

It's important that you're fully aware of the advantages and disadvantages of seeking credit on entry for school level qualifications, including the decrease in flexibility of a degree programme. To discuss this, please contact the UK Undergraduate Office.

BTEC

BTEC National Diplomas are considered.

Successful applicants will require a grade of DDM in their final Diploma. National Certificates will not be accepted.

For more detailed advice contact:

> [Student Recruitment & Admissions Service](#)

[UK Undergraduate Office](#)

admissions@stir.ac.uk

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Post-school qualifications

Articulation into Year 2 and 3

We offer credited entry to many subjects so that students from colleges with certain HNCs and HNDs can enter Year 2 with an HNC or Year 2 or Year 3 with an HND.

Currently, the subjects you can articulate to are:

- Sociology/Social Policy/Criminology
- Psychology
- Business and Management programmes
- Marketing/Retail Marketing
- Computing
- Sports Studies/Sport and Exercise Science

We're always adding to these agreements.

For the latest information, please visit:

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/entry-requirements

or contact us:

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HNC

A full range of Higher National Certificates (HNCs) are accepted for entry into Year 1 of degree programmes. We usually ask for a pass, including B in the Graded Unit. Some programmes may require HNCs in specific subjects before acceptance e.g. Biological and Environmental Sciences.

We have articulation agreements for some specific HNCs for entry into Year 2 (for example, Social Sciences entry into Sociology/Social Policy). For all other subjects, we only offer Year 1 entry for holders of HNCs. For full details, you should refer to:

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/entry-requirements

HND

Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) are also considered. If you've undertaken a related HND course, you may sometimes obtain credited entry into Year 2 of a related degree programme. Details are found on the pages relating to individual programmes, and are in subjects of: Accountancy; Biological Sciences; Business and

Management programmes; Computing Science; Environmental Sciences; History; Marketing; Politics; Psychology; Sociology; and Sports Studies.

We also offer Year 3 entry on an individual basis for Business/Management/Marketing subjects.

In Scottish HNDs, Bs in Year 2 Graded Units will be needed in the second year of study, together with a strong academic background. For entry to Year 2, specific units may be required, especially in Sports and Biological and Environmental Sciences.

You should refer to:

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/entry-requirements

HNDs from England, Wales and Northern Ireland require merits and at least two distinctions in all units. Year 3 entry will require 50 percent of merits/distinctions in second-year subjects. Double units will be considered as two merit units. You should indicate clearly the double units taken.

Access courses

A wide range of university and college Access courses is welcomed.

We offer a number of reserved places for most subjects if you're attending SWAP courses (visit www.scottishwideraccess.org for details), as long as you have Bs or above in your tutor profile (if applicable).

All students on our in-house Access programme (see p40) are guaranteed a place at the University as long as you successfully complete your programme with accepted grades, although this may not be in your first subject of choice. If we feel you are not quite ready for full-time study you may be offered part-time entry initially.

Bridging Programme

We run a Bridging Programme in the autumn semester, designed for school leavers who have just missed the necessary entry requirements with their Highers/A-levels but who still wish to pursue entry to University. This is a full-time, 15-week bridging course that, if successfully completed with an average of 2F or above, guarantees entry to a Stirling degree programme in the following February or September. NB: This is not always in your first choice of degree programme.

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Other United Kingdom Qualifications

Other UK qualifications, for example, degrees from UK universities, including the Open University, and some professional qualifications, are recognised as satisfying entrance requirements.

Please contact the UK Undergraduate Office.

Entrance with EU and international qualifications

With students from over 90 different nationalities, we're used to welcoming applications from across the world. Each student is considered on an individual basis.



English language

If English isn't your first language, you'll need to demonstrate a level of English language proficiency by having a pass in certain recognised tests and examinations. Most commonly this is the IELTS exam with an overall grade of 6.0 to include 5.5 in Listening and Writing. However, we also accept TOEFL, the SQA ESOL qualification and many others. For full details of all the English language qualifications accepted, please consult the following web page:

> www.stir.ac.uk/study-in-the-uk/entry-requirements-and-english-language

European qualifications

We accept any European school-leaving qualification and are familiar with them all. Check our website to see the general grades required from your country.

If your qualification is not listed, or you require further information, please contact the UK Undergraduate Office.

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/entry-requirements

Other overseas qualifications

We accept most school-leaving qualifications (for example, Vitnemal, ACT/SAT, ISC grade XII examinations) without further study, with varying grades depending on the programme applied for. All school qualifications and degrees will, however, be carefully considered from all overseas institutions. If some school-leaving qualifications require further post-school study, we are happy to accept study undertaken in your home country, or an academic-based foundation course in the UK.

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/entry-requirements

International Year 1 or Year 2

If we are unable to offer you a place without further study or English Language qualifications we can direct you to our International Year 1 or Year 2 which may lead you to entry to Year 2 of our degree programme.

> www.stir.ac.uk/isc



General entrance requirements

Although each degree programme has specific requirements, there are some general requirements you'll need to meet in order to study at Stirling. Nursing programmes have different requirements (see p105).

The requirements

The requirements below are the minimum we require for entry to the University. Please see specific subject pages for the current asking grades.

- One of SQA Standard Grade English (at Credit Level, bands 1–2), Intermediate 2 English (C pass), GCSE English Literature or Language (C pass) or SQA Communications 3
- A minimum of four passes at SQA Higher Grade; (exceptionally three passes may be acceptable); or
- A mixture of A-levels, VCEs and ASs to make the equivalent of three A-levels (exceptionally, entry with two A-levels may be considered); or
- An acceptable pass in approved subjects in any of IB, HNC/D, BTEC National Diploma, Advanced Diploma; or
- A pass in an approved Access Course

School leavers' qualifications from the European Union (EU) or a degree from a university in the United Kingdom or European Union are recognised as satisfying the general entrance requirements.

Many other international school qualifications are also recognised as satisfying the general entrance requirements.

Students who have returned to education after five years away from full-time education or students who have suffered educational hardship or disruption may receive special consideration.

Specific subject requirements

Some degree programmes require passes in specific subjects at SQA Higher, GCE A-level or SQA Standard Grade/GCSE (or equivalent) in addition to required grades. Where this is the case, it is mentioned in the subject entries.

Variations to published grade requirements

Our current asking grades are listed on subject pages but these are for guidance only and you should check the website the Autumn before entry for the most up to date minimum grades we require. For some subjects, you may be asked for a higher grade if you are re-sitting or upgrading some examinations.

We do accept students who sit Scottish Highers over two sittings but we may ask for a higher grade if you are doing this.

Subjects approved for entry

All approved, SQA, GCE and GCSE examination subjects are acceptable for entry.

Note that passes in subjects that contain a high proportion of common material will not be counted separately (e.g. Biology/ Human Biology, Geography/Environmental Science). Please ask the UK Undergraduate Office about such 'overlaps'. Further, if there is a large profile of practical/vocationally-based Highers/A-levels, the offer levels may be adjusted accordingly.

Terms and conditions

Any student being offered a place will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions. You should refer to the following website for details:

> www.stir.ac.uk/study-at-stirling/university-contract

Award of credit for prior qualifications

We award credit on admission for certain qualifications gained before coming to Stirling which means you may be able to shorten the length of time at University to get a degree.

What can it count towards?

Though it may not necessarily add up to an entire year's exemption, any credit given can contribute to your final degree. Credit is normally at first-year University level (SCQF Level 8), but subject-specific credit can be at any level, although normally at the first two years' University level (SCQF level 8 and 9).

What is it normally given for?

The most common credit awarded is for prior degrees, HNDs and professional qualifications. (Please note, we currently don't normally award credit for HNCs, apart from specific articulation agreements.)

School leavers whose grades and subjects are of a certain level may be able to enter into Year 2. Please see the relevant page for your chosen programme.

It may also be possible for such students to join in February with partial year credit. Credit for A-levels or Advanced Highers can be given at a rate of two University module credits for each relevant qualification.

Students who hold an existing degree are normally given credit to the equivalent of one year's study if the degree programme permits.

Does it happen automatically?

Credit is awarded automatically if we deem it suitable on application. However, if you wish to request credit for other professional qualifications, please contact us prior to entry. Credit cannot be awarded retrospectively once you have started your programme.





Our Programmes

Schools of thought...

We are one of the leading UK universities in the fields of health and wellbeing, the environment and people, culture and society, enterprise, the economy and sport. We have a family of seven Schools and together we offer internally renowned programmes guided by well-respected and established research.



Stirling Management School

> www.stir.ac.uk/management

Accountancy, Business Studies, Economics, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management Science, Marketing, Money, Banking & Finance, Retail Marketing

At the Management School, our students plan on making a positive impact on business, society and people's lives.

We specialise our teaching expertise across the full breadth of business and marketing subjects: Accounting & Finance; Business & Marketing; Economics; Healthcare Management; Retail; Socio-Management; Social Marketing. Expertise in all of these subjects forms part of our focus on achieving world leading, internationally excellent and high impact results in research and teaching.

Both our research and teaching programmes pay special attention to social, economic, environmental, cultural and thus business responsibility. And our work aims to challenge and benefit students, businesses and communities. We want to impact on people's lives by enabling public interests to be identified, understood and realised, through informing policy and management practice in Scotland and across the world.

School of Sport

> www.stir.ac.uk/sport

Sports Studies, Sport & Exercise Science, Physical Education

Whether competing, coaching or researching, our School of Sport students love sport and love to excel.

The School of Sport is an academic-led integrated school. This means we combine sports research, sport education, competitive sport and sports development. As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, our aim is to develop an internationally renowned centre for sporting excellence where development, management, practice and performance inform, and are informed by, teaching and research.

Academic activities in the School span everything from physiological and social sciences to management and coaching; all benefitting from state-of-the-art sporting and laboratory facilities. You'll have the opportunity to be taught by some of the leading academics in their field. And you'll have access to a range of world class sporting facilities, including the 50m Robertson Trust swimming pool (home to the Scottish National Swimming Academy) and the Scottish National Tennis Centre. For outstanding student athletes, the International Sports Scholarship Programme provides academic flexibility, as well as financial support and top-level coaching.

School of Applied Social Science

> www.stir.ac.uk/social-science

Criminology, Social Policy, Social Work, Sociology

At the School of Applied Social Science, our students want to make a real difference in the world around them.

Our School is a large inter-disciplinary unit, combining teaching and research interests in Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology, Social Work, Dementia and Housing Studies and a number of specialist centres.

We received the highest possible ratings for Sociology and Social Work in the most recent teaching quality exercises. We have a vigorous record in research and in the most recent UK Research Assessment Exercise, 95 percent of our research was rated internationally excellent, with the top ten percent of that judged to be 'world leading'.

Our programmes emphasise the practical application of social science to real world issues, such as poverty and deprivation, disability, crime and population ageing. You'll learn practical skills to analyse and address such issues, whether through research techniques and the application of research based knowledge or through developing professional skills in social work, housing and dementia studies.

School of Education

> www.stir.ac.uk/education

Primary Education (with Specialisms),
Secondary Education, Physical Education

At the School, our students are people who want to shape the futures of others, as well as their own.

We have an international standing in educational research. And we're known as experts in inclusive education, lifelong learning, curriculum change, children and technology, professional practice and learning, democratic education and educational theory, and philosophy. Our teaching programmes are informed by the latest research and scholarship. Since we understand that every person joins us for distinct reasons, we work hard to respond sensitively to your diverse needs. That is why our programmes are broad ranging, flexible, inclusive and highly rated by our students.

We value education in its own right and for the way it advances personal wellbeing, economic development, inclusion and democracy. As a place of big ideas, we provide:

- Teacher education – for schools, colleges and others, international and home students
- Professional education – for different professional groups, from teachers to the police
- Research education – MRes, PhD, EdD
- English Language Education – for international students
- Research and knowledge exchange – for everyone

School of Arts and Humanities

> www.stir.ac.uk/arts-humanities

Business Law, English Studies, Film and Media, French, Global Cinema and Culture, International Management Studies, International Politics, History, Law (BA and LLB), Philosophy, Politics, PPE, Religion, Scottish History, Spanish and Latin American Studies

At the School of Arts and Humanities, our students have the desire to explore, to innovate and to create.

Our subject areas are renowned for international and world-leading research. We use the results of this research as a basis for our flexible, innovative and interdisciplinary Undergraduate programmes and modules. As a School we are particularly strong in Scottish politics, culture, literature and history; in legal, moral and political philosophy; in creative writing, world literature and language studies; in environmental and global studies and international politics; in cinema, film and media; in legal education; and in journalism, publishing and the creative industries.

One of the largest Schools in the University, we offer students a wide range of subjects to study – from English, History, Politics and Philosophy, to Modern Languages, Cultures and Religions, to Law, Film, Media and Journalism – in an exciting research-led environment.



School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health

> www.stir.ac.uk/nmhealth

Adult Nursing, Learning Disability Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Midwifery, Health Professions & Paramedical Practice

At the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health, our students believe in the highest standards of care – and choose a number one provider for their education.

Rated number one in Scotland in the UK most recent Research Assessment Exercise, our School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health is the country's premier research-led department. We provide high quality, innovative education including Scotland's first clinical doctorate for nurses, midwives and allied health professionals. And as we're on all three campuses – Stornoway, Inverness and Stirling – we're accessible wherever you are.

The School, in conjunction with the Stirling Management School, operates the Institute for People Centred Healthcare Management which offers the NHS Masters programme for some of Scotland's best healthcare managers. We are the base for Scotland's National Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions Research Unit led by Professor Brian Williams. We also host the Cancer Care Research Centre, The Alliance for Self-Care and the Centre for Public Health and Population Health Research. Our commitment to attracting the very best early career researchers can be seen in the Master of Research programme, which is part of the Stirling MRes.

School of Natural Sciences

> www.stir.ac.uk/natural-sciences

Animal Biology, Aquaculture, Biology, Business Computing, Cell Biology, Computing Science, Ecology, Environmental Geography, Environmental Science, Information Systems, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Psychology, Software Engineering

The School of Natural Sciences offers a unique academic environment where new ideas on complex and challenging relationships between human behaviours, technologies, biological, environmental and marine systems are explored and tested.

Our research is world leading and internationally recognised for its quality and relevance (in the most recent UK Research Assessment Exercise). Working with businesses and public service organisations both at home and overseas, our research has direct outcomes for society across range of critical problems; from improving aquaculture productivities in developing countries, through conserving endangered species, to ensuring health and wellbeing, and working out how best to live with rapid environmental and social changes, and pervasive technological developments. Our approach is explicitly inter-disciplinary and developed via the power of mathematics, modelling and computing science technologies, as well as rigorous empirical research on humans, habitats and organisms.

Our teaching programmes are innovative and reflective, and focus on real-life issues, offering strong theoretical frameworks with rigorous training in field, laboratory and numerical skills. With opportunities to study abroad, work placements and flexible programme options, graduates from our BSc and BA programmes are highly valued by employers in all parts of the world.

Accountancy BAcc (Hons)

Equal fifth in the UK and first equal in Scotland for Accounting and Finance (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Keen to become an accountant? Then you'll know you ideally need both a university degree and a recognised professional qualification.

This programme provides the first part, to a superb standard, and it also helps you start towards the second, as many professional bodies will grant you significant exemptions from their exams when you have a Stirling degree.

We have a great deal to offer you. Our teaching and research both have superb reputations for quality. We also provide a great range of programmes, and an exciting and rewarding system of learning and assessment.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N400

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Scottish HND in Accountancy with BB in Graded Units in Accountancy. English HND with Merits and Distinctions.

A-Levels ABB (including Accounting and Economics).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2, GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (3 modules per semester).

Part-time (1 or 2 modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Economics p72; Finance p83; Law and Business Law p93, p94; Money, Banking and Finance p102.

Rating

Accounting and Finance has been rated joint first in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) and teaching provision in Accounting was ranked joint third in the UK (National Student Survey, 2010).

Degree programme

The Bachelor of Accountancy (BAcc) programme is designed specifically for students planning a career in the Accountancy profession.

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take core modules in the following:

- **Accounting I**

An understanding of the basic concepts required to prepare and analyse financial statements.

- **Finance I**

An examination of the two key aspects of corporate finance: the financing decision and the investment decision. The evaluation of investment risk and return. Introduction to financial securities and financial markets. Basic principles of security valuation.

- **Accounting II**

An examination of the basic accounting techniques used by management accountants to help in decision making and in the formulation of future plans.

You are also required to study Economics, Business Management and Business Law.

Semesters 4 – 8

You will develop a critical understanding and analytical approach to subjects directly relevant to Accountancy.

Core advanced modules include:

- External Reporting
- Finance
- Taxation
- Advanced Financial Accounting
- Accounting Information and Employment
- Quantitative Methods
- Auditing
- Accounting Dissertation

You will choose further advanced modules in Accountancy and Finance from a list of electives.

You may take the BAcc degree as a three-year specialist degree or a four-year Honours degree. Students taking the BAcc Honours degree must write a dissertation on an Accounting topic of their choice.

We also offer a BA degree in Accountancy and Finance, which provides considerable scope for you to study a variety of topics.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by a combination of formal lectures, seminars, practical workshops and tutorials. The programme of small group tutorials provides feedback and reinforcement of lecture topics throughout each semester. Assessment is by a combination of coursework and examinations.

For Honours students, all advanced modules undertaken during the final two years of the programme count equally towards their overall degree classification.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Accountancy offers a wide choice of careers, including financial and management accounting, auditing, taxation, consultancy and financial services. Accountants may also choose to work in a variety of organisations including international companies, health care, sports organisations, local and national government, and charities.

Many professional bodies recognise the BAcc degree as a relevant degree and offer significant exemptions from their examinations. These include: the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants; the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants; the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy; the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales; Chartered Accountants Ireland; the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Combined Honours degrees

Accountancy can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Business Law	MN24
Business Studies	NNF4
Economics	LN14
Finance	NN43*
Marketing	NN45
Mathematics	GN14
Spanish	NR44
Sports Studies	NC46

*Exiting students receive a BA with this programme combination.



BSc (Hons) Animal Biology



Animal Biology is the integrated study of the enormous variety of animal life on Earth. It examines the evolutionary origins of the various animal groups and their ecology, behaviour and conservation. You can choose to focus exclusively on whole animal biology and conservation, or integrate these studies with those investigating more molecular and biochemical aspects of animal biology, such as genetics, cell structure, development and physiology.

Animal biologists attempt to answer important questions such as: how do animals with complex body plans develop from a single cell? Why do many female animals exhibit mate choice? What adaptations help animals cope with life in hostile environments? How do we best conserve rare and endangered animal species? The Animal Biology degree at Stirling offers an exciting and integrated programme of study.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 4

In Years 1 and 2, you will take core modules in:

- Cell Biology, Physiology, Genes and Evolution, Ecology, Biodiversity
- Practical Skills in the Biological and Environmental Sciences and Quantitative Techniques
- Additional modules in other disciplines. Most students select from modules offered in either Environmental Science or Psychology to make up the remaining units

Semesters 5 – 6

In Year 3, you will take the following advanced modules:

- Animal Physiology
- Animal Ecology
- The Animal Cell
- Field and Laboratory Techniques
- You will also take one or two modules from the following options: Microbiology, Marine Biology, Plant Ecology and Physiology

Semesters 7 – 8

In the final year, you will undertake an independent research project and go on the ecology and animal biology field course to Switzerland (see below). You will also take four or six advanced modules from a range of options which currently include:

- The Evolution of Sex*
- Immunology and Disease*
- Molecular Techniques
- Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics
- Proteomics
- Cell Birth, Life and Death
- Conservation Genetics
- Conservation Biology
- Restoration Ecology

* These modules are required

Fieldwork is an essential part of an animal biologist's training. Stirling's campus location is an ideal base from which to make field excursions, whether to study lekking Black Grouse in the Highlands or the distribution of animals on the Forth Estuary.

As well as fieldwork in Scotland the Animal Biology programme includes a 10-day field course held in the Alps of central Switzerland. You will learn techniques in identification, field sampling, experimental design, data analysis and presentation. The remote field station is situated near several sites of significant conservation

importance, including protected alpine moor and alpine forest, and historical reintroduction sites for Ibex and Lynx.

An extensive research project takes up one third of the final-year programme. A wide variety of project topics are available and these reflect the active research interests of academic staff. These include:

- Assessing the impact of bumblebee parasites on their host populations
- Direct and indirect benefits of mating in courtship feeding insects
- Reducing stereotypes of captive animals
- Sexually transmitted disease and ladybird immune competence
- Sexual selection, sexual conflict and mate choice in seaweed flies
- Do agri-environment schemes provide any benefits to foraging bats?

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is delivered in the form of formal lectures and practical classes, tutorials, seminars, computer-based learning and guided reading and research. Modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and examination completed during the semester. For many modules the marks awarded for coursework contribute 40–50 percent of the final grade but for some modules this is as high as 100 percent.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Animal biologists find jobs in the agriculture, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, and in conservation management and environmental agencies. Other career paths include the civil service, such as forensic sciences, in teaching, the food industry, commercial analytical laboratories, in professions allied to medicine and in government and industrial research laboratories. In the latter case a further qualification such as an MSc or PhD is required for the more senior posts. An Animal Biology degree also offers an excellent general university education and can provide a gateway to careers in management, journalism and the media, finance and other areas of commerce, law, computing and in the leisure industry.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE C300

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Biology and one of Geography/Geology/Environmental Science/Physics/Chemistry.

Scottish HND in certain Applied Science subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C) or GCSE (C) or equivalent. Mathematics at Standard Grade (3) is considered on an individual basis.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), or GCSE (C). Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (3 modules per semester).

Part-time (1 or 2 modules per semester).

Related degrees

Biology p62; Conservation Biology & Management p67; Ecology p71; Marine Biology p97.

Rating

Teaching provision in Biology has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.





MyStirling...

“ I chose the University of Stirling because of the great variety of topics covered in the programme and with the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go on the field course to Switzerland. I love the idea of being involved in scientific research and thought this would be a good programme to start me off. The campus is very beneficial to the programme I am studying because we were able to do a lot of field work right on our door step, as well as the field excursions organised away from the University. Stirling had so much to offer, from the flexible degree plans, the new and improved library, the sport facilities to the beautiful campus; it would be hard not to consider studying here. ”

Caroline Orr – Animal Biology (see p59)



This innovative programme, will train you in all subjects appropriate to global aquaculture. Aquaculture – or aquatic agriculture – is much more than ‘fish farming’ and includes culture of species such as prawns, shrimps, mussels, oysters, crocodiles, turtles and algae. Aquaculture already produces more than half of all of the fish consumed globally.

The Institute of Aquaculture is the largest multi-disciplinary aquaculture department in the world, with 100 staff and 90 postgraduate students, and has a practical involvement in industry through its own fish farms, marine station and many commercial activities. There are especially strong links with research and development organisations worldwide.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 3

During the first year and a half (Semesters 1 – 3) you will take core modules such as:

- Our Blue Planet
- Principles of the Aquatic Environment
- Cell Biology and Physiology
- Ecology and Evolution
- Practical Skills in the Natural Sciences,
- Global Environmental Issues

Semesters 4 – 8

Honours students take the following core modules:

- Science of Diving
- Managing Aquatic Resources
- Issues in Marine Biology
- Biodiversity
- Genes and Evolution
- Animal Physiology
- Experimental Design and Statistical Techniques
- Aquaculture
- Pelagic and Benthic Processes
- Aquaculture Field Course
- Aquaculture Assignments
- Aquaculture Project (Final Year)

Specialised half modules in:

- Aquaculture Nutrition
- Aquaculture Production Environments
- Aquatic Diseases
- Aquaculture Genetics and Reproduction

Teaching and assessment

The Aquaculture degree at Stirling is taught by one of the largest groupings of aquatic scientists in the world and shares a common foundation with the degree programme in Marine Biology. Teaching is delivered through formal lectures and practical classes, tutorials, seminars, computer-based learning, fieldwork and guided reading and research. Each semester module is assessed by a combination of coursework (usually 50 percent) and written examination.

Final degree classification is derived from your performance in Semesters 5 – 8 and does not involve a large final examination. Scuba diving, although not a compulsory part of the programme, is available both through the University’s Sub-Aqua Club and an option to gain an HSE Professional SCUBA diving qualification, or a PADI sports diving qualification, through articulation with a professional diving company (subject to numbers).

In addition to day visits to nearby facilities, you will take part in a residential field course in which you will study aquaculture in practice. An independent research project is a major component of the final year and is often carried out in association with external bodies. Staff involved in the Aquaculture programme have considerable overseas research experience, contacts and current projects. Overseas projects in Semester 8 are encouraged and past projects have been located throughout Europe, North and South America, the Indian subcontinent, Asia, Oceania and Australasia.

Study abroad opportunities

An exchange programme is available to Aquaculture students in the third year. The partners include the Universities of Uppsala and Stockholm in Sweden and various institutions in the USA. Semester 8 projects frequently take place overseas, often in conjunction with our international research and development activities.

Career opportunities

A graduate in Aquaculture is well equipped to enter both the expanding field of Aquaculture or related positions including: aquaculture development, aquaculture production, hatchery companies, fish farm companies, environmental impact assessment, environmental and conservation fields, pollution control, pharmaceutical companies, fisheries management and governmental regulatory departments. In addition, there is a wide range of more general graduate employment, such as with biotechnological companies, bioinformatics, health and clinical sciences, forensic science, medical sales and marketing, science journalism and teaching.

There is also the option to gain further advanced postgraduate training to Masters and PhD levels for those wishing to develop specialist skills or to pursue a research career.

Combined honours degrees

Aquaculture is not available as a combined degree. However, the option to take a degree in Marine Biology is retained until the end of third year.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE C164

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB, including Biology and one of Geography/Geology/Environmental Science.

Scottish HND in certain Applied Science subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C) or GCSE (C) or equivalent. Mathematics at Standard Grade (3) is considered on an individual basis.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (3 modules per semester).

Part-time (1 or 2 modules per semester).

Related degrees

Marine Biology p97.

Rating

Teaching provision in Aquaculture has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as ‘highly satisfactory’. The Institute of Aquaculture was ranked top in Aquaculture with 90% of the research output rated as ‘internationally recognised’ in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Biology BSc (Hons)

As a biology student you will study the myriad of living organisms which inhabits the planet around us. This degree programme keeps the broadest possible perspective through the first three years. Towards the end of your degree, whether your interests lie at the level of the biosphere, the whole organism, the cell, or the biomolecule, you can specialise to reflect the strengths you develop.

The questions of biology are of great importance today. How can a virus like influenza spread from pigs or birds to be transmitted between humans? How can we work out the evolutionary history of living organisms and decipher what their most ancient ancestors looked like? How will different species react to global warming? As you develop your practical skills and stimulate your curiosity with project work you will contribute to the discoveries of biology tomorrow.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE C100

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Biology and one of Geography/Geology/Environmental Science/Physics/Chemistry.

Scottish HND in certain Applied Science subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C) or GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (3) is considered on an individual basis.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Animal Biology p59; Conservation Biology & Management p67; Ecology p71; Marine Biology p97; also Sport and Exercise Science (BBBB entrance requirement at Higher) p118.

Rating

Teaching provision in Biology has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 4

In Years 1 and 2 you will take core modules in:

- Cell Biology, Physiology, Genes and Evolution, Ecology, Biodiversity
- Practical Skills in the Biological and Environmental Sciences and Quantitative Techniques
- Additional modules in other disciplines. The majority of students select from the core modules offered in Environmental Science and Aquatic Sciences

Semesters 5 – 6

In Year 3 you will take modules in:

- Plant Ecology and Physiology
- Laboratory and Field Techniques

You will also take three or four modules from the following options: Animal Ecology, Marine Biology, Animal Cell Biology, Microbiology, Animal Physiology.

Semesters 7 – 8

In your final year you will undertake an independent research project and between four or six advanced modules from a range of options which currently include:

- Immunology and Disease
- Molecular Techniques
- Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics
- The Evolution of Sex
- Proteomics
- Cell Birth, Life and Death
- Conservation Biology
- Conservation Management
- Restoration Ecology
- Conservation Genetics

You can also choose to go on the ecology and animal biology field course to Switzerland (see Animal Biology, p59, and Ecology, p71).

A research project is a major component of the final-year programme. The variety of project topics offered to students reflects the active research interests of academic staff in the School of Biological and Environmental Sciences, but you are encouraged to develop your own ideas during the project. Some students have organised projects with other research organisations, usually when they have already established a relationship with the organisation during vacation work.

