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“You are now in a place where the best courses upon Earth are within your reach ... such an opportunity you will never again have.”

Thomas Jefferson, American Founding Father and President (speaking to his son-in-law, Thomas Mann Randolph, as he began his studies at Edinburgh in 1786)

The University

Our proud history and alumni ambassadors

For more than 400 years our staff and students have been making their mark on the world. They've explored space, revolutionised surgery, won Nobel Prizes, published era-defining books, run the country, paved the way for life-saving breakthroughs and laid the foundations for solving the mysteries of the universe. By choosing further study or research at Edinburgh you will be joining a community of scholars who have been at the forefront of knowledge since 1583.

We are associated with 20 Nobel Prize winners, including physicists Peter Higgs, Charles Barkla and Max Born, medical researcher Peter Doherty, economist Sir James Mirrlees and biologist Sir Paul Nurse. Our distinguished alumni include NASA astronaut Piers Sellers, former MI5 Director-General Dame Stella Rimington, Olympians Sir Chris Hoy and Katherine Grainger and historical greats such as philosopher David Hume, physicist and mathematician James Clerk Maxwell, inventor Alexander Graham Bell and Sherlock Holmes creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Teaching and research excellence

We are consistently ranked as one of the world's top 50 universities. We are 17th in the 2014/15 QS World University Rankings. As host to more than 30,000 students from some 137 countries, studying across 100 academic disciplines, the University of Edinburgh continues to attract the world's greatest minds. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, 83 per cent of our research was judged world-leading or internationally excellent. We're ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the quality and breadth of our research. Our excellent teaching was also confirmed in the latest report from the Quality Assurance Agency, which awarded us the highest rating possible for the quality of the student learning experience.

Collaborations and international partnerships

As an internationally renowned centre of academic excellence, Edinburgh is the site of many world-class research collaborations. Our postgraduate students are crucial to our continued success and development and, along with our staff, they forge research links through regular travel and overseas exchanges. We take pride in our partnerships with other institutions such as the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Stanford University, the University of Melbourne, Peking University, the University of Delhi

and the University of KwaZulu-Natal – to name but a few. We are a member of both the League of European Research Universities and the Coimbra Group, giving us strong links with leading European institutions from Barcelona to Berlin.

Linking research and commerce

Edinburgh was one of the first UK universities to actively develop commercial links with industry, government and the professions. Edinburgh Research and Innovation (ERI) has continued, for the past four decades, to develop the promotion and commercialisation of the University's research excellence. ERI assists our postgraduates in taking a first step to market, whether it is through collaborative research, licensing technology or providing consultancy services.

Enhancing your career

We're ranked 18th in the world for the employability of our graduates.* With one of the best track records for graduate employment in the Russell Group, we are committed to embedding employability into your teaching and learning experience. From offering access to volunteering schemes to providing support from our sector-leading Careers Service, the University provides myriad opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and experience giving you the edge in a competitive job market.

An inspiring destination

Your first-class education will take place in one of Europe's most striking capital cities, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that is regularly voted one of the best places in the world to live. Edinburgh enjoys a solid reputation as a centre for innovation, whether as home to the 18th-century Scottish Enlightenment, as a modern source of pioneering science, medicine and technology, or as the host of the world's largest and longest-established arts festival. You couldn't ask for a more inspiring setting in which to further your knowledge and broaden your horizons.

Join us

Edinburgh offers unparalleled academic breadth and diversity, making it a vibrant, challenging and stimulating environment for postgraduate study. Whether you plan to change direction, enhance your existing career or develop in-depth knowledge of your area of study, the University of Edinburgh provides a world-class learning experience.

* Latest Emerging Global Employability University Rankings

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL & POLITICAL SCIENCE

The School of Social & Political Science provides an intellectually vibrant teaching and research environment, boasting an international community of more than 200 world-class academic staff and 700 postgraduate students.

The School was established to promote a culture of interdisciplinary research and collaboration across various subject areas, research groups and centres. These include the subject areas politics and international relations, social anthropology, social policy, social work, sociology and science, technology and innovation studies; the Centres of Canadian Studies, African Studies and South Asian Studies; and an array of specialist institutes and centres for the study of governance, public policy, global development, the EU, families and relationships, criminal justice, social work and innovation in genomics.

The School is one of Europe's leading lights for research in the social sciences. In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 77 per cent of our research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent and all of our assessed research units were ranked in the top eight in the UK. Our research has recently attracted large grants from the Economic and Social Research Council, EU Framework Programmes and the Leverhulme Trust, among others.

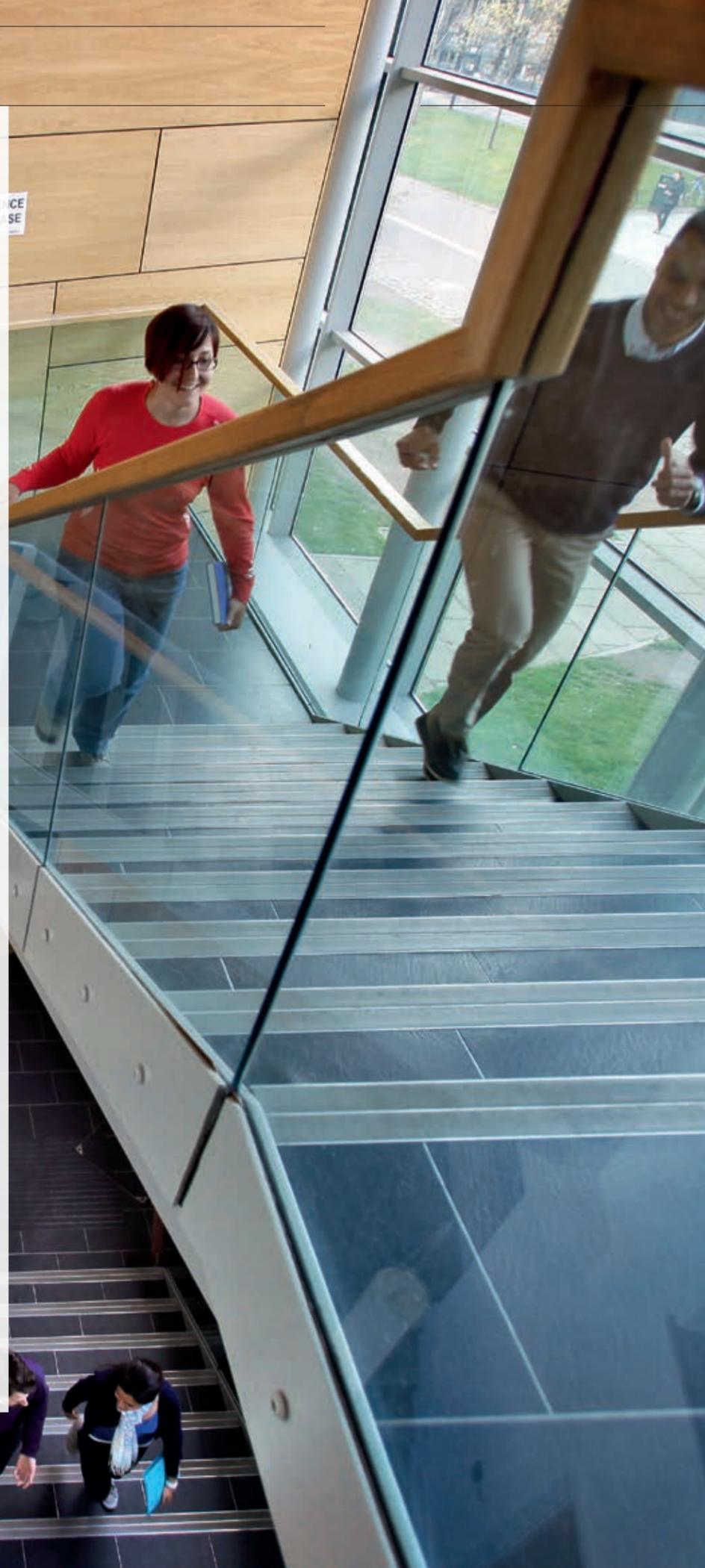
With faculty members coming from across the world, and many dynamic international research collaborations, the School has outstanding global connections. Edinburgh is a member of the League of European Research Universities, a 21-strong partnership of Europe's top multi-faculty universities, and the Coimbra Group, a network of 40 European universities, including some of the oldest and most prestigious on the continent.

We have established close ties with the National University of Singapore and the University of Bremen in Germany, while membership of the Universitas 21 network has greatly enhanced our ability to collaborate, linking us to high-profile universities all around the world: three in Australia, three in the UK, two each in the US, Canada and China and one each in Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden and Holland.

The Graduate School

Our international and interdisciplinary approach cuts across traditional social science boundaries, bringing together outstanding teachers and researchers from across the University to inspire and challenge you. We attract a diverse body of students from across the world, some continuing their studies straight after undergraduate degrees, others returning to study after a period of employment. Over the past five years more than half of our postgraduate students have come from outside the UK. Providing a meeting place for cultures and perspectives is a valuable part of the experience we offer.

We encourage you to explore the wide range of research going on in the School, before deciding what programme to apply for. We offer more than 30 taught programmes, and a growing range of research degrees. Our postgraduate students are supported by the Graduate School Office, an accessible point of personal contact for prospective and existing students.



Facilities and resources

Your postgraduate experience will take place within our historic campus, centred around the attractive buildings of George Square in the heart of the city.

Our location gives you easy access to outstanding University-wide facilities, including the Main Library, one of the biggest university libraries in the UK, and the oldest purpose-built student union in the world.

All postgraduate students have 24-hour access to hotdesks, lockers and networked printers, shared study space and a common room. PhD students have dedicated hotdesk areas and access to the Graduate School's laptop loan scheme in their first year of study; in second year you move to shared office facilities. We are able to offer financial support to PhD students who are presenting their work at academic conferences and for student-led special initiatives.

All postgraduate students will be able to register for the University's wireless and VPN services. The School is equipped with wi-fi throughout and makes full use of managed desktop services for seamless support.

Social and political capital

Many of our postgraduate students find inspiration from studying in our vibrant capital city, where social and political issues, current and historical, are woven into the fabric of the cityscape and are never far from the surface of daily life. Our proximity to the institutions of government in Scotland offers a range of opportunities for public engagement and knowledge exchange.

Meanwhile, our flexible online distance learning programmes allow you to gain all the benefits of a masters degree from our School without leaving your home, wherever that may be, or interrupting your career.

Collections of the University

The University's collections are unique in their depth and diversity. Managed by the Centre for Research Collections, and housed in the Main Library at the heart of our central campus, they span more than 500,000 rare books, scientific and cultural artefacts from around the world, historically significant musical instrument collections, specialist museum collections, and manuscripts.

Highlights include the world's oldest surviving Gaelic text; a page from the final draft of Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*, as well as two copies of the first edition; Adam Smith's original library; Alexander Fleming's sample of mould used to make penicillin; original quartos of Shakespeare plays, with notes in the margins from 16th-century actors; the thermometer of chemist Joseph Black; and original Sir Isaac Newton diagrams in David Gregory manuscripts of 1692.

University archivists – with a broad spectrum of expertise – make it their priority to ensure these items are accessible by our students, researchers and staff. Our extensive Data Library provides resources, facilities and specialist support for social scientists working on statistical data.

Name of note

Our School is housed in the Chrystal Macmillan Building, named after the University's first female science graduate, who became a prominent voice in the women's rights movement.

Community

The Graduate School is not only a lively and thriving academic environment – we also have a wide range of social events.

These include the Graduate School's welcome ceilidh (Scottish dance) at the start of the academic year, a Christmas celebration and a traditional Burns Supper in January, as well as a drinks reception for students and their families at graduation. We also host a community salon night every month where students and staff talk about their work in a sociable, fun environment.

We also have a student-led Graduate School Club, which organises a wide variety of social events – and there are many other events going on within the School's subject areas.

For example, many of our programmes call for periods of study away from the UK, and our students have seen the benefit of recording their experiences in photography and film. Every year they review the best of their fieldwork photographs and hold an exhibition, with pictures auctioned for scholarship funds.

Many of our research groups host impressive ventures in which you can play a major role. For example, our Gender and Politics Research Group (GPRG) brings together researchers across politics and international relations, exploring issues relating to the broad themes of gender relations, power, institutions and change. In 2012 an offshoot of the GPRG organised the highly successful Researching Feminist Futures conference.



Employability and graduate attributes

We are dedicated to providing you with the best possible support for the successful completion of your studies and in preparation for your future. We believe supporting your academic and professional development plays a large part in this.

Here in the Graduate School of Social & Political Science we conduct an intensive induction, providing extensive networking opportunities and explaining how to make the most of your time here.

