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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 for qualified social workers wishing to practise as mental health officers (MHOs). It has been designed, 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. Our 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. You will also undertake two periods of assessed MHO practice (32 days each), organised and supported by your employing local authority. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/entry-requirements) or recognised qualification in social work and at least two years’ relevant experience in social work practice. If you are a qualified social worker but do not hold a degree-level qualification, you may ask for special consideration when applying. You must be employed, supported, and seconded by one of the 12 employing local authorities within the East of Scotland MHO Partnership catchment area.

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 offers students a unique chance to develop regional expertise with a focus on the theory and practice of international development.

International development is concerned with the idea of good change, but who decides what constitutes good change? How should such change happen? What unintended consequences might the pursuit of change create? This MSc encourages you to critically explore these questions in the context of Africa.

The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh is one of the world’s largest and most renowned hubs for teaching and research on the continent.

Programme structure
Our compulsory courses ground you in the theory and practice of international development in Africa. You will also have the opportunity to take four courses from a diverse range of modules, on subjects including African politics, human rights, justice, displacement and migration, sustainability, science and technology, business, and education. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

We also offer you the chance to complete a work-based placement, giving you the chance to apply your academic knowledge to a real world issue.

Our extensive network of partners in the UK and in a large number of African countries includes NGOs, charities, social enterprises, think tanks and government bodies, giving you the experience you need to follow your chosen path.

Career opportunities
This programme offers you a unique opportunity to acquire a combination of interdisciplinary, regional expertise with a critical knowledge of international development theory and practice. With this grounding, many of our students have gone on to work in development for charities, government agencies, international organisations, think tanks or advocacy groups. The programme can also serve as a stepping stone for a career in research or academia.

Recent graduates have worked for organisations such as Amnesty International, the United Nations, Mercy Corps, Macmillan, Aegon, and MSF.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Africa & International Development

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

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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
The Centre of African Studies and 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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/global-development).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
For fees see page 40 and for funding information see page 42.

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Africa & International Development

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 in history, politics and history, but it now offers students a greater focus on regional expertise 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 take two compulsory courses and four option courses including courses on African politics, public health, transitional justice, gender and development, migration, warfare and Africa’s postcolonial history.

A weekly seminar series and other events will enhance your learning. After the taught courses, you will work towards your independently researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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 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. Recently graduates are now working in research and policy development for organisations such as Community Aid Response and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Africa Studies

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

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Fees and funding
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Childhood Studies

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

Programme description
This is an 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. We have particular expertise in directly undertaking ethical research with children. You can undertake the necessary research training, through this programme, to progress onto a PhD or a research career. 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. Your dissertation can be your own independent research or you can undertake a work based placement in the UK or abroad.

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 go on to employment with national and international non-governmental organisations, research posts and PhD study, and national and local government positions. Recent graduates are now working in education and children’s rights for organisations worldwide.

You will develop transferable skills, such as policy analysis, quantitative research and project management.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

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 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; Languages, Literatures, Linguistics & Cultures; Philosophy, Psychology & Language Sciences; Health in Social Science; or Geosciences.

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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. 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 programme will develop highly transferable analytical, communication and project management skills, which can be applied to roles in any field. In the past, students have gone on to employment in the public, private and third sector both locally and internationally or progressed to PhD study.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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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)**

*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 understand the issues around international development and development and to develop 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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 equip yourself 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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its equivalent international (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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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, ethics and environmental sociology.

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. Study will be assessed through coursework, seminar assessment and presentations. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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 equip yourself with the knowledge and skills required to address 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 challenges 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. Recent graduates are working in policy and sustainable development roles for organisations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Global Health 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 as an emerging academic discipline and in terms of heightened policy salience. Global health concerns have become a central component of the foreign and security policy and of development and human rights agendas, and have reshaped debates regarding the social impacts of global environmental and economic 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, medical anthropology, 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 top degree extended 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. Following the taught courses, you will work towards an independently researched dissertation.