In recent years, students on the Biology programme have completed projects within the broad disciplines of Plant Physiology and Ecology, Animal Behaviour, Animal Ecology, Molecular Cell Biology, Parasitology, Molecular and Population Genetics.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is delivered in the form of formal lectures and practical classes, tutorials, seminars, computer-based learning, guided reading and research. Modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and examination completed during the semester. For many modules the marks awarded for coursework contribute 40–50 percent of the final grade but for some modules this is as high as 100 percent.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Biology graduates from Stirling now have careers in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and agricultural industries. Many have employment in conservation management and environmental agencies. Other career paths have included the civil service, forensic science, teaching, the food industry, hospital analytical laboratories, and government and industrial research laboratories.

About one third of Stirling Biology graduates have continued their studies to obtain a further qualification, such as an MSc or PhD. Graduates have also secured posts in fields unrelated to Biology. These include careers in management, journalism and the media, finance and other areas of commerce, law, computing and the leisure industry.

Combined Honours degrees

Combined Honours degree programmes are available linking Biology to other subjects. You can find more information on our website at: www.sbes.stir.ac.uk

Biology can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Mathematics	CG11
Professional Education (Secondary)	CX11
Psychology	CC18
Professional Education (Primary) with Specialism in Environment	XC11
Sport and Exercise Science	CC61



What roles do computers occupy in business, commerce and the internet?

In this programme, you'll examine just how critical computers are to business. The emphasis is on organisations and how computers are used within them. In addition, you'll study the basic skills of designing and building software systems. You'll gain a broad base of skills by combining theory and practice – a skillset that resonates well with employers, whether in the software industry itself or in a wider and more strategic context, developing the use of IT in any business.

All our programme modules use state-of-the-art computer equipment, giving you access to the very latest software technology. We're a small, friendly team with an 'open doors' policy for students.

Degree programme

You will take three subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take core Computing modules, encompassing study in the following areas:

- Skills and Applications
- Programming using Java
- Usability and Accessibility
- Information Systems
- Object-oriented Development, Data Structures and Algorithms

You will take the following core Business modules:

- Management, Information and Control
- Markets and Resources
- Evolution and Development of Management

Two alternative Computing Science modules are offered in Semester 1, both of which offer routes into further Computing Science. One is intended for students with Higher or A-level Computing, Information Systems, or an equivalent qualification, while the other is for students with no previous experience.

Semesters 4 – 8

The programme in Semesters 4 – 8 comprises both core modules and optional advanced modules, giving you a chance to explore your particular interests further.

Core Computing modules include:

- Managing Information
- Information Systems
- Software Engineering
- Database Principles and Applications
- Multimedia and Human Computer Interaction
- Communications and Networking

Core Business modules include:

- Managing Organisations
- Management and Information Technology

A range of optional modules is available, drawn from Computing Science, Business Studies, Marketing and Management Science. For details of these please refer to the relevant subject listings in this prospectus.

Honours students undertake an independent project in their final year. Typically this involves developing a major piece of software from initial requirements through to final delivery.

Teaching and assessment

You will learn about Business Computing through lectures, small tutorial groups and seminars, and through practical and laboratory work. The Computing Science component in particular is taught as a very practical subject and almost all modules include practical assignments. Typically these count for 50 percent of the assessment grade, with the remainder given to the examination.

For the Honours degree, the grades for all advanced modules taken in Semesters 5 – 8 are combined to give your final degree classification.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have knowledge of both Business and Computing Science. They will be ideally placed to work either in the software industry itself or in a more strategic role, developing the use of IT in business. Possible employers range from consulting firms to IT users such as government, banks, insurance and industry, and to software users and institutions in teaching and research.

Professional accreditation

The British Computer Society is the foremost professional and learned Society in the field of computers and information systems in the UK. The Honours BSc programme in Business Computing is in the process of being re-accredited for full accreditation for being a Chartered Information Technology Practitioner (CITP), which is the professional member level of the British Computer Society, as well as partial accreditation for Chartered Engineer and Chartered Scientist status.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE G510

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of AS and A2 levels, VCE or VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), or GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Business Studies p64; Computing Science p66; Information Systems p89; Software Engineering p116.



Business Studies BA (Hons)

The Business Studies programme at Stirling provides a flexible yet focused learning experience. You will build a strong knowledge base and master the skills and competencies to form a foundation from which managerial expertise can develop throughout your working life. The curriculum develops understanding of the internal functions and structures of organisations. You may also undertake one of a number of combined degree programmes that include Business Studies and another subject.

Our teaching staff is international in character and active in various areas of current management research. Research, therefore, informs their teaching, making it relevant to current debates within business.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N100

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Business Studies/Management.

HND in related subject with Bs in Graded Units.

Year 3

Applicants with an HND in Business will be considered on an individual basis with a good academic profile.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), or GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Rating

Teaching provision in Business Studies has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Degree programme

You will take three subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You are introduced to the main areas of management and consider the ways in which the behavioural sciences help our understanding of business behaviour and people at work. You are also given a grounding in the analytical techniques that underpin business activity and management.

In addition, students who intend to specialise in Business Studies are encouraged to take modules in related subject areas such as Accountancy, Business Law, Computing Science, Economics, Psychology or Sociology.

Semesters 4 – 8

You will take core advanced modules in Organisational Behaviour, International Business, Information Technology, Management Strategy and Organisational Research plus at least one from Human Resource Management, Management Science, and Public Management and Administration. You may then pursue one of these areas in more depth or choose from the broader range of options available.

Option modules include:

- Business and Society in Europe
- Business in East Asia
- New Public Management
- Growing your own Business
- Launching a New Venture
- People Management
- Employment Relations
- Learning and Development
- Management and the Environment
- Project Management
- Business Improvement

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by lectures, tutorials, seminars and practical 'hands-on' sessions. In the advanced modules, great emphasis is placed on the acquisition of skills as well as knowledge. You will deliver presentations in varying formats and formality, helping you to acquire the skills to present yourself as a competent and accomplished individual. Essays and reports help you develop effective written communication skills and the ability to argue a point of view effectively. A variety of seminar formats and projects also allow you to perfect your ability to work in teams.

Finally, the dissertation in the final year lets you conduct research in a business or public sector organisation and apply your academic knowledge to a problem encountered there.

Study abroad opportunities

The School has links with a number of universities in Europe and further afield. Turn to p42 for further information.

Career opportunities

Business Studies graduates are well-placed for management careers in many sectors of the economy. Our graduates have gone on to careers in communications, banking, insurance, human resources, information management, advertising, retailing, international trade and research and development. Some of our graduates continue their education with postgraduate study.

Combined Honours degrees

Business Studies can be studied with: UCAS Codes

Accountancy	NNF4
Computing Science	NG14
Economics	LN11
English Studies	NQ13
Film & Media	NP13
Finance	NN13
French	NRF1
Human Resource Management	NN16
Law	MN11
Marketing	NN25
Modern Languages (This programme combines two languages with Business Studies)	NT19
Politics	LN21
Professional Education	NX11
Professional Education/Computing Science	NX21
Psychology	CN81
Spanish	NRF4
Sports Studies	NC16
Management (This programme comprises advanced modules taken from Business Studies and Management Science)	N200
Business Computing	G510
International Management Studies	N2R9



The study of biological systems at the cellular, and subcellular, level is key to understanding how organisms develop, how they respond to their environment and how the diseased state differs from the healthy state. Recent advances in Cell Biology include confocal microscopy, the emergence of increasing numbers of complete genome sequences and the solving of structures of many cellular components. Such advances have enabled the development of new and exciting areas of biology, including the study of environmental influences on organisms and exploring the processes associated with ageing.

The Cell Biology degree offers an interdisciplinary training in an area which underpins modern biology.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 4

In Years 1 and 2 you will take core modules in:

- Cell Biology, Physiology, Genes and Evolution, Ecology, Biodiversity
- Practical Skills in the Biological and Environmental Sciences and Quantitative Techniques
- Additional modules in other disciplines. The majority of students select from the core modules offered in Environmental Science and Aquatic Sciences

Semesters 5 – 6

In Year 3 you will take modules in:

- Animal Physiology
- Microbiology
- Laboratory and Field Techniques
- The Animal Cell

You will also take two modules from the following options: Animal Ecology, Marine Biology, Plant Ecology and Physiology.

Semesters 7 – 8

In your final year you will undertake an independent research project and a number of advanced modules from a range of options which currently include:

- Immunology and Disease*
- Molecular Techniques*
- Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics*
- Proteomics*
- Cell Birth, Life and Death*
- The Evolution of Sex
- Conservation Biology
- Conservation Genetics

* These modules are required

A research project is a major component of the final year programme. The variety of project topics offered to students reflects the active research interests of academic staff but you are encouraged to develop your own ideas during the project. Some students have organised projects with other research organisations, usually when they have already established a relationship with the organisation during vacation work.

Examples of relevant projects include:

- Expressing genes involved in Golgi secretion
- Study of immunoglobulin M and monoclonal antibodies from Cod
- PCR analysis of marine microorganisms in a changing climate
- Why and how the fly immune system degenerates as flies age

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is delivered in the form of formal lectures and practical classes, tutorials, seminars, computer-based learning, guided reading and research. Modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and examination completed during the semester. For many modules the marks awarded for coursework contribute 40–50 percent of the final grade but for some modules this is as high as 100 percent.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Cell Biology graduates from Stirling may follow careers in the pharmaceutical, healthcare and biomedical, biotechnology, and agricultural industries. Other career paths may include the civil service, forensic science, teaching, the food industry, and government and industrial research laboratories.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE C130

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of AS and A2 levels, VCE or VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Biology and one of Geography/Geology/Environmental Science/Physics/Chemistry. Scottish HND in certain Applied Science subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C) or GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (3) is considered on an individual basis.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Animal Biology p59; Biology p62; also Sport and Exercise Science (BBBB entrance requirement at Higher) p118.

Rating

Teaching provision in Cell Biology has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.



Computing Science BSc (Hons)

Computers are everywhere. Not just the obvious home and office computers, but in every aspect of modern life: smart phones, smart microwaves, games consoles, automatic cash dispensers and air traffic control systems.

Our computing science programme teaches you how to design, build and analyse such systems – in both theory and practice. Your training will encompass how computers work – programming them to make them do what we want and learning how they fit into their environment. Our graduates are highly sought-after within the industry.

We're a small, friendly team with an 'open door' policy for students. Our computing labs have recently been upgraded and are fitted with state-of-the-art PCs.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE G400

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of AS and A2 levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Scottish HND in related subjects with BB in Graded Units in Year 2.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Year 3

Articulation agreement with Forth Valley College HND in Computing (Software Development) with Bs in Graded Units.

Required subjects

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), or GCSE (C) or equivalent.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Business Computing p63; Information Systems p89; Mathematics p100; Software Engineering p116.

Degree programme

There are several computing-related degrees on offer at Stirling. During the first three semesters students on all related programmes are required to take the same core modules in Computing Science. Students take Computing Science plus two other subjects in the first year: see p36 for details.

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take core modules encompassing study in the following areas:

- Skills and Applications
- Programming using Java
- Usability and Accessibility
- Object-oriented Development, Data Structures and Algorithms
- Information Systems

Two alternative Computing Science modules are offered in Semester 1, both of which offer routes into further Computing Science. Students studying a Single Honours Computing Science degree are required to take a Mathematics module in the first semester.

Semesters 4 – 8

The programme in Semesters 4 – 8 comprises both core compulsory modules and optional advanced modules, giving you a chance to explore your particular interests.

Core modules include:

- Software Engineering (involving group work)
- Computer Systems
- Databases: Principles and Applications
- Multimedia and Human Computer Interaction
- Communications and Networks

Optional modules include:

- Computer Game Technologies
- Computer Security and Forensics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Managing Information
- Technologies for E-commerce
- Telecommunications Systems and Services
- Web Services
- Information Systems
- Computing and the Brain

Honours students undertake an independent project in their final year. Typically this involves developing a major piece of software from initial requirements to final delivery.

Teaching and assessment

You will learn about Computing Science through lectures, small tutorial groups and most of all through laboratory work. Computing Science is taught as a very practical subject, and almost all modules include practical assignments. Typically these count for

50 percent of the assessment grade, with the remainder given to the examination.

For an Honours degree, the grades for all advanced modules taken in Semesters 5 – 8 are combined to give your final degree classification.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

A Computing Science degree at Stirling will place you at the forefront of computing in a web-based world, giving you a broad range of skills, including the internet and web technologies, and experience in applications ranging from computer games, multimedia and internet telephony to e-commerce and biologically-inspired computing.

Graduates will be well-equipped to enter either the software industry itself or one of the many fields in which computer systems are extensively used and developed. Recent destinations for our graduates include British Telecom, Agilent (Hewlett Packard Ltd), Scottish Power, Adobe Systems Inc, and Silicon Graphics Inc.

Professional accreditation

The Single Honours BSc programme in Computing Science is in the process of being re-accredited for full accreditation for being a Chartered Information Technology Practitioner (CITP), which is the professional member level of the British Computer Society, and partial accreditation for Chartered Engineer and Chartered Scientist status.

Combined Honours degrees

Computing Science can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Business Studies	NG14
French	GR41
Mathematics	G4G1
Philosophy	GV45
Professional Education	GX41
Professional Education/Business Studies	NX21
Professional Education/Mathematics	GX91
Spanish	GR44

BSc (Hons) Conservation Biology & Management



The contemporary world is one of rapidly increasing human interference in natural environments and of competition for space and resources. Some species and habitats are disappearing before they can even be studied properly. As a result, understanding the complex inter-relationships between environments and their inhabitants is vital. It enables us to undertake environmental conservation and sustainable management for the benefit of future generations.

Stirling is a superb place to study this. The city is home to a number of environmental and conservation organisations, all of whom we have strong links with and some of whom are based at the University. With this programme, you'll receive excellent practical training and preparation for a range of careers in conservation.

Degree programmes

Semesters 1 – 4

In Years 1 and 2 you will take core modules in:

- Biological Sciences: Ecology, Biodiversity, Cell Biology, Physiology, Genes and Evolution
- Environmental Sciences: People and the Environment or Landscape Evolution; Global Environmental Issues or Building Planet Earth; The Biosphere
- Practical Skills in the Natural Sciences and Quantitative Techniques

Semesters 5 – 6

In Year 3, you will take advanced modules in:

- Environmental Policy and Management
- Field and Laboratory Techniques

You will also take between two and four modules from a wide range of options: Soil Quality & Protection, Animal Physiology, Animal Ecology, Plant Ecology & Physiology, Marine Biology, Drainage Basins, Environmental Hazards, Soil, Sediments & Landscape History or the Field Course in Spain (see below).

Students on programmes in Conservation Biology & Management undertake a four-week placement during the summer vacation between Years 3 and 4 working with an organisation involved in conservation.

Semesters 7 – 8

In your final year you will undertake an independent research project and can choose to go on the field course to Switzerland (see below). You will also take four or six modules from a range of options which currently include:

- Conservation Biology*
- Conservation Management*
- Restoration Ecology
- Conservation Genetics
- Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics
- Agriculture in the 21st Century
- Geographical Information Systems
- Remote Sensing
- Reconstructing Quaternary Environments

* These modules are required

Fieldwork is an essential and enjoyable part of this degree programme. Stirling's campus location is an ideal base from which to make field excursions, whether to study lekking Black Grouse in the Highlands, the growth of trees on the sides of the Ochil Hills, or the distribution of animals on the Forth Estuary. As well as fieldwork in Scotland, the Conservation Biology & Management (Hons) programme includes

field courses to Spain and/or Switzerland. Students attending the week-long field course in Spain stay near Almeria, one of the driest parts of Europe. Through a series of excursions and intensive field projects students are introduced to environmental processes in arid environments. The 10-day field course in ecology and animal biology takes place in the Alps of central Switzerland. Students learn various techniques in field sampling, experimental design, data analysis and presentation. The remote field station is situated near several sites of significant conservation importance, including protected alpine moor and alpine forest, and historical reintroduction sites for Ibex and Lynx.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is delivered in the form of formal lectures and practical classes, tutorials, seminars, computer-based learning and guided reading and research. Modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and examination, completed during semester. For many modules the marks awarded for coursework contribute 40–50 percent of the final grade but for some modules this is as high as 100 percent.

Study abroad opportunities

Students can spend all or part of their third year abroad. There is a well-established reciprocal exchange programme with the University of Guelph in Canada where you will take subjects equivalent to those at Stirling. In addition, there are exchange opportunities with a range of universities in the USA, Australia and Europe. Turn to p42 for further details.

Career opportunities

We have strong links with conservation bodies such as Scottish Natural Heritage and various Conservation Non-Government Organisations, such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), British Trust for Ornithology, Bumblebee Conservation Trust. There is an active Conservation Volunteers group at the University, enabling you to develop and expand your experience of survey work and other practical skills.

Demand for well-qualified graduates in Conservation is high and our students have gone on to work for a wide range of employers in the UK, including Scottish Natural Heritage, the RSPB and the wildlife trusts as well as environmental consultancies. Other students have gone on to work overseas or to postgraduate research leading to a doctorate.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE CD14

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB, including Biology and one of Geography, Geology or Environmental Science.

Some HNDs in related subjects may be considered on an individual basis with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Geography, Geology, Environmental Science/Studies, Biology, Human Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Mathematics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), or GCSE (C) or equivalent. English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Criminology BA (Hons)

Why and how do people break the law? How can the criminal justice system define this and how do we police, prosecute and punish people?

This programme looks at the motivations and careers of law-breakers and also broader questions of process and policy in criminal justice.

You will attain a strong training in criminology and the theory and methods of applied social science. If you are considering a career in the police, prison service or human rights agencies, it will provide a strong academic base.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE L390

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Sociology.

Scottish HND in Social Sciences to include four units in Sociology with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Students with no Maths may be considered although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Philosophy p106; Politics p107, p108, p109; Social Work p114; Sociology and Social Policy p115.

Rating

Teaching provision in Sociology has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'excellent'.

Degree programme

You will take Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology modules plus two other modules in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 4

You are required to take the following core modules:

- Social Differentiation: explores gender, age, ethnicity, class and disability in relation to the ways in which individuals and groups are valued and treated in different societies.
- Social Problems: Contemporary social issues and policy responses
- Understanding Social Policy: Historical and theoretical perspectives on welfare; comparative social policy analysis
- The Development of Social Theory: An introduction to classical and contemporary social theory

You will also take Crime and Criminal Justice; Scottish Society and two additional modules in any subject.

Semesters 5 – 8

- Research Process I: Introduction to a range of research methods and a number of issues relating to the exploration of the social world
- Research Process II: You will continue the third year core programme on the research process and gain a deeper practical and theoretical understanding of research methods in sociology and social policy

You will also select four advanced option modules.

Criminology options currently include:

- Crime, Risk and Modernity
- Global Markets and Crime
- Punishment and Society
- Criminological Theories in Context
- Gender, Crime and Justice

Sociology and Social Policy options currently include:

- Drugs, Crime and Society
- Poverty, Income and Wealth
- Work, Class and Society
- Urban Society
- Honours Seminar – Doing Social Research: This module develops your ability to synthesise theoretical, methodological and empirical work in Criminology and centres on the process of research. Honours students are required to produce a 10,000-word dissertation in Criminology and take two further advanced modules.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is conducted in a wide variety of contexts, from the large lecture through to small group work. Assessment is carried out via examinations, essay writing, workshop reports and other forms, such as the final-year dissertation. Final Honours classification is based on work done in third and fourth years.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Criminology provides a good academic base if you are considering careers in the police, the prison service, probation, social work, community care and law, regulatory fields, such as the factory and tax inspectorates, human rights agencies, charitable foundations and lobby groups.

As well as specific subject-based knowledge, you will graduate with a wide range of experience and skills; in particular, communication skills, self-management skills and interpersonal skills. These give graduates a competitive edge with employers across the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Combined Honours degrees

Criminology can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Law	MM91
Philosophy	MV95
Politics	ML92
Sociology	LM39

MyStirling...

“ Stirling is a great place to live and study, and the University is of a really high standard. The campus is lovely and everything is close together, like a little community. It is the ‘social’ aspect of the Criminology and Sociology programme which particularly interests me; I enjoy learning about people and society. I am looking into doing a postgraduate programme in Social Work at Stirling, hoping the programme will kick-start a career in that field. For me, the best things about Stirling is the quality of teaching, the campus and the sports clubs – I would recommend this University to any student. ”

Lyndsey Mullen – Criminology and Sociology





MyStirling...

“ The Ecology programme offers a good balance between the theoretical and practical aspects of Ecology. Being an outdoor enthusiast, Stirling is also one of the best places to be based to have easy access to the best of what Scotland has to offer in terms of walking, climbing and wildlife. Lectures have always been interesting and topical. The practicals have always been aimed with a future career in mind – skills that will be needed if you want to carry on with an ecology profession. The best thing about Stirling is its location and the opportunities and support that I’ve been given by the Biological and Environmental Science staff to help further my studies, and give my career a head start. ”

Rebekah Mayhew – Ecology



Ecology is the science of relationships, amongst organisms and between organisms and their environments. It is a vital science of the modern age because it underpins how best we can use and conserve the natural resources of the planet.

It is also concerned, at the largest scale, with the role of organisms as components of the 'Life Support Systems' of planet earth.

Ecology underpins sustainable development and as such it is becoming mainstream in policy development and planning. The Ecology degree at Stirling is designed to give a robust introduction to the science of sustainability, making it relevant to real-life situations and improving students' employability prospects.

Degree programme

The Ecology degree at Stirling is designed to give you a rigorous introduction to the science of ecology as well as providing training in essential field and laboratory techniques.

Semesters 1 – 4

In Years 1 and 2 you will take core modules in:

- Biological Sciences: Cell Biology, Physiology, Ecology, Biodiversity; Genes and Evolution
- Environmental Sciences: People and the Environment or Landscape Evolution; Global Environmental Issues or Building Planet Earth; The Biosphere
- Practical Skills in the Natural Sciences and Quantitative Techniques

Semesters 5 – 6

In Year 3, you will take the following advanced modules:

- Animal Ecology
- Plant Ecology and Physiology
- Field and Laboratory Techniques

You will also take two or three modules from a wide range of options including: Animal Physiology, Microbiology, Environmental Policy & Management, Marine Biology, and the field class in Spain (see below).

Semesters 7 – 8

In your final year you will undertake an independent research project and attend the overseas field course in Switzerland (see below). You will also take between four and six advanced modules from a range of options which currently include:

- Conservation Biology
- Conservation Management
- Restoration Ecology
- Conservation Genetics
- Agriculture in the 21st Century
- Reconstructing Quaternary Environments
- Paleoecology
- Immunology and Disease
- Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics

Fieldwork is an essential part of an ecologist's training. Stirling's campus location is an ideal base from which to make field excursions, whether to study lekking Black Grouse in the Highlands, the growth of trees on the sides of the Ochil Hills, or the distribution of animals in the Forth Estuary.

As well as fieldwork in Scotland, the Ecology (Hons) programme includes field courses to Switzerland and Spain (optional). Students attending the week-long field course in Spain stay near Almeria, one of the driest parts of Europe. Through a series of excursions and intensive field projects students are introduced to environmental processes in arid environments.

The 10-day field course in ecology and animal biology takes place in the Alps of central Switzerland. You will learn techniques in identification, field sampling, experimental design, data analysis and presentation.

The remote field station is situated near several sites of significant conservation importance, including protected alpine moor and alpine forest, and historical reintroduction sites for Ibex and Lynx.

An extensive research project takes up one third of the final-year programme. A wide variety of project topics are available and these reflect the active research interests of academic staff. These include:

- The behavioural ecology of birds on the University campus
- Climate change and the altitudinal limits of native montane plant species
- The effects of habitat enhancement of stream invertebrate communities
- Assessment of wildlife-friendly farming initiatives on invertebrate abundance and bat foraging

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is delivered in the form of formal lectures and practical classes, tutorials, seminars, computer-based learning and guided reading and research. Modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and examination, completed during semester. For many modules the marks awarded for coursework contribute 40–50 percent of the final grade but for some modules this is as high as 100 percent.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

The Stirling Ecology degree is well-respected and our graduates have gone on to a range of jobs in academic and applied ecology, including roles as university and government researchers, nature reserve managers, policy makers and consultants with both environmental agencies and conservation bodies, natural history film makers and journalists. Graduates have also obtained posts unrelated to ecology. These include careers in management, the media, finance, law, computing, and the leisure industry.

The skills learned in the Ecology degree – such as the ability to gather, interpret, synthesise and present information in an interesting and original way – mean that you will be well-qualified to work in a broad spectrum of careers.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE C180

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB including Biology or Human Biology and one of Geography, Geology or Environmental Science.

Some HNDs in related subjects will be considered on an individual basis with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. HNC or HND in related subjects.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (3) is considered on an individual basis.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Biology p62; Conservation Biology & Management p67; Environmental Science p78; Marine Biology p97.

Rating

Teaching provision in Ecology has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Economics BA (Hons)

What causes inflation? Can unemployment be reduced? Can tax be equitable and efficient?

These are some of the questions economists try to answer. They also seek to understand issues such as: how do people decide what to buy and what job to do? How do firms decide what to produce and what to charge? What determines the profit they earn?

Due to its structure and the way it's taught, Economics is recognised as a good source of transferable skills. Our recent graduates have embarked on a wide range of careers, including management, accountancy and banking, as well as economics itself. Surveys have regularly found Economics to be one of the top four subjects for graduate pay.

In the latest review, all aspects of our teaching had the highest rating. Many of our lecturers have an international reputation.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE L100

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers grades ABB to include Economics.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Money, Banking and Finance p102;

Politics, Philosophy and Economics p109

Rating

Teaching provision in Economics has been assessed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and achieved the highest possible rating of 'commendable' in all aspects.

Economics was ranked 4th in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Degree programme

You will take Economics plus two other subjects in the first year (p36). Economics may be studied as part of a General degree or to Honours level, either on its own or in combination with other subjects (see Combined Honours Degrees list below).

Semesters 1 – 4

You will take the following core modules:

- **Introductory Microeconomics:** This module gives a broad introduction to microeconomics, which analyses how individual markets work – how prices are set and resources are allocated in an economy
- **Introductory Macroeconomics:** Macroeconomics is concerned issues relating to the economy as a whole such as the general standard of living, unemployment and inflation

You will move on to study Intermediate Microeconomics and Intermediate Macroeconomics, which build on the work done in the introductory modules. You will also take Introduction to Quantitative Techniques for Economics in Semester 4.

Semesters 5 – 8

All Honours students take core advanced modules designed to develop their knowledge and understanding of the central methods of economic analysis and major policy issues.

These are:

- Using Economic Data
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Advanced Microeconomics
- Economic Policy in Britain and Europe

In the final year, you will write a dissertation on a subject of your choice. The remainder of the programme consists of a number of options, such as: Modern Banking; Financial Economics; Industrial Economics, and Environmental Economics. Combined Honours students take the same core modules as Single Honours students but replace some of the Economics options with modules in their other subject.

Teaching and assessment

There are typically two or three lectures per week on each module. You also attend a weekly meeting in a smaller group, either a tutorial or a seminar, for each module. Your final grade for each module is based on 40 percent for coursework and 60 percent for the examination. Usually the coursework consists of two class tests and some tutorial preparation. In the first two years, a good performance in your coursework gains you exemption from the examination.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

As well as careers in business and government, there is a wide range of jobs in companies that directly use economics, and for which holders of good degrees in Economics are particularly sought. Many universities, including Stirling, offer postgraduate degrees in Economics.

Combined Honours degrees

Economics can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Accountancy	LN14
Business Studies	LN11
Environmental Science	FL91
Finance	LN13
Marketing	NL51
Mathematics	GL11
Politics	LL12
Politics/Philosophy	LOV0



MyStirling...

“ The teaching structure at Stirling is great – the programme has a real emphasis on developing practical skills.

I came to Stirling because it has a great reputation for teaching economics and the campus is beautiful. ”

Andy Ferrara – Economics



Education (Primary) BA (Hons)

1st in Scotland for Education (The Times Good University Guide, 2010, and in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

How do you provide an environment within which children feel safe and secure, and can develop their potential? What are the best methods of structuring learning and teaching opportunities? How do you manage problematic behaviour effectively and ensure all children in the classroom are included?

Stirling is distinctive among Scottish universities in offering concurrent programmes to prospective primary school teachers. These degree programmes enable you to graduate with both a degree and teaching qualification for primary education, whilst studying a subject at university level.

As part of your degree you will have a specialist subject and teaching knowledge, understanding and skills in either Modern Languages, The Environment or Early Years. Primary school teachers with this specialist knowledge have recently become highly sought-after.



Entrance requirements

We prefer applicants who gain qualifications in one sitting.

For all Specialisms

Higher English/ESOL (C), or GCSE English Language and English Literature (C), or SQA Communication 4 and Literature 1.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

(Please note that Core Maths 4 is not acceptable for entry.)

