

UNIVERSITY of  
STIRLING



# INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

**ARE YOU READY TO  
DISCOVER SCOTLAND?**

# WELCOME

I'm delighted that you're considering the University of Stirling as your International Summer School (ISS) destination. Whether you're looking to spend your time here studying interesting modules, undertaking work experience or going on fun trips around Scotland, we're sure you'll have an unforgettable summer.

Scotland is renowned for being friendly and welcoming, and you'll soon feel at home at Stirling. We're very proud of our international student body, and we're better for it. We welcome thousands of international students every year, with more than 120 nationalities represented on campus. During your time with us, you'll be able to make friends from around the world.

This is an invaluable experience that will help you appreciate new cultures and gain crucial skills and perspectives that will broaden your horizons. Taking part will also show future employers your ambition and self-reliance, helping you to stand out.

Our ISS allows students to experience student life at the University of Stirling and enjoy everything that Scotland has to offer, while gaining credits towards your degree at your home institution.

The ISS experience doesn't just take place in the classroom. You can benefit from one of our internship opportunities at local organisations, have fun and explore Scotland during your stay, with weekly social activities and day trips.

We hope to see you on campus during the summer of 2019.



**Jennifer Harrison**  
Director of Communications, Marketing and Recruitment



**1ST**  
**IN SCOTLAND FOR**  
**GOOD CAMPUS**  
**ENVIRONMENT**  
Times Higher Education Student  
Experience Survey 2017



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The University of Stirling is an international university with a global reputation for excellence in teaching in a research-led environment.

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

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

At Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, you'll be able to enjoy our world-class sports facilities, including the National Tennis Centre, the MP Jackson Fitness Centre and the National Swimming Academy.



**QS EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR**  
**TEACHING**  
**EMPLOYABILITY**  
**INTERNATIONALISATION**  
**FACILITIES**

QS World University Rankings 2018



#ScotlandWelcomesTheWorld

**SCOTLAND IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD**  
Rough Guide 2017



Credit: VisitScotland

**EDUCATION**

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

**BEAUTY**

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

**SPORT**

From Scotland's biggest ever medal haul at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, to Team Scotland's preparations for Gold Coast 2018, our country is a haven for sporting success. Glasgow also hosted its first-ever European Championships in 2018, and British Swimming used the University of Stirling's stunning campus to prepare for the games. With world-class facilities, strong community links and our great outdoors just waiting for you, why not take up a new sport or outdoor activity when you're here? You'll find lots to inspire you in Scotland!

**FOOD AND DRINK**

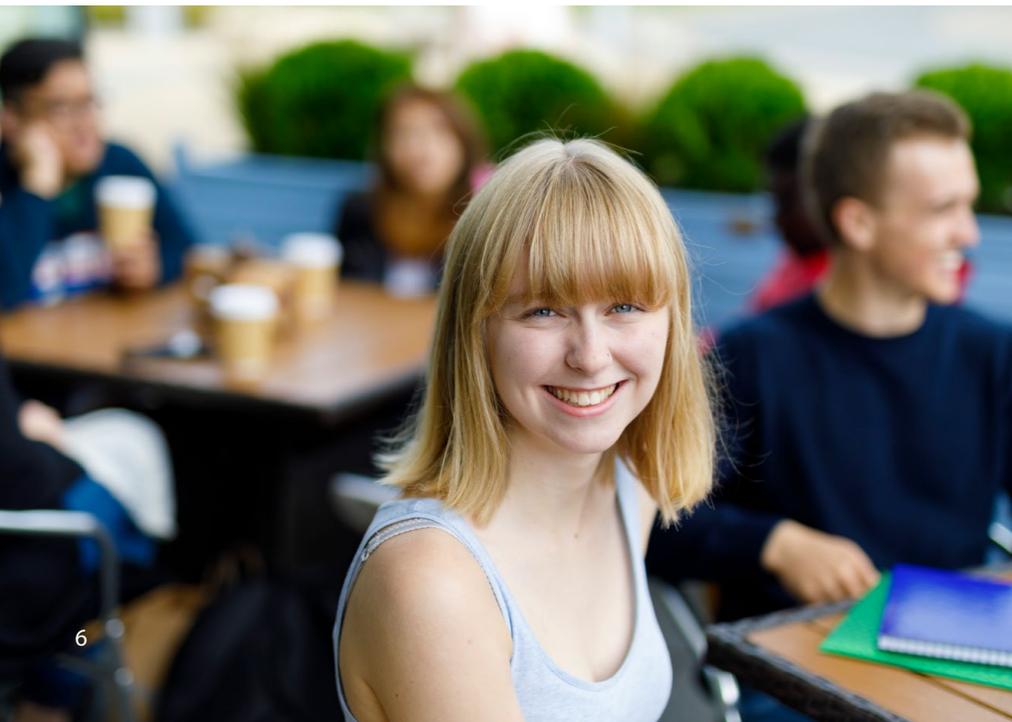
Scotland is renowned for its unique cuisine and internationally acclaimed whisky. The country boasts an incredible culinary tradition with no fewer than 13 Michelin-star restaurants. No Scottish experience is complete without a hearty serving of haggis, neeps and tatties. Meanwhile, some of the globe's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