Career opportunities
This highly flexible 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 practices in local schools or a PhD programme. Our programme is also recognised for training roles in the UK Faculty of Public Health, and a number of practising doctors undertake study with us.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Health Policy

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

Programme description
Contemporary debates highlight the importance of public policy in shaping both the determinants of population health and the structure and funding of health systems. This programme provides a comprehensive overview of key challenges and debates in health policy, spanning international, national and local contexts and reflecting on global developments and actors. You will examine the range of factors shaping population health and healthcare, with a particular focus on issues of equity, policy coherence and sustainability. Your aim is to provide you with the tools needed to work across disciplinary boundaries and engage in critical appraisal of population health challenges, health policy analysis, and health advocacy. Graduates of this programme will be able to apply social science perspectives to key public health challenges and policy debates; to appraise the different actors and strategies involved in influencing health policy; and to critically evaluate the evidence for different policy approaches. Presented through the University’s Global Public Health Unit, we offer a highly interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning and integration with the wider University. You will have access to broader teaching opportunities within the School of Social & Political Science and the Centre for Population Health Policy, including courses on health and human rights, global politics, economics and international development. This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Health Academy: www.ed.ac.uk/globalhealth

Programme structure
Teaching is by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete one compulsory course and five option courses, before your independently researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. You will have the opportunity to develop expertise in areas of particular interest. Students with an interest in health systems will be able to explore the challenge of improving access to health care in contexts such as the United States and other high-income countries; the impacts of health reforms (including private finance initiatives) on the NHS; and the multiple challenges confronting health systems in resource-poor settings. Students who are particularly interested in health equity will examine the work of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health, analysing its conceptual framework and policy agenda and considering how its recommendations may be implemented in national and local health policy contexts. You’ll find inspiration within our vibrant international community, and learn from the real world of health policy. Our students come from a variety of academic backgrounds and countries at all levels of economic development, and bring hands-on experience of health issues, policy and health systems in their home countries.

Career opportunities
Graduates will be well qualified for careers with NGOs, health agencies, government departments and international organisations. Many students use an MSc as a foundation for doctoral research. Graduates of our past programme in this area have undertaken internships with the World Health Organisation, and several have gone on to senior health policy roles in their home countries. Others used the programme to prepare for applications to medical school. The programme is 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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry).

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 low or middle income country but also sometimes in the UK. Our extensive network of partners includes NGOs, charities, social enterprises, 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. 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.

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English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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International & European Politics (Including European Practitioner Pathway)

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.

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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. In the second semester (January-July), you will have the choice to embark on the European Practitioner Pathway (conditional on performance in semester 1 coursework). This will allow you to do a work-based placement and write your dissertation about it.

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 including Rolls Royce and Vodafone. 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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduated-entry).

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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. 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. Recent graduates are now working for a range of employers including KPMG and Deloitte. 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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduated-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
For fees see page 40 and for funding information see page 42.

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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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. 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. Recent graduates are now working for the United Nations, the National Trust for Scotland, AECOM, EY, Moody's Analytics, the Creek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Scottish Witts. 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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduated-entry).

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.

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

The University of Edinburgh
Social & Political Science Postgraduate Opportunities 2017
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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. You may also take language courses in Persian and Turkish, 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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. Recent graduates are now working for the Council of Europe, the British Council, Mercy Corps and Free the Children.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry). See page 40.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding

New programme:

International Relations of the Middle East with Advanced Arabic

MSC

This programme adopts a similar approach to our International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic MSc but is geared toward those with an existing proficiency in Arabic. It will provide graduate-level training in the study of the international relations of the Middle East, with highly advanced Arabic skills enhanced by a period of study in the Arab world. Further information will be made available online as soon as possible: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/degrees
Management of Bioeconomy, Innovation & Governance

**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. It is an innovative and dynamic postgraduate qualification designed to meet the increasing demand for skilled people in the growing global bioeconomy.

The programme responds to the central challenges of the bioeconomy, including: developing sustainable innovation in a responsible manner; identifying and exploiting value throughout innovation ecosystems; and bringing new technologies to existing and emerging markets. To meet these modern challenges, the programme provides you with a dynamic set of competencies, and knowledge about life science innovation, as desired by prospective employers in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Areas covered by the programme include:
- **agricultural biotechnology**
- **sustainable food and animal production**
- **synthetic biology**
- **pharmaceuticals and antimicrobial resistance**
- **regenerative medicine and cell therapies**
- **stratified medicine**
- **industrial biotechnology**
- **genetic databases**
- **biofuels and energy-related developments**

Graduates from this programme will excel in strategic thinking that brings globally contextualised solutions to practical problems relating to innovation and firm strategy, policy and regulation, collaborative R&D models, and governance and intellectual property.