There are additional required subjects for each specialism. See the right column of this page.)

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Not available due to programme requirements.

Further requirements

Entry to the programme is provisional subject to a criminal record disclosure check, which must be carried out before you undertake teaching practice in schools.

Possession of a criminal record may preclude you from registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and may debar you from proceeding with the ITE course. If you have a criminal record you should contact the Head of UK Undergraduate Office in confidence.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Modes of study

Full time (three modules per semester). You can study part-time (one or two modules per semester) in the early stages. Teaching placements cannot be part-time.

Rating

Teaching provision in Education has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'. Education was also rated 1st in Scotland by The Times Good University Guide, 2010, and in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise.

Degree programme

You will follow a programme of eight semesters (four years). This will lead to an Honours degree in Professional Education (Primary). During six semesters you will study modules in either Environmental Science/Biology or Modern Languages or Psychology, Social Work, Social Sciences and Nursing.

Semesters 1 – 2

You will take the following core modules:

- Education: Purposes, Principles and Practice
- Education: Learning and Teaching

Semesters 3 – 6

You will take core modules in Education that cover a range of teaching skills, and advanced modules in your academic subjects (see subject listings for Environmental Science/Biology, Modern Languages or Psychology, Social Work, Social Sciences and Nursing). In addition, you will study specialised primary modules in literacy, numeracy and your chosen specialism (Environmental Science, Modern Languages or Early Years).

You will undertake two school placements, each lasting five weeks in January and February between Semesters 3 and 4 (nursery and early years) and between Semesters 5 and 6 (middle stages) (during vacation).

Semesters 7 – 8

In Semester 7, you have a school placement of 10 or 12 weeks' duration, as well as supplementary taught classes. You will be able to express a preference whether you return to lower/middle/upper stage. In the final semester you will write an education dissertation on an aspect of teaching either Early Years, Languages or Environmental Science within a primary school setting.

Optional work placement abroad or within a company

Students undertaking both BA with Honours in Professional Education (Primary) with Specialism in the Environment and BA with Honours in Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in Modern Languages have the opportunity to undertake an optional work placement for one year between semesters 4 and 5.

The work placement is not assessed, nor is any credit given for undertaking the placement. Students undertaking the primary programme with a specialism in Modern Languages have the opportunity to undertake their work placement as an English Language Assistant in a country where their language(s) of study are spoken.

Teaching and assessment

The programmes are taught through seminars, lectures and workshops. Assessment is by continuous assessment. School experience placements are supported by tutor visits.

Required subjects

For Specialism in the Environment

Higher in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths at grade B or A-level grade C

Or

One of Geography/Geology, Environmental Science at B and one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths at grade C.

Academic qualifications other than mentioned above must be in science-based subjects.

For Specialism in Modern Languages

Higher Modern Language at Higher grade B or A-level grade C.

Exceptionally grade C in the Higher can be accepted but continued exposure to a language required.

Academic qualifications other than mentioned above must have a language component.

For Specialism in Early Years

Higher in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology at Higher grade B or A-level grade C.

Education (Primary)

BA Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in Modern Languages

UCAS CODE XR18

BA Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in the Environment

UCAS CODE XC11

BA Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in Early Years

UCAS CODE XX13



1st in Scotland for Education (The Times Good University Guide, 2010, and in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Where can I 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 is distinctive among Scottish universities in offering concurrent programmes to prospective secondary school teachers. These degree programmes enable you to gain a degree in Professional Education with an appropriate teaching subject (or subjects) for secondary in four years, rather than the traditional five.

These qualifications are recognised throughout the UK and the world. Successfully completing the programme enables you to provisionally register in the appropriate sector with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and enter the probationary scheme.

Degree programme

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 Bachelor's degree in Professional Education. General degree students may only be able to qualify in one teaching subject.

Semesters 1 – 2

You will take the following core modules:

- Education: Purposes, Principles and Practice
- Education: Learning and Teaching

Semesters 3 – 6

You will take a range of core and advanced modules in Education which cover a range of teaching skills in your academic subjects (see subject listings).

You will undertake two school placements, each lasting three to five weeks in January and February between Semesters 3 and 4 and between Semesters 5 and 6 (during vacation). In May/June, at the end of Semester 6, there is an additional four-week placement for Physical Education students and for those taking second teaching subjects.

Semesters 7 – 8

In Semester 7, you have a school placement of 10 or 12 weeks' duration, as well as supplementary taught classes. In the final semester, secondary students return to study their main teaching subject.

Teaching and assessment

The programme is taught through seminars, lectures and workshops. Assessment is both formative and continuous. School experience placements are supported by tutor visits.

Combined Honours degrees

Professional Education (Secondary) can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Biology	CX11
Business Studies	NX11
Business Studies/Computing Science	NX21
Computing Science	GX41
Computing Science/Mathematics	GX91
English Studies	QX31
English Studies/History	QXHC
English Studies/Religion	QXJ1
Environmental Geography	FX81
French	RX11
French/Spanish	RXD1
History	VX11
History/Politics	LX21

History/Sociology	VXD1
Mathematics	GX11
Philosophy/Religion	VX53
Religion	VX61
Religion/History	VXC1
Sports Studies, Physical Education and Professional Education	CX61

Combined Degree Programmes (Secondary)

Normally students following combined programmes will study Education with two subjects. Students following Geography or History degree programmes will normally qualify to teach Modern Studies as well. History, as a second teaching subject, is available to students whose main teaching subject is English or Religion. Modern Studies is only available as a second teaching subject for students following programmes in Geography or History. Please note: Physical Education is not available in combination with any other degree programme.

Geography

Students on the Geography programme may have the opportunity to undertake a residential field trip.

Modern Languages

All students wishing to teach a modern language in schools must fulfil residence requirements in a country where that language is spoken. For most students, this means an additional year abroad between Semesters 4 and 5. French can be studied from Beginners' level for this purpose. Spanish can also be studied from Beginner's level as part of the French/Spanish combined degree.

Application procedure

Entry to this degree is highly competitive. Applications received after 15 January will not normally be considered.

Please note that the main focus of this programme is on teaching children and you should be able to demonstrate an aptitude for this.

Physical Education

For Physical Education competence across a variety of physical activities should also be displayed (for example, games, dance, gymnastics, swimming). Selectors are likely to give particular consideration to applicants who have outdoor activity experience and/or who have experience in working with children at some level of responsibility (for example, playschemes, coaching). No offer for this programme is given without an interview.

Entrance requirements

See individual programmes for UCAS codes (p122)

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Available only if teaching subject(s) permit this. Year 2 entry with two teaching subjects is rarely available.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Further requirements

Entry to the programmes is provisional until the end of first year and subject to interview and a criminal record disclosure check, which must be carried out before you undertake teaching practice in schools.

Possession of a criminal record may preclude you from registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland and may debar you from proceeding with the ITE course. If you have a criminal record you should contact the Head of UK Undergraduate Office in confidence.

Required subjects

Some subjects have additional subject requirements – please check individual subject pages

Rating

Teaching provision in Education has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'. Education was also rated 1st in Scotland by The Times Good University Guide, 2010 and in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Modes of study

Full-time study (three modules per semester). Part-time study (one or two modules per semester) in the early stages of the degree.

Teaching placements cannot be undertaken on a part-time basis.

It is very difficult to undertake a professional education degree on a part-time basis.

English Studies BA (Hons)

Texts are all around us – from books to magazines to TV, e-mail and the internet.

As texts of all kinds become more prominent and powerful in our lives, the ability to analyse them and appreciate their often elusive meanings becomes more highly prized.

The skills you will learn in an English Studies degree will enable you to recognise ideology and bias, and see through the spin of cultural and political debate. You'll refine your ability to think and write clearly – valuable skills in many careers and professions. Our graduates are well prepared in these transferable skills and have an excellent success rate in finding rewarding employment in many fields.

English Studies at Stirling is rated 'excellent' for teaching, and received an 87 percent satisfaction rating in the 2010 National Student Survey.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE Q300

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers, grades ABB to include English Literature or English Literature and Language.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English at Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 2

Students may choose between two and four of the following introductory core modules:

- **Author, Reader, Text:** looks at different ways of reading literary texts, raising questions such as 'What is an author' and, 'What is a reader?' You will cover texts from the 14th century to the present day
- **Language in Society:** provides a basic introduction to language variety: how language reflects and constructs social contexts and identities
- **Texts and Contexts:** considers the relationship between texts and their wider cultural, historical and geographical contexts over the past 200 years
- **Foundations of Language:** This module looks at how to describe and classify the basic sounds of human languages, and moves on to consider grammatical categories and the closely-related questions of word meaning and sentence meaning

Both **Author, Reader, Text** and **Texts and Contexts** offer the opportunity to present a piece of creative writing in place of one of the essays.

Semester 3

You will take the following module:

- **Meaning and Representation:** introduces a number of key theoretical concepts in order to help you understand how meaning is produced and how it circulates in literary texts and other artworks (for example film, painting)

Semester 4

You will choose from the following core modules (the number of modules taken depends on the particular degree programme you are following):

- **Writing and History – Scotland and Empire:** studies aspects of Scottish literature, history and identity since the defining moment of the Union of the English and the Scottish Parliaments in 1707
- **Writing and Identity:** explores the constitution and representation of the 'self' and 'identity' in a range of literary texts from the 17th century to the present day
- **Writing and Language:** will provide you with the technical tools and vocabulary to describe in detail how language choices produce particular effects in literary texts

Semester 5

You will choose from among the following period-based modules (again, the number of modules taken depends on the degree programme you are following):

- From Medieval to Renaissance
- Restoration and 18th Century
- British Romanticism
- Victorian Literature and Culture
- Modernism and Modernity

Option Modules

Semesters 6 and 7

You will choose from a range of option modules.

Typical option modules include:

- Postcolonial Writing
- Scottish Literature
- Modern Gothic
- Critical Theory
- Literature and Film
- Rotten English
- Writing the Real
- The Art of Fiction
- Language, Power and Ideology
- Language and Gender
- Satire
- Tragedy
- Epic
- Comedy
- Children's Literature
- Creative Writing
- Literature and Technology
- Literature and Politics

Semester 8

Final-year Dissertation

This last semester is spent writing a dissertation (15,000 words for Single Honours; 10,000 words for Combined Honours). Every student is assured a series of meetings with the tutor who will supervise their dissertation project and give feedback on each draft chapter as it is submitted.

Teaching and assessment

Lectures are supplemented by teaching and discussion in tutorial groups. Options are taught by seminar only. Visiting writers, scholars and critics are involved in a lively programme of extra-curricular lectures and readings. Assessment takes the form of essays or other assignments written during each semester with credit sometimes given for oral presentations. There are no final exams in English.

Career opportunities

The ability to think and write clearly is extremely valuable in many careers and professions. English Studies graduates from Stirling are well prepared in these transferable skills, and have an excellent success rate in finding rewarding employment in many fields.

Combined honours degrees

English can be combined with a diverse range of other subjects, including Business Studies, Film & Media, Philosophy, Modern Languages, History and Professional Education. See p122 for a full list and UCAS codes.



MyStirling...

“ I had been to several other open days when I was looking for my perfect university. I gained entry into Stirling through the SWAP access course that Carnegie College in Dunfermline provided. As soon as I drove up into the campus, I knew I wanted to study here. The loch, the trees, the sprawling lawn areas all made me feel at home. When going round and speaking to various departments, they were so friendly; they made me feel like I could be a success if I put my trust in them. This was very important as a mature student. When I found out that I could do my education qualification along with my degree, I felt a big weight release from my shoulders. I could be back out in the big wide world doing my dream job within four years and not have to do an extra year for teaching. ”

Ruth Bryers – English Studies with History and Professional Education (Secondary)

Environmental Science BSc (Hons)

The world's growing population places great pressure on environmental resources. How do we meet our needs for food, clean air and water, energy and materials, whilst safeguarding resources for future generations?

Environmental Science makes a vital contribution to these questions by advancing our understanding of natural processes and how they are affected by humans. Environmental scientists are at the forefront in tackling issues such as global climate change, pollution, and habitat degradation.

We were one of the first UK degrees in Environmental Science: our teaching gives a solid grounding in science disciplines and integrates subject-specific and transferable skills. This focus creates genuine career opportunities with a wide range of organisations including water authorities, research institutes, conservation bodies, businesses, local authorities and government agencies.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE F900

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include one of Geography/Geology/Environmental Science and Biology.

HND with Bs in Graded Units in relevant HNDs.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Geology, Geography, Environmental Science/Studies, Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Mathematics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4; HNC or HND in relevant subject.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Conservation Biology & Management p67; Ecology p71; Education (Primary) p74; Education (Secondary) p75; Environmental Geography p85; Environmental Science and Outdoor Education p79.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 4

The first year core programme explores the science behind global physical processes and provides training in laboratory and field skills. This is followed in second year by studies of biogeochemical processes and training in data analysis.

In Years 1 and 2 you will take core modules in:

- Building Planet Earth
- Landscape Evolution
- The Biosphere
- Ecology
- Three Practical Skills modules in the Natural Sciences and Quantitative Techniques
- Avimore Field Course

A further four modules are chosen from the diverse range of subjects across the University. People and the Environment, Global Environmental Issues, Environmental History, Blue Planet, Aquatic Environments and Biology are popular choices since they offer the flexibility to change into other natural science degrees. Turn to p39 for more details.

Semesters 5 – 6

In Year 3, you will take two core advanced modules:

- Field and Laboratory Techniques
- Field Class in Spain

And choose a further four modules from a range of semester 5 – 8 module options.

Semesters 7 – 8

In your final year you will develop your skills through an in depth review essay, an independent research project and a choice of three further advanced modules from a range of semester 5 – 8 options.

Semester 5 – 8 full and half module options currently include:

- Environmental Policy and Management
- Soil Quality and Protection
- Environmental Hazards
- Drainage Basins
- Soils, Sediments and Landscape History
- Agriculture and Food Security in the 21st Century
- Geographical Information Systems
- Remote Sensing
- Reconstructing Quaternary Environments
- Conservation Management
- Restoration Ecology
- Conservation Biology

Teaching and assessment

Our teaching methods include lectures, field and laboratory practical exercises, tutorials and group projects. A wide range of natural and human landscapes in the Stirling area are used for field teaching. Residential field classes are currently held in Year 2 in the Scottish Highlands and in Year 3 in southern Spain. Modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and examinations.

Study abroad opportunities

As well as the exchange opportunities available to all Stirling students, Environmental Science has a well-established programme with the University of Guelph in Canada. You can spend either one or two semesters there during your third year, studying courses equivalent to those taken at Stirling and have the opportunity to broaden your environmental and cultural experience.

Career opportunities

Many graduates directly gain employment in research institutes, environmental consultancies, environmental protection agencies, water authorities and conservation bodies. Others take a route via postgraduate study, for example, in environmental management, education, information technology, remote sensing and waste management or research towards the award of a PhD. See the career profiles of some of our graduates at www.sbes.stir.ac.uk/info_students/undergraduate/careers.html

We place great importance on teaching subject-specific and transferable skills that enhance your employability. Regular careers sessions are embedded into the core teaching. Our alumni contribute to this, as invited speakers and discussion partners.

Combined Honours degrees

Our integrated programmes combine Environmental Science modules with Biology modules (Conservation Biology & Management, p67) or Outdoor Education modules (Environmental Science and Outdoor Education, p79). Combined Honours degrees allow Environmental Science to be studied alongside other related subjects.

Environmental Science can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Economics	FL91
Mathematics	F9G1
Politics	FL92
Professional Education (Primary) with Specialism in the Environment	XC11

BSc (Hons) Environmental Science and Outdoor Education



This unique degree programme provides you with the primary elements of our Environmental Science degree including tuition in environmental issues, landscape evolution, human impact on the environment, environmental techniques and nature conservation, along with outdoor leadership, mountain skills and environmental education.

The distinctive aspect of this programme is that it includes practical training in navigation, mountain hazards, outdoor safety and the design and delivery of outdoor programmes with ecological learning outcomes.

In addition, you will work towards gaining a certificate in summer mountain leadership, a qualification recognised by the outdoors education industry and the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority (AALA).

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 4

Typical modules are:

- Building Planet Earth
- Environmental History
- Navigation and Mountain Skills
- Sports Studies
- Leisure Studies
- Earth and Landscape Evolution
- The Biosphere
- Statistical Techniques
- Introduction to Ecology
- Eco-education
- Mountain Leader Training

Semesters 5 – 8

Typical modules are:

- Safety and Responsibility in Outdoor Education
- Field and Laboratory Techniques
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Conservation Management
- Environmental Hazards
- Restoration Ecology
- Remote Sensing
- Mountain Leader Assessment
- Residential Field Class (southern Spain)
- Honours Project

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by a mix of lectures, field and laboratory practical exercises and tutorials.

A wide range of natural and human landscapes in the Stirling area are used for field teaching of the Environmental Science aspects of the programme and residential field classes are held, including a week in southern Spain. The Outdoor Education modules are taught primarily via residential field classes which take place in some of Scotland's most stunning locations.

You should be aware that a certain level of health, fitness and mobility are required to complete the outdoor training elements of the programme. In addition, you will need to be committed to outdoor pursuits and in particular to mountain walking. The Summer Mountain Leader Award requires that you must complete a minimum of 40 quality mountain days and these should be undertaken in your own time. You must also be a minimum of 18 years of age at the start of the programme.



Study abroad opportunities

In addition to the exchange opportunities available to all Stirling students, Environmental Science has a well-established exchange programme with the University of Guelph in Canada. You can spend one semester in Canada during your third year. Here you study courses equivalent to those taken at Stirling and have the opportunity to broaden your environmental and cultural experience. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

This programme is specifically designed for those who wish to have a sound scientific degree in Environmental Science but also wish to lead and guide groups outdoors and to provide outdoor educational activities with an environmental and ecological emphasis.

In employment terms, the combination of an Environmental Science degree and the Summer Mountain Leader Award is attractive to employers whose focus is on raising public awareness of the environment and teaching Environmental Science in an outdoor environment. Likely occupations for such graduates include countryside rangers and Environmental Science educators based in outdoor centres. The creation of a number of National Parks in Scotland, for example, has increased demand by park managers for rangers and guides. In addition, students will be equipped to undertake employment in the same professions as our standard Environmental Science graduates.

This programme is not designed to train you to become an outdoor instructor, although you may wish to gain additional qualifications independently (e.g. SPA or BCU awards) or undertake a suitable postgraduate programme in outdoor education which would then qualify you to pursue this type of career.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE FX99

A minimum age of entry of 18 years applies for this programme.

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Direct entry to Year 2 is possible subject to approval of individual qualifications.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

One of Geology, Geography, Environmental Science, Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Mathematics at Higher (B), A-Level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Conservation Biology & Management p67; Ecology p71; Environmental Geography p85; Environmental Science p78.

Rating

The review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education on teaching provision in Environmental Science was judged to be 'commendable' and that of academic teaching and learning was approved.

European Film and Media BA (Hons)

1st in Scotland for Communication, Cultural and Media Studies (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

1st in Scotland for Communications & Media (The Guardian University Guide, 2011, and The Independent Complete University Guide, 2011)

How do the media work in different European contexts? How might in-depth knowledge of a European language and media allow students to take full advantage of the shared space of the European Union? This unique BA Honours degree programme offers students a flexible range of subjects and skills, combining the study of Film and Media in the British and European context with mastery of a European language (French or Spanish).

You'll gain critical knowledge of the media in the UK and EU, as well as a grounding in classic and contemporary European cinema. You also gain a high level of practical skills in oral and written communication (in English and your chosen European language), and valuable IT skills, through multimedia using state-of-the-art facilities.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE P3R1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Examinations taken over two sittings are acceptable but if there are repeats/upgrades asking grades may be raised by one grade.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

French or Spanish (B), A-level (C) or equivalent to be taken at Advanced Level.

Beginner and Advanced courses in French and Spanish are available.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Rating

Film, Media and Journalism has been ranked 1st in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). The University was also ranked 2nd in Scotland for Communications & Media by The Times Good University Guide and The Independent Complete University Guide (2010).

Related degrees

Film & Media p82; French p84; Global Cinema and Culture p86; Journalism Studies p91; Spanish p117.

Degree programme

You have a variety of options. You may opt to specialise in Media or in Film Studies, choosing from a wide array of advanced option modules. You can study French or Spanish, starting after a Higher or A-level, or as a beginner.

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take a combination of the following modules:

- French or Spanish
- The British Media
- Global Cinema
- The Moving Image
- Post-war European Cinema
- Media Impacts and Influences
- Classic European Cinema
- A second language

Semesters 4 – 8

You will continue the study of French or Spanish and choose from a range of module options in Modern Languages and Film & Media (listed below). In Semester 4 all students also take the module Transnational Identities, which examines issues such as migration, immigration, national and regional identity in a range of films. Semester 6 is spent studying at an approved French or Spanish university.

Advanced (level 10) options are chosen from modules such as:

- French Cinema of the Fantastic
- Screening the City
- Quebec Cinema
- Sport, the Media and Popular Culture
- Film and Television in Scotland
- Gender and Representation
- Introduction to Audio and Video Production
- Television Drama
- Radio Feature Production
- Advertising

- New Media and Society
- Media Events
- Film and Music
- Economics of Mass Media
- New Hollywood Cinema
- Elements of Radio Journalism
- Reading Film and Television
- Print Journalism
- John Grierson and Documentary Analysis
- Documentary Production
- Video Drama Production
- Television Feature Production
- Public Relations
- Research Methods
- Dissertation

Teaching and assessment

Assessment is continuous, and you will submit coursework as well as sitting exams. There is also a component of group work and group assessment, which enables you to develop teamwork skills.

Study abroad opportunities

You may spend an optional year in France or Spain as a language assistant between Years 2 and 3 of the programme on an approved placement, in addition to Semester 6 spent at an approved French or Spanish university. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

The attractive combination of skills developed by this programme is highly sought after by employers both in the UK and abroad. Further, you will gain a network of European contacts that you can put to use in your future career. This programme is a gateway to a wide variety of careers in publishing, academia, journalism, television, radio and film production, translating or law, administration and management, advertising and public relations.



MyStirling...

“ I chose Stirling because of its good reputation, high position in the rankings and the opportunities on offer. I have to say that the location of the University and its beautiful campus were two most decisive factors. What is more, the University provides one of the best courses in Film, Media & Journalism. I have joined the AirTV society, which enables you to gain some experience in filmmaking, work with other students or get some help and advice about projects. They also provide training for complete beginners. Stirling is a fantastic place to be. You will find your studies are interesting, you will make friends and live in a beautiful place. It will definitely be a precious experience and one of the best times in your life. ”

Mirosław Czubaszek – Film, Media & Journalism



Film & Media BA (Hons)

1st in Scotland for Communication, Cultural and Media Studies (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

1st in Scotland for Media Studies and Communications (Guardian University Guide, 2011)
1st in Scotland for Communications and Media Studies (Complete University Guide, 2011)

We are pioneers in film and media education and research, nationally and internationally active in the field since 1978. The department is one of the largest in the UK and has consistently been rated top in Scotland in Research Assessment Exercises since they began (including the most recent exercise).

Teaching is highly rated and focuses on the critical and theoretical study of film, broadcasting, journalism and the press, the internet and new media, sport, advertising and public relations. Audio and video production work, in small groups, is a popular strand of the undergraduate programme, along with scriptwriting.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE P300

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

You are encouraged to gain pre-application experience with your local media.

Year 2

HND in Communication with Bs in graded units considered on an individual basis.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry is also available.

Related degrees

European Film and Media p80; Global Cinema & Culture p86; Journalism Studies p91.

Rating

Film, Media and Journalism has been ranked 1st in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). Teaching is also highly rated, and Stirling is rated in the UK top ten for student satisfaction in Media subjects and in Journalism.

Degree programme

You will take Film & Media plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take three core modules in Film & Media:

- Media I: Creative Industries
- Media II: Representation, Meaning and Identity
- The Moving Image

Semesters 4 – 8

You will take advanced semester modules selected from the following:

- Reading Film and Television
- Digital Media and Culture
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Scriptwriting
- Contemporary Screens
- Cultural Theory and Media Practice
- Experimental Film
- Terrorism in the Media
- Sport, the Media and Popular Culture
- Film and Television in Scotland
- Gender and Representation
- Television Drama
- British Cinema from the 1930s
- New Hollywood Cinema
- John Grierson and Documentary Analysis
- Film and Music
- Introduction to Audio and Video Production
- Radio Feature Production
- Television Feature Production
- Documentary Production
- Video Drama Production
- Researching Media and Culture
- Dissertation

You are admitted to the production strand in Semester 5 on the basis of merit.

A new pathway in Communications Practice which may optionally be taken in combination with Film & Media has been approved for session 2011/12. Please see the website: www.fmj.stir.ac.uk

Teaching and assessment

Lectures, seminars, workshops, group projects and presentations all feature in learning and teaching provision, and industry practitioners frequently deliver elements of the programme. Assessment is by means of examinations, essays, individual and group practical assignments, creative projects (some of which involve group practical assignments) and dissertations.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connections with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

Many Film & Media students have established successful careers in the media. These include broadcast and print journalism; television, radio and film production; media management; advertising and public relations; and education. For specific graduate news, visit: www.fmj.stir.ac.uk/social-media/intelligencer.php

Combined Honours degrees

Film & Media can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Business Studies	NP13
English Studies	QP33
French	RP13
History	PV31
Journalism Studies	PP35
Marketing	PN35
Philosophy	VP53
Politics	PL32
Psychology	CP83
Religion	VP63
Sociology	LP33
Spanish	RP43
Sports Studies	CP63



Equal fifth in the UK and joint first in Scotland for Accounting and Finance (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Studying finance involves understanding how companies and investors make financial decisions, how they manage risk and how financial markets function.

The programme will address issues such as: how do stock markets work? How can I make money by trading futures and options? What would be the implications for Britain of adopting the Euro? How can companies reduce the risk arising from fluctuations in foreign exchange rates? What are the benefits of corporate takeovers? What types of securities should be included in an investment portfolio?

Accounting and Finance teaching at Stirling is highly rated, with 94% of students satisfied with their experience (The National Student Survey, 2010). You will gain a thorough grounding in the theoretical and analytical skills needed for careers in corporate finance, investment management or financial services.

Degree programme

Students take Finance plus two other subjects in the first three semesters (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take core modules in the following:

- Finance I: An examination of the two key aspects of corporate finance: the financing decision and the investment decision. The evaluation of investment risk and return. Introduction to financial securities and financial markets. Basic principles of security valuation
- Accounting I: An understanding of the basic concepts required to prepare and analyse financial statements
- Accounting II: An examination of the basic accounting techniques used by management accountants to help in decision making and in the formulation of future plans

In addition to these core modules, you must also study one Economics module.

Semesters 4 – 8

You are required to take the following advanced modules:

- Finance II
- External Reporting
- Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Personal Financial Planning
- International Finance
- Securities and Investment
- Financial Analysis
- Finance Dissertation

Additional advanced modules may be selected from any advanced semester Accountancy or Finance option, or from those required by the particular degree programme being followed.

Teaching and assessment

Student learning takes place in lectures, tutorials, computer-based workshops and through independent study. Each module is assessed by a combination of examination and coursework. Assessed coursework may take the form of essays, problem-solving exercises or tests.

Study abroad opportunities

You may apply to study at a European university as part of the ERASMUS programme. In addition, you may also apply to study in the US under the University's exchange scheme with a wide range of North American universities as well as Universities in Australia, Hong Kong and Japan (see p42 for information on Stirling's partner institutions).

Career opportunities

Many significant decisions made by companies, individuals and financial institutions require the analytical skills and professional judgement developed by studying finance. Accordingly, a wide range of exciting and prestigious career opportunities are available to graduates in the discipline. These include working as a financial analyst for a fund management institution, as a dealer on the stock exchange, as an investment banker or as a financial market regulator.

The BA in Finance may also be studied by those wishing to embark on a career in accountancy. Students who study required Business Law and Economics modules may be exempt from examinations of professional accounting bodies.

Combined Honours degrees

Finance can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Accountancy	NN43
Business Studies	NN13
Economics	LN13
Mathematics	GN13

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N300

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Scottish HND in Accountancy with Bs in Graded Units in Accountancy, English HND with Merits and Distinctions.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Accountancy p58; Economics p72; Law and Business Law p93, p94; Money, Banking and Finance p102.

Rating

Accounting and Finance has been rated joint first in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) and teaching provision in Accounting was ranked joint third in the UK (National Student Survey, 2010).



French BA (Hons)

What's the significance of learning French in our globalised world? How can developing linguistic and intercultural skills allow you to truly become a 'global citizen'?