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**DISCOVER SCOTLAND**

# YOUR STIRLING

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



**20%**  
OF THE POPULATION  
IN STIRLING IS  
AGED BETWEEN 16  
AND 29 YEARS

National Records of Scotland 2017

## PUB AND GRUB

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

## SOAK UP THE CULTURE

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

## SHOPPING IN STYLE

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

## GET CONNECTED

Stirling's central location means getting across Scotland couldn't be easier. Glasgow and Edinburgh are both within easy reach for a day of shopping or a night out. With around 130 gigs a week in Glasgow, and the world's biggest arts festival in Edinburgh, you're not going to want to miss out on either city.



**1ST**  
IN SCOTLAND FOR  
TEACHERS,  
LECTURERS  
AND FEEDBACK

International Student Barometer 2016



**"I had the most amazing time during the International Summer School. I highly recommend it for anybody – Scotland has so much to offer! Amazing people, amazing scenery and the best summer school programme – it was so much fun."**

Sarah Geddes  
Victoria University, Australia



**"My favourite part of my International Summer School experience was meeting new people and travelling across Scotland. I really enjoyed the Farewell Ceilidh to celebrate our last night here in true Scottish style!"**

James McGee  
University of Memphis, USA



## THE INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The University of Stirling welcomes students from all around the world to take part in our International Summer School.

Our dynamic programme will allow you to experience student life at the University, while gaining credits towards your course at your home institution.

Lecturers and tutors at Stirling are experts and leaders in their field.

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The International Summer School offers the unique opportunity to undertake an internship and gain valuable international work experience.

The ISS is run by a dedicated team within the University that will ensure you enjoy a rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience through your education, social and cultural programme.



**IN SCOTLAND FOR WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

International Student Barometer 2016

### AIRTHREY GOLF COURSE

Less than a five-minute walk from student accommodation, our nine-hole golf course is right on your doorstep.

### AIRTHREY CASTLE

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

### ANDREW MILLER BUILDING

This is the heart of the University, made up of the atrium, library, Students' Union and the MacRobert Arts Centre.

### UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING INNOVATION PARK

Home to cutting-edge research and development companies.

### WALLACE MONUMENT

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

### STIRLING COURT HOTEL

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

### COTTRELL BUILDING

The Cottrell Building is home to the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Stirling Management School.

### AIRTHREY LOCH

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

### STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

Home to our students, with over 2,500 bedrooms across 20 residences on and off campus.

### SPITTAL HILL

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

### NATIONAL SWIMMING ACADEMY

Home to Scottish Swimming and our world-class student athletes, who practise more than 35 hours per week in our Olympic pool.

### NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

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

### PATHFOOT BUILDING

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

# OUR CAMPUS



# ISSUE MODULES

**BLOCK 1:**  **8 JUNE – 6 JULY 2019**  
**BLOCK 2:**  **6 JULY – 3 AUGUST 2019**

**MODULES AVAILABLE**

Our experienced teaching staff is dedicated to your success, and our course modules (classes) have been tailored to help you get the most out of your studies in Scotland.

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

**BLOCK 1:**  
8 JUNE - 6 JULY 2019

Brief Encounters: An Introduction to Writing Short Stories ([ISSU9BE](#))

Education and Learning: A Scottish Perspective ([ISSU9EL](#))

Marketing and Branding Scotland ([ISSU9BS](#))

Photographing the Urban ([ISSU9PU](#))

The Psychology of Art with a Tartan Twist ([ISSU9AR](#))

Religion and Conflict ([ISSU9RC](#))

Royals and Rascals: Contemporary Studies in British Journalism ([ISSU9JO](#))

Celtic Religion ([ISSU9CR](#))

Bonny Bairns and Cheeky Rascals: Changing Perspectives of Childhood in a Scottish Context ([ISSU9BB](#))

Scotland on the Screen ([ISSU9SS](#))

Scottish Wars of Independence c. 1286 - 1371 ([ISSU9TW](#))

Rethinking the City: Explaining Scotland's Urban Design ([ISSU9RE](#))