For research students, we provide a mixture of generic interdisciplinary training and specialist training, focusing on research design, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. Some of our taught masters programmes, offer the chance to undertake a work-based placement instead of the traditional academic dissertation.

We provide training seminars within both taught and research programmes and practical workshops in a range of skills including how to prepare for fieldwork, ethical issues, how to write an academic CV, how to network and thinking about publication plans and presentations.

Institute for Academic Development

All of our postgraduate students can benefit from the University's Institute for Academic Development (IAD), which provides information, events and courses to develop the skills you will need throughout your studies and in the future.

Further information is available online:
www.ed.ac.uk/iad/postgraduates

For taught postgraduates, the IAD provides a growing range of tailored study-related and transferable skills workshops, plus online advice and learning resources. These are all designed to help you settle into postgraduate life, succeed during your studies, and move confidently to the next stage of your career.

The IAD also offers one of the longest-established researcher development training packages in the UK. Our experts will help you gain the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to move on to the next stage in your career, be that in academia or beyond.

The Institute provides research students with dedicated training in topics such as research management; personal effectiveness; communication skills; public engagement, networking and teamworking; leadership; and career management. You can gain expertise in information technology and presentation skills; confidence in undertaking independent and creative research; the ability to critically evaluate source materials; and the capacity to construct intellectually rigorous arguments. By developing these broader professional skills and qualities, our postgraduate students are always in high demand.

Careers Service

The University's award-winning Careers Service aims to expand the horizons of all our students, empowering you to make successful career decisions. It works closely with the University's Employability Consultancy to support students to take advantage of every opportunity to enhance your employability while studying.

The Service provides specialist support for postgraduate students to help with career planning and decision making. Its team of friendly experts can support you to explore different career options, identify your skills and what you want out of a career, think about effective job search strategies, and prepare for job applications and interviews.

The Service has a team dedicated to developing our already strong links with employers from all industries and employment sectors; from the world's top recruiters to small enterprises based here in Edinburgh. The team provides a programme of opportunities for students to meet employers on campus and virtually, and advertises a wide range of part-time and graduate jobs.

More information:
www.ed.ac.uk/careers/postgrad

Connect.ed

Edinburgh encourages its alumni to stay in touch with current students who are interested in a similar career path. Connect.ed is a networking system run by the Careers Service that provides a confidential opportunity for alumni to share their occupational knowledge and experience with current students, who can contact them for advice and guidance on their future career.

More information:
www.ed.ac.uk/careers/connected

Backing bright ideas

LAUNCH.ed is the University's award-winning programme for student entrepreneurs. Each year, LAUNCH.ed works with hundreds of students to assess their ideas and develop their business skills and helps many start their businesses. We have helped Edinburgh students and alumni launch almost 100 new businesses in the last three years, ranging from language tuition to robotics companies.

More information:
www.LAUNCH.ed.ac.uk

Teaching opportunities

There are many opportunities for PhD students to tutor and lecture, so you can develop your teaching and organisational skills. We have a wide range of popular undergraduate courses that employ PhD students as tutors. Some PhD students are also able to deliver lectures on their research topic.

“Being part of the University of Edinburgh opens up networks of contacts with experts and other students in the field.”

Nasreen Akhter, MSc Social Anthropology

Taught programmes

We offer a broad range of taught postgraduate programmes, from professional training to masters degrees that are the perfect preparation for academic research.

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/442

Advanced Professional Studies (Adult Protection)

PgCert 1 yr PT (UK/EU students only)

Programme description

This programme has been developed in response to the introduction of the Adult Protection and Support (Scotland) Act 2007 that puts at the forefront of contemporary professional practice and priorities, the importance of working with adults who are at risk of harm.

The programme is intended for experienced practitioners (minimum two years post-qualifying experience) from a range of relevant agencies providing services to adults at risk of harm.

Please note, this programme is not currently running, but enquiries are welcome for future academic years.

Programme structure

The programme is structured around 12 days of taught courses on-campus and eight days of online learning.

Career opportunities

This programme is intended to build on your existing skills and improve your professional abilities. On completion, you will be better placed to take on more advanced roles within your existing workplace, or apply for those that offer a greater degree of responsibility. Advanced study such as this also provides a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to your current role or used to enhance future employment prospects in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country), and two years' relevant social work experience.

English language requirements

See page 38.

Fees and funding

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate
For funding information see also page 36.

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Advanced Social Work Studies (Mental Health Officer Award)

PgCert 1 yr PT (UK/EU students only)

Programme description

This programme is the postgraduate qualification for qualified social workers wishing to practise as mental health officers (MHOs). It has been designed by, and is delivered in partnership with, 12 local authorities in the east of Scotland. It focuses upon the role of the MHO in relation to relevant Scottish legislation. In addition to the taught elements, students undertake two periods of assessed MHO practice.

Under Section 32(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 local authorities have a statutory duty to appoint and provide training for MHOs to undertake mandatory MHO responsibilities, enshrined in legislation: mainly the 2003 Act, but also the Adults with Incapacity Act 2000 and the Criminal Proceedings Act 1995. This programme's primary aim is to provide the required MHO qualification in partnership with the East of Scotland MHO Award Partnership.

Programme structure

The programme comprises 12 taught days and eight days of online learning over two semesters. Students also undertake two periods of assessed MHO practice (32 days each) which are organised and supported by their employing local authority.

Career opportunities

This qualification is for qualified social workers wishing to practise as mental health officers (MHOs).

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country), and two years' relevant social work experience. You must be employed and supported by one of the local authorities within the East of Scotland MHO Partnership catchment area to qualify.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate
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Africa & International Development

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

The MSc programme in Africa and International Development offers a unique combination of regional expertise with a focus on the theory and practice of international development. The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh is one of Europe's premier hubs for research and teaching on sub-Saharan Africa and we offer our students the analytical and practical tools needed to engage with the challenges faced by international development today.

Our philosophy emphasises critical engagement advancing from a thorough knowledge of the history of international development and critical assessment of development practice in Africa to pragmatic engagement. Our teaching is research-driven and will familiarise you with cutting-edge research in the field. The programme will enable you to make a real difference in the design and implementation of development policies and projects.

Programme structure

You will take two compulsory core courses and four option courses including courses on African politics, public health, transitional justice, gender and development, mineral extraction and Africa's postcolonial history. The final part of the programme is the dissertation, which can be based on independent, empirical, social science research or a study conducted within the context of a work-based placement in Africa.

We offer a limited number of work-based placements exclusively to our students, which provide the unique opportunity to apply academic training to real-world problems. They feature eight weeks of on-location research with a host organisation. Our extensive network of partners in the UK and a large number of African countries (including Liberia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Malawi, Kenya and Tanzania) includes NGOs, charities, social enterprises, think tanks and government bodies, ensuring a rewarding student experience. You will acquire key skills and practical, first-hand experience of working in international development in Africa.

Career opportunities

The programme equips you to pursue a successful international career in development working for charities, NGOs, government agencies, international organisations, think tanks, news media and lobby groups. Our programme also serves as a stepping-stone for a career in research or academia. In general, it will be of particular use to those who want to be able to draw on a comprehensive, in-depth knowledge of lived realities when addressing the challenges faced by Africans today.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 honours undergraduate degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Africa & International Development



PgCert 9 mths PT

Programme description

This programme is designed for those with an interest in international development who wish to develop analytical and theoretical skills along with an in-depth knowledge of development issues in the African continent.

International development in Africa raises a complex set of issues. In this programme, you'll draw on our Centre of African Studies' longstanding reputation as a global hub of Africanist expertise to develop a deeper understanding of these issues.

Suitable for both students and professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds, the programme combines theory and practice in seeking to contextualise and analyse the processes that have shaped poverty and underdevelopment in Africa, and the many responses to these issues.

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Development Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-development

Programme structure

You will study three courses over nine months. The courses are taught using a range of innovative interactive teaching methods.

Career opportunities

This qualification in Africa & International Development offers a multidisciplinary grasp of issues that will be of use when pursuing a career in development agencies, consultancy, the public sector and non-governmental organisations. In addition, you will develop a range of transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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For funding information see also page 36.

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See also...

Some of the School of Social & Political Science's taught masters programmes are closely related to those in other Schools and Colleges. You may be interested in programmes offered by other Schools, particularly the Schools of Biological Sciences; Education; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences; Health in Social Science; or GeoSciences.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request

“I did a work-based placement for Link Community Scotland, analysing partnerships between schools in Scotland and Malawi. A work-based placement stands out on your CV and you definitely leave with really strong transferable skills.”

Andy Houlihan, MSc Africa & International Development

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/298

African Studies

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This is an established and highly regarded programme that offers an intensive introduction to the study of Africa.

The MSc in African Studies provides the analytical tools and the empirical knowledge to understand some of the fundamental forces that are shaping Africa in the 21st century. It is the longest running programme offered by the Centre of African Studies, one of the world's leading centres of Africa-focused knowledge and research, and has recently been restructured to meet growing student demand. It retains its core strengths of anthropology, politics and history, but it now offers students a greater Africa-focused research component, along with a suite of exciting new option courses to better suit diverse research and employment interests. It also provides the research training necessary to progress to PhD study. The programme is suitable for those students with some existing knowledge of the continent and who want to enhance their Africa-specific research skills. It is equally appropriate to those students whose existing knowledge of Africa is more limited.

Programme structure

You will complete three compulsory courses and three option courses (offered either by the Centre of African Studies, other subject groups in the School of Social & Political Science, or other Schools within the University). A weekly seminar series and other events will enhance your learning. After the taught courses, you will work towards your independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

Past students have continued on to doctoral programmes in the UK and overseas, and to careers related to, or in, Africa with non-governmental organisations, international organisations, governments, universities and in the private sector. In addition, you will develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, and research skills, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

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Childhood Studies

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This is an intensive interdisciplinary programme, designed to explore issues such as child law and how it is implemented through policy and practice, and the implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child for child welfare, disability, education, family studies, juvenile justice, social policy and social work.

This programme responds to the increasing importance of the study of childhood in disciplines as widespread as philosophy, sociology and geography. It offers an opportunity to develop skills in research and consultation with children and young people.

You'll examine the implications of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and gain knowledge and analytical perspectives on particular areas of legislation, policy, theory and practice that affect children. The programme benefits from the childhood studies expertise of academic staff across the University.

Programme structure

Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, plus a combination of essays and assessed coursework. You will complete three compulsory courses and three option courses followed by an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

This qualification serves both as a conversion course if you wish to pursue careers working with children or children's issues, and as a career development opportunity if you already have experience in these fields. Graduates have gone on to a variety of posts, such as employment with national and international non-governmental organisations, research posts and PhD study, and national and local government positions. You will develop a range of transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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For funding information see also page 36.

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Comparative Public Policy

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme provides intensive analytical training in the systematic comparison of social and public policies from an international perspective. It helps develop substantive knowledge in a wide range of policy fields around topical issues such as policy evaluation, policy learning and policy transfer.

Amid the ongoing debate on Scotland's role within the UK, we offer the ideal environment in which to observe contemporary public policy developments. You'll focus on variation in national policy patterns within and beyond Europe, with a view to understanding how and why nations differ in their social and public policies and what they can learn from each other's experience in key contemporary policy concerns, including labour market, work-life balance, health, social care, inequality and welfare issues, education policy and child-oriented policy and practice.

Programme structure

Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, plus a combination of essays and assessed coursework. You will complete three compulsory courses and three option courses. In addition, you will undertake research training in a variety of methodologies and research techniques, and complete an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

Highly relevant to anyone who works or intends to work in policy-relevant professions in the public, private or non-governmental sectors, this degree provides you with a recognised qualification that can lead to an enhanced range of employment opportunities and further study. Past students have gone on to employment in the Scottish Government, social research, housing associations, local government, and in other public and private sector bodies, both locally and internationally.

You will develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/798 (Global Environment Challenges)
www.ed.ac.uk/pg/793 (Global Health Challenges)

Global Challenges



PgCert Global Development Challenges (1-2 yrs PT)

PgCert Global Environment Challenges (9 mths PT)*

PgCert Global Health Challenges (1-2 yrs PT)**

2 x PgCert = PgDip Global Challenges

3 x PgCert = MSc Global Challenges

*This PgCert is delivered by the School of GeoSciences.

**This PgCert is delivered by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

Programme description

This is a part-time, online programme taking a multidisciplinary approach to understanding the issues around international development and developing your capacity to address them.

Delivered through online distance learning, this Postgraduate Certificate programme – which can be combined to form an MSc degree – offers you an innovative route to gaining understanding and skills to address the complex, interrelated problems facing the world today. The programme draws on the University's best research and teaching to deliver a programme that is flexible, challenging and cutting edge in content, delivery and ambition.