This programme gives you a broad understanding of French language and thought, in a variety of historical and geographical contexts. We focus particularly on the ways in which encounters with other cultures have transformed French language and culture: you'll explore ethnic diversity in contemporary France and the complexity of French-language cultures in places as diverse as Quebec, the Maghreb and sub-Saharan Africa.

With this programme, you'll be well qualified for careers in the arts, government and human resources management. Or, by studying French in conjunction with Education, you can become a fully qualified secondary school teacher. 93% of Stirling graduates are in full-time work or further education within six months of graduation (Higher Education Statistics Agency, 2010).



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE R120

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include French.

HND in European Languages and Business (for entry to Intermediate stream).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

French Higher (B), A-level (C) or equivalent if taken at Advanced level. Students may be admitted to Introductory or Intermediate French. These may be used as a bridge to Advanced French in Semesters 2 – 4. English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

European Film and Media p80; International Management Studies p90; International Management and Intercultural Studies p90; Modern Languages p101; Spanish p117.

Rating

Teaching provision in French has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Degree programme

You will take French plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

First- and second-year modules concentrate primarily on 20th/21st-century France – its language, history, society, business, literature, art and film – while in the third and fourth year there is also the opportunity to study material from the wider 'Francophone world'.

Semesters 1 – 4

Semesters 1 – 4 give you an understanding of contemporary French and Francophone cultures and their evolution. You may start French at Introductory, Intermediate or Advanced level. Introductory and Intermediate students may subsequently join the Advanced class and go on to Honours in French.

The Advanced class – for students with a Higher or A-level in French – combines language learning with the study of French/Francophone culture and society using texts, films and online material. It is also possible to study film in intercultural modules taught by the School of Languages, Cultures and Religions.

Semesters 5 – 8

Semesters 5 – 8 offer increased specialisation.

All students take core language modules in spoken and written French, in which you can develop your areas of expertise. Students choose from a wide variety of option modules including, for example:

- French Popular Culture of the 20th Century
- Introduction to African Literature and Cinema
- The Cinema of the Fantastic
- Culture and Identity in Contemporary France
- Postcolonial France
- Transatlantic Cinema
- The French Atlantic Slave Trade
- Quebec Cinema

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by lectures, tutorials and small group language classes. In addition, the use of information technology and native language assistants encourages rapid progress.

Study abroad opportunities

Honours students of French must spend a period of residence abroad, usually in Semester 6, studying at a French university or business school. All students also have the option, in addition, of spending a year abroad between Semesters 4 and 5, which you will often spend in paid employment in France, typically as a language assistant teaching English in a French school. In certain

degrees, the whole of Semesters 5 and 6 can be spent at a French university. The School has ERASMUS exchange agreements with the Universities of Aix, Limoges, Nancy, Perpignan and Tours and with business schools in Cergy-Pontoise (EPSCI), Nice (CERAM), and Strasbourg (EMS). There is also a new opportunity to study for a semester at Laval University, Québec City. Turn to p42 for more details on study abroad opportunities at Stirling.

Career opportunities

Language graduates are confident communicators and growing European integration offers increasing job opportunities. Many go on to a wide variety of careers in publishing, journalism, television, advertising, translating or law, teaching in French or English as a foreign language, administration and management. The Combined programme with Professional Education permits you to train as a secondary teacher of one or two languages.

Combined Honours degrees

French can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Business Studies	NRF1
Computing Science	GR51
English Studies	QR31
Film & Media	RP13
History	RV11
Human Resource Management	NRP1
Journalism Studies	RP15
Law	RM11
Marketing	N5R1
Mathematics	GR11
Philosophy	RV15
Politics	LR21
Professional Education (Secondary)	RX11
Professional Education (Secondary)/ Spanish	RXD1
Professional Education (Primary) with Modern Languages	XR18
Religion	RV16
Spanish	RR14

(For a Combined Honours degree the higher entrance French can be studied as a component of other degrees. See p122.)



Geography is the integrated study of the Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments. It is about the world in which we live and is unique in bridging the environmental and social sciences.

While Physical Geography and Human Geography are disciplines in their own right, Environmental Geography combines these subjects to provide a much-needed capability to study and understand interactions between people, and between people and the environments in which they live.

Graduates in Environmental Geography are well placed for a wide range of careers dealing with the management of resources and environments.

Degree programme

Environmental Geography is an integrated four-year degree programme that provides you with training across the spectrum of the subject. Graduates enter a wide range of professions and are considered valuable recruits given the broad range of skills that they develop throughout the programme. These include both Communication and Information, and Communications Technology (ICT) skills.

Environmental Geography and Education provides graduates with a teaching qualification in Geography (and Modern Studies) as recognised by the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCS).

This qualification is achieved within four years compared to the normal five-year route if you were to complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) following on from an Honours degree.

Environmental Geography

Semesters 1 – 5

You will take the following core modules:

- People and the Environment
- Global Environmental Issues
- Building Planet Earth
- Landscape Evolution
- Ecology
- Biosphere
- Statistical Techniques
- Advanced Analytical Techniques

You will choose from a wide range of modules including:

- Politics of the British Isles
- Environmental History
- Microeconomics; Macroeconomics
- Social Differentiation; Social Problems
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Soil Quality and Protection

Semesters 6 – 8

Offers increased specialisation. Students may choose from advanced modules including, for example, Geographical Information Systems, Remote Sensing, Environmental Change, Environmental Hazards and Core issues in Geography. In addition, all Honours students complete an Environmental Geography research project. A residential field class in Spain forms an element of the programme.

Environmental Geography and Education

Semesters 1 – 5

You will take some of the core modules for Environmental Geography as well as:

- Learners and Learning in Education
- Challenges and Trends in Education
- Introduction to Pedagogy
- Information Technology Skills

- The Nature and Goals of Teaching
- Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Units of Work
- Either two modules of Politics or two modules of Sociology

Semesters 6 – 8

Core modules cover:

- Curriculum Studies
- Core Issues in Geography
- Pupil Support and Curriculum Studies

Option modules include:

- Environmental Hazards
- Sustainable Development
- Drainage Basins
- Scottish Society

In addition, all Honours students complete a teaching-related Geography project and a review essay. A residential field class in Spain is an optional element.

You will undertake three school placements. The first two normally take place in January and February, between Semesters 3 and 4, and between Semesters 5 and 6. In the final year, 12 weeks of teaching practice are undertaken in Semester 7.

Teaching and assessment

At all levels of the degree we emphasise practical local field studies. There's a range of natural environments around Stirling, plus easy access to major urban and industrial centres, new towns and rural settlements. Assessment balances coursework and examinations.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Geography provides a unique combination of subject-specific and generic skills so that geographers can enter a diverse range of careers, including education. Geographers are attractive to employers because of their understanding of relationships between environment and people, their spatial awareness and their skills in areas such as field investigation, problem-solving, team working, communication and information technology.

Geography

BSc (Hons) Environmental Geography

UCAS CODE FL97

BSc (Hons) Environmental Geography and Education

UCAS CODE FX81

Entrance requirements

Environmental Geography

UCAS CODE FL97

Environmental Geography and Education

UCAS CODE FX81

Year 1

Highers BBBB. A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include one of Geography/Geology/Environmental Science and Biology (only in single Environmental Geography degree).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), GCSE (C). For Education see p74 and p75.

English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

One of Geology, Geography, Environmental Science/ Studies, Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Mathematics Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent; HNC/HND in relevant subject.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Standard Grade (3) considered on an individual basis.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Education p74, p75; Environmental Science p78; Environmental Science and Outdoor Education p79.

Global Cinema and Culture BA (Hons)

What can films and other types of artistic representation tell us about our globalised world? How have cultural forms and practices evolved through this and the last century, as different global groups and regions have become increasingly interconnected?

This innovative combined degree programme cuts across traditional boundaries, drawing on all areas of expertise across the programmes in Languages, Cultures and Religions. You'll learn how to interpret cultural texts and practices from throughout the world, gaining a solid grounding in film and textual analysis, cultural studies and area studies. This degree can lead to a variety of careers, including publishing; academia; journalism; television, radio & film production; administration and management; advertising and public relations.

We're a vibrant and friendly team, with close international ties and a reputation for cutting-edge research and high-quality teaching.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE P390

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

European Film and Media p80; Film & Media p82; French p84; Spanish p117.

Degree programme

The BA with Honours in Global Cinema and Culture exists in a range of Combined Honours programmes, including an 'integrated' programme combining modules from the various programmes in Languages, Cultures and Religions and Film, Media and Journalism.

Semesters 1 – 3

In Semesters 1 – 3 you will take the following core modules:

- Global Cinema
- Post-war European Cinema
- Classic European Cinema

Semesters 4 – 8

In Semesters 4 – 8 you will develop a critical understanding and analytical approach to global cinema and culture, including analysis of certain non-European cultures.

Core advanced modules include:

- Global Cinema and Culture Theory 1
- Global Cinema and Culture Theory 2
- Dissertation Preparation
- Dissertation

Advanced option modules include:

- Transnational Identities
- African Literature and Cinema
- The Cinema of the Fantastic
- Culture and Identity in Contemporary France
- Postcolonial France
- Transatlantic Cinema

Teaching and assessment

Assessment is continuous, so you will submit coursework as well as sitting exams. There is also a component of group work and group assessment, which enables you to develop teamwork skills.

In the final year of your studies, you will take a dissertation module and write a dissertation on a specialist subject of your own choosing.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

The attractive combination of skills developed by this programme is highly sought after by employers both in the UK and abroad. Graduates are prepared for a wide variety of careers in publishing, journalism, television, radio and film production, academia, administration and management, advertising and public relations.

Combined Honours degrees

Global Cinema and Culture can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
English	QP3H
Film and Media (this combined programme is entitled 'BA Hons in Global Cinema')	P390





Understanding the past is essential to making sense of the modern world.

Our programme equips you with this knowledge and with a range of intellectual and personal skills. You will gain an awareness of how different societies across the world have changed over time, by studying areas such as Scottish, British, European, American and African history. You will engage with different types of history: political, social, cultural, gender, computer and environmental.

Teaching of History at Stirling has been commended and our research rated excellent. With this degree, you can access a range of careers, such as teaching; journalism; business management; local and national government; law; the heritage industry; and conservation.

Degree programme

Students take History plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take the following modules:

- People, Politics and Empire: Britain 1780 – 1914 or Kingship and Nationhood, c1100 – 1513
- Empire to Europe: Britain 1914 – 1990 or Renaissance to Revolution: Scotland 1513 – 1689
- Reputations in History

Semesters 4 – 8

In each of these semesters you will normally choose one, two or three modules from a varied list of options, which include:

- Survey courses in 19th – and 20th-century African, American, British, European, Irish and Scottish history
- Courses in historical sub-disciplines, including black history, environmental history, gender history, history and computing, political thought and revolution studies
- Specialist courses in particular countries and periods, such as South Africa, the modern Balkans and early modern Europe (1500 to 1700)

In addition, Honours History students and those taking a Combined Honours degree with Education must take the Semester 6 module Approaches and Methods.

In Semesters 7 and 8 Honours students take a 'special subject' involving the use of printed documentary collections and other source material. Single Honours History students also write a supervised dissertation of between 14,000 and 16,000 words on a chosen research topic.

The range of special subjects includes, for example:

- The American Revolution
- Race, Class and Gender in Early America
- Revolutionary Europe, 1776-1804
- The Modern History of the Balkans, 1821-1995
- Apartheid in South Africa, 1948-94
- Immigration to Britain, 1800-1971
- Britain in the Age of the American and French Revolutions
- Bruce and Stewart Scotland, 1329-1406
- The 'Golden Age' of the Scottish Parliament: 1600 – 1707
- Environment, Landscape and Improvement in the North Atlantic World c.1500 to c.1900

Teaching and assessment

Each semester's work is assessed separately. Assessment is based on a combination of essays, examinations and oral performance. The Honours classification is based on grades obtained in Semesters 5 – 8.

Study abroad opportunities

You may apply to study in the US under the University's exchange scheme with a wide range of American universities and colleges (see p42 for information on Stirling's partner institutions). Students doing a Combined Honours degree with French or Spanish are normally required to study in the appropriate country for one semester.

Career opportunities

A History degree has always been valued by employers because of the intellectual challenges it offers and the particular skills it fosters. These include the ability to argue a persuasive case, a capacity for independent work and effective time management, an ability to organise and solve problems, and a capacity to communicate clearly in writing and in speech. History graduates from Stirling, therefore, have been successful in obtaining a wide variety of posts, some in history-related areas such as teaching and work in museums and libraries; others in fields such as administration, commerce, the civil service, banking and insurance.

Continuing education

Two half modules in History are offered under the Continuing Education programme (see p40).

Combined Honours degrees

History can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
English Studies	QV31
English Studies/Education	QXHC
Film & Media	PV31
French	RV11
Journalism Studies	VP15
Law	MV11
Philosophy	VV15
Politics	LV21
Politics/Professional Education	LX21
Professional Education	VX11
Religion	VV16
Religion/Professional Education	VXC1
Sociology	LV31
Sociology/Professional Education	VXD1
Spanish	RV41
Sports Studies	VC16

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE V100

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include History.

Scottish HND in Social Sciences to include 4 History units with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE English (C) or equivalent although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester). February entry also available.

Related degrees

Scottish History p113.

Rating

Teaching provision in History has been assessed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and achieved the highest possible rating of 'commendable' in all aspects.

Human Resource Management BA (Hons)

For businesses today, managing people is crucial. Human Resource Management (HRM) deals with the management of an organisation's workforce, from the most junior member of staff to the chief executive.

Success in business depends upon developing appropriate methods of recruitment and selection, motivation and reward, training and development, grievance and discipline, performance management and career progression.

HR specialists work closely with operational managers to manage the employment relationship, enhance individual and team performance and ensure that workers are fairly treated, whilst also attempting to increase the organisation's ability to adapt within its environment through broadening the skills of the workforce. As such, HR specialists also need to have a good understanding of the labour market and their organisation's wider social, economic and political environments.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N600

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Business Studies/Management.

Scottish HND in business-related subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE English (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Business Studies p64; Management Science p96; Marketing p99; Psychology p110; Retail Marketing p112; Sociology and Social Policy p115.

Rating

Teaching provision in Business and Management has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 3

You will study three general modules in Business and Management:

- The Firm
- The Business Environment
- Business in the 21st Century

These modules form a foundation for the programme. They introduce the main functional areas of management and consider the ways in which the behavioural sciences contribute to the understanding of business behaviour and people at work. These modules also consider the wider business environment and how it is changing. They also provide some of the analytical techniques that underpin business activity – data collection, presentation and analysis – and are crucial for management decision making. Students study these modules alongside students from Business Studies, Management Science, Marketing, Public Management and Administration and Retail Marketing.

Additional modules are taken from other subject areas, and you may wish to study related subjects such as Business Law, Economics, Psychology and Sociology.

Semesters 4 – 8

You will take the following core modules covering the broad field of Human Resource Management:

- Introduction to Human Resource Management
- Managing Organisations
- Employment Relations
- Managing People
- Learning and Development
- Contemporary Personnel Policy
- Participative Management
- Human Resource Management
- Business and Organisational Research

In addition, you will choose three optional modules from Business Studies, Management Science or Public Management and Administration or from one of the other subjects for which you are qualified.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by lectures, seminars and practical work. In the advanced modules there is more opportunity for group work, case study analysis and skills development.

Assessment is by a combination of coursework and formal examinations. In the fourth year, all students complete an Honours dissertation, which allows concentration on areas of particular interest.

Study abroad opportunities

The School has links with a number of universities in Europe and further afield. Turn to p42 for further information.

Career opportunities

Students completing the degree are well qualified for specialist careers in Human Resource Management as well as management more generally. With the increasing importance of everyone's performance to organisational success, all managers need to possess HRM skills. Opportunities for employment are broadly available in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Given the focus of the degree on understanding employment in the widest sense, careers may also be followed in trade unions, employment related charities, government departments, non-governmental organisations or employment research bodies.

Combined Honours degrees

For additional information on each subject included in Combined Honours programmes, refer to individual subject entries.

Human Resource Management can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Business Studies	NN16
French	NRP1
Law	MN16
Marketing	NN65
Psychology	NC68
Spanish	NR64



Information systems are the heart of our data-driven society, and the ability to develop and use them is highly valued. This programme is a superb grounding: its combination of theory and practice gives a broad base of skills and resonates well with employers.

You'll study the application of computer systems in an organisational context. This goes beyond examining the technical side of computing science to consider the environments in which systems are used. You'll look closely at the role computers play in a commercial environment, addressing issues such as underlying technologies and techniques adopted; information systems design and analysis; decision making; and the role of information in a data-driven society.

Ours is a small, friendly team with an 'open door' policy for students. Our computing labs have recently been upgraded and are fitted with state-of-the-art PCs.

Degree programme

In the first three semesters, you are required to take three core modules in Computing Science and three core modules in Business Studies. This mixture provides an effective grounding for the range of specialised, advanced modules which are available later in the programme.

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take core modules, encompassing study in the following areas:

- Skills and Applications
- Programming using Java
- Usability and Accessibility
- Information Systems
- Object-oriented Development, Data Structures and Algorithms

In Semester 1, two alternative modules are offered in skills and applications in Computing Science, and both offer routes into further computing-related degrees. One is intended for students with Higher Computing, Higher Information Systems, or an equivalent qualification, while the other is for students with no previous experience.

Semesters 4 – 8

In Semesters 4 – 8 the degree comprises core modules and optional modules, giving you a chance to explore your particular interests further.

Current core modules include:

- Information Systems
- Software Engineering (involving group work)
- Database Principles and Applications
- Multimedia and Human Computer Interaction
- Communications and Networks
- Management and Information Technology
- Managing Information
- Technologies for E-commerce

Options are drawn from the range of Computing Science topics and include:

- Computer Game Technologies
- Computing and the Brain
- Computer Security and Forensics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Telecommunications Systems and Services
- Web Services

The final-year project is also a core element of the programme. Typically this involves independently developing a major piece of software from initial requirements through to final delivery.

Teaching and assessment

You will learn about Information Systems through lectures, small tutorial groups and most of all through laboratory work. Information Systems is taught as a very practical subject, and almost all modules include practical assignments. Typically these count for 50 percent of the assessment grade, with the remainder given to the examination.

For the Honours degree, the grades for all advanced modules taken in Semesters 5 – 8 are combined to give the final classification.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Information Systems graduates offer a unique blend of skills to potential employers. As well as a good grounding in the technical aspects of computing offered by more traditional computer science degrees, you will have a bank of additional business awareness skills. You will also be equipped to design and develop information technology infrastructures as well as to use such tools to contribute to the strategic planning and decision making performed within organisations.

Professional accreditation

The Honours BSc programme in Information Systems is in the process of being re-accredited for full accreditation for being a Chartered Information Technology Practitioner (CITP), which is the professional member level of the British Computer Society, and partial accreditation for Chartered Engineer and Chartered Scientist status.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE G500

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of AS and A2 levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Business Computing p63; Computing Science p66; Management Science p96; Software Engineering p116.

International Management BA (Hons)

International Management and Intercultural Studies (Double Degrees)

International Management Studies with European Languages and Society

Want to develop your language skills and your knowledge of business contexts in the EU?

Europe's growing integration has created a greater need than ever for graduates with business and marketing skills with knowledge of foreign languages and cultures. Similarly, its increased mobility has opened up more opportunities for them too.

Our programmes enable you to take advantage of both these developments.

You'll combine aspects of international business and marketing with studying a language (French or Spanish), plus the economic, political, social and cultural environment in which international business is conducted. There's also a unique opportunity to take a double qualification with institutions in France or Germany.



Entrance requirements

BA (Hons) International Management and Intercultural Studies (Double Degrees)

UCAS CODE NLR0

BA (Hons) International Management Studies with European Languages and Society

UCAS CODE N2R9

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

Beginners and Advanced courses in French and Spanish are available.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Business Studies p64; Economics p72; French p84; Marketing p99; Politics p107, p108, p109; Spanish p117.

Rating

Teaching provision in European Languages has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and been quality approved. Teaching provision in Business and Management has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

International Management and Intercultural Studies (IMIS)

The IMIS double degree programme is available in conjunction either with the Ecole de Management in Strasbourg, France, or the University of Passau in Bavaria, Germany (the latter is open to native speakers of German only).

In either version, the programme leads to the award of a degree from Stirling and also a degree from the partner institution.

In each case, the degree programme involves the study of three subjects. Students studying for the double degree with Strasbourg take French, Business Studies or Marketing, and have a choice of third subject, which can be either Spanish, Economics or Politics.

Native speakers of German studying for the double degree with Passau take French or Spanish, Business, and History or Politics.

Degree structure and Study abroad

The double degree with EM Strasbourg has a five-year programme common to the degree in International Management Studies in Semesters 1–4, after which it has two variants. Students taking only one language, French, spend Semester 6 at another French business school, and Semesters 9 and 10 at EM Strasbourg. Students studying two languages spend Semester 6 in Spain, return to Stirling for Semesters 7 and 8, then go to EM Strasbourg to study there for two further semesters.

The double degree with Passau also has two variants. Variant A, for native or near-native speakers of German who begin their studies at the University of Stirling, involves five semesters of study in Stirling, followed by a semester studying in France or Spain and then a year studying at Passau. You then return to Stirling to complete your degree and graduate from both universities on completion of your degree at Stirling. Variant B, for students who begin their studies in Germany, involves six semesters of study at Passau or another German University, two semesters at Passau, followed by a final two semesters in Stirling.

European Union Applications

Applications are encouraged from students from throughout the European Union. As well as native speakers of German enrolled on the Passau degree, there is a number of EU students enrolled on the EM Strasbourg version of the degree, which is also open to native speakers of German.

If you decide at any point that you do not wish to take up the option of a double degree, you have the option to transfer to the related degree programme International Management Studies with European Languages and Society.

International Management Studies with European Languages and Society

All students study three subjects during their degree. There are two compulsory pathways, namely a language (either French or Spanish) and a Business/Marketing pathway. In addition, a third pathway is chosen from a second language, Politics, Finance, Business Law or Economics. Each pathway contains modules with an international or European content.

Semesters 1 – 4

You will take the following subjects:

- French or Spanish
- Business or Marketing
- One of: a second language, Politics, Finance, Business Law, Economics

Semesters 5 – 8

In Semesters 5, 7 and 8 you will follow the same pathways but have an increasing choice of options within those pathways.

Study abroad opportunities

Semester 6 is spent on a work placement or studying at a university or business school in France or Spain. Alternatively, students of French may spend the whole of their third year studying at the Ecole de Management, Strasbourg.

Students taking two languages may take a year out after their second year in France or Spain, spent either as a language assistant teaching English in a school or on an approved placement. They will then spend Semester 6 in the country of the second language. In this way the degree offers two lengthy periods abroad in the country of each language studied. Turn to p42 for more details on study abroad opportunities at Stirling.

Career opportunities

Graduates will be ideally equipped for a career in international business or marketing. Not only will they have command of a language, but their study of the management subjects will have been deliberately orientated towards the international context.

Recent Stirling management graduates have gone on to a wide variety of jobs. These include advertising, marketing, banking and management. Graduates have secured positions with leading manufacturers and retailers, communications companies, and financial institutions, as well as with a variety of small and medium-sized businesses.



1st in Scotland for Communication, Cultural and Media Studies (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

**1st in Scotland for Media Studies and Communications (Guardian University Guide 2011)
1st in Scotland for Communications and Media Studies (Complete University Guide, 2011)**

Journalism Studies combines all the elements of a good Arts degree with a marketable, career-orientated specialism. It aims to provide you with a broad academic grounding in the contextual knowledge, as well as the critical and practical skills, that will enable you to understand, analyse and produce journalism across the range of media – print, broadcast and online.

Stirling is recognised internationally as a centre of excellence in journalism research and has built up a strong reputation for the teaching of journalistic skills. Working journalists regularly contribute to teaching, while journalism lecturers frequently contribute their expertise to the media.

Degree programme

You will take Journalism Studies plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 2

You will take the following modules in common with all students in the Film, Media & Journalism department:

- Media I: Creative Industries
- Media II: Representation, Meaning and Identity

Semester 3

In Semester 3 you will take the following module:

- Introduction to Journalism Studies

Semester 4

You will take the following modules:

- Writing for Journalists
- Journalism Research and Analysis

In addition, you may take either Digital Media and Culture or Reading Film and Television.

Semesters 5 – 8

You may study modules in:

- Print Journalism
- Introduction to Audio and Video Production
- Magazine Journalism and Publishing
- Online Journalism
- Journalism and the Literature of Reality
- Issues in Journalism
- Dissertation
- Introduction to Law and Government for Journalists
- Researching Media and Culture
- Advanced Reporting
- Journalism Project

Three further advanced semester modules may be selected from a range of modules offered in the Film & Media programme. These are likely to include:

- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Sport, the Media and Popular Culture
- New Media and Society
- Gender and Representation
- Terrorism in the Media
- Cultural Theory and Media Practice
- Radio Feature Production
- Television Feature Production
- Film and Music

A new pathway in Communications Practice which may be taken optionally in combination with Journalism Studies has been approved for 2011/12. Please see website for up-to-date information: www.fmj.stir.ac.uk

Teaching and assessment

Lectures, seminars, workshops and presentations are the main teaching methods and you will take part in live reporting assignments whenever possible. The degree is assessed by means of essays, examinations, individual and group practical assignments, and a dissertation on a topic related to journalism.

Journalists and editors from a range of newspapers and broadcasting organisations contribute guest lectures and seminars. The annual Hetherington Memorial Lectures have featured distinguished journalists John Lloyd, Jon Snow, Roy Greenslade, Jonathan Freedland, Sheena MacDonald, Elinor Goodman and The Guardian editors present and past, Alan Rusbridger and Peter Preston, and broadcaster Dame Joan Bakewell.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connections with several American and European universities. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

We have extensive links with the media industries and many of our graduates have pursued successful careers in print, broadcast and online journalism.

The BA in Journalism Studies also offers a foundation for vocational postgraduate study in journalism and related fields such as public relations and media management.

For news about graduates, visit: www.fmj.stir.ac.uk/social-media/intelligencer.php

Combined Honours degrees

Journalism Studies can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
English Studies	QP35
Film & Media	PP35
French	RP15
History	VP15
Politics	PL52
Spanish	PR54
Sports Studies	PC56

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE P500

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

You are encouraged to gain work experience in journalism before you apply.

Year 2

HND in Communication or Practical Journalism with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE English (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Film & Media p82.

Rating

We are a pioneer in Film & Media education and research, nationally and internationally active in the field since 1978. We are one of the largest departments in the UK and have consistently been rated top in Scotland in Research Assessment Exercises since they began. Stirling is also rated in the top ten for student satisfaction in Journalism and Media subjects).



MyStirling...

“ I chose Stirling because I’d heard good things about the quality of education here, particularly in the Media department. The University allowed me to combine the two things I couldn’t for the life of me choose between studying. Although I started off studying Media, the flexible system allowed me to easily swap it with Journalism in my second semester. In seminars, students’ participation is encouraged and you really feel like your opinion matters. Lectures also tend to be very dynamic. The campus and new library are awesome, and I love how compact the campus is so you can always run into people you know and really feel at home. ”

Lelde Benke – French & Journalism Studies (See p84 and p91)



Law at Stirling is based in the 18th century Airthrey Castle.

As well as the LLB qualification (see overleaf), we offer two BA (Hons) degrees: one in Business Law and one in Law.

What are the advantages of studying law as a BA? Firstly, it means you develop even further the intellectual skills needed for what is a demanding yet rewarding subject. These include autonomy, determination, intellectual curiosity, clear thinking and concise expression. All are highly valuable, whatever profession you pursue.

Secondly, it's also a chance to study a range of subjects reflecting the importance of law in all areas of society. For example, our Business Law BA enables you to develop a thorough understanding of the way law and regulation shape and influence the business world. Similarly the BA in Law enables you to understand how law interacts with society.

BA IN BUSINESS LAW

This degree is particularly suited to students who are seeking a university education in law and who wish to pursue a career in business.

Degree programme

You may pursue a Bachelor's degree, General degree or Honours degree in Business Law.

Semesters 1 – 3

You are introduced to the fundamentals of Business Law. Core modules incorporate:

- Legal System
- Law of Contract
- Law of Delict
- Partnership Law
- Company Law
- Insolvency Law
- Legal Process

Semesters 4 – 8

You will select advanced modules from a range of specialist legal topics. These include:

- Law of Banking and Finance
- Insurance Law and Regulation
- Intellectual Property Law
- Information Technology Law
- International Trade Law
- Financial Regulation
- Arbitration Law
- Competition Law
- Sports Law

BA IN LAW

This degree provides a broad university education in law in a wide range of areas, such as crime, the family, business, the media, and government.

