UNIVERSITY of STIRLING | International Study Centre

International student guide



SCOTLAND'S UNIVERSITY FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

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Fulfil your ambition on a campus like no other.



Thrive on an outstanding 330-acre campus, close to city life. Unlock your potential and graduate ready for a high-demand career.

World-class campus

1st in the UK, world top 10 for campus environment.

(International Student Barometer 2024)

5-star experience

5 QS Stars for teaching, employability, global engagement and facilities.

(QS Stars University Ratings 2024)

Tailored degrees

Specialise in different subjects to create your unique Combined Honours degree.

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1st in the UK, 2nd in the world for sports facilities.

(International Student Barometer 2024)



98%

of pathway students were eligible to continue to the University of Stirling in 2024

(Of those who successfully passed their programme)

Your pathway to success

The International Study Centre is your first step towards the University of Stirling. Located at the heart of campus, we'll help you prepare for your degree with expert support. Plus, access world-class facilities from day one. We can't wait to welcome you!



"The International Study Centre prepared me for the rest of my university experience. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to complete my degree at university in the UK."

Etenia, Germany

- International Foundation
- BA (Hons) Film and Media

96%

of our students feel prepared for their university studies

(Student Experience Survey 2025)

Meet our alumni

University of Stirling International Study Centre graduates achieve more, go further and stand out to employers for all the right reasons. Are you ready to join them?



"The International Study Centre helped me develop my academic writing skills and learn to understand research. I graduated with a Distinction and am now happy to be working as an Artificial Intelligence Engineer."

Winfred, Kenya

Artificial Intelligence Engineer

- Pre-Master's
- MSc Artificial Intelligence

Hear Winfred's story

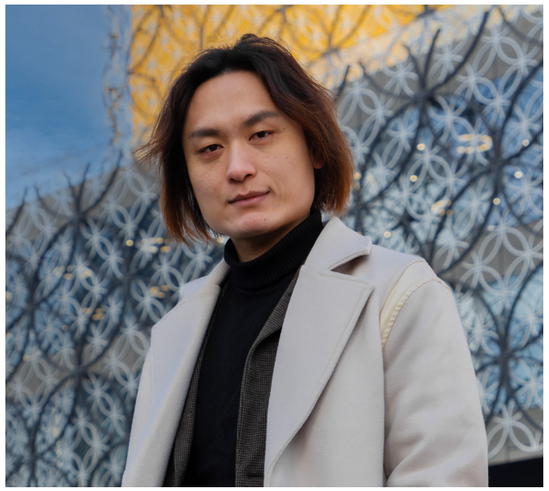
"I came to Stirling not only to experience a new culture, but to start my career in a global workplace. Before my Master's degree, I completed Pre-sessional English at the International Study Centre. It made me feel more confident with my English speaking and writing."

Teemo, Mainland China

Business Analyst at JD Logistics UK

- Pre-sessional English
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Hear Teemo's story



93%

of our students achieve a 1st, 2:1 or 2:2

(Based on International Study Centre students who graduated in 2023/24)

Check out more of our students' success stories:
stirisc.com/success



"My International Study Centre experience was fantastic. The staff were open-minded, warm-hearted and very supportive. I studied with students from all over the world and made friends for life."

Ben, Germany

Brand Consultant at Totally Management

- International Foundation
- BA (Hons) Sport Business Management



"My degree led me to a graduate programme at NatWest Group (RBS) in Edinburgh. Both the centre and the university equipped me with practical knowledge I've used in this job since day one."

Arlana, Kazakhstan

Risk Analyst at Cotts & Co (NatWest Group)

- Undergraduate Degree with International Foundation
- BA (Hons) Economics and Finance



"I gained a lot of confidence at the International Study Centre. It gave me everything I needed to continue to my university degree, including fluency in English."

Juan, Venezuela

Product Manager at CARTO

- International Foundation
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science

Fast-track your future career

Your success is our priority. Every Stirling degree has employability built in – and our programmes help you gain the skills and experience to go further, faster.

Graduate success

96% of Stirling graduates are employed or pursuing further study within 15 months after graduation.

(HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21)

Specialist guidance

Dedicated Employability Consultant for international students, plus exclusive access to the International Careers Forum.

My Stirling Award

Show future employers your passion and drive, including participation in clubs, societies and work experience.

Learn more about boosting your employability:
stirisc.com/employability



Discover Stirling

Vibrant, affordable, safe and student-friendly, Stirling blends beautiful surroundings with bold opportunities.

94%
student satisfaction with the local area
(Student Experience Survey 2025)

Why students love Stirling

Small city, big adventures

The best place to visit in Scotland.