**Programme structure**
This programme draws on real-life case studies and the latest research findings from the Inogen Institute. Experiential learning is encouraged, and is accomplished through problem-based group work activities, presentations and interactive seminars, along with conventional lectures. You will complete five compulsory courses and a selection of option courses, then work on an independently researched dissertation, which can be a conventional academic dissertation or a work-based project. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Basic scientific knowledge is no longer sufficient for building a successful career in this rapidly growing field. Professionals in this area, and in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors with expertise in life science innovation. You may also choose to continue your training in anthropology who wish to progress to a research career. In this programme, the programme provides you with a dynamic set of competencies, and knowledge about life science innovation, as desired by prospective employers in the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Areas covered by the programme include:
- **agricultural biotechnology**
- **sustainable food and animal production**
- **synthetic biology**
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Along the way, you’ll be supported by expert staff and the resources of the University's respected centres of study, such as the Centre 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Drawing on the communication and research skills provided by the programme, our students have gone on to undertake professional internships and secure jobs at governmental, non-governmental, educational and commercial institutions across the world, such as the Canadian and Scottish Governments and the European Centre for Minority Issues. Graduates have also gone on to doctoral programmes at Edinburgh and around the world, pursuing degrees across the social sciences and humanities. Importantly, our students make strong friendships and connections that last long after their studies on the programme.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ internationalgraduate-entry).

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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Medical Anthropology

**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.

**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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. You are also encouraged to take the Development Research Methods course.

**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.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ internationalgraduate-entry).

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Nationalism Studies

**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 backround 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 problems and issues 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 Centre 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**Career opportunities**
Drawing on the communication and research skills provided by the programme, our students have gone on to undertake professional internships and secure jobs at governmental, non-governmental, educational and commercial institutions across the world, such as the Canadian and Scottish Governments and the European Centre for Minority Issues. Graduates have also gone on to doctoral programmes at Edinburgh and around the world, pursuing degrees across the social sciences and humanities. Importantly, our students make strong friendships and connections that last long after their studies on the programme.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ internationalgraduate-entry).

**English language requirements**
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Policy Studies

**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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

**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 with government and non-governmental organisations or moved on to PhD study. You will develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ internationalgraduate-entry).

**English language requirements**
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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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. 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 normally undertake a capstone project, including a placement at a policy organization of up to 12 weeks. 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

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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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.

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. Courses range from those offering an overview of theories and approaches to those exploring specific issues such as kinship, gender, development and religion. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as the United Nations, Refugee Action and ActionAid Scotland.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Social Research

PgCert 1 yr PT (2 yrs PT intermittent for 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 will 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. Our programme has been uniquely chosen within the School for the Student Awards Agency for Scotland’s (SASA) Postgraduate Loans (Scotland and EU) scheme. 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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. 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 is a fast and comprehensive qualification that will make you a sought after researcher with strong quantitative and qualitative research skills. This programme will equip you to gain employment in the public, voluntary and private sectors, or it can be used as the basis of doctoral research, potentially leading to an academic career. 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. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as Alzheimer Scotland, the BBC, the Scottish Government, HBI Cateley and NFU Scotland.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/internationalgraduate-entry).

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Social Work

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

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. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities
This programme qualifies you to practice 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.

Entry requirements
A UK 2.1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ internationalgraduate-entry) in a relevant discipline. You must be able to demonstrate knowledge and experience of social work and a sound motivation to train as a social worker, preferably through a period of paid or voluntary work in a social care or social work setting. You will normally have at least one year of workplace experience before applying.

We may also consider your application if you have other voluntary or work experience but can demonstrate an ability to transfer your learning and experience, and to manage complex relationships in personal or work contexts. Please contact us to discuss your application before you apply.

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 good understanding of global processes of social change, and allow you to explore topics of personal interest in depth, both through 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, dealing with issues such 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. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 the University of Edinburgh’s sociology research was ranked first in the UK for research power, with 83 per cent of our work rated internationally excellent.

Programme structure
You will take compulsory courses that give you a sociological perspective and provide you for independent dissertation research. You further four option courses can address global topics, social theory and research training, as you prefer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. 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, UK agencies, non-governmental organisations, the private sector or think tanks, or as an academic, practitioner or policy maker. Past students have gone on to work in consultancy, management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

Entry requirements
A UK 2.1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ internationalgraduate-entry).

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 and PhD – across the following areas:

- African 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.