Degree programme

You may pursue a Bachelor's degree, General degree or Honours degree in Law.

Semesters 1 – 3

You are introduced to the fundamentals of law. Core module options incorporate:

- Legal Systems and Process
- Law of Contract
- Law of Delict
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Law and Government

Semesters 4 – 8

You will select advanced modules from a range of specialist legal topics. These are shared with the BA in Business Law and include:

- Environmental Law
- Sports Law
- Prejudice, Discrimination and the Law
- Collective Labour Law

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is delivered via lectures and seminars. You will undertake independent research supervised by a member of staff, presenting a substantial dissertation on a legal topic of your own choice in your final year.

Study abroad opportunities

We participate in the ERASMUS programme and also have exchange agreements with several universities. Course modules completed while on these exchanges count towards the final award of a Stirling degree. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

Our graduates have successful careers in management, banking and financial services and accounting.

Graduates wishing to enter the Scottish legal profession must take a professionally accredited LLB as a second degree. You'll be eligible to take the two-year Accelerated Graduate LLB in our School. Those wishing to practise law in England and Wales must complete a postgraduate conversion course.

Combined Honours degrees

Business Law or Law can be studied with an extensive range of other disciplines.

Law can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Accountancy (with Business Law)	MN24
Business Studies	MN11
Criminology	MM91
French	RM11
History	MV11
Human Resource Management	MN16
Marketing	MN15
Politics	ML12
Spanish	MR14

BA (Hons) in Business Law

UCAS CODE M221

Law BA (Hons)

UCAS CODE M110

Entrance requirements

Business Law
UCAS CODE M221

BA Law
UCAS CODE M110

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Law at Stirling is committed to widening access to Higher Education.

Year 2

HND in Legal Services Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Accountancy p58; Business Studies p64; Criminology p68; Economics p72; Finance p83; History p87; Human Resource Management p88; Marketing p99; Philosophy p106; Politics p107, p108, p109.

Law: LLB

Law combines social science, ethics and political philosophy. It's not just a body of rules or knowledge – it also has its own methods, philosophies, culture and language. Of course, it's also what vital institutions (the legal profession, the judiciary, courts, etc.) do.

The LLB is a specialist degree, covering all aspects of law. Our programme – tailored to the Law Society of Scotland's requirements – is broad-based, intellectually challenging and rewarding. It's available as an undergraduate degree and a two-year accelerated graduate degree. It can be either your first step towards becoming a solicitor, or – increasingly – a well-rounded and prestigious degree with which to enter other fields.

Law at Stirling is based in the 18th-century Airthrey Castle (right). Our staff are recognised experts. In the latest Research Assessment Exercise all of our research was regarded as being of (at least) national quality, with 70% of international quality.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE M114

Year 1

Highers AABB.

A-levels ABB or a combination of A2, VCE and VDA. Please note not all subjects can be vocationally based.

IB Diploma with a total of 36 points.

HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

In addition to academic qualifications, personal statements and references will also be considered. Law at Stirling is committed to widening access to Higher Education and to the legal profession.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Preferred subjects

English Higher Grade B. History, Politics or Modern Studies at Standard Grade (2), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

LLB (Accelerated Graduate Programme)

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE M115

An Honours degree in any subject/discipline. Good general degrees are also considered.

Degree programme

The main aims of the LLB are to:

- provide substantial in-depth knowledge and understanding of:
 - the principles, concepts, values and substantive rules of the Scottish legal system
 - the wider context within which the Scottish legal system operates
 - the main legal institutions and procedures of the Scottish legal system
- develop problem-solving and legal research skills, as well as more general transferable intellectual skills which are of value in the practice of law and a wide range of careers
- provide the in-depth knowledge and understanding needed to progress to further studies in law and a career as a solicitor or in multi-disciplinary areas involving law
- provide graduates with knowledge, understanding and skills that will provide added benefit to them as individuals, to the Scottish legal profession, and to society as a whole

Semesters 1 – 5

During the first five semesters, you are introduced to the fundamental areas of law. Core modules include:

- Public Law and Legal System
- Law of Contract
- Law of Delict
- Family Law
- Criminal Law
- Company and Commercial Law
- Evidence
- Property Law
- Trust and Succession Law
- Jurisprudence

Semesters 5 – 8

From Semester 5 onwards, you can select advanced modules from a range of specialist legal topics, including:

- Labour Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Information Technology Law
- Environmental Law
- International Trade Law
- Competition Law
- Sports Law
- Child Law
- Prejudice, Discrimination and the Law
- Collective Labour Law
- European Law
- Revenue Law

Teaching and assessment

Teaching on the LLB is delivered via a combination of lectures and seminars. Assessment is by examination and coursework. You will undertake independent research supervised by a member of staff, presenting a substantial dissertation in your final year. Throughout the LLB, you are encouraged to undertake independent reading both to supplement and consolidate what is being taught and learned and to broaden your individual knowledge and understanding of law.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Graduation with the Stirling LLB will enable those who wish to practise law as Scottish Solicitors to apply for places on one of the postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice programmes run by a number of Scottish universities, including Stirling; this is the next stage in the process of qualifying as a solicitor in Scotland. It should be noted that entry to any of the Diploma programmes and then obtaining a training contract with a firm of solicitors are both highly competitive: it should not be assumed that obtaining an LLB will lead automatically to a career as a lawyer. Those wishing to practise law in England and Wales will have to complete a postgraduate conversion course.

Increasingly, LLB graduates are choosing to pursue careers in areas such as banking, insurance, accounting, the civil service, the police force and education. The LLB is widely recognised as a rigorous degree that develops important skills, and is valued highly by employers. Those graduating with the LLB demonstrate high levels of legal knowledge and ability, general transferable intellectual skills such as analysis, synthesis, critical judgement, evaluation and autonomy, as well as important key skills including communication and literacy. Such skills make our graduates attractive to employers in many fields.

Accelerated Degree

Graduate entrants can obtain the LLB after two years of study, concentrating on the core modules. For further information contact Professor Gavin Little.



Management essentially combines Business Studies and Management Science. It aims to equip you with two things: a broad understanding of business today and the practical management skills with which to become an effective manager.

You'll gain an understanding of the internal functions and structures of organisations, as well as the contexts within which business operates. You'll develop the analytical skills needed both to solve a range of management problems and to competently use a number of management software packages.

You will also develop your individual skills of critical thinking, teamwork and leadership; be competent in analysing quantitative data; and have the communication skills vital for translating good ideas into action.

Degree programme

You will take Management plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

A sequence of three general management modules is studied in common with Business Studies, Human Resource Management and Marketing.

These modules establish the foundation required in all management-related subjects, including an understanding of factory operations, the motivation of staff and basic statistical analysis.

Semesters 4 – 8

A sequence of compulsory core modules provides theory and applications of management planning and decision making. These are supported by optional elective modules in a range of business and management topics.

Semester 4

You will study Organisational Behaviour and Operations Management and choose one elective module from a range of business, management and information technology modules.

Semester 5

You will study the core modules of International Business and Modelling for Management, and can study optional elective modules in:

- Entrepreneurship
- Quality Planning and Analysis
- Public Management
- Management of the Environment

Semester 6

All students take Management Information Systems and Project Management modules. You can study optional elective modules which may include:

- Entrepreneurship
- European Business
- Public Management
- The Business Challenge

Semester 7

You will study the core module of Strategic Management and undertake a case studies module in Management Science. You can also study an optional elective module similar to those offered in Semester 5.

Semester 8

You will work on an Honours project and dissertation.

Teaching and assessment

Lectures, seminars, tutorials, computer-based workshops and case studies are supplemented by occasional industrial visits. A feature of the final Honours Semester 8 is that the project can be based on a 'business' firm or service, in which you are encouraged to investigate a particular management problem and write a dissertation about it for assessment.

Study abroad opportunities

You may spend Semester 6 studying abroad under the ERASMUS European exchange programme, and are also eligible for exchanges administered by the University's Study Abroad Office to destinations in the USA, Canada, Australia and elsewhere. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

This management programme develops the skills and the analytical approach in relation to business systems in a range of environments: industrial, commercial, service and public sector. Amongst these skills is the ability to assess project risk (financial, technical and commercial), take an overall systems view and to make decisions that optimise desired objectives.

A Management degree from Stirling offers a broad-based education, which is also directly relevant to the needs of companies today. Some graduates work for consultancies offering specialist skills, whilst others enter general line management, planning or business analysis. Management graduates have traditionally been able to choose from a wide variety of responsible, well-paid careers on completion of their degree.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N200

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers BBB to include Business Studies/Management.

Scottish HND in related subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Year 3

Applicants with an HND in Business will be considered on an individual basis with a good academic profile.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Business Studies p64; Human Resource Management p88; Management Science p96; Marketing p99; Retail Marketing p112.

Rating

Teaching provision in Business and Management has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Management Science BSc (Hons)

Are you looking for a distinctive, strongly vocational business qualification?
A qualification that gives you skills in using business software, analysing quantitative data and communicating ideas into action?

Management Science graduates have an excellent track record for finding employment. Organisations value highly the combination of business knowledge, problem-solving ability and technical business software skills that you'll gain from this programme.

During it, you'll analyse business systems in a range of environments: industrial, commercial, service and public sector. Among the skills you'll acquire is the ability to assess project risk (financial, technical and commercial); taking an overall systems view; and make decisions that optimise desired objectives.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N206

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Business Studies.

Scottish HND in related subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Year 3

Applicants with an HND in Business will be considered on an individual basis with a good academic profile.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Business Studies p64; Human Resource Management p88; Management p95; Marketing p99; Retail Marketing p112.

Rating

Teaching provision in Business and Management has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Degree programme

You will take Management plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

A sequence of three general management modules is studied in common with Business Studies, Human Resource Management and Marketing.

These modules establish the foundation required in all management-related subjects, including an understanding of factory operations, the motivation of staff and basic statistical analysis.

Semesters 4 – 8

A sequence of compulsory core modules provides theory and applications of management planning and decision making. These are supported by optional elective modules:

- Mathematical and computer modelling for solving operational problems
- Principles and practices in quality management
- Information technology and environmental issues in modern business

Semester 4

You will study Operations Management and choose two elective modules from a range of management and information technology modules.

Semester 5

You will study the core module, Modelling for Management, and optional elective modules such as:

- Operational Research Techniques
- Quality Planning and Analysis

Semester 6

All students take Project Management. You can study optional elective modules which may include the Business challenge, a module based around a business game.

Semester 7

You will undertake a case study in Management Science and can also study optional elective modules as listed for Semester 5.

Semester 8

You will work on an Honours project and dissertation.

Teaching and assessment

Lectures, seminars, tutorials, computer-based workshops and case studies are supplemented by occasional industrial visits. A feature of the final Honours Semester 8 is a project based on a 'business' firm or service, in which you are encouraged to investigate a particular management problem and write a dissertation about it for assessment.

Study abroad opportunities

You may spend Semester 6 studying abroad under the ERASMUS European exchange programme, or exchanges administered by the University's Study Abroad Office to destinations in the USA, Canada, Australia and elsewhere. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

A Management Science degree from Stirling offers a broad-based education, which is also directly relevant to the needs of companies today. Some graduates work for consultancies offering specialist skills, whilst others enter general line management, planning or business analysis. Management Science graduates have traditionally been able to choose from a wide variety of responsible, well-paid careers on completion of their degree.

Combined Honours degrees

Management Science can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Mathematics	NG21
Management	N200

This programme comprises modules taken from Business Studies and Management Science.

BSc (Hons) Marine Biology



The Institute of Aquaculture was ranked top in Aquaculture with 90% of the research output rated as 'internationally recognised' in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE)

Are you fascinated by the oceans and the rich diversity of organisms that inhabit their depths?

Marine Biology involves studying these specialised plants and animals, and how they solve the unique problems imposed by the sea's physical and chemical environment.

This programme is truly multi-disciplinary. It draws on other biology disciplines, such as ecology and the physical and environmental sciences, to answer questions such as: what determines the distribution of individual organisms and populations? Why are some ocean provinces more productive than others? What impact does human activity have on the health of the oceans? Why are some fisheries sustainable and others not?

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 3

During the first year and a half (Semesters 1 – 3) you will take core modules including Our Blue Planet, Principles of the Aquatic Environment, Cell Biology and Physiology, Ecology and Evolution, Practical Skills in the Natural Sciences, and Global Environmental Issues.

Semesters 4 – 8

Honours students take the following core modules:

- Science of Diving
- Managing Aquatic Resources
- Issues in Marine Biology
- Biodiversity
- Genes and Evolution
- Aquaculture
- Animal Physiology
- Experimental Design and Statistical Techniques
- Marine Biology Field Course
- Marine Biology Assignments
- Marine Biology Project (Final Year)

Specialised modules in:

- Marine Mammal and Turtle Biology (Field Course)
- Marine Systematics and Taxonomy

Teaching and assessment

The Marine Biology degree at Stirling is taught by one of the largest groupings of aquatic scientists in the world and shares a common foundation with the degree programme in Aquaculture. Teaching is delivered through formal lectures and practical classes, tutorials, seminars, computer-based learning, fieldwork and guided reading and research. Each semester module is assessed by a combination of coursework (usually 50 percent) and written examination.

Final degree classification is derived from your performance in Semesters 5 – 8 and does not involve a large final examination. Scuba diving, although not a compulsory part of the programme, is available both through the University's Sub-Aqua Club and an option to gain an HSE Professional SCUBA diving qualification, or a PADI sports diving qualification, through articulation with a professional diving company (subject to numbers).

In addition to day visits to nearby facilities, you will take part in two residential field courses in which you will study seashore and inshore marine organisms and marine mammal and turtle biology. An independent research project is a major component of the final year and is often carried out in association with external bodies.

Staff involved in the Marine Biology programme have considerable overseas research experience, contacts and current projects. Overseas projects in Semester 8 are encouraged and past projects have been located throughout Europe, North and South America, the Indian subcontinent, Asia, Oceania and Australasia.

Study abroad opportunities

In recent years a small number of Marine Biology students have made successful applications to complete some of their third year in the USA and Sydney, Australia. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

A graduate in Marine Biology can expect to seek employment in government and private laboratories, including Environmental Protection Agencies and consultancy organisations.

A second degree (MSc or PhD) will often be required for career advancement to more senior research posts and many of our graduates go on to pursue further study at Stirling or other UK and overseas universities. Alternatively, a wide range of more general biological posts are available including those in the aquaculture and fisheries industries, ecotoxicology, and environmental impact assessment. A degree in Marine Biology is also an excellent passport to careers outside of science, such as those in management and finance, computing, and the leisure and tourism industry.

Combined Degrees and other Related Degrees

Marine Biology is not available as a Combined Honours degree. However it shares a common foundation with the degree programme in Aquaculture, so the option to take a degree in Aquaculture is retained until the end of the third year.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE C160

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB, including Biology and one of Geography, Geology or Environmental Science.

Scottish HND in certain Applied Science subjects with BB in Graded Units in Year 2 subjects.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. HNC and HND in related subjects.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Aquaculture p61.

RAE Rating

Teaching provision in Aquaculture has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

MyStirling...

“ One of the best thing about the Marine Biology programme is the fieldwork – for example, we went to Mull and Millport for 11 days one summer, chasing whales, dolphins and seals! The field trip took in several days on the boat conducting surveys, as well as anatomy classes in the lab and lectures.

I also learned to dive at Stirling, starting with six weeks training in the pool and then moving to open water, often diving in places like Loch Fyne, Loch Long and on the east coast. ”

Scott Stewart – Marine Biology Graduate (see p97)





Marketing is about creating and sustaining mutually satisfying exchanges of value between an organisation and its customers and, as such, is both a function in organisations and a way of thinking about business.

Stirling is one of a small number of universities in the UK that offers Single Honours as well as Combined Honours degrees in Marketing, offering a range of core and optional modules. The teaching options available reflect the specialist expertise of staff who have an active interest in particular topic areas which contributes to the contemporary international perspective of the degree programmes.

The Institute for Social Marketing was launched in a joint venture with the Open University.

Degree programme

You will take Marketing plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take three modules in Business and Management alongside students from Business Studies, Human Resource Management and Management Science.

These modules are designed to give you some familiarity with general principles of industry, management, marketing, human resources and organisation.

Semesters 4 – 8

The programme provides a sequence of core modules along with a stimulating spectrum of optional specialisms drawn from current marketing activities.

The core modules include:

- Understanding Consumers
- Marketing Research
- Marketing Strategy
- Marketing Decisions
- Marketing Dissertation

Some of the options include:

- Creative Direct and Database Marketing
- International and Export Marketing
- Marketing Communications
- Brands and Branding
- Retail Studies
- Services Marketing
- Sports Marketing

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by lectures, seminars and workshops, employing a variety of approaches. Assessment is typically based upon an equal combination of coursework and examinations taken each semester. Some modules may involve the use of computer-based simulations or the chance to deal with real-world marketing problems undertaken for client organisations. Honours candidates in most programmes will also have the opportunity to undertake research, leading to the submission of a dissertation in the final year.

Study abroad opportunities

You are eligible for exchanges administered by the University's Study Abroad Office to destinations in France, USA, Sweden and Spain, amongst others.

Students who wish to combine languages with their Marketing degree may take the International Management Studies degree, where it is possible to spend up to two years in Europe. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

Marketing students acquire a comprehensive range of analytical, problem-solving and professional skills, which are increasingly valued in industry, commerce, education, government and non-profit making organisations.

They have applications in most walks of life, as is reflected in the subsequent careers of our graduates.

A degree in Marketing can become your key to a specialised marketing career or a more general management career in a wide range of sectors.

93 percent of Stirling graduates are in employment or further study within six months of graduation (Higher Education Statistics Agency, 2010).

Combined Honours degrees

In addition to Single Honours Marketing, the subject can be studied in combination with many other subjects.

Marketing can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Accountancy	NN45
Business Studies	NN25
Economics	NL51
Film & Media	PN35
French	N5R1
Human Resource Management	NN65
Law	MN15
Psychology	CN85
Sociology	LN35
Spanish	N5R4
Sports Studies	NC56
International Management Studies	N2R9

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N500

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Business Studies/Management.

Scottish HND in relevant subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Year 3

Applicants with an HND in Business or Retailing will be considered on an individual basis with a good academic profile, including relevant Marketing units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Business Studies p64; Human Resource Management p88; International Management Studies p90; Management Science p96; Retail Marketing p112.

Rating

Teaching provision in Marketing has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Mathematics and its Applications BSc (Hons)

There is a ready market for graduates with a mathematical training, in recognition of both their specific skills and their broad analytical expertise. In particular, there's an ever-increasing need across professions for graduates who not only have quantitative skills, but also know how to use them – that combination is what this programme delivers.

It does so by taking a new approach to teaching mathematics – evident in both our teaching style and our emphasis on real-world applications. For example, you'll use the mathematics computing laboratories as an integral part of your learning process, making your study as much experimental as theoretical.

Possible careers after this programme range from industry (especially the telecoms, financial and biotechnology sectors) to public service (as statisticians and teachers), as well as management and modelling roles in business and consultancy.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE G120

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC, or a combination of AS and A-levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Mathematics.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

Mathematics at Higher (B) or A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

English Standard Grade (2), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Computing Science p66.

Rating

Teaching provision in Mathematics and Statistics has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory'.

Degree programme

You will take Mathematics plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

The first year teaching has been designed to make the transition from school to university as smooth as possible, with the material covered at secondary level reviewed, consolidated and applied before being developed further.

You will take core modules in the following:

- Discrete mathematics: Boolean algebra, networks and logic
- Calculus of one and several variables: differential equations
- Vectors, matrices, complex numbers and their application in geometry and systems theory
- Statistics and probability: exploratory data analysis and hypothesis testing

Semesters 4 – 8

The Mathematics Honours programme covers a broad range of skills. You will take advanced modules covering the following key areas:

- Mathematical techniques for solving a wide range of problems
- The theory underlying these mathematical techniques
- Model-building, i.e. converting real-world problems into mathematical form, and how to solve such problems using a computer
- The incorporation of real-world features such as uncertainty into mathematical models

Teaching and assessment

Many of the programme modules are assessed by means of class tests and an end-of-semester examination. Additional weekly marked assignments are used by tutors and students to monitor progress. In some modules class tests are replaced by projects in which you will solve problems based on real-world data.

Typically, in the final semester you will undertake a challenging project or series of problems under the guidance of a project supervisor.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

With its emphasis on applicable mathematics, a degree in Mathematics and its Applications from Stirling provides both the theoretical background and the quantitative skills required for the solution of real-world problems.

Mathematics graduates can be found in many areas of employment: in industry (especially the telecommunications, financial and biotechnology sectors); in public service (as statisticians and teachers); and also in business and consultancy as managers and modellers.

Of particular relevance at Stirling is the growing need for graduates with mathematical skills in the biological and environmental sciences. Stirling has a strong record of research in the application of mathematics to biological problems, for example, the spread of diseases in animals, and offers Combined Honours degrees in the relevant disciplines.

Combined Honours degrees

In addition to Single Honours in Mathematics and its Applications, the subject can be studied in combination with many other subjects.

Mathematics can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Accountancy	GN14
Biology	CG11
Computing Science	G4G1
Economics	GL11
Environmental Science	F9G1
Finance	GN13
French	GR11
Management Science	NG21
Professional Education	GX11
Professional Education/Computing Science	GX91
Psychology	CG81

Mathematics can also be studied as a Bachelor's degree:

Mathematics (three-year degree)	UCAS Codes
Mathematics	G100



What is the significance of learning French and Spanish in our increasingly globalised world? How might the development of linguistic and intercultural skills allow students truly to become 'global citizens'?

In today's society, closer integration with speakers of modern European languages is becoming increasingly useful for careers and for forging links with other countries.

The University offers programmes that allow for the study of two modern European languages (either French or Spanish), which have a global presence, with a range of other disciplines – Management, Marketing, Politics, Film & Media, Psychology and Social Policy. French and Spanish are available as Single Honours programmes as well as with a large number of Combined Honours programmes.

You can study the culture as well as the language (see p90).

Degree programme

The University recognises that not all students will have studied a language before or may have dropped this discipline early in their school life. Therefore, you can start the study of French or Spanish from Beginners' level, as well as from Advanced level. During second year, both streams merge and students can graduate at the end of four years with full language skills. In addition, we also offer four modules in Global Cinema and Culture, which can be taken by any student as stand-alone modules or as a sequence to form a second subject.

Modern Languages and Business

This degree combines the study of French or Spanish with management. At the end of the second year, you will continue to specialise in Business Studies, as well as continuing the study of two languages.

International Management Studies with European Languages and Society

All students undertaking this degree follow two pathways, namely French or Spanish and either Business or Marketing. The third strand is chosen from one of Economics, Finance, Business Law, Politics or a second language, depending on where your interest lies. You will study modules with an international or European content (see p90).

International Management and Intercultural Studies

This almost unique degree programme leads to the award of a double degree with either the Ecole de Management in Strasbourg, France (EMS), or the University of Passau in Germany (the latter for native speakers of German only). The Strasbourg version involves French, and the option of taking Spanish too, as well as Business or Marketing, while the Passau version for German native speakers involves the study of French or Spanish, Politics, History, and Business.

An extra year is required to complete the double degree, with students spending semester 6 in France or Spain, and one year at the partner institution. The Strasbourg strand is open to students from across the EU, including Germany, France and Spain (see p42).

European Languages and Psychology

This distinctive combination allows the study of French or Spanish with Psychology. Teaching is supported by the renowned research experience of Stirling's Psychology department.

French/Spanish and Education

The University offers Combined Honours degrees in modern languages and Education, which allows graduates to teach at secondary education level. Unusually, the qualifications are taught concurrently, meaning that the academic subjects are taught alongside the teaching qualification (see p75).

International Politics and Modern Languages

This combination builds on the importance of European politics together with either French or Spanish. Graduating students are well placed for jobs in Europe or Britain, with the added advantage of a European language (see p90).

European Film and Media

This programme combines Film & Media, placing it in a European context, with the mastery of either French or Spanish. As the programme continues, you can concentrate on either European Media or European Film, always closely linked with the European language studied (see p80).

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Entrance requirements

FOR UCAS CODES SEE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMES (P122)

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BCC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with 3 Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Beginners' courses are available in all languages with no prior knowledge required.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

All Modern Languages Honours degree programmes include a period of residence and study abroad.

Money, Banking and Finance BA (Hons)

How do financial markets operate? How do companies behave? And how does the financial sector interact with other parts of the economy?

This programme is designed to give you both a good understanding of the workings of the financial sector, and a good preparation for a career in it. Financial institutions not only play an increasingly important role in the world economy, they are also major employers of graduates.

You will combine studying core Economics modules with additional options in Money and Banking, and core modules in Finance.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N310

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C).

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Accountancy p58; Economics p72; Finance p83.

Rating

Economics and Accounting & Finance at Stirling are renowned for the quality of teaching provision and are committed to the pursuit of excellence in both research and teaching.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 4

In Semesters 1 and 2 you take introductory modules in Economics (Introductory Microeconomics and Introductory Macroeconomics) and Accounting (Accounting I and II).

In Semesters 3 and 4 the programme consists of further core modules in Economics and Finance:

- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Introduction to Quantitative Techniques for Economics
- Finance I
- Finance II

You also take a third subject for at least one semester; this might be, for example, a language if you are interested in pursuing an international career, or a module in a cognate discipline such as Business Studies or Law.

Semesters 5 – 8

You will continue to take the core modules in Economics and Finance:

- Advanced Microeconomics
- Advanced Macroeconomics
- Economic Policy in Britain and Europe (or Using Economic Data)
- Financial Management: Theory and Practice
- International Finance
- Financial Analysis or Securities and Investment

In addition, you take three of the following specialist modules:

- Banking and Financial Institutions
- Financial Economics
- Monetary Economics
- Modern Banking

The final semester is devoted to writing a dissertation on a 'Money and Banking' topic.

Teaching and assessment

There are typically two or three lectures per week on each module. You also attend a weekly meeting in a smaller group, either a tutorial or a seminar, on each module. There is some variation to meet the different demands of different syllabuses.

Usually, lectures are used to present the core material. Tutorials and seminars provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about any points of difficulty from the lectures or related reading, to discuss the answers to problems and written work, and to discuss wider issues raised by the subject matter of the module.

In each module, a final grade is given at the end of the semester, based on coursework and an examination. The weighting is usually 40 percent to coursework and 60 percent to the examination.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

There are many careers within the financial sector for which this programme is a good preparation. These include posts with major international and national institutions, such as central banks, commercial banks, other companies engaged in the buying and selling of stocks and shares in the City of London and other financial centres, and major corporations.

Combined honours degrees

There are combined programmes available in both Economics and other subjects and Finance and other subjects, see p122.



1st in Scotland and top 10 in the UK (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Midwifery is one of the most rewarding and valued careers during which the midwife plays a vital role in supporting women and their families in the childbearing process. Childbearing is a unique, life changing experience and the midwife is the key professional responsible for the care of the woman and baby throughout pregnancy, labour and following birth.

The midwife works in partnership with women to ensure that the childbirth experience is positive and meets the needs of each individual. Empathy, understanding, knowledge and critical thinking skills are essential for the midwife to deliver the best possible care to the woman and her family.

The Midwifery programme at the University of Stirling prepares you to become a competent, autonomous professional able to deliver care to the highest standards. As well as the intrinsic rewards of the job, graduates of the Midwifery Programme are awarded a professional and academic qualification. Following graduation you will have the opportunity to go on to further study and add to the body of midwifery knowledge.

BSc/BSc (Hons) Midwifery: Midwifery Programme

The BSc/BSc Hons Midwifery programme has a three-year route and a Shortened route available at both Stirling and Highland Campuses. The three-year route comprises a total of 156 weeks and the length of the Shortened route is 78 weeks. The three-year route is suitable for those who wish to pursue midwifery as a career and do not already have a nursing qualification. To qualify for the Shortened route, students must be on the NMC Register (sub part 1 Adult). The three-year route commences in September each year and the Shortened route commences in Spring.

The midwifery programme is student-centred with an emphasis on self-directed learning from Year 1. You are fully supported with a personal tutor throughout the programme. The practice to theory ratio is no less than 50 percent practice and no less than 40 percent theory.

Each semester comprises both theory and practice. From an early stage you will have an opportunity to access clinical areas and develop clinical skills under the supervision of experienced midwives.

Teaching and assessment

A range of assessment systems is used to assess midwifery knowledge, skills and attitude. Academic assessments include written examinations, essays and reports, while there is continuous assessment and grading of your performance and ability in clinical practice.