(Lonely Planet 2025)

Happy and welcoming

Join a welcoming community in Scotland's happiest place to live.

(Rightmove Happy at Home Index 2024)

Safe and secure

Scotland's safest student city, where you can truly feel at home.

(The Complete University Guide 2024)

Well-connected

Scotland's main cities – Glasgow and Edinburgh – are less than an hour away.



"Stirling is very international, so it was quite easy to settle into life here. You feel at home fast with the help of friends in the global community."

Stefanie, Malaysia

- International Foundation
- BA (Hons) Journalism Studies

Learn more about life in Stirling, including living costs:
stirisc.com/living

Explore Scotland

Beautiful and historical with a thriving economy, Scotland is the perfect place to start your graduate career.



Why launch your career in Scotland?

The UK's highest graduate starting salaries and strongest professional employment record.

(HESA Graduate Outcomes Survey 2020/21)

Receives the most UK foreign investment outside London.

(EY Scotland Attractiveness Survey 2022)

Demand for tech professionals in Scotland surged by 200% in 1 year.

(Accenture UK Tech Talent Tracker 2022)



Not your average campus

Beautiful, world-class and designed to support your wellbeing. When it comes to university campuses, Stirling stands out.

From the cinema, gym, supermarket and doctor's surgery to an 18th-century castle, you'll find everything you need and more.





99%
student satisfaction with the campus environment
(Student Experience Survey 2025)

1. Airthrey Castle
2. The Link Bridge
3. Accommodation Village
4. Airthrey Loch
5. International Study Centre
6. Wallace Monument
7. Campus Central
   The heart of campus, featuring the library, Students' Union, Student Services Hub and Macrobert Arts Centre.
8. Sports Centre
9. National Tennis Centre
10. National Swimming Academy
    Home to Scottish Swimming and a 50m Olympic pool.

Watch a fly-through drone tour of campus

Sport and wellbeing

Want to beat your personal best or discover a new passion? Whether you train like a pro or play for fun, with the UK's best sports facilities on campus, anything is possible.

(International Student Barometer 2024)

International Study Centre

Prepare for your degree alongside other international students at our modern and welcoming study centre.

Your space to learn

- Interactive classrooms and a state-of-the-art lecture theatre.
- Specialist support from our expert team, including extra guidance for students under 18.
- Welcome Week to help you meet people and get to know Stirling.
- Study spaces and a café serving international food.

"The centre takes very good care of its students. The staff were always there for me, both personally and academically."

Ngan, Vietnam

- Pre-Master's
- MSc Psychology (Conversion)



Your home on campus

Live in university-managed accommodation by the beautiful Airthrey Loch. You'll be 5 minutes from class and campus facilities, with 24/7 security and all bills included at no extra cost.

Explore your accommodation options:
stirisc.com/accommodation



Flexible degrees in future-focused subjects

Combine different subjects to create your unique study plan – or try a few before you specialise. With career-led options in high-demand industries, you'll graduate ready for what comes next.

Business and management

AACSB ACCREDITED

Learn how organisations innovate at a career-focused, research-driven business school.

Prestigious recognition

University of Stirling Business School courses are accredited by AACSB International – an accolade held by only 6% of business schools globally.

Real-world application

Apply your learnings to a real-world consultancy project, developing your business experience.

Network as you learn

Engage with entrepreneurs and senior executives from the private, public and third sectors.

Computing, AI, analytics and data science

Develop the academic knowledge and practical skills you need to lead the way in tech.

Nurturing talent

Member of The Data Lab – an Innovation Centre developing data science talent, teaching skills required by the tech industry in Scotland.

Industry links

Connections with global companies like HSBC, IBM and Adobe, plus interactive talks from top tech employers.

Professional accreditation

Software Engineering degrees accredited by the British Computer Society, fast-tracking your Chartered IT Professional status.

Nursing

Train for a fulfilling career delivering personalised care and helping people lead healthier lives.

Clinically excellent

Placements at NHS Forth Valley and on-campus clinical laboratories ensure the best possible training.

Study abroad

Engage in the global health community and gain valuable experience through study abroad opportunities.

Accredited degrees

Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) approved, so you'll be ready to register as a nurse when you graduate.

Psychology

The British Psychological Society
Accredited Undergraduate Psychology

Explore the human mind and earn an accredited degree from an award-winning department.

Impactful research

2nd in Scotland
for research impact in Psychology

(Research Excellence Framework 2021)

Conversion degrees

No psychology experience? No problem. Convert to our Master's programme without a psychology undergraduate degree.

Student satisfaction

2nd in Scotland
for student satisfaction in Psychology

(National Student Survey 2022)

Sport

Kick-start your career in the sports industry at Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence.