You'll examine a variety of case studies to shed light on strategies for addressing some of the most pressing global challenges of our time.

Issues covered by this programme range from global governance, human rights and donor aid strategy, to global health challenges, climate change impacts and ecosystem management.

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Development Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-development

Programme structure

You will learn through a mix of online methods, including video lectures, study guides, self-directed and guided reading, and a range of interactive online reflection and discussion activities. You will be part of a vibrant and supportive virtual community.

Career opportunities

This programme will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need for work with governments, NGOs, international aid organisations, United Nations agencies, the private sector, universities, other research institutions and elsewhere. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

For funding information see also page 36.

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See also...

You may also be interested in PgCert Global Environment Challenges, offered by the School of GeoSciences, or PgCert Global Health Challenges, offered by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/811

Global Environment, Politics & Society

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This is a truly interdisciplinary degree, combining environmental politics and environmental sociology with normative philosophy.

It provides a social science-based, practice-oriented understanding of global environmental challenges and solutions. Understanding issues such as climate change, sustainable development and biodiversity requires knowledge about the political, moral and societal dimensions of environmental problems and solutions.

This programme will provide you with knowledge and analytical tools to address questions such as:

- Are meaningful environmental agreements possible in a system of sovereign states?
- Is the environment more than an economic resource for human exploitation?
- What drives groups, individuals or institutions to take action on environmental issues?
- What is the effect of such mobilisation?

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Environment & Society Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-environment-society

Programme structure

Teaching methods will include seminars, group work, lectures, presentations and guided independent study. Students will be assessed through coursework, seminar assessment and presentations.

Students will also undertake a supervised research dissertation, or may apply to complete a project-based report with an NGO, government department, political party, or business over the spring and summer.

Career opportunities

You will acquire an advanced, multidisciplinary understanding of the major contemporary environmental challenges facing the world, and the different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives (from politics, international relations, ethics and sociology) used to explain them. You will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess competing claims and make informed judgments about current global environmental problems and possible solutions. Such knowledge and skills are sought after by a wide range of public and private employers in the fields of environmental policy, consultancy and advocacy.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Global Health & Public Policy

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs or 3 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

Over the course of the last decade global health has received dramatically increased attention, both as an emergent academic discipline and in terms of heightened policy salience. Global health concerns have become a central component of foreign and security policy and of development and human rights agendas, and have reshaped debates regarding the social impacts of global economic and environmental change.

Finding answers to the key questions confronting global health policy and practice is vital. Through this programme you will explore the issues that shape population health and build the knowledge and skills necessary to address them.

From the impact of globalisation and the recent development of influential global health partnerships to the complex relationships between health objectives and the trade policies of leading states, you'll learn to understand, critically appraise and apply key concepts and theories within policy studies, international political economy and public health science.

Situated within the Global Public Health Unit, this programme offers innovative research-led teaching that draws on academic expertise from disciplines including public health, political science, social policy, economics, medicine, epidemiology, geography and anthropology. Our location within the Graduate School of Social and Political Science gives students access to an academically challenging but friendly and supportive environment and to diverse postgraduate courses offered in one of Europe's leading centres of social science research.

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Health Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-health

Programme structure

You will complete one compulsory course and a number of option courses. Following the taught courses, you will work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

This highly regarded qualification will improve your chances of securing rewarding roles. Recent graduates have taken up employment and research positions with NGOs, health agencies, government departments and international organisations. We have structured the programme to enable you to undertake a placement during your dissertation, ensuring you graduate with valuable experience and contacts. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

A number of our students, particularly from social science backgrounds, use this programme to prepare for applications to medical school or a PhD programme. Our programmes are also recognised for training purposes by the UK Faculty of Public Health, and a number of practising doctors undertake study with us.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Global Health Policy



PgCert 9 mths FT or 21 mths PT

Programme description

This programme situates health, health inequalities and health policy in a global context, examining the extent to which health and its determinants are shaped by social, economic and political processes and the impacts on health policy of multiple factors.

With its multidisciplinary approach and online distance learning delivery, this programme will provide you with a flexible and focused examination of health, health inequalities and health policy in a global context.

Whether you're from a health or social science background, you'll develop a critical awareness of the role of the state, the commercial sector, civil society and international organisations in health policy and global governance, and an understanding of the challenges confronting policymakers in addressing health and reducing health inequalities.

Programme structure

The programme will be taught through a mix of online methods, including video lectures, study guides, self-directed and guided reading, and a range of interactive online reflection and discussion activities. You will become part of a vibrant and supportive virtual community, and will be taught through a combination of group work and independent study.

Career opportunities

The programme aims to provide the skills you need to pursue or develop a career in a health-related agency, public sector or non-governmental organisation. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Health Inequalities & Public Policy

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs or 3 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme examines the range of factors that shape health inequalities and the challenges of developing effective policy responses at local, national and international levels.

In this flexible programme, we invite you to consider health inequalities at a national, regional and global level, and the challenge of addressing these disparities. You'll look at the range of factors that shape these issues and the challenges of developing policy responses. Through the analysis of the distribution of power and wealth in society, you'll evaluate public policies that address the social determinants of population health, examine the work of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health and analyse its conceptual framework and policy agenda.

Our aim is to provide you with the tools to work across disciplinary boundaries to engage in public health advocacy and apply social science perspectives to public health questions.

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Health Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-health

Programme structure

Teaching will be by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete one compulsory course and five option courses, before working towards your independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

For many of our students this programme has helped secure jobs and research positions within the competitive fields of NGOs, health agencies, government departments and international organisations. Many also choose to use the MSc as a foundation for a doctoral research degree. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

A number of our students, particularly from social science backgrounds, use this programme to prepare for applications to medical school. Our programmes are also recognised for training purposes by the UK Faculty of Public Health, and a number of practising doctors undertake part-time study with us alongside their clinical work.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Health Systems & Public Policy

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs or 3 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

Focused on key contemporary debates, this programme examines the challenges of improving access to health care in the United States, the impacts of private finance on the NHS, and the multiple challenges confronting health systems in resource-poor settings.

It will give you the skills to design cost-effective health systems that provide equitable access to high-quality healthcare. Presented through our Global Public Health Unit, we offer a highly interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning and integration with the wider University. The programme allows you to study courses from across the health systems field, including health policy, global politics, health inequalities, economics, financial management and international development.

You'll find inspiration within our vibrant, international community, and learn from the real world of health systems. Our students come from a wide variety of academic backgrounds and countries at all levels of economic development, and many bring hands-on experience of healthcare in their home country.

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Health Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-health

Programme structure

Teaching is by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and a number of option courses, after which you will work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

As a graduate of this programme, you will be well qualified for a career in health administration, health management, consultancy, advisory or advocacy roles within international agencies, commercial sector management or research. A number of our graduates have undertaken internships with the World Health Organisation, and several have gone on to senior health policy roles in their home countries.

A number of our students, particularly from social science backgrounds, use this programme to prepare for applications to medical school. Our programmes are also recognised for training purposes by the UK Faculty of Public Health, and a number of practising doctors undertake part-time study with us alongside their clinical work.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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International Development

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme engages critically with international development thinking and practice, and more broadly with processes of social, political and economic transformation throughout the global south. It is designed to suit the needs of both recent graduates of various disciplines, and professionals with two to five, or more, years' experience who want to shift careers, upgrade their academic qualifications, or take a year out to reflect critically on their work. Although most students will move on after one year to development-related jobs, some may use the programme as a pathway into our PhD in International Development (see page 29).

We realise the importance of offering practical experiences to complement our critical and historical approaches in the classroom. An integral part of the programme – and one of our advantages compared to other masters programmes in international development – are work-based projects. These consist of eight weeks of on-location research with a host organisation, generally in a developing country but also sometimes in the UK. Our extensive network of partners includes NGOs, charities, social enterprise, think-tanks and government bodies. Alternatively, students can explore an academic issue or theme in greater depth by choosing to complete a research dissertation based on fieldwork and/or print and library sources.

Programme structure

Students complete a total of six courses over two semesters stretching from September to April. Two are compulsory, one on the historical evolution and paradigm shifts in politics and theories of development, the other on contemporary issues and institutions of relevance to development policy and practice. The other four courses are options. These may be chosen from across the University, drawing on the expertise of faculty members within political and social science and beyond, including business, law, geosciences, and other areas belonging to the Global Development Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/global-development

From May to August students complete either a work-based project or a standard research dissertation.

Career opportunities

This programme provides multidisciplinary training and perspectives on development theory, policy and practice that is aimed to equip graduates for careers in public sector and non-governmental development agencies, consultancy and private business. The opportunity to apply your academic training to real-world problems and acquire hands-on work experience through the work-based projects will give you an edge in the employment market whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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International & European Politics

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

Developed in response to the enormous political challenges facing our changing societies, this programme offers an advanced understanding of the contemporary world, concentrating on international relations, European studies and comparative and regional studies.

You'll explore in depth key theories, issues and controversies, and have the opportunity to pursue interdisciplinary studies and develop your interests in a large and intellectually stimulating community. Guest lectures and various seminar series will make an important contribution to your academic programme, bringing prominent international scholars and practitioners to Edinburgh to present current research and perspectives.

You'll also have access to the University's Europa Institute, established in 1968 to specialise in the law and politics of the European Union; its library is considered one of the best of its kind.

Programme structure

Teaching will be by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, after which you will work towards an independently researched dissertation. A highlight of the academic year is our study trip to Brussels, when we visit multiple international organisations and meet with practitioners, including those in our vibrant Edinburgh University Brussels Society.

Career opportunities

While many graduates of this programme have gone on to further studies and academic careers, many have taken up positions in a wide range of institutions and companies. These include NATO and the United Nations, the European Commission and Parliament, regional and national government institutions, development organisations, educational, research and think-tank organisations, banking, media, lobbying, and commercial organisations. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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International Political Theory

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme aims to equip students with the intellectual skills to analyse contemporary international affairs from a philosophically informed perspective, with a particular focus on their ethical dimensions.

In the new and rapidly expanding field of international political theory, issues that relate to justice, rights, political obligation and forms of government have grown beyond their nation-state context, and now need to be examined in light of increasing global integration.

This political philosophy programme looks at these international issues with a particular focus on their ethical dimensions, examining the rights and wrongs of international affairs and their global political and economic consequences.

As well as delving into the history of political thought, you'll be examining the issues of today, with particular emphasis on normative political theory, learning to analyse contemporary international affairs from a philosophically informed perspective.

Programme structure

Teaching will be by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, after which you will work towards an independently researched dissertation. With the agreement of the Programme Director, you may select option courses from elsewhere within the University.

Career opportunities

This programme will give you the theoretical foundation for further study and a career in academic teaching and research. Alternatively, you may apply your learning to a career relating to international political policy. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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See also...

Some of the School of Social & Political Science's taught masters programmes listed here are closely related to those in other Schools and Colleges, particularly Edinburgh Law School.

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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/687

International Relations

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme studies international relations and the pressing problems humanity faces in the international realm.

By joining this fascinating programme, you'll become part of a community that is passionate about international relations. We explore topics such as war, terrorism, power, diplomacy, climate change, trade, poverty, migration and international cooperation; not just their study, but also ways to meet the associated challenges.

Our approach combines innovative research with creative and inspirational teaching, provided by staff who combine intricate knowledge of the major international institutions with a deep appreciation of historical change and the most important ideas in international thought.

You'll be inspired to explore a world of possibilities, from evolutionary psychology and the sociology of the financial crisis to state survival in the Middle East and the social construction of security.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, followed by work towards an independently researched dissertation. With the agreement of the Programme Director, you may select option courses from elsewhere within the University.

Career opportunities

This qualification could lead to a career in a wide range of institutions and roles, such as regional, national and international government institutions, party political support, development organisations, educational, research and think-tank organisations, banking, media, lobbying, and commercial organisations. You may also choose to continue to further study. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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International Relations of the Middle East

MSc 1 yr FT

Programme description

This programme offers an advanced theoretical and empirical understanding of the international relations of the Middle East, exploring and applying several theoretical models: realism, constructivism, historical sociology and structuralism. It offers an in-depth understanding of the main historical events, processes and actors that have shaped and continue to shape the political dynamics of the Middle East.

The politics of Islam, oil, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Arab Spring and continuing regional unrest pose crucial questions about the Middle East and about its place in the world order. This recently developed programme draws on our research strengths in politics and international relations and Islamic and Middle Eastern studies to offer you a unique opportunity.

As well as placing the region in broader analytical, conceptual and theoretical debates of international relations and political science, we also aim to foster knowledge of Middle East international relations by examining local cultures, histories, languages and religions.