The programme enables you to develop the essential skills and abilities required to achieve the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Standards of Education to register as a midwife. Communication skills, analytical and research skills are just some of the lifelong learning skills the midwifery student develops in order to function in a multiprofessional and multicultural environment.

Clinical practice

You will get the opportunity to practise in a range of settings, including the community and hospital. Mentors (experienced midwives) are assigned to support and guide you. You will generally follow the shift pattern of your mentor in order to maximise continuity of clinical supervision. There are varying shift patterns but these may include nights and weekends. You will have the opportunity to develop midwifery skills in low-risk and high-risk antenatal and postnatal areas, community, labour suite and neonatal units.

The campuses

For information on the Stirling, Inverness and Stornoway campuses, turn to p4, p5, and p104.

For information on the necessary entrance requirements for this programme, please read the information in the green panel. In addition, other qualities and interests are carefully considered through your personal statement.

In your statement, it is essential that you highlight why you are choosing this programme and your interest in Midwifery should be explained. Voluntary or paid experience in a care setting is recommended.

References are also considered. Give an academic reference if possible, but failing this, an employer's reference. Friends as referees are not usually accepted. You may be asked for a second reference.

You should be aware that holiday periods are pre-determined within the programme.

For information on the different modes of study and entry criteria, turn to p105.

Entrance requirements

Three-year Route

BSc/BSc Hons in Midwifery
UCAS CODE B720

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of AS and A2 levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

Higher English or ESOL (C), or GCSE English Language and English Literature (C), or SQA Communication 4 and Literature 1

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), or GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Science subject Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C) or GCSE (C) or equivalent

Strongly recommended

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths at Higher or A-level

Further Information

Please note that delivery of the Midwifery programme is currently under review.

Modes of study

Full-time (theory and placements in each semester).

Related degrees

Nursing p104, p105.

Rating

1st in Scotland and top 10 in the UK in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). Stirling is one of only two universities in Scotland to be awarded 'earned autonomy' status as a result of NMC Quality Review 2008.

These programmes are currently under review.

For up-to-date information, visit: www.nm.stir.ac.uk

Nursing & Midwifery: Nursing BSc (Hons)

1st in Scotland and top 10 in the UK (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health at the University of Stirling is one of the largest Schools in the University with more than 100 members of teaching research and administrative staff. Excellence in learning teaching and quality enhancement encompasses our objectives, strategies, targets and priorities. Fundamental to this is the value that the School places upon life long learning and education, research led teaching and the provision of one of the best student experiences in the UK. Graduate nurses will see significant changes in healthcare with continuing developments in health and new health priorities, rising expectations among users and carers and changing societal attitudes. Career pathways for the future nurse graduate need to reflect the diversity and flexibility required in modern health and social care services.

Development of graduate attributes will evolve throughout the programme to progress students to be key decision makers and leaders of the future nursing workforce. The underpinning graduate knowledge, skills and competencies required at registration (NMC 2010) will equip graduates for a continuing career trajectory in line with Modernising Nursing Careers.



Entrance requirements

BSc Nursing Adult Field
UCAS CODE B740

Learning Disability Field
UCAS CODE B761

Mental Health Field
UCAS CODE B760

Year 1

A minimum of two passes at SQA Higher Grade, or equivalent. Whilst preference will be given to applicants reaching this standard consideration may be given to those who do not achieve these grades.

A-levels DD or a combination of AS and A2 levels, VCE and VDA. IB Diploma with a total of 25 points. HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units. SWAP Access courses with tutor profile of BBB with at least seven modules at level 6 (Higher), with at least one Higher course module (external exams not required).

Other Access courses may be acceptable and external examinations may be required.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

SQA Standard grade pass at level 3 minimum in English is required.

Strongly recommended

A SQA Standard grade pass in mathematics or a science subject would be beneficial.

Recognition of Prior Learning

The School operates a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy which allows applicants to apply for credit from previous relevant learning experience. Each individual will be assessed against the School RPL policy requirements and the Nursing Standards for Education (2010) in determining the extent of congruence between the applicants profile and the programme applied for.

Conversion Programmes: UCAS Codes

Adult Field	B742
Mental Health Field	B762
Learning Disability Field	B763

These programmes are for students who already hold an initial Nursing qualification but wish to change their branch programme.

Please visit the website for details on these programmes, www.nm.stir.ac.uk/applicants-cpd

BSc/BSc Honours Nursing

Our Nursing programme has core elements which constitutes generic content for all our Nursing students. In line with the NMC Standards for Pre Registration Nursing Education our programme embraces the field specific competencies – for Adult, Mental Health, and Learning Disability Nursing.

The programme is built around nine modules of study which consists of both theory and practice elements. Successful completion of your programme within your Field of Practice leads to a recordable professional qualification with the Nursing and Midwifery Council and a University of Stirling BSc Degree in Nursing.

Adult Field of Nursing

Students undertaking the adult field of practice must practise autonomously and be responsible and accountable for safe, compassionate, person-centred, evidence-based nursing that respects and maintains dignity and human rights. They must show professionalism and integrity, and must work in partnership with other health and social care professionals and agencies, service users, their carers and families in all settings, including the community, ensuring that decisions about care are shared.

Adult nursing is about caring for people of all ages with critical and acute health care needs, and for those with longer term and palliative care needs. The programme prepares you to deal with a wide range of situations. Adult nurses have skills to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of patients, supporting them through care pathways and working with other health and social care professionals to maximise opportunities for recovery, rehabilitation, adaptation to ongoing disease and disability, health education and health promotion.

You may work at the forefront of very specialist areas, such as intensive care, theatre and recovery, cancer care or care of the elderly but you will also spend considerable time working with people and their families in their own homes.

Learning Disability Field of Nursing

People with learning disabilities have the same rights and expectations as anyone else in our community. Many experience complex and long-term ill-health. Learning disability nurses play an important role in the identification and assessment of these health issues. Working in health, social and education services they are a source of specialist knowledge and support to the person with learning disabilities, their carers and family, and to other health professionals.

Learning disability nurses will use their knowledge and skills to promote independence and social inclusion for the people within their care.

Mental Health Field of Nursing

Mental Health Nursing is a specialist area of nursing that has as its focus the promotion of mental health and well being. We are of the firm belief that mental health services require to deliver excellent nursing services which respect the intrinsic value and individuality of service users.

As a mental health nurse you will develop strategies to work alongside people to assist them in finding personal ways of coping with mental distress. The focus of mental health nursing is the establishment of relationships with service users and carers to help bring about an understanding of how they might cope with their experience, thus maximising their potential for recovery. These relationships are characterised by trust, respect, choice control and partnership; the aim being for service users to lead as meaningful and fulfilling a life as possible in the presence or absence of symptoms.

Mental health nurses use a well developed and evidence-based repertoire of interpersonal, psychosocial and other skills that are underpinned by a values based approach towards the service user, their family and the contexts within which their distress has arisen. Mental health nurses work as part of multi-disciplinary and multi-agency teams that seek to involve service users and their carers in all aspects of their care and treatment.

Teaching and assessment

A wide range of approaches to teaching and learning is adopted by the School. Central to this is a student-centred approach which uses small group teaching in combination with lectures, seminars, group work and clinical skills teaching. You will be assessed by a range of methods including examinations, essays, reports, clinical skills assessments, presentations and assessments of practice.

The campuses

Students undertaking the BSc programmes can choose to study at one of three campuses: Stirling, Highland, or Western Isles (see p4). The entire three years of the BSc Degree programmes are provided at Inverness and Stirling. Western Isles students on the Adult Field of Nursing Programme are taught in Stornoway for the majority of the programme but may be able to undertake some of their Field specific placements in Highland.

Career opportunities

Our graduates have found employment in a range of positions within the care sector and many have used their experience at the University to gain further qualifications in specific areas. Many graduates from Stirling find employment in their own locality, whether that is in the Central Belt or the Highlands and Islands. A significant minority of graduates move further afield both within the UK and internationally.



What other criteria are considered for BSc Nursing

Other qualities and interests are carefully considered largely through your personal statement. Explaining why you're choosing a programme is essential and your knowledge of and interest in Nursing and Midwifery, and the field you are applying for should be evident. Voluntary or paid experience in a care setting is welcomed and the applicant is strongly advised to make links between the knowledge, values and skills gained in these experiences and the programme being applied for. References are also required. Provide an academic reference if possible, but failing this, an employer's reference. Friends as referees are not usually accepted. You may be asked for a second reference. You must be committed to accessing practice placements anywhere within the local Health Board area where you're studying. You should also be aware that holiday periods are pre-determined within the programme.

Modes of study

Full-time (theory and placements in each semester).

Application procedures

As well as the entry requirements stated for the programme, students applying to Nursing and Midwifery should be aware of the following:

Will there be an interview?

Yes, there is an Applicant Day part of which includes the selection process. The day is designed specifically for entrants to Nursing and Midwifery and will include all the details on the programme, bursaries and other useful information.

The selection part will include a short written piece of work, a small numeracy assessment and also group work in which you will be expected to comment on a scenario.

Prior to the Applicants Day – information on the written topic and group work scenario will be provided. This information will normally be provided at least two weeks in advance of the Applicant Day. You will be expected to have done some research before you to assist in your contribution to the group session. The numeracy evaluation will also be undertaken on Applicant Day. To be accepted on to the programme, attendance at an Applicant event is compulsory.

What other factors are involved?

All applicants are subject to a Disclosure Scotland check. This will show all spent and unspent criminal convictions including (but not limited to) cautions, reprimands, final warnings, bind over orders or similar and to the extent relevant to this programme may also show details of any minor offences, fixed penalty notices, penalty notices for disorder.

Previous criminal convictions need not exclude you, but all convictions must be declared and some occurrences may result in an unsuccessful application. A panel may be convened to determine the applicants fitness for accessing practice placements.

All applicants must be passed fit by Occupational Health. This will require a questionnaire and also a personal visit to the campus in addition to and on a separate occasion to the Applicant Day.

To protect your privacy, neither of these checks will normally be carried out until an offer has been made.

Can I visit the University?

The selection process is part of a much wider Applicant Day which gives full information on the programme and facilities specifically designed for Nursing and Midwifery students.

BSc/BSc Honours Professional Practice

These degree programmes are intended for:

- Registered Nurses or Registered Midwives who have successfully completed a Diploma in Higher Education at Stirling or an equivalent academic award at another institution.
- Experienced Registered Nurses and Midwives who qualified prior to 1992.
- Other Allied Health Professionals registered with Health Professions Council

Recognition of Prior Learning

It is recognised that individuals will apply for the programme with varying levels of prior certificated or experiential learning. Applicants will be assessed on an individual basis, according to the current University of Stirling Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy. Normally the maximum credit that may be granted is 286 credits.

Period and mode of study

From the date of first registration the maximum periods of study either on a full-time or part-time basis are as follows:

- BSc 27 months
- BSc with Honours 60 months

Programme of Study

For the award of the BSc in Professional Practice, students must successfully complete at least 352 credits in total, with a minimum of 66 credits having been completed at the University of Stirling.

For the award of the BSc with Honours in Professional Practice, students must complete the BSc programme, followed by a further 66 credits from the taught module list and a 66 credit dissertation.

Progress and other requirements

Grades of 3C or above are required in all modules. For Honours programme All taught modules must be completed before the dissertation is undertaken. Progression from BSc to BSc (Hons) is dependent upon 2F average, no resubmissions.

Distinction/Merit

For the award of the BSc in Professional Practice with Distinction, students must achieve two grades of 1C or better and no grades of 3, 4, 5 or X. For the award with Merit, students must achieve two grades of 2C or better and no grades of 3, 4, 5 or X.

Named pathways

In order to graduate with a named award, students must complete a minimum of 66 credits from the specialist modules listed for that award. Students who do not complete one of the designated pathways will be awarded the BSc or BSc with Honours in Professional Practice, as appropriate. Examples of named awards are available on the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health website at www.stir.ac.uk/nmhealth

Entrance requirements

BSc/BSc (Hons) Professional Practice
Post-Registration CPD Programmes
Apply direct to the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

Further information is available at www.stir.ac.uk/nmhealth

Philosophy BA (Hons)

Top 10 in the UK and 2nd in Scotland for Philosophy (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Top 3 in Scotland for Philosophy (The Guardian University Guide, 2010, and The Good University Guide, 2010)

100% student satisfaction in the 2010 National Student Survey

How are our minds related to our bodies? Could it be true that all our actions have causes and yet we're also free agents, responsible for our lives and actions? What is knowledge (as distinct from merely true belief) and what can we really know – about the world around us, about other people, or about ourselves?

These typical philosophical problems will appeal to those who believe that by sensitive, imaginative and informed rational argument we can develop our understanding of morality, politics, human nature, religion, art, science and language.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE V500

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of AS and A2 levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).
February entry is available.

Related degrees

Politics, Philosophy and Economics: PPE p109.

Rating

Philosophy was ranked 2nd in Scotland and 9th in the UK in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), and is ranked in the top three in Scotland by The Guardian University Guide and The Times University Guide, 2010. Teaching provision in Philosophy has been assessed, and rated highly, by the Scottish Funding Council.

Philosophy also ranked exceptionally highly in the 2010 National Student Survey, with 100% satisfaction (well above the UK average of 86% among philosophy students).

If you enrol for Philosophy programmes at Stirling you will be taught by academics in a department which is highly rated in research terms and strongly committed to making philosophical ideas accessible. We are especially noted for its strengths in social, legal and moral philosophy, theory of knowledge, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of language.

Degree programme

Students take Philosophy plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

- **Philosophy: What is it all about?** An introduction to central philosophical problems concerning, for instance, knowledge, mind and body, freedom and determinism, morality and justice
- **Mind, Value and Reality.** An introduction to key metaphysical and ethical issues. What is it to be a person? Are we responsible for what we do? Can we be motivated by anything other than our own self-interest?

These and other topics will be considered and some ethical implications explored

- **From Plato to Existentialism.** A philosophical examination of the relationship between the individual and society, looking at works by Plato, Hobbes, Mill and Sartre

Semesters 4 and 5

You are required to take:

- Either Logic or Moral Theory (or both)
- Either Rationalism and Empiricism or Philosophy of Mind (or both)

Semesters 5 – 8

You then take optional modules, which currently include:

- Action and Freedom
- A Priori Knowledge
- Crime and Punishment
- The Distribution of Property
- Emotions, Rationality, and Knowledge
- Environmental Ethics
- Heidegger
- Kant's Critique of Pure Reason
- Knowledge and Reality
- Marx and Marxism
- Metaethics
- Metaphysics
- Perception, Memory, and the Social Transmission of Knowledge
- Philosophy of Biology
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Science
- Politics, Law and Society
- Practical Reasoning
- Scepticism and the Structure of Knowledge
- Wittgenstein's Later Philosophy

In fourth year there are opportunities for directed independent study, including dissertation projects and supervised independent study of a particular topic, theme or book.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching in Philosophy modules is mainly by seminars, which are held each week to discuss a set topic, and lectures, which are usually given twice a week. Assessment in most modules is divided between essays written during the semester and an examination at the end of the semester. There are many opportunities for one-to-one discussions with tutors.

Study abroad opportunities

You are eligible to participate in the University's US Exchange Programme and in an exchange with the University of Copenhagen. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

Philosophy is a highly regarded subject developing useful transferable skills and opening up a wide range of career paths. Equipped with an Honours degree in Philosophy a graduate can bring to subsequent employment a sharp and analytical mind that can be applied directly to the job itself, or to any further specialist training required. Stirling Philosophy students in recent years have gone on to careers in the civil service, business, law, the social services, environmental management and the media.

Combined Honours degrees

Philosophy can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Computing Science	GV45
Criminology	MV95
English Studies	QV35
Film & Media	VP53
French	RV15
History	VV15
Politics	LV25
Politics and Economics	LOV0
Professional Education/Religion	VX53
Psychology	CV85
Religion	VV56

For a Combined Honours degree the higher entrance requirements of the subjects usually apply.



Our rich choice of programmes will give you a rounded perspective on different political systems, ideologies and policies.

As you study, you develop the intellectual, communication and analytical skills employers value. Possible careers run from commerce and industry to the civil service, journalism, law and teaching – plus politics itself, in both research and representative capacities.

Teaching of Politics at Stirling has received the highest rating. We have a particularly strong profile in international politics and offer a range of modules in this area. You can choose the Politics (International Politics) degree, which differs from the Politics degree in focusing almost entirely on international relations and area studies in the last two years. Other opportunities at Stirling include spending a semester abroad, through our exchange programme with the University of Gothenburg.

Degree programme

You will take Politics plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 4

In Semesters 1 – 3 you will take the following modules:

- The Politics of the British Isles: This module explores major institutions and processes in British politics.
- Political Concepts and Ideas: This module offers an introduction to political theory by exploring ideas and concepts central to political debate.
- Introduction to International Politics: This module covers mainstream theories of international relations, analyses key international organisations (e.g. the UN and NATO) and explores contemporary issues and debates in world politics after the Cold War and 9/11.

In Semester 4 you take the following modules:

- Great Political Thinkers: this module explores some of the key issues in political theory by focusing on five influential writers: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill and Marx.
- Comparative Politics: Power and Representation in Western Europe: this module is designed to encourage students to think more deeply about political structures and processes in the UK by comparing these with other countries in the European Union and the US.

Semesters 5 – 8

In Semesters 5 – 8 you will choose from a broad range of advanced (level 10) modules including:

- The Politics of European Integration.
- Research Methods in Politics.
- British Territorial Politics.
- Scottish Politics and Government.
- Politics of British Social Democracy.
- Regionalism in Europe.
- Left and Right Communitarianism.
- Politics of Justice, Equality and Rights.
- Political Communications.
- German Politics.
- Authoritarianism and After.
- Stability and Disintegration of States.
- The Rise and Fall of Yugoslavia.
- US Foreign Policy after the Cold War.
- The European Union and the United States.
- European Politics and Literature.
- Political Thought of George Orwell.
- Environmental Politics in an International Context.
- Issues in International Politics.
- Problems in International Politics.
- Politics of the Middle East.
- European Union and European Security.
- Party Systems in Comparative Perspective.

Study abroad opportunities

Besides participating in University-wide exchanges, we have developed an exchange programme with the Department of Politics at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Students who have met the grade requirements and passed the interview could spend their sixth semester in Gothenburg. Turn to p42 for more information on study abroad opportunities at Stirling.

Career opportunities

Degree programmes in Politics encourage you to develop intellectual, communication and analytical skills which are attractive to many employers. As a result of these transferable skills, Politics graduates are to be found in commerce and industry, as well as the civil service, journalism, law and teaching – and in politics of course, in both research and representative capacities.

Combined Honours degrees

Politics can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Business Studies	LN21
Criminology	ML92
Economics	LL12
English Studies	QL32
Environmental Science	FL92
Film & Media	PL32
French	LR21
Global Cinema and Culture	PL3H
History	LV21
History/Professional Education	LX21
Journalism Studies	PL52
Law	ML12
Philosophy	LV25
Philosophy and Economics	LOV0
Psychology	LC28
Social Policy	LL24
Sociology	LL23

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE L200

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Politics/Government & Politics or Modern Studies.

Scottish HND in Social Sciences, to include 4 Politics units and Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Environmental Science p78; Film and Media p82; History p87; Modern Languages p101; Politics (International Politics) 108; Politics, Philosophy and Economics: PPE p109.

Rating

Teaching provision in Politics has been assessed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and achieved the highest possible rating of 'commendable' in all aspects. Politics at Stirling was also ranked 5th in Scotland by The Guardian University Guide, 2011.

International Politics BA (Hons)

How do major international institutions, issues and ideas shape our societies? International Politics concerns issues of power, alliances, conflict and peace, trade, the role of NGOs and the notion of an international society.

Through your study, you will gain insight into international decision-making in the United Nations, the European Union, NATO, the World Trade Organisation and others.

More widely, we will equip you with the kinds of intellectual and analytical skills that are attractive to many employers. Politics graduates are to be found in commerce and industry, as well as the civil service, journalism, law and teaching.

The quality of teaching in Politics at Stirling has received the highest rating and we offer the chance of a semester at the University of Gothenburg.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE L240

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Politics/Government and Politics or Modern Studies.

Scottish HND in Social Sciences, to include four Politics units and Bs in Graded Units in Year 2 units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

History p87; History, Politics and Education p74, 75; Modern Languages p101; Politics p107, p108, p109; Psychology p110.

Rating

Teaching provision in Politics has been assessed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and achieved the highest possible rating of 'commendable' in all aspects.

Degree programme

You will take International Politics plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 4

In Semesters 1 – 4 you will take core modules in:

- The Politics of the British Isles: This module explores major institutions and processes in British politics.
- Political Concepts and Ideas: This module offers an introduction to political theory by exploring ideas and concepts central to political debate in liberal democracies.
- Introduction to International Politics: This module covers mainstream theories of international relations, analyses key international organisations (e.g. the UN and NATO) and explores contemporary issues and debates in world politics after the Cold War and 9/11.

In Semester 4 you take the following modules:

- Great Political Thinkers: this module explores some of the key issues in political theory by focusing on five influential writers: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill and Marx.
- Comparative Politics: Power and Representation in Western Europe: this module is designed to encourage students to think more deeply about political structures and processes in the UK by comparing these with other countries in the European Union and the US.

Semesters 5 – 8

Of the 11 level 10 modules in Semesters 5 – 8 you will study at least five International Politics modules. In addition, you are expected to complete the Semester 6 module, Research Methods, and the final-year International Politics dissertation.

Semester 5 – 8 International Politics options include:

- Authoritarianism and After
- Stability and Disintegration of States
- US Foreign Policy after the Cold War
- The Politics of European Integration
- US Foreign Policy after Cold War
- Politics of the Middle East
- European Union and European Security
- Issues in International Politics
- Party Systems in Comparative Perspective
- Problems in International Politics

Teaching and assessment

Teaching in most Politics modules – at all levels – is by lecture and tutorial. In most modules, you will attend two lectures and one tutorial per week. Assessment is based on your performance in tutorials, on one or two essays and an examination at the end of semester.

For the Honours degree, the grades for all advanced modules taken in Semesters 5 – 8 are combined to give your final degree classification.

Study abroad opportunities

Besides participating in University-wide exchange programmes, we have developed an exchange programme with the Department of Politics at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Students who have met the grade requirements and passed the interview can spend their sixth semester in Gothenburg. Turn to p42 for more information.

Career opportunities

A degree in Politics is not directly linked to a particular career, but it does have vocational relevance. Degree programmes in Politics instil intellectual and analytical skills that are attractive to many employers. Politics graduates are to be found in commerce and industry, as well as the civil service, journalism, law and teaching.

Combined Honours degrees

International Politics can be studied with:

UCAS Codes

Languages (French or Spanish)

RL92

For a Combined Honours degree the higher entrance requirements of the subjects usually apply.

BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics: PPE



Are you considering a career as a politician, civil servant or journalist? Keen to study both humanities and social sciences?

With roots in three separate disciplines, this is the programme for you. It combines intellectual stimulation with understanding what makes the world tick and is the first degree of its kind in Scotland. As befits this, you can even choose specifically Scottish options in all three areas.

Our supportive and friendly team has received the highest possible rating for its teaching. In your final year, you will bring together the different skills you have acquired in a dissertation, which covers at least two of the subject areas.

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 3

In Semesters 1 – 3 you will study the following modules:

- **Politics: Politics of the British Isles** – This module explores major institutions and processes in British politics.
- **Philosophy: What is it all about?** – An introduction to central philosophical problems concerning, for instance, knowledge, mind and body, freedom and determinism, morality and justice, and the meaning of life.
- **Economics: Introductory Microeconomics** – A broad introduction to microeconomics, which analyses how prices are set and resources are allocated in an economy.
- **Politics: Political Concepts and Ideas** – This module offers an introduction to political theory by exploring ideas and concepts central to political debate.
- **Philosophy: Mind, Value and Reality**. An introduction to key metaphysical and ethical issues. What is it to be a person? Are we responsible for what we do? Can we be motivated by anything other than our own self-interest? These and other topics will be considered and some ethical implications explored.
- **Economics: Introductory Macroeconomics** – Factors affecting the level of national income, unemployment and inflation, the balance of payments and the scope and limitations of government policy on these matters.
- **Politics: Introduction to International Politics** – This module covers mainstream theories of international relations, analyses key international organisations (e.g. the UN and NATO) and explores contemporary issues and debates in world politics after the Cold War and 9/11.
- **Philosophy: From Plato to Existentialism** – A philosophical examination of the relationship between the individual and society, looking at the works of Plato, Hobbes, Mill, and Sartre.
- **Economics: Intermediate Microeconomics** – A more formal treatment of the foundations of microeconomic theory – consumer choice and the theory of the firm.

Semesters 4 – 8

In Semester 4 you will study the following core modules:

- **Politics: Great Political Thinkers** – This explores some of the key issues in political theory by focusing on five influential writers: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill and Marx.

- **Philosophy: Moral Theory** – An examination of the principal theories of normative ethics; or **Logic**: An introduction to the two formal languages of elementary logic and the logical concepts that they employ.
- **Economics: Intermediate Macroeconomics** – A more formal treatment of the foundations of macroeconomic theory, including alternative theories of aggregate output, price, interest rates, inflation and unemployment.

In Semester 5 you will take modules in each of the three disciplines. In Semester 6 you can either continue to study each of the three subjects or you can choose from only two subjects. Semester 7 and 8 have further specialisation. (See entries on p72, p106 and p107).

Dissertation

A supervised project (equivalent to two modules) on a topic that combines elements from at least two of the disciplines.

Teaching and assessment

Honours degree classification is based on those advanced modules undertaken in the final two years of the programme. In general, (but with the exception of the dissertation) examination and coursework are weighted equally in each module.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

You will graduate with these advantages:

- Skills in evaluating arguments.
- Knowledge of how private and public enterprises function.
- Understanding of how resources are allocated.
- Insight into the cultural, intellectual and moral pressures on decision makers.
- Ability to express your own viewpoints clearly and effectively.

Graduates are thus equipped for a wide range of careers including:

- The public service sector.
- Private companies.
- Voluntary organisations.
- The media.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE L0V0

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (3 modules per semester).

Part-time (1 or 2 modules per semester).

Related degrees

Economics p72; Philosophy p106; Politics p107, p108.

Rating

Teaching provision in Politics and Economics has been assessed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and achieved the highest possible rating of 'commendable' in all aspects. In the National Student Surveys for 2009 and 2010 Philosophy had the highest overall satisfaction rating of any department in the UK.

Philosophy was ranked 2nd in Scotland and 9th in the UK, and Economics was ranked 4th in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

This degree is the first of its kind in Scotland.

Psychology BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons)

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. You'll investigate how and why humans (and other species) behave in the ways they do, and be asked to consider the processes driving these behaviours. As you'll discover, such processes can act at many levels – from those operating within single cells, to those influencing society as a whole.

With its focus on individual and social behaviour, Psychology links naturally with other disciplines such as Biology, Philosophy and Sociology. It also integrates with subjects valued in the workplace, such as Business Studies, Marketing and Human Resource Management.

Psychology at Stirling is internationally renowned for research, and this feeds into the teaching here. In our taught modules, you learn the importance of research in furthering your understanding of behaviour and, in practical work, develop research skills of your own.



Entrance requirements

BSc (Hons) Psychology
UCAS CODE C800

BA (Hons) Psychology
UCAS CODE C801

The Psychology degree can be awarded as either a BA or BSc.

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels ABB or Advanced Highers ABB to include Psychology.

HND in Social Sciences to include 4 Psychology units with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathe matics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester) is available in Years 1 – 3.

February entry is available.

Related degrees

Biology p62; Computing Science p66; Philosophy p106; Sociology and Social Policy p115.

Rating

Teaching provision in Psychology was rated by the Scottish Funding Council as 'excellent'.

70 percent of Psychology research at Stirling was recognised as being of a quality that is internationally recognised in terms of originality, significance and rigour in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Degree programme

You will take Psychology plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 2

Semesters 1 – 2 comprise an introduction to Psychology as a biological and social science including: Child Development, Brain and Behaviour, Language and Thinking, Animal Behaviour, Clinical and Abnormal Psychology, Social Psychology and Cognitive Psychology.

Semesters 3 – 4

In Semesters 3 and 4, the taught modules are designed to emphasise the links between different parts of the subject: a module on Social Communication explores the psychology of human and non-human communication and a module on the Brain and Behaviour – Clinical Perspectives explores abnormal psychology from the perspectives of Neuroscience and Clinical Psychology. Also included in semesters 3 and 4 is an introduction to Psychological Research Methods.