**BLOCK 2:**  
6 JULY - 3 AUGUST 2019

Internship for International Summer School ([ISSU9IN](#))

Crime and Justice in Scotland: The Criminal in Scottish Society ([ISSU9CJ](#))

Green Politics: Theory and Practice ([ISSU9GP](#))

International Relations ([ISSU9IR](#))

Monsters and Vampires: The Impact of British Gothic on Contemporary Popular Culture ([ISSU9MV](#))

Scottish History: The Jacobites ([ISSU9TJ](#))

Scotland the What? Contemporary Scottish Literature and Identity ([ISSU9SC](#))

Junkies and Jezebels: Gender in Contemporary Scottish Culture ([ISSU9JJ](#))

Witchcraft in Early Modern Scotland ([ISSU9WS](#))

Modules are subject to change. Please visit [stir.ac.uk/iss](http://stir.ac.uk/iss) for the latest details.

**MODULES**

The modules (classes) are offered over two four-week blocks, so you can choose to study for four weeks or the full eight weeks.

If you choose to add an internship to your international experience, you will need to attend both Block 1 and Block 2.

Each module is accredited by the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), and is granted at 10 SCQF credits each.

The module number, US/ECTS credits, course length and Stirling credit (SCQF) are outlined below.



NUMBER OF MODULES	US/ECTS CREDITS	NUMBER OF WEEKS	SCQF CREDITS
2 modules	6 US credits/10ECTS credits	4 weeks (Block 1 or 2)	20
3 modules	9 US credits/15ECTS credits	8 weeks (Block 1 and 2)	30
4 modules	12 US credits/20ECTS credits	8 weeks (Block 1 and 2)	40

# EXCURSIONS



## MODULE EXCURSIONS

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

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

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

## INTERNSHIPS

If you're looking for a summer internship opportunity, the International Summer School (ISS) offers a unique chance to study and work abroad while gaining credits.

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

ISS internship students have successfully completed internships at organisations including:

- Basketball Scotland
- Creative Stirling
- Scottish Children's Reporter Administration
- Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Museum
- Forth Valley Disability Sport
- The Conservation Volunteers
- Marketing at the University of Stirling Management School

Please visit [stir.ac.uk/1po](http://stir.ac.uk/1po) for more information.

**97%** OF OUR UNDERGRADUATE LEAVERS ARE IN EMPLOYMENT OR FURTHER STUDY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATING

Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey 2016/17

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

Jeanne Cantwell  
Ohio, USA



# WHAT'S INCLUDED



## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Glasgow Airport and Edinburgh Airport arrivals and departures to and from campus are available at selected times on the first and last day of each block.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

## DAY TRIPS

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

## FAREWELL CEILIDH

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

## 24/7 SUPPORT

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

## ACCOMMODATION

You will enjoy luxury student accommodation within our campus.

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

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

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



# SOMEWHERE TO CALL HOME

# ARE YOU READY TO APPLY?

## FEES

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

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

BLOCK	CREDITS	PRICE
1 or 2	6 US/10 ECTS	£3,125
1 and 2	9 US/15 ECTS	£5,475
	12 US/20 ECTS	£5,900
1 and internship	9 US/15 ECTS	£5,475

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

## HOW TO APPLY

Applying is easy! Visit [stir.ac.uk/1pp](http://stir.ac.uk/1pp) to download our application form.

### DEADLINES

 **22 MARCH 2019**  
for internship applications

 **5 APRIL 2019**  
for all other applications

## OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD



### FLIGHTS TO SCOTLAND

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

**ABUJA** 9hrs 15mins  
**BERLIN** 1hr 30mins  
**BEIJING** 10hrs 30mins  
**HONG KONG** 11hrs 30mins  
**CHICAGO** 9hrs 50mins  
**LONDON** 1hr 15mins  
**SAN FRANCISCO** 12hrs 10mins  
**LOS ANGELES** 12hrs 45mins  
**NEW DELHI** 9hrs

**NEW YORK** 7hrs 30mins  
**OSLO** 1hr 45mins  
**PARIS** 1hr 30mins  
**TORONTO** 6hrs 40mins  
**SINGAPORE** 15hrs 30mins  
**SYDNEY** 24hrs 30mins  
**TAIPEI** 13hrs  
**TOKYO** 12hrs  
**VANCOUVER** 10hrs 35mins

### USEFUL WEBSITES

[edinburghairport.com](http://edinburghairport.com)  
[glasgowairport.com](http://glasgowairport.com)  
[stirlingdirect.org](http://stirlingdirect.org)  
[thetrainline.com](http://thetrainline.com)

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