You'll acquire a strong understanding of theoretical and conceptual tools required to understand Middle East international relations.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, after which you will work towards an independently researched dissertation. In addition to your work on your taught masters programme, you may wish to take advantage of opportunities to learn Persian or Turkish while at the University.

Career opportunities

The specialist knowledge you acquire through this programme will equip you for a career relating to international/Middle Eastern relations, either in academia or with an international institution. In addition, the transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic

MSc 2 yrs FT

Programme description

This MSc offers an intensive Arabic language programme (including a period spent in an Arabic-speaking country) with an advanced theoretical and empirical understanding of the international relations of the Middle East.

You will study the international politics and culture of the Middle East while learning to communicate, to an advanced level, in its dominant language. This will include a period of study in an Arabic-speaking country. No prior study of Arabic is required.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete three compulsory courses and three option courses, as well as a programme of intensive Arabic language studies, which will involve oral and written exams. You may also take language courses in Persian and Turkish, although they will not count towards your qualification. Your second year of study will culminate in an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

The specialist knowledge you acquire through this programme will equip you for any career relating to international relations, particularly of the Middle East, either in academia (after further study) or with an international institution. Your Arabic language skills will be invaluable in many contexts including academia, media and the NGO sector. In addition, the transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Making Use of Digital Research



PgCert 1-2 yrs PT

Programme description

This programme is aimed at commissioners, coordinators and users of digital research in business, policy-making and the third sector, including digital marketing and analytical services officers. It comprises a suite of courses that together provide the critical understanding and skills needed to make best use of digital research findings, with a particular focus on social media research, web 2.0 data and their synergies with publicly available administrative datasets.

These skills include:

- understanding the production and consumption of automatic measures of user/citizen/customer feedback online;
- making best use of evidence from digital data analysis to inform business and policy decision-making;
- organising interdisciplinary strategies for digital research groups;
- identifying and accessing relevant expertise to undertake digital research for business and policy; and
- anticipating future evolution and potential use of the digital research service market.

Based on the latest research into the social and economic influences on how digital research is being developed and used, this PgCert is designed both for novices and for more experienced professionals who need to maintain a critical appreciation of the fast-moving field of digital research.

Programme structure

The programme is designed as a carefully thought-through progression from practical skills to a more critical understanding, through a comprehensive overview of available applications of digital research.

COURSES

Managing Digital Influence; Technologies of Civic Participation; Understanding Data Visualisation; The Use and Evolution of Digital Data Analysis and Collection Tools; The Social Shaping of Digital Research; Engaging with Digital Research.

Career opportunities

This programme is aimed at creating career opportunities in the commercial sector (such as user experience consultants, industry analysts). By offering a critical overview of digital research applications in different fields (user analytics, influence marketing and institutional reputation management), it will introduce you to careers in marketing and design as well as policy making.

Minimum entry requirements

Normally a minimum of a relevant UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country) in social sciences. Given the applied nature of the programme, professional experience may compensate for lower than normal academic entry requirements at the discretion of the Programme Director. Applicants with a degree in business studies or political sciences may be accepted, subject to appraisal by the Programme Director and the completion of recommended pre-session reading.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Management of Bioeconomy, Innovation & Governance

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme responds to the rapid growth in the global bioeconomy by providing the core knowledge and skills needed to compete in a rapidly evolving, highly skilled workforce.

A recently developed qualification, it has been designed to meet the increasing demand for skilled people in the growing global bioeconomy, the basis of which is health, agriculture and the environment.

The focus of your learning will be how to make better use of existing resources, adding value throughout life science innovation supply chains, and bringing new technologies to existing and emerging markets. You'll learn to think strategically, and create globally contextualised solutions to practical problems in strategy, policy and regulation.

You will receive training in an experiential learning environment, supported by experienced staff within the Innogen Institute, a research centre world renowned for its study of the life sciences. You will benefit from proximity to government and collaboration with commercial and not-for-profit sectors in the bioeconomy.

Programme structure

The programme will be taught through a combination of problem-based group work activities, presentations, interactive seminars and conventional lectures. You will complete five compulsory courses and one or two option courses, then work on an independently researched dissertation, which we encourage you to complete in association with a work-based project.

Career opportunities

Basic scientific knowledge is no longer sufficient for building a successful career in the growing bioeconomy. There is a high demand for trained professionals in this area, and this degree is an opportunity to impress prospective employers in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors with expertise in life science innovation. You may also choose to continue your studies and pursue an academic career in this rapidly growing field. The transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Medical Anthropology

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme studies health, illness and healing from a cross-cultural perspective.

With a focus on the understanding of health, illness and medicine in a globalised world, this programme allows you to engage with contemporary debates about known and emerging diseases, and explore both traditional forms of healing and modern medical technologies.

You'll examine key questions in current medical anthropology from the perspective of both medical and social sciences, and address relevant issues, such as the way encounters between patients and professional healers are negotiated in varied cultural settings; the importance of political, economic and historical analysis to an understanding of the body; and the health-related effects of globalisation.

Intended for a diverse range of students, this distinctive and interdisciplinary programme will complement your background in anthropology or health sciences.

This programme is affiliated with the University's Global Health Academy and Global Development Academy:

www.ed.ac.uk/global-health
www.ed.ac.uk/global-development

Programme structure

Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, and you will produce essays and assessed coursework. The programme works in close collaboration with the Global Public Health Unit and other subjects in the School of Social & Political Science. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses. You are also encouraged to take the *Development Research Methods* course. After the taught courses you will work towards your independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

You will gain the conceptual and methodological skills to understand contemporary health practices in a wider context of social, political, and economic problems, and be able to work in academic and applied health research. The programme also acts as a conversion MSc for those without training in anthropology who wish to progress to a research career. In addition, you will develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Nationalism Studies

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This is an interdisciplinary programme designed to give you an understanding of nationalism that is broad in scope and theoretically informed, while also tailored to your specific interests within the field.

Here in Edinburgh we have a unique perspective on the study of nationalism. The recently established national-level democratic institutions, along with the independence debate, give you a first-hand view of the cultural, historical and political background of nationalism.

This programme also addresses the conflict and oppression that can be engendered through nationalism, and the global changes that can be brought about by national identities, ideologies and interests. You'll gain a comprehensive knowledge of the central concepts and major theories of nationalism, and identify key issues and problems through comparative and case study approaches.

Along the way, you'll be supported by expert staff and the resources of the University's respected centres of study, such as the Centres of African Studies, Canadian Studies and South Asian Studies, and the subject areas of Politics and International Relations, Economic and Social History, and Social Anthropology.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses then work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

This programme is the ideal foundation for advanced study and a possible academic career. In addition, the transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Policy Studies

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This well-established programme focuses on analysing the activities of government, especially those policies relating to the welfare state.

You'll develop an advanced understanding of political, economic and social contexts of policy-making, and be trained in the skills needed to analyse and research policy decisions and outcomes.

The programme is popular internationally, and you'll study in a setting where students from various backgrounds learn from the policy experience of their own and each other's nations. As a recently devolved polity, Scotland is an exciting place to observe contemporary developments in government, and Edinburgh hosts democratic institutions that will inform your studies.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses then work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

For anyone who intends to work in policy-relevant professions, this programme provides a recognised qualification that can lead to an enhanced range of employment opportunities and further study. Past students have gone on to employment in the Scottish Government, social research, housing associations, local government, and in other public and private sector bodies, both locally and internationally. You will develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Public Policy

MPP 1 yr FT
PgDip 9 mths FT (4 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
PgCert 4 mths FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme is designed for graduates who want an advanced professional qualification that will provide a launch pad for a career in the public sector, non-profit sector or international policy community.

The aims of the programme are:

- development of analytical and conceptual skills to enable critical evaluation of major policy issues, policy processes, policy implementation and policy linkages;
- detailed examination of the political, economic and social context of policy-making at the local, regional, state and international levels;
- in-depth knowledge of specific policy issues;
- thorough training in analytical methods and approaches (qualitative and quantitative) used for policy development and implementation;
- understanding practical and ethical issues in policy-making;
- knowledge and professional skills for public sector careers; and
- professional experience gained through the placement component.

Programme structure

You will be taught using a variety of innovative teaching methods with a focus on providing a strong practice-oriented element to provide you with the skills necessary for a career in the public sector.

The assessment types used will include:

- writing short policy briefs of memos;
- problem-solving tasks;
- individual and group presentations;
- writing analytical reports;
- self and peer assessment; and
- developing skills portfolios, and other varied oral and writing tasks.

In place of a dissertation, you will undertake a capstone project including an 11-week placement at a policy organisation. This comprises a professional analytical report, based on the placement, which explores an existing public policy problem faced by a real-life public or non-profit sector organisation and your recommendations for a strategy to address it.

Career opportunities

An MPP is a recognised professional qualification. The combination of academic excellence and practical experience ensure that MPP graduates are well placed for careers in public policy, government, think tanks, consulting firms, NGOs, party politics, and advocacy/lobbying organisations, among others. The transferable skills you will gain from the programme, and the experience and networking opportunities from the capstone project, will give you a competitive edge in the employment market whatever your eventual career.

Executive Programme in Public Policy

The University's Academy of Government also offers an Executive Programme in Public Policy, aimed at mid-career professionals from the public sector, international organisations, business and civil society organisations, on a flexible, credit-accumulation basis: www.aog.ed.ac.uk

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

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www.ed.ac.uk/pg/796

Science & Technology in Society

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

Science, technology and innovation are central to contemporary society, solving and creating challenges in equal measure. This interdisciplinary programme examines the social, political and cultural dimensions of science, technology and innovation. It offers a comprehensive introduction to the interdisciplinary field of science and technology studies, and is intended for students wishing to develop a theoretical and practical understanding of the role of science, technology and innovation in society.

We host one of the leading international centres of interdisciplinary research and teaching in science, technology and innovation studies, which means you'll be studying as part of a vibrant community of scholars.

You'll be able to call on the expertise of our highly regarded academic staff, particularly in the sociology and social history of science and technology; the sociology and economics of the life sciences and medicine; the social shaping of technology; science and technology for international development; the management of technology and innovation; and the politics of public engagement with science and technology.

Programme structure

This programme is delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete four compulsory courses and three or four option courses and then work on an independently researched dissertation. You can also pursue a dissertation through a work-based placement.

Career opportunities

This programme is ideally suited to students looking to enter a career in academia, science communication, policy and government, social research and analysis, and non-governmental organisations. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Anthropology

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme offers an intensive introduction to contemporary social anthropology. It is primarily intended for graduates with little or no previous training in anthropology; these may be either students contemplating future doctoral research in the subject or students who wish to acquire anthropological expertise to supplement their existing range of professional skills.

Whatever your aim is, this MSc offers an intensive introduction to social anthropology. We provide a programme of study that will enable you to engage reflexively with the particularities of your own cultural and social context as well as with the possibilities inherent in cross-cultural comparison.

Working within a rich and active research culture, we shall explore the distinctive nature of social anthropology and its contribution to a critical and informed understanding of the contemporary world – a world reflected in the diversity of our students and the wide variety of our research/teaching interests.

Courses range from those offering an overview of theories and theorists to those examining specific issues such as kinship, gender, development and religion.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete four compulsory courses and two option courses then work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities

Past students of this programme have gone on to doctoral research in anthropology, while others have been very successful in securing places both in the UK and overseas in a wide variety of careers – from journalism to working in non-governmental organisations. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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For funding information see also page 36.

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Social Research

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
PgCert 1 yr PT/2 yrs PT intermittent (UK/EU students only)

Programme description

This programme is designed to provide a firm grounding in the theory, philosophy and methods of social research, as well as opportunities to develop an area of substantive interest within the social sciences.

It combines compulsory training in a combination of quantitative and qualitative social research skills with the essentials of research design; you'll graduate with an in-depth understanding of the key issues, approaches and techniques of research in the social sciences, and the ability to conduct quality social research of value to the public, policymakers, professionals, and the academic community.

Practical application of your skills is also a priority, and you will have the option to base your dissertation on work-based experience. Recognised as research training by the Economic and Social Research Council, the programme is also eligible for the Open Societies Foundation grant scheme.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete three compulsory courses for the PgCert and an additional three option courses for the MSc. MSc students will also produce an independently researched dissertation, which may be based on a placement you undertake at a workplace of your choosing.

Career opportunities

This programme will equip you with research skills that can be used as the basis of doctoral research, potentially leading to an academic career. Past students have also found research positions in both the public and private sectors. You will develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Work

Master of Social Work 21 mths FT

Programme description

This programme offers you a professional qualification recognised by the Scottish Social Services Council and the General Social Care Council, and eligibility for registration as a social worker.