Semesters 5 – 8

The remainder of the degree programme is spent learning the core of the subject in depth. You will take advanced modules in core areas: Social Psychology, Biological Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Clinical and Health Psychology, Individual Differences (including personality differences) and also Cognition and Neuroscience.

In your final year, as a Single Honours student, you will conduct your own research project and, in addition, take four special options (from a list of approximately 20) which are closely related to the research interests of staff.

Entrance to Honours is dependent on your satisfactory progress in Years 1 and 2.

Other degree options are the Bachelor's degree (BA or BSc in Psychology) and the General degree of BSc, which can be completed in three years.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching is by lectures, small discussion groups and laboratory work. There is also an opportunity for fieldwork in the study of animal behaviour.

All modules combine continuous assessment with examinations at the end of semester. You are also expected to act as a participant in a small number of research studies which are carried out here at Stirling.

British Psychological Society

The Psychology Single Honours and all Psychology Combined Honours degree programmes are accredited as conferring eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership with the British Psychological Society, provided the minimum standard of a Second Class Honours is achieved. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Psychologists are employed in a range of different specialisms, such as Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology, Forensic Psychology which involves working with the criminal justice system and Occupational Psychology. Most of these require relevant postgraduate training. Psychology is an expanding discipline and the demand for psychologists continues to increase.

Psychology is also a subject that has many applications and is particularly relevant in any field where people are an important feature. Psychology graduates are employed in fields such as marketing, teaching, occupational therapy, social work, nursing, personnel management, the police and the media. Studying Psychology develops many transferable skills that are highly valued by employers, such as interpersonal and communication skills, numeracy and computer literacy, presentation and time management skills and critical thinking.

Combined Honours degrees

Psychology can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Biology	CC18
Business Studies	CN81
English Studies	QC38
European Language (French or Spanish)	CR89
Film & Media	CP83
Human Resource Management	NC68
Marketing	CN85
Mathematics	CG81
Philosophy	CV85
Politics	LC28
Sociology	CL83
Sports Studies	CC68



Governments and the media seem increasingly concerned today with religious fundamentalism and the radicalisation of certain communities. Freedom remains important to us yet there is also widespread suspicion and criticism of the views expressed by religious leaders. Our celebrity culture includes 'New Atheists' alongside entertainers and entrepreneurs. What does it mean, in this context, to talk about 'religion' or to say that something is 'religious'? Can we say that religion and culture or religion and the secular are useful distinctions? Or do these distinctions serve to make secularism seem normal and set religion up as irrational in ways that directly impact on our international relations, for example with nations whose citizens identify themselves predominantly as Muslims?

Taking this degree you'll begin to develop some ways of answering these questions as well as exploring contexts for this critical discussion as diverse as literature and philosophy, Islam and Judaism in the Middle East and Christianity in the media. Engaging with critical theory of different kinds, you will begin to find ways in which to make better sense of this complexity in the global context of the 21st century.

Degree programme

Please note that Religion is studied as a Combined degree. You will take Religion plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 4

You are required to take the following core modules:

- Religion, Ethics and Society: An introduction to the history, anthropology and psychology of religion
- Religion, Nationalism and Colonialism: This module studies the impact of western colonialism on non-western religions and cultures
- Religion in Culture – Problems of Representation: This module reflects on what happens when people – for example, scholars, journalists, politicians, adherents – try to represent the truth about religious traditions as they see them
- Theory and Method: An introduction to the history of the study of religion, its major founders, theories, methodologies and critics

Semesters 5 – 8

You will take core advanced (Level 10) modules: Religion and Postcolonialism, Religion and Theory and, in most cases, Dissertation Preparation. You may also choose advanced modules such as:

- Anthropology of Religion
- Islam
- Buddhism
- Religion and Philosophy: Ancient
- Religion and Philosophy: Modern
- Religion as Ritual in Japan
- Christianity
- Gender and Religion
- Reading the Bible
- Christian Missions and Colonialism
- Religion and Literature

Semester 8

Honours students in their final semester will write a dissertation on a topic chosen in consultation with an individual supervisor.

Teaching and assessment

Most teaching takes place through a mixture of formal lectures and smaller, more informal, seminar groups. When writing your dissertation you will meet your supervisor on a one-to-one basis regularly throughout the final semester. A variety of assessment methods are used, including essays, reports, class tests, reviews and oral presentations.

Study abroad opportunities

Students of Religion can apply to spend a year of their studies abroad at a university in the United States. Modules taken during this time will constitute part of your final degree. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

This programme develops both specific and generic skills that prepare students for a wide variety of careers, particularly those in which a highly informed appreciation of cultural difference is at a premium: for example, the police force, the army, cultural mainstreaming, human resource management. Studying Religion in combination with Professional Education, can also lead to a career in teaching in schools.

Combined Honours degrees

Religion can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
English Studies	QV36
Film & Media	VP63
French	RV16
History	VV16
Philosophy	VV56
Philosophy/Professional Education	VX53
Professional Education	VX61
Professional Education/English Studies	QX11
Professional Education/History	VXC1
Sociology	LV36

For a Combined Honours degree the higher entrance requirements of the subjects usually apply.

Entrance requirements

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered. Please note alternative entry conditions may be made.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Rating

Teaching provision in Religion has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'excellent'.

Retail Marketing BA (Hons)

Retailing is a very large and diverse industry that contributes significantly to the overall economy, as well as something that we as consumers experience regularly as part of our everyday lives. Understandably, the retail industry attracts a lot of attention from governments, the media and consumer groups.

According to the British Retail Consortium, in 2009 the retail sector generated approximately 8% of UK's GDP, with sales over £285 billion. The sector is a major employer with over 2.9 million people currently working in retailing, equating to 11% of the total workforce.

In recent years retailers have had to deal with increased levels of competition, the growth of the Internet, new forms of technology and consumers that are looking for better value together with higher quality service. As a result, retailers require managers with the necessary skills to tackle and meet these challenges.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE N550

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Business Studies/Management.

Scottish HND in related subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Year 3

Applicants in HND Retailing Bs in Graded Units in Year 2 subjects.

Applicants with an HND in Business or Retailing will be considered on an individual basis with a good academic profile.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Exceptional students with no Maths will be considered.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Business Studies p64; Human Resource Management p88; Management Science p96; Marketing p99.

Rating

Teaching provision in Marketing at Stirling has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'highly satisfactory.'

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 4

You will take three modules in Business and Management alongside students from Marketing, Business Studies, Human Resource Management and Management Science (see p36). These modules are designed to give you a solid grounding in the general principles of industry, management, marketing, human resources and organisations.

Semesters 5 – 8

The Retail Marketing programme is structured to ensure that core advanced (Level 10) modules in retailing and marketing are studied alongside an option module each semester.

You will take the following core advanced modules:

- Retail Operations
- Understanding Consumers
- Marketing Research
- Retail Supply Chains
- Retail Buying
- Human Resource Management
- Locational Strategy
- Brands and Branding
- Marketing Strategy
- Retail Dissertation

Some of the topics covered in the retail modules include:

- Retailers' responses to changes within the external environment
- Marketing in supply chain networks
- Different retail formats
- Managing change
- The impact of the Internet for retailers and shoppers
- Shopping behaviour and consumption choices
- The cultural challenge of internationalisation
- Customer service issues within retail operations
- Designing an effective store layout
- Effective buying and merchandising strategies
- Managing employees
- Retail planning policy

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods centre around lectures and tutorials with considerable emphasis being placed on the analysis of case studies. The dissertation in the final semester enables you to focus in on a particular retail topic. Where relevant, the theory in the lectures is complemented with site visits and guest speakers from industry. Assessment is through a combination of coursework and formal examinations.

Our staff have established an international reputation for the high quality of their research and teaching in this field. The Institute for Retail Studies (IRS), part of Stirling Management School, was founded in 1983 to undertake retail research and retail teaching around the world (www.irs.stir.ac.uk). The wide-ranging experience of the IRS staff helps to ensure that the retail marketing degree is practical and up to date with trends in the retail industry.

Study abroad opportunities

You may spend Semester 6 studying abroad under the ERASMUS European exchange programme, or exchanges administered by the University's Study Abroad Office to destinations in the USA, Canada, Australia and elsewhere. Turn to p42 for more details on study abroad opportunities at Stirling.

Career opportunities

Retail Marketing students acquire a comprehensive range of analytical, problem-solving and professional skills, which are increasingly valued not just in the retail industry itself but also in other areas of commerce, education, government and non-profit making organisations. Thus, a degree in Retail Marketing can become your key to pursuing a specialised retail career or a more general management career.

A number of our earliest graduates in Retail Marketing have now attained senior positions in industry with more recent graduates securing relevant employment within the retail sector, such as management trainee positions in a large supermarket chain.



Study of the Scottish past and identity is growing in popularity. The University and city of Stirling lie in the heart of a landscape steeped in the history of the Scottish nation. The Scottish History degree provides a challenging programme, which seeks to explore the myths as well as the realities of Scotland's history.

History at Stirling has experts researching and teaching in many aspects of the political, social, environmental and economic history of Scotland, from the Vikings to the present day. You will tackle questions central to understanding both Scotland's past and present, which provide a window on Scotland's interaction with the wider world.

Degree programme

Scottish History may be taken as a Single Honours degree, as well as in a number of Combined Honours degrees in a Scottish History stream of the History degree.

Students take Scottish History plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take the following core modules:

- Kingship and Nationhood: Scotland c1100–1513
- Renaissance to Revolution: Scotland 1513–1689
- Reputations in History

Semesters 4 – 6

You will normally take at least six modules in Scottish History, chosen from the following:

- Scotland in the Age of Wallace and Bruce
- War, Famine, Disease and Death, c1250–c1650
- Gaels, Vikings and Normans: People and Environment in the North Atlantic World, c850–c1250
- The Stewart Kings of Scotland, 1424–1513
- Castles: Power and Authority, Landscapes and Contexts
- 'For God, King and Parliament': the birth of modern Europe c1500 to c1700
- Union to Reform: Scotland, 1689–c1800
- 19th-century Scotland, c1800–1914
- Social History of the Victorian City: Computer Approaches

In addition, Single Honours students must take the Semester 6 module Approaches and Methods.

Semesters 7–8

Honours students take a 'special subject' involving the use of printed documentary collections and other source material. Single Honours students also write a supervised dissertation of between 14,000 and 16,000 words on a chosen research topic. The range of special subjects includes:

- Bruce and Stewart Scotland, 1329–1406
- The 'Golden Age' of the Scottish Parliament: 1660–1707
- Environment, Landscape and Improvement in the North Atlantic World c.1500 to c.1900
- Government and Society in Scotland, 1800–1914: Problems and Responses

Teaching and assessment

Each semester's work is assessed separately. Assessment is based on a combination of essays, examinations and oral performance. The Honours classification is based on grades obtained in Semesters 5 – 8.

Study abroad opportunities

You may apply to study in the United States under the University's exchange scheme with a wide range of American universities and colleges. Turn to p42 for more details.

Career opportunities

A History degree has always been valued by employers because of the intellectual challenges it offers and the particular skills it fosters. These include the ability to argue a persuasive case, a capacity for independent work and effective time management, an ability to organise and solve problems, and a capacity to communicate clearly in writing and in speech. Graduates in Scottish History will find opportunities for a wide variety of posts within and outside of Scotland. Some will be in history-related areas, such as teaching and work in museums and libraries; others in administration, commerce, the civil service, banking and insurance.

Continuing education

Two half modules in History are offered under the Continuing Education Programme (see p40).

Combined Honours degrees

History offers a wide range of Combined Honours programmes and the History degree provides a Scottish History stream. Students who wish to combine Scottish History with any of the following subjects are advised to apply for the programmes listed below:

History can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
English Studies	QV31
English Studies/Education	QXHC
Film & Media	PV31
French	RV11
Journalism Studies	VP15
Law	MV11
Philosophy	VV15
Politics	LV21
Politics/Professional Education	LX21
Education	VX11
Religion	VV16
Religion/Professional Education	VXC1
Sociology	LV31
Sociology/Professional Education	VXD1
Spanish	RV41
Sports Studies	VC16

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE V211

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include History.

Scottish HND in Social Sciences to include four History units with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE English (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered although alternative entry conditions may be made.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

History p87.

Rating

Teaching provision in History has been assessed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and achieved the highest possible rating of 'commendable' in all aspects.

Social Work BA (Hons)

2nd in Scotland for Social Work (The Times Good University Guide, 2010, and in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

This degree programme incorporates the professional qualification you need to practise social work alongside a strong grounding in relevant social science subjects. We aim to encourage you to become a newly qualified social worker who is knowledgeable, skilled, analytical and ethical in your approach to working with individuals, families, groups and communities.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE L500

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Personal, voluntary or paid experience of Social Work or related activity is essential.

Year 2

Entry into the second year is possible for applicants with an HNC in Social Care (requiring an A in the Graded Unit). Places however are limited and availability varies from year to year. Decisions are made on an individual basis.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

If you meet all the entry requirements other than the levels for English and Maths, it may be possible for you to enter the University and register for Social Work with the requirement that you satisfactorily complete relevant half modules in Semesters 1 – 3. Progress into professional studies in Semester 4 is dependent on your attaining the required modules.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Related degrees

Criminology p68; Sociology and Social Policy p115.

Rating

Social Work at the University of Stirling was ranked 2nd in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Degree programme

You will follow an introductory programme in Sociology and Social Policy (p115). In addition, you will take two modules that introduce you to professional social work, one of which incorporates experience in a practice setting. Three other modules of your choice will also be taken.

Semesters 4 – 8

Undergraduate students benefit from sharing their professional education in semesters 4-8 with postgraduate students who are studying social work at MSc level. Through an integrated academic and professional curriculum, you will undertake:

- Six University-based modules that focus on the application of theory and research to practice and the development of specific skills required for Social Work. These include teaching on: law and policy for social work with children, families, people with disabilities and people who offend; human development in the life span; ethical practice; assessment and intervention approaches and theories, and working with risk.
- Two professional practice learning opportunities in Semester 5 (70 days) and in the summer period between Semesters 6 and 7 (100 days). These take place in a variety of settings where students will undertake direct work with people who use services. During practice learning students are assessed and supervised in their practice by qualified social workers and other professionals. Placements take place within a 60-mile radius of the University.

Teaching and assessment

The first three semesters provide the foundation for the full-time professional programme from Semester 4 onwards. The Sociology and Social Policy modules establish a social science knowledge base for later practice. The two required modules that introduce students to Social Work offer the opportunity to develop skills that will be of particular value when on practice learning. Service users, carers, social work practitioners and managers contribute to students' learning.

Teaching from Semester 4 onwards has relatively few formal lectures. Instead, there is a high level of student participation; students are encouraged to engage with theory and research through the use of case studies and role plays, discussions and project group work. Students have a personal tutor who offers advice during University-based semesters and visits you on placement, strengthening the links between theory and practice.

Your learning is greatly assisted by the contribution of staff from local voluntary and statutory agencies to teaching and to practice learning. You will also benefit from contributions by service users and carers and from the range of research and teaching interests within the School of Applied Social Science, in which Social Work

is located. Particular strengths include community care, criminal justice, children and families, skills teaching, values and comparative approaches.

A wide range of assessment methods are used: essays, analytical accounts of practice, DVD recorded assessment of practice skills, class presentations, an oral examination on social work practice and assessment of the two practice learning opportunities.

Application procedure

All applicants are subject to a Criminal Records check. This check may show all spent and unspent criminal convictions including (but not limited to) cautions, reprimands, final warnings, bind over orders or similar and to the extent relevant to this programme may also show details of any minor offences, fixed penalty notices, penalty notices for disorders, ASBOS and VOOS. Previous criminal convictions need not exclude you, but all convictions must be declared and some occurrences may result in an unsuccessful application.

There is a two-stage, paper-based selection process. The first stage is the application form, which is screened for social work related knowledge and experience, as well as qualifications, so the personal statement is particularly important. At the second stage, applicants whose original application form covers the required areas, in terms of qualifications, experience and understanding of social work, are invited to submit an additional piece of written work. They are given two social work scenarios and asked general questions about the challenges and attractions of being a social worker. Applicants' responses are assessed by a panel of university tutors and social work practitioners.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

This degree equips you for social work jobs throughout the UK, in a variety of settings including: local authorities, prisons, hospitals and voluntary organisations. The nature of the work is extremely varied and there is the capacity to move between different types of work and settings throughout your career. Currently, over 90 percent of students find social work jobs within six months of graduating.

Combined honours degree

There are no combined degrees available. However there is an alternative degree route within the wider social sciences department for those do not attain the social work qualification or choose not to pursue it.



Top 3 in Scotland for Social Policy (The Times Good University Guide, 2010, and The Independent University Guide, 2010)

2nd in Scotland for Social Policy and Administration (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Sociology concentrates on analysing and understanding the way in which society works; Social Policy is concerned with the analysis of the purposes, processes and outcomes of social welfare.

Stirling's international and comparative approach means that you will encounter topics that analyse society and welfare issues in a range of countries. We offer particular expertise on Scotland, the UK, the European Union, Western and Central Europe, Australasia, North America and Latin America. Sociology and Social Policy lend themselves particularly well to study by students returning to education.

Degree programme

Students take Sociology plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

Students take core modules in:

- Social Differentiation: explores gender, age, ethnicity, class and disability in relation to the ways in which individuals and groups are valued and treated in different societies
- Social Problems: contemporary social issues and policy responses
- Understanding Social Policy: historical and theoretical perspectives on welfare; comparative social policy analysis

Semesters 4 – 8

You must take core advanced modules in:

- The Development of Social Theory
- The Research Process: Introduction to methods of social research and analysis, including practical and project work

Optional modules currently include:

- Ageing, Society and Social Policy
- Contemporary Social Issues in Practice
- Co-operation and Society
- Disability and Society
- Drugs, Crime and Society
- Gender, Work and Welfare
- Housing Policy
- Information Technology in Society
- Poverty, Income and Wealth
- Scottish Society
- Social Stratification
- Sociology of the Body
- Sociology of Childhood
- Sociology of Development
- Sociology of Youth
- Urban Society
- Work and Society

Final-year Honours students are also required to undertake a dissertation and Honours seminar.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching for each programme in Sociology and/or Social Policy usually consists of two lectures plus one workshop per week. Assessment in each programme is normally based on a combination of coursework and examinations for example, one essay (30 percent) and an examination (70 percent).

Study abroad opportunities

You can spend a semester (usually Semester 6) at another university in Europe, USA, Canada or Australia (see p42).

Career opportunities

Stirling Sociology and Social Policy graduates have a higher than average (in the UK) employment rate in degree relevant careers. Our graduates work in the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Degree programmes

	UCAS Codes
Sociology (three-year degree)	L300
Social Policy (three-year degree)	L400

Combined Honours degrees

Social Policy can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Politics	LL24
Sociology can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Criminology	LM39
Film & Media	LP33
History	LV31
Marketing	LN35
Politics	LL23
Psychology	CL83
Religion	LV36
Spanish	LR34
Sports Studies	CL63

For a Combined Honours degree the higher entrance requirements of the subjects usually apply.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE L431

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Sociology.

Scottish HNC in Social Sciences to include four units in Sociology with Bs in Graded Units.

Year 3

Articulation programmes allow HND in Social Sciences, Bs in Graded Units in Year 2 subjects.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Related degrees

Criminology p68; Social Work p114.

Rating

Teaching provision in Sociology has been assessed by the Scottish Funding Council and rated as 'excellent'.

Social Policy was ranked 2nd in Scotland in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Software Engineering BSc (Hons)

Software Engineering focuses on the art of designing and building complex software systems. A particular challenge is that such systems are often large – too large for a single person to develop on their own. You'll study techniques and practice for real-world software design and associated programming technologies. This is complemented by practical experience in software development and teamwork.

There's a large practical element to the programme, giving an excellent preparation for a career in IT. You'll learn how to reason logically, analyse problems, and build computer systems to resolve them. Our graduates are highly sought-after in the industry.

We are a small, friendly team with an 'open-door' policy for students. Our computing labs have recently been upgraded and are fitted with state-of-the-art PCs.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE G600

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Scottish HND in related subjects with Bs in Graded Units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

Mathematics Standard Grade (3), Intermediate 2 (C),

GCSE (C) or equivalent.

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Degree programme

Students take this subject plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take core modules, encompassing study in the following areas:

- Skills and Applications
- Programming using Java
- Usability and Accessibility
- Object-oriented Development, Data Structures and Algorithms
- Information Systems

In Semester 1, two alternative Computing Science modules are offered, both of which offer routes into further Computing Science. One is intended for students with Higher or A-level Computing, Information Systems, or an equivalent qualification, while the other is for students with no previous experience.

Students studying Software Engineering are required to take a Mathematics module in the first semester.

Semesters 4 – 8

The programme in Semesters 4 – 8 comprises both core modules and optional advanced modules, giving you a chance to explore your particular interests further.

Core modules include:

- Software Engineering (involving group work)
- Computer Systems
- Database Principles and Applications
- Multimedia and Human Computer Interaction
- Communications and Networks
- Language Implementation
- Managing Information
- Concurrent and Distributed Systems

Optional modules include:

- Computer Game Technologies
- Information Systems
- Computing and the Brain
- Computer Security and Forensics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Programming Language Paradigms
- Technologies for E-commerce
- Telecommunications Systems and Services
- Web Services

Honours students will undertake an independent project in their final year. Typically this involves developing a major piece of software from initial requirements through to final delivery.

Teaching and assessment

You will learn about Software Engineering through lectures, small tutorial groups and most of all through laboratory work. Software Engineering is taught as a very practical subject, and almost all modules include practical assignments. Typically these count for 50 percent of the assessment grade, with the remainder given to the examination.

For the Honours degree, the grades for all advanced modules taken in Semesters 5 – 8 are combined to give the final classification.

Study abroad opportunities

You have the opportunity to study abroad through Stirling's well-established connection with several North American and European universities. Turn to p42 for details.

Career opportunities

Graduates will have knowledge of Software Engineering as a coherent discipline, together with a wide range of IT skills. They will be particularly well equipped to enter either the software industry itself or one of the many fields in which computer systems are extensively used and developed. Typical career paths include: software engineering, analyst programming and IT consultancy. Recent destinations for our graduates include DERA, Marconi Systems, Adobe Systems Inc., and Xerox.

Professional accreditation

The British Computer Society is the foremost professional and learned Society in the field of computers and information systems in the UK.

The Honours BSc programme in Software Engineering is in the process of being re-accredited for full accreditation for being a Chartered Information Technology Practitioner (CITP), which is the professional member level of the British Computer Society, and partial accreditation for Chartered Engineer and Chartered Scientist status.

BA (Hons) Spanish and Latin American Studies



In the 21st century, a knowledge of other languages and cultures is becoming increasingly important. Among these, Hispanic language and culture will arguably have the greatest impact. Why learn Spanish? Why learn about Spanish and Latin American culture? 400 million people speak Spanish, which makes it one of the most useful languages in the world for travel and the language of one of the largest business markets.

Our programmes provide in-depth study of the language and the vibrant cultures of Spain and Latin America, both for beginners and for those with a prior background in Spanish. Language skills open a wide range of career opportunities in business, teaching, the civil service or publishing. Teaching is led by a team of researchers with a wide range of specialisms including the cinema, anthropology, photography, and literature of Spain and Latin America.

Degree programme

Students take Spanish plus two other subjects in the first year (see p36).

Semesters 1 – 4

You may study Spanish at Advanced level or as a Beginner. The Advanced course in the first four semesters comprises tuition in written and spoken Spanish designed to advance further your knowledge of the language. At the same time, you will undertake an introduction to modern Spanish and Latin American culture.

The Beginners' course concentrates on learning the language in the first two semesters with a dedicated language course, based on seminar-size classes. In the first semester of the second year, beginners progress to an intermediate course, enhancing their knowledge of the language whilst being progressively introduced to the study of Spanish and Latin American cultures. In the second semester, they are ready to join students from the Advanced course, having now acquired a good knowledge of the language and the necessary skills to study modern Spanish and Latin American cultures more intensively.

Semesters 5 – 8

An integrated, developing series of language courses enhances your ability to use the language in both written and spoken forms.

At the same time, there is a wide variety of option modules from which to choose. Recent options deal with Atlantic Cinema, the Culture of the Andes, the Experience of Migration in Modern Spain, the Experiences of Indigenous Women in Latin America, Spanish Modernism, the Representation of War in Spanish Culture, Modern Culture and the Re-working of the Past, Mexico's Cultural Identity, Documenting Latin America, and Argentine History, Politics and Society in Film.

In your final year of study, you may write a dissertation on a subject of your choice, in place of taught modules. Only if you are taking Single Honours in Spanish and Latin American Studies is it mandatory to write a dissertation.

Teaching and assessment

A wide range of teaching methods is employed, including: lectures, language tutorials, seminars, oral practice sessions with a native speaker, language and/or IT laboratory sessions, and self-access of learning resources. Formal assessment is by coursework (in the form of language exercises, essays on set topics, oral presentations) and examinations of various types, including oral tests in Spanish, written examinations requiring essay-type answers and language laboratory examinations. Most modules are assessed by both coursework and examination.

Study abroad opportunities

Honours students of Spanish are required to spend a period of residence abroad, usually in Semester 6, studying at a Spanish-speaking university. In certain degrees, including Single Honours Spanish, the whole of Semesters 5 and 6 can be spent at a Spanish university. There are ERASMUS exchange agreements with the Universities of Barcelona, Léon, Santander, Navarra, Córdoba, Granada and Santiago de Compostela. In Latin America, there are exchange agreements with Mexico City and Santiago de Chile.

In addition you also have the option of working for a year abroad between Semesters 4 and 5, which students often spend in paid employment, typically as a language assistant teaching English in a school. Turn to p42 for more details on study abroad opportunities at Stirling.

Career opportunities

Language skills are highly sought after by employers and open up a wide range of career opportunities. Graduates have secured jobs in teaching both in Spanish and in English as a foreign language abroad, translating and interpreting, finance, the civil service, industry and commerce, marketing, administration, publishing and public relations.

Combined Honours degrees

Spanish and Latin American Studies can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Accountancy	NR44
Business Studies	NRF4
Computing Science	GR44
English Studies	QR34
Film & Media	RP43
French	RR14
French/Professional Education	RXD1
Global Cinema and Culture	PR34
History	RV41
Human Resource Management	NR64
Journalism Studies	PR54
Law	MR14
Marketing	N5R4
Professional Education (Primary) with Modern Languages	XR18
Sociology	LR34

Spanish can be studied as a component of other degrees; see p101 for details.

Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE R410

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

A-levels or Advanced Highers ABB to include Spanish.

HND in European Languages and Business with Bs in graded units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

This subject can be studied with no prior knowledge of the language.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Related degrees

Education (Primary) p74; Education (Secondary) p75; European Film and Media p80; French p84; International Management and Intercultural Studies, International Management Studies p90; International Politics p108; Modern Languages p101.

Sport and Exercise Science BSc (Hons)

STIRLING IS SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Top 10 in the UK and 1st in Scotland for Sports-related Studies (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

How do sport, exercise and physical activity benefit health and wellbeing? How do our body systems respond to acute exercise and adapt to training? What factors influence our participation in physical activity and ability to benefit from it? This programme explores these issues by studying the body's systems, their regulation and the effects of exercise.

You'll study biological sciences such as cell biology, genetics and molecular biology alongside sport and exercise physiology, nutrition, and sport and exercise psychology. This gives you knowledge of the disciplines underpinning Sport and Exercise Science, develops your knowledge of scientific methods and provides a basis for understanding the role of training in improving athletic performance.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE CC61

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points..

HNC or HND with Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

Year 2

Scottish HNDs in relevant subjects with BB in Graded Units in Year 2 with specific units.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

One of Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics at Higher (B), A-level (C), IB Higher Level at 4 or equivalent.

Other qualifications not mentioned above must include science-based subjects.