MSc by Research

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

Entry requirements

A UK 2:1 Honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/ international/graduate-entry). Many programmes also require a UK masters degree with an overall mark of 65 per cent or its international equivalent. Please check the specific entry requirements for your programme online before applying.

Career opportunities

Many of our graduates use a research programme as a platform for a career in academia, or postdoctoral research, internationally. Others have found work in international development, the charities sector, the civil service or in business, with organisations such as the Red Cross and the Ford Motor Company.

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

to research in the European and wider international area. This is reflected in the 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 autobiography is research emphasising intimate relations, reproduction and processes of marginalisation. Edinburgh’s leading role in social studies of finance is well recognised. 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 autobiography is research emphasising intimate relations, reproduction and processes of marginalisation. Edinburgh’s leading role in social studies of finance is well recognised.

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 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.

Center for Security Research (CeSeR)

CeSeR is an interdisciplinary centre that aims to promote and link diverse forms of security research across disciplines. It connects the increasing number of University researchers who work on security, from Social and Political Science, Law, Business, Psychology, Informatics, Divinity, History, Geoscience, Engineering, and elsewhere. CeSeR is based in Politics and International Relations in the School of Social & Political Science and was established in 2015. Security was once a matter of war and international relations alone, but has become a pressing issue for potentially any area of research or policy. Security questions have become multi-dimensional and crosscutting, ranging from traditional security topics such as war and military alliances to new securities including human security, cyber security, environmental resource conflicts, pandemics, global terrorism, environmental crises, health threats, resource disruption and critical infrastructure breakdown. The multi-dimensional nature of security and insecurity demands the multi-disciplinary perspective that CeSeR provides.

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 visiting guests) The Centre has also organised workshops and conferences on topical themes.

Europa Institute

Founded in 1968, the Europa Institute is one of the longest-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 research 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.

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 science innovation in Africa and China, in addition to Europe and the US, our research outputs are used in decision-making, along with data 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, large research institutions, Innovative 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.

The 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.

The University’s Global Academies.

If you’re interested in studying with us this way, we’re keen to investigate possibilities in some of our areas of research.

See also...

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
Research opportunities

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.

African Studies doctoral students will receive regular one-to-one thesis supervision from two supervisors with expertise in their research areas. 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.

A series of workshops are given throughout the academic year that help prepare you for various stages of the PhD and offer guidance on career choices. Recent graduates are now working for the Department for Work & Pensions, IHS Country Risk and Forecasting, and for universities worldwide.

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.

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“...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, from Ontario, Canada, PhD

Global 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
This programme aims to provide rigorous postgraduate training to those interested in pursuing interdisciplinary research across public health and the social sciences. It offers structured training towards research, either for a PhD or masters by research, as a solid basis for a research career.

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 research is organised around the following four intersecting themes, each of which is central to contemporary policy debates:
• Commercial sector and public health
• Health systems and global governance
• Social determinants of health and public policy
• Science, advocacy and health policy

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.

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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 regulations 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
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 stand-alone degree, the dissertation normally includes a component of data collection and analysis, or a selection of theoretical documents and analysis.

Opportunities
This interdisciplinary MSc by Research is an opportunity to develop a specialisation in an area of medical anthropology or sociology. 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.

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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:

- comparative, sub-state and supranational dimensions of politics and governance;
- the impact of devolution in the UK and elsewhere, and the constitution and governance of the European Union;
- international politics: critical security, security politics and policy, transatlantic relations, international political economy, international development;
- nationalism, democratic transition, civil society and institution building;
- public policy: including health, welfare, environment, competition, migrations and citizenship;
- political theory, especially war ethics, environmental ethics and theories of freedom;
- gender and politics.

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.

Most of our recent graduates have gone on to research and academia at universities worldwide. Others find private sector employment for organisations such as KPMG.

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Science & Technology 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
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 then 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 Chrysalid 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.

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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.

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

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Kaitlin McCormick, from Ontario, Canada, PhD

"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."

Dr Jamie Furniss

**Social Policy**

**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 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. Many of our graduates use the programme as a foundation for their own future research or for an academic career.

Within social policy, we have the following active research groups:

- Global Public Health
- Policy and Governance
- Work, Economy and Inequality
- Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
- Discourse Analysis
- Social Network Analysis Project.

We enjoy close research links across the University, particularly with the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, the Centre for Integrated Healthcare Research, Nursing Studies, and with Community Health Sciences.