You'll gain a fundamental understanding of the theory and practice that underpins all work in the field, splitting your time between theoretical learning on campus and practical work in various learning environments.

The programme is approved by the Scottish Social Services Council, complies with the Scottish Requirements for Social Work Training and enables you to meet the Standards in Social Work Education and the Key Capabilities in Child Care and Protection. It is also recognised as a professional qualification in social work across the world, including the United States and Canada.

Programme structure

You will study over two years, with periods of practical learning in both years. You will complete six courses in your first year and three in your second year, at the end of which you will present your dissertation.

Career opportunities

This programme qualifies you to practise as a social worker. Many of our students go on to work in diverse settings in social work practice, training, research, government and in the public, private and voluntary sectors. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country), and 12 months related work.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Sociology & Global Change

MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme provides core teaching in the ideas and approaches of sociology as applied to understanding social order and social change globally and internationally. It explores the local impacts of global processes, and global impacts of local processes.

This programme will give you a better understanding of global processes of social change, and allow you to explore topics of personal interest in depth, both in coursework and in a supervised dissertation project. It will appeal to those concerned about some of the key social problems and dynamics of our day, providing a thorough grounding in approaches to social research on global issues.

It presents sociology as the study of a dynamic and globalising world, around such issues as communication technologies and development; social inequalities; migration, displacement and urbanization; genocide and ethnic conflict; global financial markets; China; human rights and citizenship; digital and global popular cultures.

You will become part of a community led by international experts working on globally involved topics, in one of the UK's best departments for research and teaching.

Programme structure

You will take compulsory courses that give you a sociological perspective and prepare you for independent dissertation research. Your four further option courses can address global topics, social theory and research training, as you prefer. The dissertation, a piece of self-designed research with supervisory support, allows you to put your personal stamp on your studies.

Career opportunities

This programme is extremely relevant if you are seeking employment in consultancy, the public sector, UN agencies, non-governmental organisations, the private sector or think tanks, or as an academic, practitioner or policy maker. Past students have gone on to undertake roles in development and international aid, the public sector, academia/think tanks, migration NGOs, environment and conservation, law and journalism.

Minimum entry requirements

A relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country).

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Research at the School of Social & Political Science

The School of Social & Political Science boasts an outstanding range of subjects and research centres, with more than 200 academic staff supporting nearly 400 postgraduate research students.

We offer a mix of research degrees – MSc by Research, MPhil and PhD – across the following areas:

- African Studies
- Canadian Studies
- International Public Health Policy
- Politics & International Relations
- Science, Technology & Innovation Studies
- Social Anthropology
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Sociology & Anthropology of Health & Illness
- Socio-Cultural Studies
- South Asian Studies
- Social Work.

Degree types

PhD

A PhD is the highest academic research qualification entailing research training and supervised research over a three-year period.

MPhil

MPhil students develop in-depth understanding of a specialist area and the skills to carry out and present an original piece of research for submission for a higher degree. It takes two years to complete and is assessed by thesis.

MSc by Research

A one-year programme assessed by research coursework, examination and a dissertation designed to prepare students for advanced research.

Subjects and disciplines

Politics and international relations

Research in politics and international relations explores the theory, practice and ethics of politics and governance. We cover a broad area of expertise, from local policy to global governance, political theory to empirical studies, constructivism to rational choice approaches.

Much of our work focuses on the exciting challenges posed by new institutional settings: devolution, European integration, and multilateral cooperation. Empirical research is complemented by strong

political theory, analysing issues of justice, rights and legitimacy in European and international relations. We also address challenges of governance in environmental, security, migration, health and finance policy. We specialise in the comparative politics of countries in Europe, Russia, Africa and North America.

Science, technology and innovation studies

The University has an international reputation in all aspects of the study of science, technology and innovation in society. With the founding of the Science Studies Unit in 1964 came pioneering work in the sociology of scientific knowledge. Likewise, the establishment of the Research Centre for Social Sciences in 1984 produced innovative and interdisciplinary research, public policy advice and consultancy on the socioeconomic aspects of technology and innovation.

These two bodies have come together to form the Science, Technology and Innovation Studies subject group (STIS). STIS also hosts two interdisciplinary research institutes – Innogen, the Institute for Innovation Generation in the Life Sciences, and the Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Social anthropology

Social anthropology at Edinburgh has a thriving research culture, bringing together academic staff, a lively and cosmopolitan body of postgraduate researchers, and a growing number of postdoctoral fellows. In recent years we have won significant funding from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the Arts and Humanities Research Council, the British Academy, and the Leverhulme Trust, as well as non-academic partners such as the Department for International Development. We have an excellent record of success in recent ESRC and British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship schemes.

Our strengths include: the anthropology of politics; kinship, personhood and ritual; film, media and the aesthetic; anthropology in practice; and medical anthropology.

Social policy

Research in Social Policy is organised in three groups.

Work, Economy and Welfare explores the relationship between trends in modern welfare states, resource allocation and labour markets. Much of the work conducted is cross-national and/or comparative in nature. The group was strongly involved in the EU Network of Excellence in Reconciling Work and Welfare.

Our Policy and Governance group provides a social policy perspective to the University's work on socio-legal studies, governance, devolution studies and public sector management, working in collaboration with colleagues in Politics and Sociology and also with Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh Business School and the Institute of Governance.

Our Families, Children and Welfare group explores aspects of family relationships, childhood and youth studies that can be applied to policy research and practice. This group has strong ties with the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships and the University-based Child and Youth Studies Network.

Social work

As social work academics, we see our role as not only producing research and pursuing scholarship, but also encouraging the use of research in practice.

Although we conduct a large amount of our research in Scotland, reflecting our core interest in legislation, policy and practice here, we also have a commitment to research in the European and wider international arena. This wider approach is demonstrated by the research carried out by our PhD students and academic staff.

We have been involved in a range of research projects on topics as diverse as youth justice, community mental health in India, HIV and asylum seekers, communicating with children in child protection and linking administrative data for child welfare research.

Sociology

Our work focuses on the interweaving of individual lives, social processes and historical change. Edinburgh is one of the world's leading centres of the empirical study and theorisation of identity, nations and nationalism. Closely linked to our work on identity and auto/biography is research emphasising intimate relations, reproduction and processes of marginalisation.

Edinburgh's leading role in social studies of finance is well recognised. This new field directly addresses the technicality of financial markets. Critical sociology – the re-examination of the foundations of the discipline – remains a theme of much of our work. The area is an increasing focus of events and symposia, including our annual Goffman Lecture.

Research centres

Academy of Government

The Academy of Government prepares students and professionals for leadership roles in the public sector, international organisations and the voluntary sector, and pursues research on all the major issues of public policy.

We seek to generate ideas about the most pressing public-policy problems; to undertake high-quality research that has an impact on public services and ultimately improves the quality of life of citizens; and to reach out to local, national and international communities. We have strong links with the Scottish, UK, European and international policy community.

Centre of African Studies

Founded in 1962, we are the only academic unit in Scotland dedicated to the study of Africa. Drawing on a proud history of links between Scotland and Africa, from the 19th century missionaries who played a major role in southern Africa to 20th-century African leaders, such as Edinburgh alumnus Julius Nyerere, the Centre of African Studies brings together African expertise from across the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and beyond.

Centre of Canadian Studies

We offer opportunities to develop research projects that focus directly on Canada or study Canada in relation to broader research on the Arctic, Scotland, the UK, Europe, North America and developing regions. Our interdisciplinary approach provides opportunities for joint supervision with experts from across the University.

The Centre's activities are currently supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the Foundation for Canadian Studies in the UK, and Foreign Affairs & International Trade, Canada.

Centre for Narrative & Auto/Biographical Studies (NABS)

NABS is an interdisciplinary research centre launched in 2006, and is the base for the Scottish & Northern Narratives Network, which organises regular seminars and workshops on narrative themes.

NABS brings together people interested in all aspects of narrative and all forms of auto/biographical representation, from talk to transcribed text, from photographs to memorial sites, from verbal introductions to hagiography, from letters and cards to friends, to memoirs and autobiographies, from obituaries to painted portraits, from academic biography to sculpture, and more. We are committed to theoretical and methodological openness, rather than being associated with any particular approach.

Centre for Research on Families and Relationships

The Centre for Research on Families and Relationships is a partnership between six Scottish universities: Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian, Highlands and Islands, and Stirling. We produce, stimulate and disseminate high-quality social research based on qualitative and quantitative approaches. Our research programmes encompass diverse themes and inform policy, practice and debate in Scotland, the UK and internationally.

Research funding
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36-37
for details of
scholarship
opportunities.

Centre of South Asian Studies

Our Centre of South Asian Studies is one of the major UK research centres focused on the affairs of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Whatever the topic, staff at the Centre work with students to make the study of South Asia come alive. In addition to a weekly seminar (offering graduate students, staff, and leading figures from across the world the opportunity to be heard in Edinburgh), the Centre organises workshops and conferences on topical themes.

Europa Institute

Founded in 1968, the Europa Institute is one of the most active and long-established specialist centres for advanced study of European integration. The Institute brings together world-class scholars on EU law, politics and policy, and supports a vibrant community of early-career research fellows and postgraduate students. Our work straddles the School of Social & Political Science and Edinburgh Law School.

The Institute is a pre-eminent centre for the study of the European Union and enjoys close collaborations with leading research scholars in European Union studies and practitioners from across the world.

The Europa Institute has been designated a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence by the European Commission in recognition of its high-quality research and teaching.

Global Development Academy

The Global Development Academy has been created to harness the University's international teaching, research and partnerships to ensure Edinburgh plays a role in contributing solutions to world problems.

Researchers at the School of Social & Political Science work at the heart of the Global Development Academy, teaching the majority of the Academy's MSc programmes and supervising its PhD students, who typically work on interdisciplinary research projects.

Research at the School of Social & Political Science (continued)

Global Public Health Unit

The Global Public Health Unit provides a broad focus on population health and the factors that influence it at a national, regional and global level. The Unit is a leading centre for research examining health systems and global governance, the commercial sector and public health, social determinants of health and public policy, and science, advocacy and health policy.

Innogen Institute – the Institute for Innovation Generation

Innogen conducts internationally recognised research with practical impact on innovation in life science and related, advanced technology areas. We consider the business models and value chains that need to be developed to translate new scientific discoveries to practical use, how smarter approaches to regulation can help support innovation that better meets societal needs, and how stakeholders can most effectively participate in governance processes.

With a distinctive focus on globalisation and expertise and research on life science innovation in Africa, India and China, in addition to Europe and the US, our research outputs are used in decision-making, ongoing debates and academic agendas on life science and related issues.

Innogen is engaged in projects with more than 40 institutions across 30 countries. Our research has influenced decision makers in industry, government and public bodies internationally, including: multinational companies, UK government departments, UK research councils, Innovate UK, international government agencies, and philanthropic and multilateral agencies.

www.innogen.ac.uk

The Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation

The Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation (ISSTI) is a research network that brings together scholars and research groups across the University of Edinburgh who are involved in research, teaching and knowledge transfer on social and policy aspects of science, technology and innovation. Much of the work undertaken within the ISSTI network focuses on four areas:

- information and communication technologies;
- energy technologies and environmental innovation;
- life science innovation; and
- the historical sociology of science, technology and medicine.

ISSTI's interdisciplinary research collaborations extend beyond the School of Social & Political Science and include the Schools of Business, Economics, Engineering, Informatics, Law, Health in Social Science and Edinburgh College of Art.

Institute of Governance

The Institute of Governance is a centre of research expertise on multi-level politics and territorial identity with strong links with the University's Public Policy Network and the Europa Institute. Research activity spans four key areas – nationalism and identity; territorial politics; public policy; and elections, public opinion and parties. Our researchers are engaged in a wide range of projects and networks in these fields.

Just World Institute

The Just World Institute was founded in 2008 to foster interdisciplinary research into the global challenges facing the international order. Our expertise spans political science, international relations, philosophy, social anthropology, law, sociology, geography, economics, criminology, business management, African studies and South Asian studies. The Institute also coordinates social science research collaborations with Edinburgh's world-class researchers in geosciences and medicine.

Our work addresses interconnected themes: global justice and human rights; security, conflict and peace; and environment, natural resources and climate change.

The Institute has an Ethics Forum, which supports academic and public debate on the ethical dimensions of contemporary concerns, with standing groups addressing the research and teaching themes of the University's Global Academies.

Migration and Citizenship Research Group

The Migration and Citizenship Research Group brings together staff and postgraduate research students from across the social sciences: human geography, law, politics, social anthropology, sociology and social policy.

The research group has an international focus, with members conducting research on global issues such as migration, cultural diversity, integration, citizenship, transnationalism, rights and development. We have a lively group of postgraduate research students who organise discussion groups and workshops.