Specialist subjects

A wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate options, including sport psychology, management and science.

Industry partnerships

Partnerships with national sporting bodies, such as Scottish Swimming, providing networking and career opportunities.

Work experience

Placements and internships with local authorities, leisure trusts and professional sports clubs.





Our programmes

Prepare for your degree with pathways designed in partnership with the University of Stirling. Most Scottish undergraduate degrees last 4 years, but you can graduate in 3-4 years depending on your qualifications.

Pathway programmes

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Completion of 12 years of schooling or equivalent	3–4 TERMS International Foundation	Undergraduate degree	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
	3–4 TERMS Undergraduate Degree with International Foundation (iCAS)	Undergraduate degree	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Completion of A levels, first year of university or equivalent	3–4 TERMS International Year Two	Undergraduate degree		YEAR 3	YEAR 4
	3–4 TERMS Undergraduate Degree with International Year Two (iCAS)	Undergraduate degree		YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Completion of undergraduate degree, diploma or equivalent	1–4 TERMS Pre-Master's	Postgraduate degree			YEAR 1
	1–4 TERMS Postgraduate Degree with Pre-Master's (iCAS)	Postgraduate degree			YEAR 1

English language courses

Academic English

- Increase your IELTS score by up to 1 band per term.
- Learn the academic vocabulary you'll need for your degree.
- Develop study skills such as debating, interpreting, presenting and essay writing.

Pre-sessional English

- English language and study skills for University of Stirling offer holders.
- Improve your IELTS score by 0.5–1.0 points depending on your study length.
- Online and on-campus courses available.

Combine your degree and pathway programme

Our iCAS – integrated Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) – programmes make studying abroad simple. Your pathway and degree are combined in a single study plan – and you'll only need one visa.

Why choose iCAS?

- One visa for the full length of your study plan, with no requirement to return home between programmes.
- Improve your subject knowledge, English language and academic skills in preparation for your degree.
- Enhanced course content, including work experience placements for Pre-Master's students.
- Apply with a range of English language qualifications, not just IELTS.
- Regular start dates and flexible study lengths to suit different English language levels.

Undergraduate Degree with International Foundation

Combine your International Foundation with a range of undergraduate degree subjects, including:

- Business and management
- Data science and AI
- Economics
- Finance
- Law
- Psychology
- Sport and exercise science

Scan the QR code to find out more

Undergraduate Degree with International Year Two

Combine your International Year Two with a range of undergraduate degree subjects, including:

- Accounting
- Business and management
- Computing science
- Data science
- Film and media
- Marketing
- Psychology

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Postgraduate Degree with Pre-Master's

Combine your Pre-Master's with a range of postgraduate degree subjects, including:

- Artificial intelligence
- Business and management
- Financial technology
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Psychology
- Sport management

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Prepare for success at Stirling and beyond

Build your academic knowledge and English language skills in preparation for your University of Stirling degree.

International Foundation

Leads to Year 2 of a 4-year Scottish undergraduate degree.

- Bridges the gap between high school and university study.
- Modules tailored to build the academic knowledge you need for your chosen degree.
- English language classes develop your skills to meet the university's requirements.
- Earn a qualification recognised by other UK universities.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- Business
- Computer science
- Data science
- Engineering
- Media
- Nursing
- Sport science.

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International Year Two

Leads to Year 3 of a 4-year Scottish undergraduate degree.

- Complete your pathway and degree in 3 years, saving time and money.
- Study the same modules as Year 2 university students, learning alongside them for some academic modules.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- Accounting
- Business and management
- Computing science
- Data science
- Film and media
- Marketing
- Psychology.

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Pre-Master's

Leads to a postgraduate degree.

- Increase your knowledge of academic theory and subjects related to your degree.
- Develop advanced study skills such as research, critical thinking and written communication.
- Flexible start dates, course lengths and online options.

Which degrees can I study?

Prepare for degrees in a range of subjects, including:

- Artificial intelligence
- Behavioural science
- Big data
- Digital marketing
- Finance
- Journalism
- International business
- Psychology
- Sport management.

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Stand out from the crowd

92%

of students felt more prepared for their studies

After completing Get Ready to Study (UK Arrival Survey 2024)

Prepare for your studies and your career with our free pre-arrival and employability programmes.

Before you arrive

Get Ready to Study

Start your journey with confidence. This online programme covers UK life, study skills and career support – all at your own pace.

Find out more:
intostudy.com/get-ready-to-study

While you study

Get Work Ready

Prepare for career success. Set goals, build your CV and develop workplace skills while you study your pathway.

Find out more:
intostudy.com/get-work-ready

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stirisc.com

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