**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.

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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 social services 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. We have a strong commitment to knowledge exchange with practice and policy colleagues.

**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.

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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 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, Language and 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.

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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. Many of our graduates use the programme as a foundation for their own future research or for an academic career.

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.

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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 combines work on an individual thesis project with systematic training in research skills.

The Centre for South Asian Studies hosts regular research seminars, workshops and conferences.

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 Viceroyos of India) and the Scottish National Record Office.

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The School of Social & Political Science provides an intellectually vibrant teaching and research environment, boasting an international community of more than 220 world-class academic staff and 800 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, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea and Sweden.

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. In the 2016 Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA) teaching awards we received more nominations than any other school. We were shortlisted in four categories, won Best Course and were runner up in the other three.

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 of Edinburgh has one of the world’s great collections, which has been growing ever since its foundation in 1583. Our collections include rare books, archives and manuscripts, art, historical musical instruments and a wide range of museum objects from geological specimens to anatomical models. If laid out end to end, we would have almost 60 kilometres of shelving and storage space devoted to our heritage material, from 1st-century Greek papyrus fragments to new works of sculpture. This is curated by specialist staff across 45 sites and used for our teaching and research and by the wider public community.

The Centre for Research Collections in the Main Library is the hub for all our collections, where specialist curators make them available for study, research and pleasure. Postgraduate students are welcome to study original objects and have made many important research discoveries while working on the archives. You will find an incredible range of material in our collections that is available nowhere else in the world.

Our School is housed in the Cristal 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 have a collaborative blog, It Ain’t Necessarily So, that is managed by postgraduates. The blog publishes the writing of PhD students and ranges from current affairs, international relations, and reflections on ethics, to philosophy, food, and television. It is a showcase for PhD students to make their research relevant beyond the academy: www.itaintnecessarilyso.org/

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 being auctioned for scholarship funds.

Our Practice Programme connects postgraduate students with the world of academia and beyond. With a focus on putting learning into practice, it is the framework through which we deliver skills training, career development, placement opportunities and knowledge exchange for students on both taught and research programmes. The Practice Programme comprises a series of workshops, events and work-based placements available for taught and research students.

In the Graduate School of Social & Political Science, we run an intensive induction, providing extensive networking opportunities and explaining how to make the most of your time here. For research students, we provide a mix of generic interdisciplinary training and specialist training, focusing on research design, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. Some taught masters programmes offer the chance to undertake a work-based project instead of the traditional academic dissertation. We provide training seminars within all of our programmes and practical workshops in skills including preparing for fieldwork, ethics, writing an academic CV, networking and publication plans and presentations.

Institute for Academic Development

All postgraduate students can benefit from our 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. IAD events also offer the perfect opportunity to meet and network with other postgraduates from across the University.

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

For taught postgraduates, IAD provides a popular study-related and transferable skills support programme. It is designed to help you settle into postgraduate life, succeed during your studies and move confidently to the next stage of your career. We offer on-campus and online workshops and one-to-one study skills consultations, plus online advice and learning materials, workshops and learning resources cover key topics tailored to different academic stages, including getting started with your studies; critical reading, writing and thinking; managing your exams; and planning for and writing up your dissertation.

IAD also provides a comprehensive programme of transferable skills training, resources and support for researchers completing a doctorate. The workshop programme is designed to help you successfully prepare for the various milestones of your PhD, from getting started with your research, to writing up and preparing for the viva. Workshops cover topics such as writing skills, reference management tools, statistics, preparing for conferences, delivering presentations, time and project management, and personal development. IAD also offers online resources and planning tools to help get your research started, plus support for tutoring and demonstrating and research public engagement and communication.

Careers Service

Our Careers Service plays an essential part in your wider student experience at the University, offering world-class careers and personal development guidance and support. We support you to recognise the wealth of possibilities ahead, while at university and after graduation, helping you explore new avenues, tap into your talents and build your employability with confidence and enthusiasm. The Service provides specialist support for postgraduate students. From exploring career options to making decisions, from CV writing to interview practice, from Employ.ed internships to graduate and alumni careers fairs, we help you prepare for the future. We sustain and continually develop links with employers from all industries and employment sectors, from the world’s top recruiters to small enterprises based here in Edinburgh. Our employer team provides a programme of opportunities for you to meet employers on campus and virtually, and advertises a 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 share an academic background or are interested in a similar career path. Connect.ed is a networking system run by the Careers Service that provides an informal and 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.