Research opportunities

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African Studies

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Since its foundation in 1962, the Centre of African Studies (CAS) has expanded research activities from its core disciplines of history, politics, social anthropology and education to include many other fields, including law, business and management studies, sociology, gender studies, environment and development, and religious studies.

As well as having access to a wide range of methodological courses and training resources in the School of Social & Political Science, you are encouraged to get involved with the fortnightly, student-led methods and research seminar series.

Outstanding collections

The city and the University have superb resources for the study of Africa. The National Library of Scotland has major collections relating to Africa, especially through the Church of Scotland's mission papers. The University Library has built up one of the finest collections of African studies texts in the UK. Through the UK's Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa, the library additionally has an obligation to maintain collections on Zambia and Malawi. CAS organises weekly seminars for visiting scholars and holds an annual international conference.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Canadian Studies

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

MPhil 2 yrs FT (4 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

The Centre of Canadian Studies (CCS) is internationally recognised as a leading European centre for the interdisciplinary study of Canada. The Centre has particular strengths in the following research areas:

- Aboriginal politics, society and culture
- language politics
- multilevel and circumpolar governance
- multiculturalism
- nationalism
- constitutional studies
- deliberative democracy
- Canadian social movements
- Canadian politics
- comparative public policy in Canada, UK and Europe
- comparative research on Canada, Africa and South Asia
- comparative research on Canada and Scotland.

We offer doctoral co-supervision with specialists in politics and international relations, sociology, social policy, social anthropology, social work, history, Celtic and Scottish studies, English literature and law.

Support and facilities

CCS offers postgraduate students comprehensive supervision in addition to a range of graduate training courses. Our students also benefit from the University's generous range of support services. Doctoral students can also apply to tutor undergraduate Canadian studies courses.

CCS is located in a newly refurbished building that has excellent graduate workspace and communal areas for informal meetings. You will enjoy the benefits of regular interdisciplinary Open Research Seminars, a range of specialist conferences on Canada, and easy access to research facilities at the National Library of Scotland. You will also have regular opportunities for special seminars with high-profile Canadian leaders and visiting scholars.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Much of our research is interdisciplinary and collaborative. You may find your preferred research area in the prospectus of the University of Edinburgh Business School, the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine or the Schools of Biological Sciences; Divinity; Education; History, Classics & Archaeology; Law; Literatures, Languages & Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences; Health in Social Science; or GeoSciences.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request

“I’m currently working with the National Museum of Scotland, Perth Museum and Art Gallery and the University of Aberdeen Collection, where I’ve been on research visits to explore the exchange of argillite art through the fur trade.”

Kaitlin McCormick, PhD Canadian Studies



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

Case study: Edinburgh's research with impact

Mining and resource governance

With artisanal and small-scale mining providing livelihoods to an estimated 80-100 million people worldwide, governance of the industry is a major issue. Research carried out by Dr Sam Spiegel, Lecturer in International Development at the School's Centre of African Studies, is giving a voice to these miners, who are often overlooked when industry regulations are formulated.

Project background

There is a recognised need to make mining in developing nations more environmentally and economically sustainable. Dr Spiegel has discovered that the livelihoods of small-scale miners are often ignored when policies and regulation are developed, particularly those that relate to trans-boundary pollution (for example, mercury pollution) and health inequality. His global research drew on interviews with mining communities, lending institutions and policy-makers to investigate government-led environmental initiatives and donor-funded projects, and the way in which they take into account the socioeconomic challenges facing small-scale miners. The results of his research showed a lack of formal recognition of marginalised miners, leaving most mining-related policy frameworks with significant weaknesses. His research also showed that tightening environmental regulation, without addressing the needs of artisanal miners, criminalises the way in which these communities make their living and survive.

Project results

Dr Spiegel's research has changed attitudes towards artisanal mining, with the Minamata Convention now making allowances for the industry's specific needs (for example, in allowing the use of limited quantities of mercury). He has also advised policy makers and NGOs from Africa, Asia and South America on implementation of these new regulations, resulting in improved environmental management and lifestyles in many rural developing areas. Regional artisanal miners' associations, such as the Zimbabwe Artisanal and Small-Scale for Sustainable Mining Council, have also benefited from the research.

**Dr Spiegel's research has changed
attitudes towards artisanal mining.**

See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact

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International Development

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

The University of Edinburgh is host to a thriving and cosmopolitan community of researchers working on global development challenges. We are home to internationally renowned academics working at the intersection of international development policy and health, science/technology, religion, migration, energy, urbanisation, mining and human rights, as well as regional centres of expertise in Africa and South Asia.

Doctoral students in International Development become part of a vibrant, interdisciplinary research community, and members of the Global Development Academy, which coordinates research and teaching on international development across the University. We also welcome students who are keen to develop doctoral research projects in collaboration with third parties (NGOs, multilateral/bilateral agencies, campaign groups, or media organisations).

Support and training

Postgraduates in our International Development group will receive regular one-to-one thesis supervision from two supervisors with expertise in their research areas. Doctoral students will enjoy special opportunities to meet development policy makers, practitioners, diplomats, and internationally recognised academics visiting the Global Development Academy. In addition, they will be invited to join research workshops hosted by the Global Development Academy and regular open research seminars held by subject areas across the School of Social & Political Science.

Focused supervision in the International Development group is drawn from faculty associated to the Centre of African Studies, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Social Policy, Politics and History. All of the School's research areas were ranked among the UK's top eight in their subject by the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. In addition staff from across the University provide expertise and training for our research students.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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International Public Health Policy

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

MSc by Research Public Health Policy 1 yr FT (2-3 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

The Global Public Health Unit (GPHU) was established to carry out and disseminate research in health policy and provide exceptional postgraduate teaching. Focusing on the principles of equity, access and universality, we have gained an international reputation for the quality and social relevance of our research.

Our work covers five main areas:

- public-private partnerships and marketisation;
- globalisation and health;
- comparative health systems;
- the role of pharmaceuticals in health services and clinical research; and
- regulation, intellectual property, and freedom of information.

GPHU staff have a history of conducting outstanding research and of playing a leading role in debates around the impact of current policies on public health and social inequalities. We contribute to the world's leading peer-reviewed journals and to professional journals, as well as the wider media.

Collaborative culture

We offer PhD students a supportive research environment in which you'll find senior academics and research fellows working together on team-based projects. Students studying for the PhD are encouraged to contribute to GPHU's ongoing projects.

All postgraduates researching public health policy are encouraged to take part in seminars and to take advantage of training courses run at School, College, and University level.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

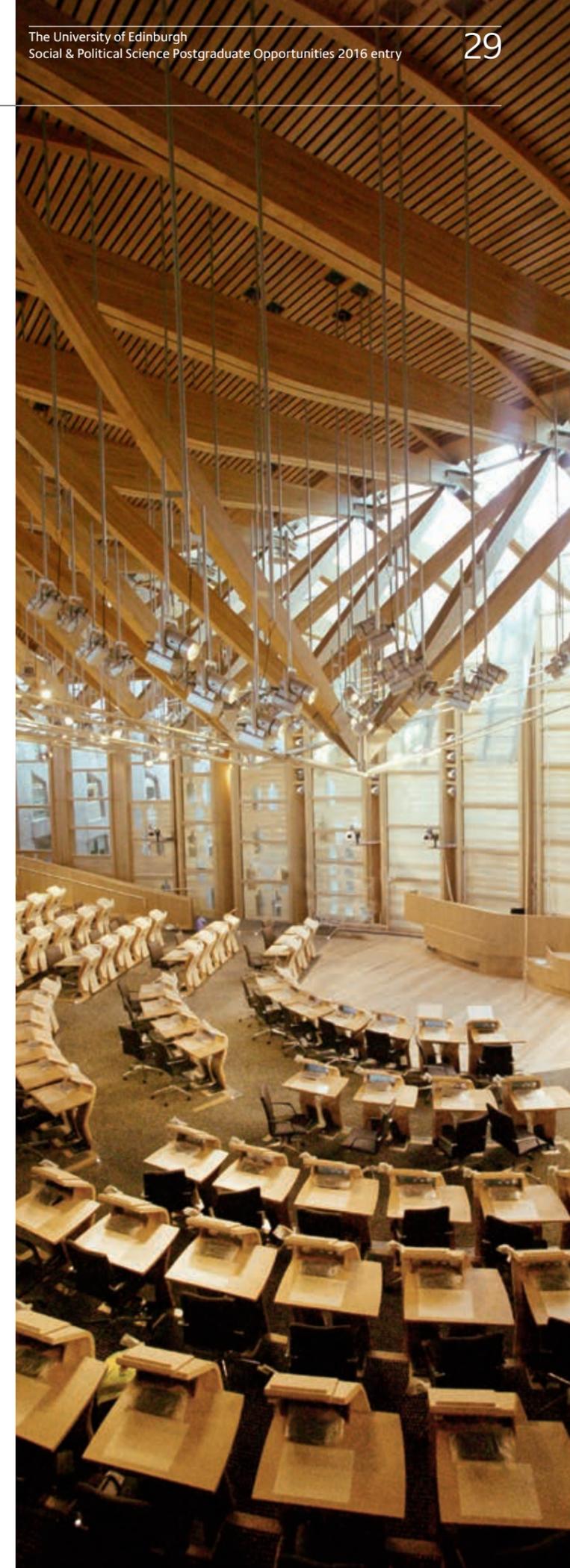
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Medical Anthropology

MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description

This programme will enable you to join the key debates on contemporary medical anthropology and sociology, apply analytical tools drawn from social theory, select anthropological or sociological research methods for use in health-related settings and develop a research agenda.

You will follow taught courses, and receive hands-on training in social research skills. You will also complete an individually supervised project on a topic of your choice. Students often progress to a PhD in Social Anthropology, but the MSc can also be taken as a standalone degree.

Structure

The dissertation will constitute the main work in which you demonstrate your learning. It normally takes the form of an extended research proposal with the following components: a literature review; an outline of the specific questions to be addressed; a statement of research design and methods to be employed; a discussion of the practical, political and ethical issues affecting the conduct of the research; a presentation of the schedule for the research, and its estimated budget.

Where the programme is taken as a standalone degree, the dissertation normally includes a component of data collection and analysis, or selection of theoretical documents and analysis.

Opportunities

This interdisciplinary MSc by Research is an opportunity to develop a specialisation in an area of medical sociology or anthropology. On completion of the programme you will be able to articulate your own approach to theories and methodologies in medical sociology; think creatively about the social dynamics of health and healing in local and global perspectives; and think from both medical and social science perspectives.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Knowledge exchange

Knowledge exchange is an integral part of our work, with staff and students interacting with the public, professional practitioners and policymakers in mutually enriching ways.

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Politics & International Relations

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Our Politics and International Relations group has close links with cross-disciplinary and internationally recognised research centres. Major research focuses include:

- sub-state and supranational dimensions of politics and public policy;
- the impact of devolution in the UK and elsewhere, and the constitution and governance of the European Union;
- international politics: changing relations, the new security agenda, transatlantic relations, political economy, migration politics and global governance;
- nationalism, democratic transition, civil society and institution-building;
- health, welfare, environment, competition, migrations and citizenship, and equal opportunities policies; and
- political theory, especially war ethics, environmental ethics and theories of freedom.

Support and training

This programme includes courses in research design and methodology skills. The Graduate School provides a suite of ESRC-recognised research training courses for social science students across the University. We have an exciting package of flexible, web-based training courses in line with the increased emphasis on advanced training throughout the course of doctoral studies.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Science & Technology Studies

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

The University of Edinburgh has an international reputation as a leading centre of research in science and technology studies (STS).

Edinburgh scholars work around the globe on the social and historical aspects of developments in science and technology. Particular strengths in research include:

- the history and philosophy of science;
- the social shaping of technology;
- the history of medicine;
- the politics of controversies and public engagement with science and technology;
- science, technology and gender;
- the sociology of financial markets and emissions trading schemes;
- innovation in biotechnology and the life sciences;
- the development and use of information and communication technologies;
- innovation for sustainability;
- science and technology in developing countries.

Support and training

PhD students will usually follow our MSc by Research in STS for their first year. This comprises specialist courses, as well as training in research methods. By the end of this year, you will have completed a full research proposal. You will join the lively research community and participate in regular seminars and workshops, and, if a PhD student, an annual retreat. Frequent seminars and lectures by visiting scholars provide opportunities for contacts beyond the University.