Mathematics at Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

Rating

Research in Sport was ranked 1st in Scotland and 5th in the UK in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 3

In the first three semesters of the programme you will gain a strong grounding in biological science and an introduction to the study of sport and exercise. You will take modules entitled:

- Introduction to Cell Biology
- Introduction to Physiology
- Introduction to Sports Studies I and II
- Practical Science Skills I and II
- Issues and Concepts in Sports Studies
- Genes and Evolution

Semesters 4 – 8

You will take the following advanced level modules:

- The Psychology of Sport: This module examines the relationship between stress and performance in sport and discusses ways in which athletes can learn to control their behaviour in a competitive environment
- Biodiversity: This module provides an overview of the diversity of the animal and plant kingdoms and explores their evolution and adaptations to different environments
- Statistical Techniques: This module involves training in the use of information technology and its use in data processing and statistical analysis; the use of basic statistical techniques and their application to environmental and biological data sets and problems
- Animal Physiology: This module discusses a number of major physiological systems in humans, and how those systems respond to stimuli. In addition, it explores the adaptation of organisms to particular environments and provides an integrated understanding of physiological mechanisms
- Physiology of Sport and Exercise: This module discusses the regulation and integration of multiple physiological systems during exercise, the adaptations to exercise training, and specific challenges placed upon them during exercise in environmental extremes
- Sports Medicine, Health and Wellbeing: This module provides an understanding of the role of exercise and diet in developing a healthy lifestyle, and considers specific medical issues that may affect participation in sport and/or physical activity
- Psychology of Exercise, Physical Activity & Health: This module explores the relationship that diverse individuals have with exercise and physical activity. The module focuses on psychological, environmental and social factors that influence and impact upon a person's decision to exercise
- Applied Exercise Physiology: This module provides both an understanding and practical experience of laboratory-based exercise physiology assessments for testing and research

- Bioinformatics: This module introduces recent advances in molecular biology methodologies and the application of computer methods to the analysis of molecular biology information
- Animal Cell: This module provides an understanding of the basic components of animal cells, their functions and how their functions are regulated in health and disease, and provides training in modern cellular and molecular biological techniques
- Sports Research: This module provides an overview of the techniques and methodological assumptions underpinning sport and exercise science research. Practical skills of data handling, statistical analysis and reporting of data will be developed alongside an understanding of ethics and research proposal development
- Readings in Sports Studies: You will choose two half modules to study and these provide an in depth examination and critical analysis of recent research in the following areas: exercise physiology, sports nutrition, sports psychology and exercise psychology

An extensive research project is conducted in the final year. A wide variety of project topics is available and reflects the active research interests of the academic staff involved in this degree programmes.

Teaching and assessment

In addition to conventional lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops and laboratory practical sessions, the School uses web-based technology to support its teaching programme. Assessment is by a combination of coursework, group project work, group and individual presentations and examination.

Study abroad opportunities

You can take advantage of exchange schemes with a semester or year out in American, Canadian or Swedish universities (see p42 for more information on study abroad opportunities at Stirling)

Career opportunities

Graduates have gone on to postgraduate study, research, jobs in the sport and leisure sector such as in sports development, sports science support of athletes, health and fitness monitoring, physical activity promotion, and coaching, as well as into the teaching profession and other disciplines such as physiotherapy.

MyStirling...

“ The University of Stirling is regarded as the best sports university in Scotland. The sports facilities are excellent. It is also close to home so I could keep my (sports-related) job and maintain an income whilst studying. Originally I wanted to do Sport Science, but then I realised that I was better suited to Sport and Exercise Science, so I asked Stirling if I could change. The University was really helpful and the programme change happened very quickly. The flexibility of the programme structure is one of the best things about Stirling, as well as the sports facilities, ease of access and beautiful environment. ”

Ross Chesham – Sport and Exercise Science



Sports Studies BA (Hons)

STIRLING IS SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Top 10 in the UK and 1st in Scotland for Sports-related Studies (in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

What role does sport play in society? Who plays sport and why? How is sport managed and delivered? How does psychology enhance elite sports performance? What are the physical and mental benefits of sport and physical activity? Why are some elite sports stars so well paid? How did sport develop? What's the legacy of events like the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games? These are the type of questions that a degree in Sports Studies will help you answer.

Sports Studies is a multi-disciplinary subject area – grounded in theory but with a strong emphasis on practical application. The Honours degree is designed around specific pathways: Sports Policy and Management; Sport, Exercise and Health; and Sport, Culture and Society, offering a breadth of knowledge from which students can then choose to specialise.



Entrance requirements

UCAS CODE C600

Year 1

Highers BBBB.

A-levels BBC or a combination of A2 and AS levels, VCE and VDA.

IB Diploma with a total of 32 points.

HNC or HND with 3 Bs in Graded Units.

Access courses and other UK/EU and international qualifications are also welcomed (see p40–41, p50–53).

If there are repeats/upgrades asking grades may be raised by one grade. It is preferred that applicants doing Highers achieve at least BB in first sitting.

Highers in one sitting are preferred.

Year 2

Scottish HNDs in relevant subjects with BB in Graded Units in Year 2 specific units on an individual basis.

Other information

If examinations are taken over two sittings, or there are repeats or upgrades, the entrance requirements may be higher.

General entry requirements apply (see p53).

Required subjects

English Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent. Applicants with English Standard Grade (3) will also be considered, although alternative entry conditions may be made in this case.

Mathematics Standard Grade (2), Intermediate 2 (C), GCSE (C) or equivalent.

Preferred subjects

Physical Education Standard Grade (3), GCSE (C), Higher or A-level or equivalent.

Modes of study

Full-time (three modules per semester).

Part-time (one or two modules per semester).

February entry also available.

Rating

Research in sport was ranked 1st in Scotland and 5th in the UK in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

Degree programme

Semesters 1 – 3

You will take the three core Sports Studies modules plus two other subjects. The core modules introduce you to: aspects of sport in society; patterns of participation in sport and physical activity; the foundations of sport and exercise science; and aspects of sports business, finance and management.

Semesters 4 – 8

You will choose from a series of advanced (level 9 and 10) semester modules from the following streams:

Sports Policy and Management:

- Sports Policy, Planning and Management
- Operational Management in Sport
- Development of Excellence in Sport
- Sports Marketing
- Readings in Sports Policy and Management

Sport, Exercise and Health:

- Physiology of Sport and Exercise
- Psychology of Sport
- Applied Exercise Physiology
- Sports Medicine, Health and Wellbeing
- Psychology of Physical Activity and Health
- Readings in Sport, Exercise and Health

Sport, Culture and Society:

- The Historical Development of Sport
- Sport, Culture and Nationhood
- PE, School Sport and Youth Culture
- Sport, Gender, Ethnicity and Identities
- Readings in Sport, Culture and Society

All students who progress to Honours take the module Sports Research and carry out a Sports Studies dissertation.

Teaching and assessment

In addition to conventional lectures, seminars, tutorials, workshops and laboratory practical sessions, Sports Studies uses a virtual learning environment (WebCT) and internet technology to support its teaching programme. Assessment is blended by a combination of coursework, group project work, group and individual presentations and examination.

Study abroad opportunities

You can take advantage of exchange schemes with a semester or year out in American, Canadian or Swedish universities (see p42).

International Sports Scholarships

Please see p11 for details of our International Sports Scholarship Programme.

Career opportunities

In a recent study produced by Cambridge Econometrics the jobs available in the sport-related sector accounted for almost two percent of employment in England and three percent in Scotland. Our graduates have gone on to a range of careers including sports development officers, sports scientists and sports event managers. The 2012 Olympics in London and the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow will provide a number of exciting opportunities for well qualified students.

Combined Honours degrees

Sports Studies can be studied with:	UCAS Codes
Accountancy	NC46
Business Studies	NC16
Film & Media	CP63
History	VC16
Journalism Studies	PV56
Marketing	NC56
Psychology	CC68
Sociology	CL63
Sport and Exercise Science (see p118)	CC61
Sports Studies, Professional Education and Physical Education (see p75)	CX61

Combined Honours students can choose to undertake a dissertation in either of the subject codes.



BA (Hons) Teaching Qualification in Further Education (TQFE)



1st in Scotland for Education (The Times Good University Guide, 2010, and in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise)

Where can I gain practical and hands-on experience that will allow me to qualify to teach in a Further Education College? How can I best support effective learning? How can I ensure that all learners feel valued, safe and included?

This qualification is recognised throughout the UK and the world.

Degree programme

You will follow the programme which leads to an BA degree or and UG Certificate/Diploma. The Programme consists of three double weighted modules taken over the course of the academic year

Who's it for?

This is the recognised teaching qualification if you either currently work as a lecturer in Further Education, or want to pursue a career in the sector. While it used to be studied predominantly on-the-job, colleges increasingly like staff to have completed it before starting in the profession.

Teaching and assessment

Assessment is both formative and continuous. Placements are supported by tutor visits college mentors.

What's involved?

This is a recognised teaching qualification for those who wish to pursue a career in the further education sector. It's taught using a combination of lectures, seminars and workshops. You'll need a computer with internet access.

Most modules require two days' attendance, with all the materials online. The course is a one year full time programme.

As a pre-service student you will undertake a college placement activity, and this involves 120 hours of teaching practice in a college, plus additional inputs on campus.

Topics include:

- Learner Identity and Diversity
- Teaching and Assessment
- Professional Practice

Career opportunities

We would expect those to complete the programme to progress to work in the Scottish FE sector. However, others who have undertaken the qualification have worked as adult learning tutors or trainers in the police, fire and ambulance services as well as training providers, charities and other adult learning organisations.

Entrance Requirements

Undergraduate Certificate:

Students must have a relevant Higher National Certificate (HNC) at level 7 on the Scottish Credit Qualification Framework (SCQF) or equivalent. This pathway is for students where an HNC is the highest qualification available in the UK in that subject area.

BA:

Students must have a relevant Higher National Diploma (HND) at level 8 on the Scottish Credit Qualification Framework (SCQF) or equivalent.

Equivalent Qualifications which are recognised are:

- A Part III, full technological certificate
- Licentiate ship
- Senior Award from the City & Guilds of London Institute
- In certain areas, other qualifications which are of equivalent standard to those listed above

Candidates must also have both language and numeracy skills which meets the demands of the programme. The normal entry requirement will be:

- A National Qualification Course award in English at level 6 on the SCQF (or suitable evidence of being able to attain this standard) or SQA communication level III
- A National Qualification Course award in numeracy or Mathematics at level 4 on the SCQF (or suitable evidence of being able to attain this standard)

Candidates should have Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills equivalent to Intermediate 2 (i.e. level 5 on the SCQF). This level of skill in the use of ICT is required partly in order to be able to fully participate on the TQ(FE) programme and partly in order to be able to function effectively in the working environment.



Degree combinations

This page lists all of our Single and Combined Honours degree programmes. For information on programmes and entrance requirements, see previous pages.

Accountancy (N400) BA	Ecology (C180) BSc
Accountancy and Business Law (MN24) BA	Economics (L100) BA
Accountancy and Business Studies (NNF4) BA	Economics and Environmental Science (FL91) BA
Accountancy and Economics (LN14) BA	Economics and Finance (LN13) BA
Accountancy and Finance (NN43) BA	Economics and Marketing (NL51) BA
Accountancy and Marketing (NN45) BA	Economics and Mathematics (GL11) BA
Accountancy and Mathematics (GN14) BA	Economics and Politics (LL12) BA
Accountancy and Spanish (NR44) BA	Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in Early Years (XX13) BA
Accountancy and Sports Studies (NC46) BA	Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in Modern Languages (XR18) BA
Animal Biology (C300) BSc	Professional Education (Primary) with specialism in the Environment (XC11) BSc
Aquaculture (C164) BSc	English Studies with History and Professional Education (QXHC) BA
Aquatic Science (C163) – three-year degree only	English Studies, Religion and Professional Education (QXJ1) BA
Biology (C100) BSc	English Studies (Q300) BA
Biology and Mathematics (CG11) BSc	English Studies and Film & Media (QP33) BA
Biology and Professional Education (CX11) BSc	English Studies and French (QR31) BA
Biology and Psychology (CC18) BSc	English Studies and Global Cinema and Culture (QP3H) BA
Business Computing (G510) BSc	English Studies and History (QV31) BA
Business Law (M221) BA	English Studies and Journalism Studies (QP35) BA
Business Studies (N100) BA	English Studies and Philosophy (QV35) BA
Business Studies, Computing Science and Professional Education (NX21) BA	English Studies and Politics (QL32) BA
Business Studies and Computing Science (NG14) BSc	English Studies and Professional Education (QX31) BA
Business Studies and Economics (LN11) BA	English Studies and Psychology (QC38) BA
Business Studies and English Studies (NQ13) BA	English Studies and Religion (QV36) BA
Business Studies and Film & Media (NP13) BA	English Studies and Spanish (QR34) BA
Business Studies and Finance (NN13) BA	Environmental Geography (FL97) BSc
Business Studies and French (NRF1) BA	Environmental Geography and Professional Education (FX81) BSc
Business Studies and Human Resource Management (NN16) BA	Environmental Science (F900) BSc
Business Studies and Law (MN11) BA	Environmental Science and Mathematics (F9G1) BSc
Business Studies and Marketing (NN25) BA	Environmental Science and Outdoor Education (FX99) BSc
Business Studies and Politics (LN21) BA	Environmental Science and Politics (FL92) BSc
Business Studies and Professional Education (NX11) BA	European Film and Media (P3R1) BA
Business Studies and Psychology (CN81) BSc	Film & Media (P300) BA
Business Studies and Spanish (NRF4) BA	Film & Media and French (RP13) BA
Business Studies and Sports Studies (NC16) BA	Film & Media and History (PV31) BA
Cell Biology (C130) BSc	Film & Media and Journalism Studies (PP35) BA
Computing Science (G400) BSc	Film & Media and Marketing (PN35) BA
Computing Science and French (GR41) BSc	Film & Media and Philosophy (VP53) BA
Computing Science and Mathematics (G4G1) BSc	Film & Media and Politics (PL32) BA
Computing Science and Philosophy (GV45) BSc	Film & Media and Psychology (CP83) BA
Computing Science and Professional Education (GX41) BSc	Film & Media and Religion (VP63) BA
Computing Science and Spanish (GR44) BSc	Film & Media and Sociology (LP33) BA
Computing Science, Mathematics and Professional Education (GX91) BSc	Film & Media and Spanish (RP43) BA
Conservation Biology & Management (CD14) BSc	Film & Media and Sports Studies (CP63) BA
Conservation Science (D447) – three-year degree only	Finance (N300) BA
Crime and Society (three-year degree only) (L390) BA	Finance and Mathematics (GN13) BA
Criminology and Law (MM91) BA	French (R120) BA
Criminology and Philosophy (MV95) BA	French and History (RV11) BA
Criminology and Politics (ML92) BA	French and Human Resource Management (NRP1) BA
Criminology and Sociology (LM39) BA	French and Journalism Studies (RP15) BA

French and Law (RM11) BA	Marketing and Spanish (N5R4) BA
French and Marketing (N5R1) BA	Marketing and Sports Studies (NC56) BA
French and Mathematics (GR11) BA	Mathematics (three-year degree only) (G100) BSc
French and Philosophy (RV15) BA	Mathematics and Professional Education (GX11) BSc
French and Politics (LR21) BA	Mathematics and Psychology (CG81) BSc
French and Professional Education (RX11) BA	Mathematics and its Applications (G120) BSc
French and Religion (RV16) BA	Midwifery (B720) BSc
French and Spanish (RR14) BA	Midwifery (for qualified adult nurses) (B721) BSc
French, Spanish and Professional Education (RXD1) BA	Modern Languages and Business Studies (NT19) BA
Global Cinema (P390) BA	Money, Banking and Finance (N310) BA
History (V100) BA	Nursing – Adult (B740) BSc
History and Journalism Studies (VP15) BA	Nursing – Adult (Conversion) (B742) BSc
History and Law (MV11) BA	Nursing – Mental Health (B760) BSc
History and Philosophy (VV15) BA	Nursing – Mental Health (Conversion) (B762) BSc
History and Politics (LV21) BA	Nursing – Learning Disability (B761) BSc
History and Professional Education (VX11) BA	Philosophy (V500) BA
History and Religion (VV16) BA	Philosophy and Politics (LV25) BA
History and Sociology (LV31) BA	Philosophy and Psychology (CV85) BA
History and Spanish (RV41) BA	Philosophy and Religion (VV56) BA
History and Sports Studies (VC16) BA	Philosophy, Religion and Professional Education (VX53) BA
History, Politics and Professional Education (LX21) BA	Politics (L200) BA
History, Sociology and Professional Education (VXD1) BA	Politics and Psychology (LC28) BA
Human Resource Management (N600) BA	Politics and Social Policy (LL24) BA
Human Resource Management and Law (MN16)	Politics and Sociology (LL23) BA
Human Resource Management and Marketing (NN65) BA	Politics, Philosophy and Economics (LOV0) BA
Human Resource Management and Psychology (NC68) BA	Psychology (C800) BSc
Human Resource Management and Spanish (NR64) BA	Psychology (C801) BA
Information Systems (G500) BSc	Psychology and European Language (CR89) BA
International Management & Intercultural Studies (NLR0) BA	Psychology and Sociology (CL83) BA
International Management Studies (N2R9) BA	Psychology and Sports Studies (CC68) BA
International Politics (L240) BA	Religion with History and Professional Education (VXC1) BA
International Politics and Languages (RL92) BA	Religion and Professional Education (VX61) BA
Journalism Studies (P500) BA	Religion and Sociology (LV36) BA
Journalism Studies and Politics (PL52) BA	Retail Marketing (N550) BA
Journalism Studies and Spanish (PR54) BA	Scottish History (V211) BA
Journalism Studies and Sports Studies (PC56) BA	Social Policy (three-year degree only) (L400) BA
Law (M110) BA	Social Work (L500) BA
Law (M114) LLB	Sociology (three-year degree only) (L300) BA
Law Accelerated Entry (graduates only) (M115) LLB	Sociology and Social Policy (L431) BA
Law and Marketing (MN15) BA	Sociology and Spanish (LR34) BA
Law and Politics (ML12) BA	Sociology and Sports Studies (CL63) BA
Law and Spanish (MR14) BA	Software Engineering (G600) BSc
Management (N200) BSc	Spanish (R410) BA
Management Science (N206) BSc	Sport and Exercise Science (CC61) BSc
Management Science and Mathematics (NG21) BSc	Sports Studies (C600) BA
Marine Biology (C160) BSc	Sports Studies, Physical Education and Professional Education (CX61) BSc
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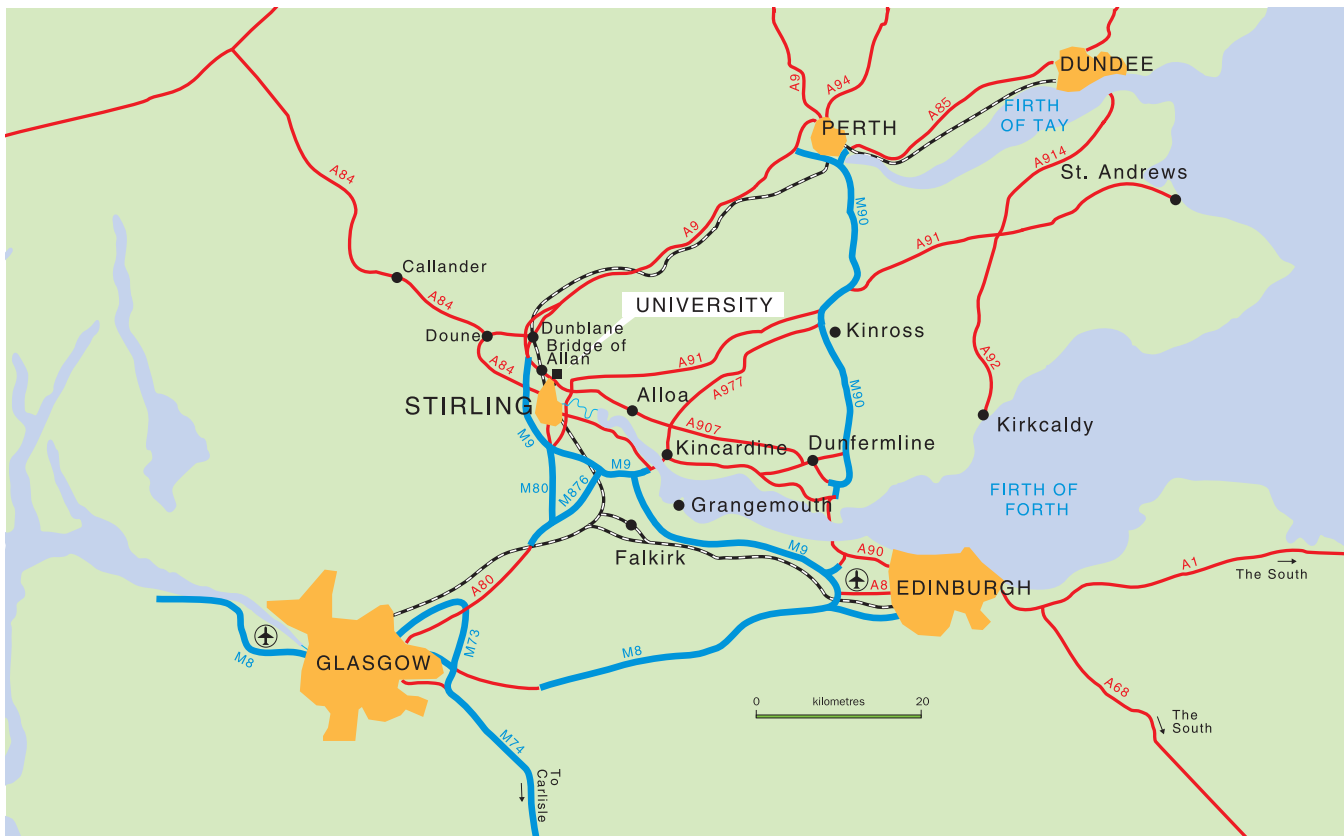
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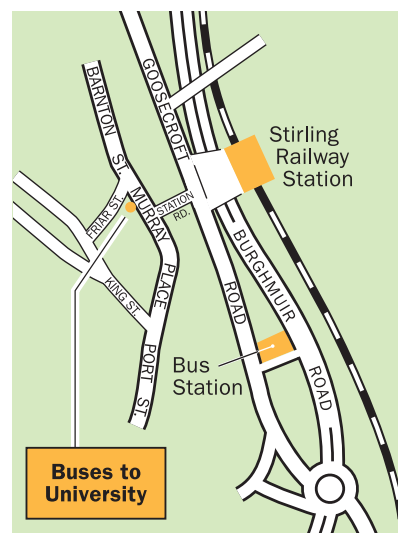
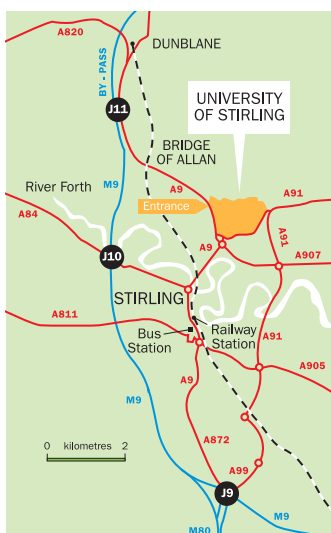


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Stirling is well connected to the UK road and rail networks (for example, the Unilink 'shuttle' rail service which runs from campus directly into Stirling city centre. For more information, visit: www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/getting-here), and is within one hour of both Edinburgh and Glasgow. Students wishing to fly can choose from either Edinburgh or Glasgow airports, both of which offer direct flights to a wide range of domestic and international destinations. Please note that parking on campus can prove difficult during teaching hours, so please leave a little extra time for this if travelling by car.

Bus links to the campus

First buses **53, 54, 58, 62 and 63** run regularly between the University and Stirling city centre (3km). In addition, buses depart from the bus station and from Murray Place, just along from the train station. As part of the University's commitment to developing a Green Travel Plan, all students, staff and visitors to the University are encouraged to make use of Stirling's excellent public transport links, or other sustainable modes of travel, to access the campus. For further information on First bus services, telephone 08708 727 271 (open Monday–Friday, 8am–6pm), or visit www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/scotland_east/



For more information on the Unilink bus service telephone the 24-hour Traveline on 0871 200 22 33



Flights to Scotland

You can fly to either Edinburgh or Glasgow Airports from a wide range of international and domestic airports.

Frequent coach transfers are available from each of the two airports to their respective city centres. From there, visitors can access the frequent and reliable train services which run to Stirling from both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

If you are an international student flying in to Edinburgh or Glasgow Airport, then you may want to take advantage of the University's Airport Pickup service. For more information on how to use this service, visit: www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/getting-here

Other useful websites

www.flybybus.com (Coach Transfer from Edinburgh Airport to Edinburgh city centre.)

www.citylink.co.uk/timetables.html (Coach transfer from Glasgow Airport to Glasgow city centre)

If you are planning to drive, Glasgow Airport is approximately a one hour 20-minute drive to the University campus while Edinburgh Airport is a 45-minute drive.

It may be the case that if you are flying in from a country that does not go direct to either of these airports that your journey will have to go via one of the London airports. There are very regular shuttle flights to both Glasgow and Edinburgh from London.

Why not come and see us for yourself?

Nothing beats visiting our campuses to get an idea of what your life here will be like. We're proud of the fact that almost everyone who visits immediately falls in love with our University. Here are the different visiting options open to you.

Open Days

- Saturday 24 September 2011
- Saturday 15 October 2011

Open to all, booking required.

These are days when school pupils, college students, parents and supporters, teachers, careers advisers and anyone else interested in studying at the University of Stirling are welcome to come and visit. We hold tours of the campus, offer presentations, talks, displays and demonstrations. A range of information desks is also available where you can speak to University staff (including academics) and current students.

Details of our Open Days, including programmes, special travel arrangements and how to book, are normally available on the University website a month or so in advance.

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/visit-the-campus

Applicant Days

March and April each year, Wednesday or Saturday dates available.

By invitation only, booking required.

Once we receive your application from UCAS, you will be invited to attend an Applicant Day, when you and your parents/supporters will hear more about the subject(s) for which you have applied. In addition, Student Ambassadors will conduct tours of the campus, and you will be offered a range of general presentations about study and life at the University of Stirling. We strongly recommend you attend.

Details of how to book will be included in the Applicant Information Leaflet, which will be sent to you once we receive your details from UCAS.

Visit afternoons

Booking required.

If you're unable to attend one of the organised events but would like to visit the University, we offer an afternoon visit that consists of a general talk by a member of the Student Recruitment & Admissions Service (SRAS) and a tour of the campus, led by a Student Ambassador during semester. Where possible we will also try to arrange a visit to an academic member of staff.

Visit afternoons are scheduled throughout the year. For further details, and to book a place, visit:

> www.stir.ac.uk/undergraduate-study/visit-the-campus

(Places are limited, so a minimum 14 working days' notice is required for booking.)

Talk and Tours

During semester the main University buildings are generally open to the public. We offer guided campus tours during the week with our student ambassadors. We are also happy to arrange a chat with one of our Student Recruitment staff, when possible. You may also take a self-guided tour of the campus.

For further details please contact us by telephone or email (office hours are Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm).

Virtual tour

Our website offers a wealth of information for prospective students, such as information about Academic Schools, programmes, campus services, accommodation and the surrounding area. The website also hosts a virtual campus tour presented by Jenny and Will, two of our Student Ambassadors. This shows what it is like to study and live on the University of Stirling campus. To access this, visit:

> www.stir.ac.uk/tour

Prospectus and leaflets

If you'd like more copies of this prospectus, the Postgraduate Prospectus or copies of further leaflets about programmes of study and campus facilities, please contact the Student Recruitment & Admissions Service.

We would also be grateful for any feedback about this prospectus, and all of our other material. This should be passed to:

> **Ian Cockbain**
 Director of Student Recruitment & Admissions Service
 University of Stirling
 Stirling FK9 4LA

Contacting us

For further information about any of these opportunities, to visit the University and to book your place, please contact the Student Recruitment & Admissions Service:

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1. Quality of choice

High quality degree combinations to create the programme that will suit your strengths and help you achieve your goals.

2. Leading research

Several subjects are rated top in Scotland for research – you will have access to cutting edge developments in your field. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise, 10 percent of Stirling research was judged to be 'world leading' and a further 75 percent was defined as 'internationally excellent' and 'internationally recognised'.

3. Excellent prospects

93 percent of our graduates are in employment or further study six months after graduation (Higher Education Statistics Agency, 2010).

4. Latest technology

Most of the bedrooms in our halls are networked and there are wireless hubs throughout the campus.

5. Stunning environment

"Where else can you study on the shores of a loch, by an 18th-century castle, beneath rolling hills?"

(The Guardian University Guide)

6. Central location

Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Highlands are all on your doorstep – Stirling really is Scotland's heart.

7. Friendly atmosphere

We're medium-sized, based on a campus, highly residential, with 90+ nationalities represented; there's a great community feel.

8. Cracking nightlife

Stirling is a friendly, buzzing and youthful city, with lots to do. One in every five residents is a student.

9. Superb sport

We have some of the finest facilities on a single site in the UK. No wonder we've been designated Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence.

10. You're going to love it

A resounding 89 percent of students were satisfied with their programme (National Student Survey, 2010). We have also been voted The Sunday Times Scottish University of the Year 2009/2010.