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.

“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

The University of Edinburgh
Social & Political Science Postgraduate Opportunities 2017
Applications and fees

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/graduate-entry). 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.

Language requirements

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

International Requirements of the Middle East with Arabic; Public Policy; Master of Social Work:
• IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).
• TOEFL iBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
• Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

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).
• Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

Please note:
• English language requirements can be affected by government policy to please ensure you visit our degree finder to check the latest requirements for your programme: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/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).

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; Trinity ISE – Integrated Skills in English.

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

Tuition fees

The following table provides an overview of indicative fee levels for programmes commencing in 2017.

For UK/EU students

The University of Edinburgh is committed to working with the Government to ameliorate the impact of that change for individual students.

The Scottish Government has already confirmed that the fee status of existing UK students and students enrolling in the 2016/17 academic year will remain unchanged for the duration of their studies.

For UK/EU students

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European Union Politics & Law, International & European Politics, International Relations, International Relations of the Middle East, International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic: 1-year FT

European Union Politics & Law, International & European Politics, International Relations, International Relations of the Middle East, International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic: 2-year FT

MSc 2-years PT £12,300*
MSc by Research 1-year FT £7,400*
MSc by Research 2-years FT £14,700*
MSc by Research 3-years FT £24,470*

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* Figure shown is the 2016/17 fee level

All other fees quoted are indicative of 2017/18 fee levels. Because these figures are indicative, it is important you check online before you apply and check the up-to-date fee level that will apply to your specific programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate

www.sps.ed.ac.uk
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 Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, 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

Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh
- Beit Trust
  - Beit Trust and the University of Edinburgh Scholarships jointly fund postgraduate students from Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe to undertake a masters: www.beittrust.org.uk
- Chrysta Macmillan PhD Studentship
  - One PhD studentship, open to applicants working in the fields of social justice, gender and equality, human rights, peace and conflict resolution: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/applicants/funding/chrystamacmillan_studentship
- College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences 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-his
- 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
- Edinburgh Syrian Postgraduate Scholarships
  - A number of scholarships are available to postgraduate students from Syria studying a full-time one-year masters: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate/syria
- 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 permanently domiciled in Scotland, and to EU nationals domiciled either on mainland EU or in Scotland, who have been accepted on an eligible full- or part-time masters programme. The scholarships, which are funded by the Scottish Funding Council subject to annual confirmation, cover the UK/EU tuition fee: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/highlyskilledworkforcescholarships
- 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 programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/juliynyerere

MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme (Africa)
A number of scholarships for applicants who are residents and citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country will be available for eligible masters programmes. The scholarships cover full tuition fees and expenses for accommodation and maintenance for African scholars with few educational opportunities: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/mastercard

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

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 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

The University also offers a number of scholarships in partnership with the following overseas government agencies:
- Chile
- Colombia
  - Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (COLCIENCIAS): www.colciencias.gov.co
- Ecuador
  - Secretaria Nacional de Educacion Superior, Ciencia y Tecnologia (SENESCYT): www.educaionsuperior.gob.ec
- Iraq
  - Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research: www.iraqculturalattache.org.uk
- Mexico
  - National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT): www.conacyt.mx
  - Banco de Mexico y el Banco de Mexico’s FIDERH trust (FIDERH): www.fiderh.org.mx

Pertucan Mexicana para la Educacion, la Tecnologia y la Ciencia (FUNDI): www.fundemex.org

Postgraduate Loans (SAAS) Scotland and EU
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/edgbld

Postgraduate Loans (SAAS) Scotland and EU
The Student Awards Agency Scotland offers tuition fee loans to eligible students undertaking full- or part-time postgraduate study. For a full list of eligible programmes: www.sas.gov.uk

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

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.

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/cksu

Fullbright Scholarships (USA)
Scholarships open to US graduate students in any subject wishing to study in the UK: www.iie.org/fullbright

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, Pakistan and the USA for one year of masters study: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/saltire

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/edgbld
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On 23 June 2016 the UK electorate voted in a national referendum to leave the European Union. At the time of going to print, there was no immediate, material change known that would impact applicants for 2017 entry. However we recommend that you check online for the latest information before you apply: http://edin.ac/eu-news

The University’s standard terms and conditions will form an essential part of any contract between the University of Edinburgh and any student offered a place here. Our full terms and conditions are available online: www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/terms-conditions

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