Facilities

Research library and archive facilities in Edinburgh are outstanding. All research students are members of the Graduate School of Social & Political Science, with full access to the Graduate School's facilities in the Chrystal Macmillan Building. Other library and archive facilities include the University's Main Library, the National Library of Scotland and the Scottish Records Office. Proximity to the Scottish Parliament and other institutions of national government provides further research opportunities.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

Case study: Edinburgh's research with impact

Regulation of privacy and the surveillance society

Just as unwanted surveillance is increasing due to new information technology, so too is the need for regulation frameworks that protect our privacy. One of the key players in this vital area of research is Professor Charles Raab, Professor of Government at the University's School of Social & Political Science. His studies are contributing to maintaining a safer and more private environment for us all, and ensuring that vulnerable groups and individuals are not disadvantaged.

Project background

Whether it's online or in the real world, new information systems have made it possible for organisations to store, analyse and share personal information in increasingly complex ways. Professor Raab, along with other researchers, pioneered the systematic investigation into the regulation of privacy by analysing the full range of institutions, roles, processes and tools involved in data protection and in safeguarding the right of information privacy. Arguing that lack of privacy protection has a potentially corrosive impact on society as a whole, he called for a more holistic view of the impacts of surveillance, and an expansion of the current privacy impact assessment (PIA) process to take into account the different social groups and categories who may experience disadvantage and unwarranted suspicion.

Project results

The result of this Edinburgh-based research was a report produced for the UK Information Minister, which, as well as generating worldwide attention and reaction, has directly influenced data protection trends and implications for the EU, and contributed to the shaping of privacy policy in both Scotland, the UK and internationally. *A Report on the Surveillance Society* triggered investigations by committees in both the House of Lords, and House of Commons, while it and a subsequent report have helped civil society bodies highlight worrying surveillance developments.

New information systems have made it possible for organisations to store, analyse and share personal information in increasingly complex ways.

See more online: www.ed.ac.uk/research/impact

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Social Anthropology

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Our Social Anthropology group forms an international centre of excellence for postgraduate training, recognised as one of the premier research departments in the UK. Applied research includes policy-related work on asylum seekers, non-governmental organisations, sustainable development and participatory rights. Our regional expertise is not confined to Scotland and the UK but includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and North and South America. Particular research strengths include:

- law and justice;
- politics, governance and the state;
- nationalism and citizenship;
- war, violence and displacement;
- medicine and health;
- science and technology studies;
- history and theory of anthropology;
- development and environment;
- kinship and relatedness;
- death and the limits of the body;
- material culture, identity and memory;
- contemporary hunter-gatherers;
- linguistic anthropology;
- urban anthropology;
- anthropology of landscape.

Support and training

The PhD programme combines work on your thesis project, usually based on long-term fieldwork, with systematic training in anthropological and social research skills. Research training is also available in the form of our MSc by Research. The Graduate School provides a suite of ESRC-recognised research training courses for social science students across the University. We are developing an exciting package of flexible web-based training courses in line with the increased emphasis on ongoing training throughout the course of doctoral studies.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Policy

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Our Social Policy group is one of the most respected in the UK and among the best for the quality of its teaching and research. We offer postgraduate supervision across the whole subject range, with particular expertise in comparative social policy, welfare reform, labour market policy, health policy, childhood studies, family policy and education policy.

Support and facilities

Our approach is research-led but student-focused teaching. There is an active programme of seminars and workshops for research students and staff. Edinburgh's excellent library facilities and the presence of the headquarters of many public, voluntary and private organisations, including the Scottish Parliament, make the city the perfect place to undertake research on social and public policy.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Work

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Our social work researchers have excellent links with professional and social work services in statutory and voluntary sectors. The research interests of staff cover the full range of applied service specialisms and theoretical issues in social work. In Scotland this includes criminal justice as well as children and families, vulnerable adults and community care. International and European perspectives are also part of academic staff interests.

Support and training

Together with students in all disciplines across the School, you will undertake research methods courses in first year (and second year if part time) before proceeding with your thesis. Each student has two supervisors with the possibility of the second supervisor coming from an outside discipline. There are regular group meetings, especially in year one, between staff and students. Our work is enriched by the perspective of both international students and UK/EU students who are experienced professionals studying part time while working.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Socio-cultural Studies

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Socio-cultural studies at Edinburgh is closely associated with the University's new Centre for Narrative & Auto/Biographical Studies (NABS). The NABS Centre (www.sps.ed.ac.uk/NABS) brings together people interested in all aspects of narrative and all forms of auto/biographical representation, from talk to photographs to memorial sites, from verbal introductions to hagiography, from letters to family and friends to memoirs and autobiographies, from obituaries to painted portraits, from academic biography to sculpture, and more. Inquiries and applications from people wanting to work on topics of interest to NABS are particularly welcomed.

Socio-cultural studies attracts people with social science backgrounds who wish to work on interdisciplinary topics, and also those from an arts or humanities background who want to gain skills and experience in social research. Our PhD students can apply to the Arts & Humanities Research Council and some have already been successful in applications for doctoral research funding to the AHRC.

The MSc by Research in Socio-Cultural Studies may be taken as a stand-alone, one-year course or as a stepping stone to the PhD. It offers training in a range of qualitative methods.

Indicative courses include:

- *Documents of Life*;
- *Research Design*;
- *Data Analysis*;
- *Sources & Approaches for Historical Research*;
- *Research Methods in Literatures, Languages & Cultures*;
- *Research Design in Geography*;
- *Explanation & Understanding in Social & Political Research*;
- *Contemporary Social Theory*; and
- *Ethical & Political Issues in Social & Political Research*.

The dissertation element of the degree can take the form of either a small piece of independent research or a detailed proposal for a PhD.

Training and support

You will work with a supervisor on an original research dissertation and participate in advanced sociology research-training workshops, work-in-progress seminars and a writing workshop. The Graduate School provides a suite of research training courses for social science students across the University. We are developing an exciting package of flexible, web-based training courses as well as training in innovative methods addressing topics such as visual sociology, in line with the increased emphasis on ongoing training throughout your doctoral studies.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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“Living in Edinburgh has been a hugely rewarding experience. The city has much to offer in terms of research resources, and it is also a great place to live as a student.”

Kaitlin McCormick, from Ontario, Canada, studying PhD Canadian Studies

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Sociology

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Sociology at Edinburgh is one of the premier research units in the UK, as indicated by our excellent rating in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. We have a longstanding commitment to original empirical and theoretical work on society, and to the production of cultural and scientific knowledge.

We work closely with other colleagues in the School and supervise many cross-disciplinary projects. Applications are particularly welcome from students wishing to specialise in:

- auto/biography and narrative studies
- comparative sociology
- South Asian studies
- Southern Africa
- family and intimate relations
- innovation in genomics
- medical sociology
- political sociology
- nationalism studies
- constitutional change and governance
- social studies of finance and markets
- social, cultural and feminist theory
- gender, inequality and social stratification
- work, consumption and organisations
- Scottish society and politics
- science and technology studies
- sociology of emotions.

Training and support

You will work with a supervisor on an original research dissertation and participate in advanced sociology research-training workshops, work-in-progress seminars and a writing workshop. The Graduate School provides a suite of ESRC-recognised research training courses for social science students across the University. We are developing an exciting package of flexible, web-based training courses in line with the increased emphasis on ongoing training throughout your doctoral studies.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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South Asian Studies

PhD 3 yrs FT (6 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)
MSc by Research 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Research environment

Edinburgh has one of the largest concentrations of South Asianists in the UK, constituting a wide range of expertise. Examples of our recent research include the study of social, historical and anthropological aspects of Joint Forest Management Agreements in India; socio-historical research on the Indian Uprising of 1857; sociological and human geographical aspects of secondary schooling in north India; and sociological and anthropological aspects of pharmaceuticals in India and Nepal.

Other cross-disciplinary areas where students are particularly welcome include the historical and contemporary study of religion (Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Hinduism) and South Asian societies; gender, family and population; nationalism and caste; the media; the South Asian diaspora; contemporary politics and identity.

The MSc by Research in South Asian Studies offers core research skills and conceptual grounding for a research career or further study. The PhD and MPhil programmes combine work on an individual thesis project with systematic training in research skills.

Outstanding collections

The University's Main Library has many manuscripts in oriental languages originating from the countries of the Middle East and South Asia. You will also have access to rich library and archive resources across the University including divinity and Celtic and Scottish studies. You will also have access to the National Library of Scotland (holding the papers of several Viceroy's of India) and the Scottish National Record Office.

The Centre for South Asian Studies hosts a weekly research seminar as well as regular workshops and conferences.

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Funding

A large number of scholarships, loans and other funding schemes are available for your postgraduate studies. It is only possible to show a small selection in print. To see the full range, please visit: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate.

Awards are offered by the School of Social & Political Science, the College of Humanities & Social Science, the University of Edinburgh, the Scottish, UK and international governments and many funding bodies. Here we list a selection of potential sources of financial support for postgraduate students applying to the School of Social & Political Science.

Tuition fee discounts

We offer a 10 per cent discount on postgraduate fees for all alumni who have graduated with an undergraduate degree from the University. We also offer a 10 per cent discount for international graduates who spent at least one semester at the University of Edinburgh as a visiting undergraduate: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/discounts

Key

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- Masters by Research programmes
- Research programmes

Loans available for study at the University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh is a participating institution in the following loans programmes, meaning we certify your student status and can help with the application process.

• The Canada Student Loans Program ●●●

The University is eligible to certify Canadian student loan applications: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/canadian-loans

• The Student Awards Agency Scotland ●●

The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers eligible students postgraduate tuition fee loans for eligible programmes: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/pg-loan

• US Student Loans ●●●

The University is eligible to certify loan applications for US loan students. Full details on eligibility and how to apply can be found online: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/us-loans

Research council awards

Research councils offer awards to masters, MPhil and PhD students in most of the Schools within the University of Edinburgh. All studentship applications from the research councils must be made through the University, through your School or College office. Awards can be made for both taught and research programmes.

Normally only those UK/EU students who have been resident in the UK for the preceding three years are eligible for a full award. For some awards, candidates who are EU nationals and are resident in the UK may be eligible for a fees-only award: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-councils

University of Edinburgh scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships in partnership with the following overseas government agencies:

- **Chile ●●●**
National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT): www.conicyt.cl
- **Colombia ●**
Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (Colciencias): www.colciencias.gov.co
- **Ecuador ●●●**
Secretaria Nacional de Educacion Superior, Ciencia y Tecnologia (SENESCYT): www.educacionsuperior.gob.ec
- **Iraq ●**
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research: www.en.mohe.gov.iq/
- **Mexico**
National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT): ●●● www.conacyt.mx

Banco de Mexico and the Banco de Mexico's FIDERH trust (FIDERH): ●●● www.fiderh.org.mx

Fundacion Mexicana para la Educacion, la Tecnologia y la Ciencia (FUNED): ●● www.funedx.org

Other scholarship opportunities include:

• China Scholarships Council/University of Edinburgh Scholarships (China) ●

A number of scholarships for PhD study to candidates who are citizens and residents of China: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/china-council

• Chrystal Macmillan PhD Studentship ●

One PhD studentship, open to applicants working in the fields of social justice, gender and equality, human rights or peace and conflict resolution: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/applicants/funding/chrystal_macmillan_studentship

• College of Humanities & Social Science Studentships and Scholarships ●

Studentships and scholarships are open to those admitted to the first year of PhD research: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/research-hss

• Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme ●

A number of scholarships open to applicants from a developing Commonwealth country undertaking study on eligible one-year Masters programmes within the School of Social & Political Science: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/commonwealth-shared

• Edinburgh Global Masters Scholarships ●●

A number of scholarships are available to international students for masters study: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/masters

• Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships ●

These scholarships are designed to attract high-quality international research students to the University: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/global-research

• Eric Liddell China Saltire Scholarships (China) ●●

Ten scholarships are available to Chinese citizens who are permanent residents of mainland China who are accepted on a full-time masters degree programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/liddell

• Graduate School Awards ●

A number of scholarships in any discipline in Social & Political Science: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool

• Highly Skilled Workforce Scholarships ●

A number of scholarships are available to UK nationals who are permanently domiciled in Scotland, and to EU nationals domiciled either on mainland EU or in Scotland, who have been accepted on an eligible full-time or part-time masters programme. The scholarships will cover the UK/EU tuition fee: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/sfc-hsw

• Julius Nyerere Masters Scholarships (Tanzania) ●●

One scholarship is available to citizens of Tanzania who are normally resident in Tanzania who are accepted on a full-time masters degree programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/nyerere

• Southern African Scholarship ●●●

One award for masters study available to students from selected southern African countries: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/southern-africa

• UK/EU Masters Scholarships ●●

A number of scholarships for UK and EU students who have been accepted on a full-time masters degree programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/uk-masters

• University of Edinburgh PhD Scholarships ●

A number of scholarships, open to UK, EU and international PhD students: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/development

Other sources of funding

The following are examples of the many scholarships and support schemes available to students from particular countries who meet certain eligibility criteria.

• Beit Trust ●●●

Beit Trust Scholarships support postgraduate students from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, usually to undertake a masters degree: www.beittrust.org.uk

• Chevening Scholarships ●●

A number of partial and full funding scholarships are available to one-year masters students: www.chevening.org

• Commonwealth Scholarships ●●●

Scholarships available to students who are resident in any Commonwealth country, other than the UK: www.dfid.gov.uk/cscuk

• Fulbright Scholarships (USA) ●●●

Scholarships open to US graduate students in any subject wishing to study in the UK: www.iie.org/fulbright

• Marshall Scholarships (USA) ●●●

Scholarships available to outstanding US students wishing to study at any UK university for at least two years: www.marshallscholarship.org

• Scotland's Saltire Scholarships ●●

A number of scholarships open to students who are citizens permanently and ordinarily resident in Canada, China, India and the USA for one year of masters study: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/saltire

• Silber Bequest ●●●

Funding is available to help prospective postgraduate students living in the UK who have been granted refugee status: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/silber

Funding for online distance learning

The University offers several scholarships specifically for online, part-time postgraduate programmes, including the Edinburgh Global Online Distance Learning Masters Scholarship: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/e-learning/online-distance



How to apply

We have an online application process for all postgraduate programmes. It's a straightforward system with full instructions, including details of any supporting documentation you need to submit.

When applying, you will set up an account, which lets you save your application and continue at another time.

Full guidance on our application system can be found online: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

General requirements

Our usual entrance requirement for postgraduate study is a relevant UK 2:1 undergraduate degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/country). You will also need to meet the University's language requirements (see below).

Entry requirements for individual programmes can vary, so check the details for the specific programme you wish to apply for.

References

We do not require references for taught programmes. For applications to masters by research programmes, one reference is required. For applications to PhD programmes, two references are required.

You should check the online requirements for your intended programme of study: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/applicants/application_requirements

Deadlines

Some programmes have application deadlines. Please check the programme entry online for details. For all other programmes, you are encouraged to apply no later than one month prior to entry to ensure there is sufficient time to process your application. However, earlier application is recommended, particularly where there is a high demand for places or when a visa will be required. Should you wish to submit a late application, please contact us for guidance.

Taught programmes

Application procedure

- Explore this prospectus and our website to identify your preferred programme of study.
- Check our entry requirements, ensuring you have the required documentation to upload. An official transcript and certificate (if your degree has been awarded) is required upon application. Where work experience is taken into consideration, an up-to-date CV and work reference is required.
- Select your programme from www.ed.ac.uk/pg/degrees, click 'Apply' and follow the instructions provided.

Research programmes

Application procedure

- Explore this prospectus and our website to find your preferred area of research.
- We recommend you identify and contact a potential supervisor to discuss your research proposal before applying to ensure there is adequate supervision.
- Check our entry requirements, ensuring you have the required documentation to upload.
- Select your programme from www.ed.ac.uk/pg/degrees, click 'Apply' and follow the instructions provided.

Joining us from overseas

International applicants are advised to check the University's website to find out more about their visa options.

International agents

The University has certified representative agents in the following locations: Brunei, Canada, China, Gulf Region, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia and Zimbabwe. International applicants can use an agent to help guide them through the application process if necessary. For more information visit: www.ed.ac.uk/international/country

English language requirements

Students whose first language is not English must show evidence of one of the qualifications below:

International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic; Public Policy

- IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).
- TOEFL-iBT: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
- PTE(A): total 67 (at least 61 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
- CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 176 in each module).

All other programmes

- IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module).
- TOEFL-iBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
- PTE(A): total 67 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
- CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 169 in each module).

Please note:

- English language requirements can be affected by government policy so please ensure you visit our degree finder to check the latest requirements for your programme: www.ed.ac.uk/pg/degrees
- Your English language certificate must be no more than two years old at the beginning of your programme.
- We also accept recent degree-level study that was taught and assessed in English in a majority English speaking country (as defined by UK Visas & Immigration).
- Cambridge tests are accepted only for applicants who do not need Tier 4 visas to enter the UK.

Abbreviations: IELTS – International English Language Testing System; TOEFL-iBT – Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet-Based Test; PTE(A) – Pearson Test of English (Academic); CPE – Certificate of Proficiency in English; CAE – Certificate in Advanced English.

www.ed.ac.uk/english-requirements/pg

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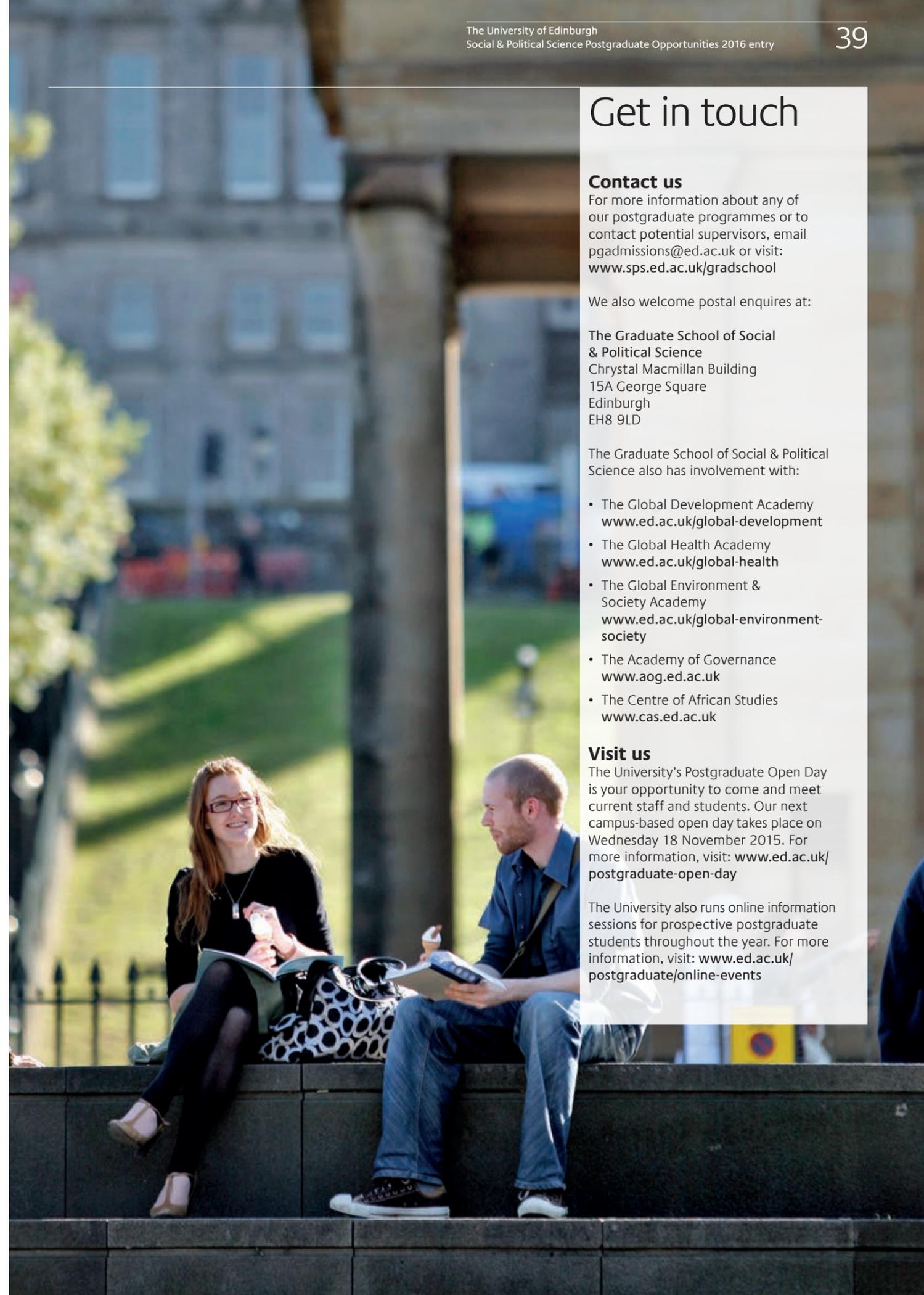
The Graduate School of Social & Political Science also has involvement with:

- The Global Development Academy www.ed.ac.uk/global-development
- The Global Health Academy www.ed.ac.uk/global-health
- The Global Environment & Society Academy www.ed.ac.uk/global-environment-society
- The Academy of Governance www.aog.ed.ac.uk
- The Centre of African Studies www.cas.ed.ac.uk

Visit us

The University's Postgraduate Open Day is your opportunity to come and meet current staff and students. Our next campus-based open day takes place on Wednesday 18 November 2015. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-open-day

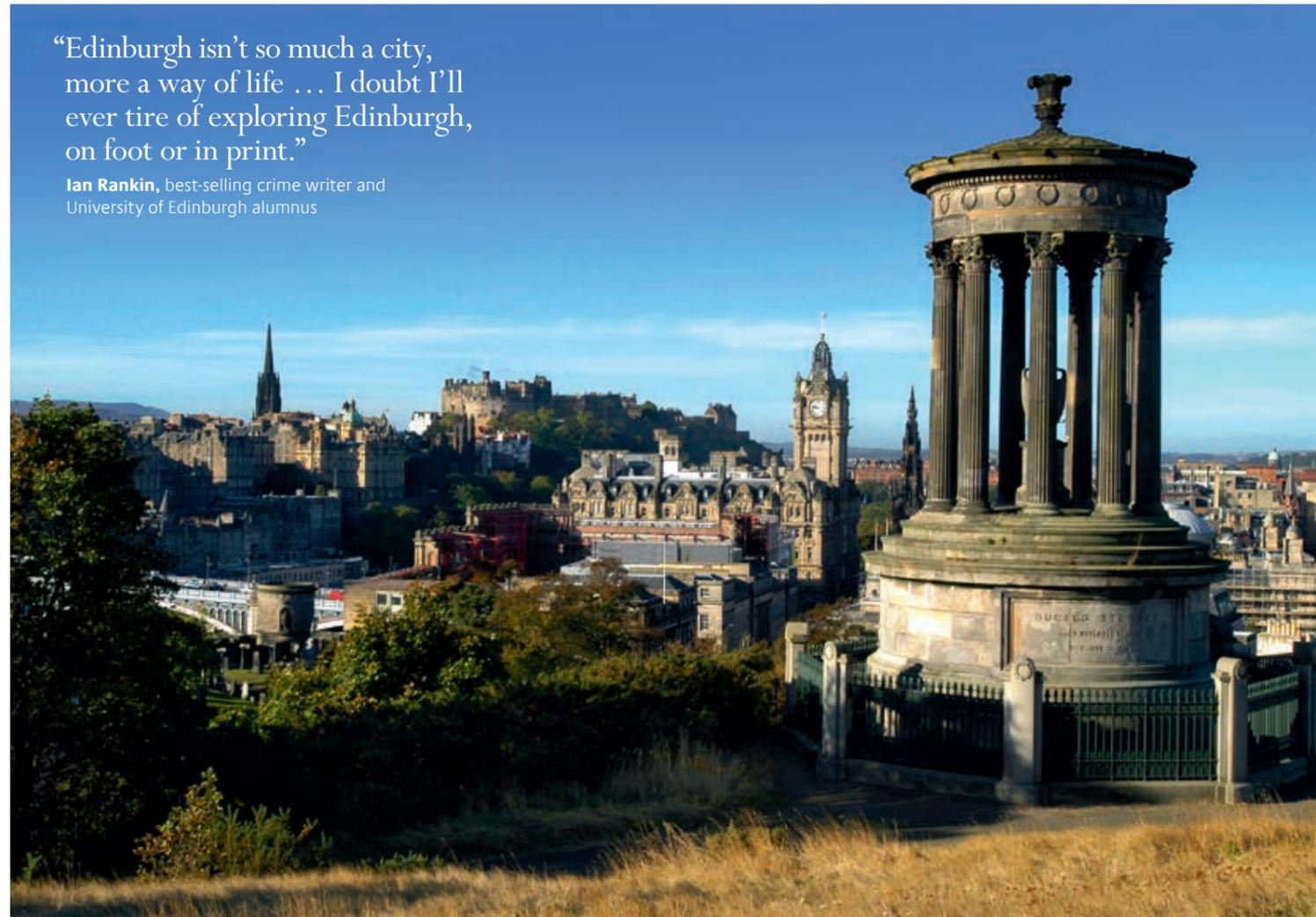
The University also runs online information sessions for prospective postgraduate students throughout the year. For more information, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/online-events



Campus map

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