“Edinburgh isn’t so much a city, more a way of life … I doubt I’ll ever tire of exploring Edinburgh, on foot or in print.”
Ian Rankin
Best-selling author and alumnus
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We’re ranked 23rd in the world for the employability of our graduates.**

£8m
We awarded more than £8 million in bursaries in 2015/16.

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Edinburgh is ranked the second best student city in the UK.***

137 Nationalities
Students from two-thirds of the world’s countries study here.

* Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
** Latest Emerging Global Employability University Ranking
*** QS Best Student Cities 2015

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10. Specific information about what you will study each year.
Welcome to the College of Humanities & Social Science

Our global reputation for teaching and research helps us to attract the international research community’s sharpest minds, which in turn means world-class teaching for our students.

We were ranked among the world’s top 20 universities for arts and humanities in the QS World University Rankings 2015/16.

As the University’s largest college, we host more than 20,250 students and 3,660 staff. We offer more than 350 undergraduate programmes across a broad range of subject areas from our 11 academic schools. We offer subjects from established and emerging fields in the arts, humanities and social sciences, including creative practices and professionally orientated areas. This diversity creates a vibrant atmosphere in which students from around the world can develop new skills, deepen their knowledge and network with like-minded individuals in preparation for whatever challenging and interesting careers lie ahead.

If you have any queries about the programmes listed in this section, please contact the Admissions Office, or go online for further details.

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Why choose Accounting at the University of Edinburgh?

All our MA accounting-related programmes are accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS), the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA), the Association of International Accountants (AIA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Accounting is taught in the University of Edinburgh Business School, which is in the top one per cent of business schools worldwide to hold triple accreditation from international ranking bodies AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA.

The quality and breadth of our research was ranked 16th in the UK and second in Scotland in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 power index. We increased the amount of our research rated world-leading or internationally excellent to 77 per cent.

Introducing Accounting

Accountants play a crucial role in business. Their ability to measure financial information and make projections affects economic decision-making at all levels. Financial accountants report on the performance of an organisation. Management accountants provide financial information to help with planning and strategy. Accountancy is one of the fastest-growing areas of business activity.

Studying accounting at the University of Edinburgh offers you a flexible programme of study. You will be able to combine your study of accounting with business, finance, economics or law and take a wide range of courses.

You may also be interested in

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Accreditation

If you wish to progress to a career as a fully qualified accountant, the accreditation of our programmes (see page 10) provides a high level of exemption from the professional examination requirements. Our accreditation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland offers the maximum exemption available to accounting graduates.

Study abroad

Our Business School exchange programme offers opportunities to study in Hong Kong, China, North America, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, South Korea and across Europe. You may also have access to study-abroad placements through Erasmus, which offers European exchanges with universities in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Turkey and Spain, or through the University’s International Exchange Programmes, in Year 3.

Career opportunities

Accountancy graduates can train to become a qualified accountant through a traineeship with an accountancy or commercial firm. Alternatively you can choose a career in taxation, finance or banking. Some of our graduates decide to follow a different direction and pursue employment in management positions in the public and private sectors.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/24

Our accountancy lecturers are very clear in explaining even the most complicated operation within the accountancy discipline. They’re patient enough to write down a step-by-step approach for each question during the lecture.”

Alexander Santoso
MA (Hons) Accounting & Finance graduate

Year by year...

Year 1
You will study Accountancy 1A, an introduction to financial accounting, and Accountancy 1B, an introduction to management accounting. You will also study courses in business, finance, law or economics, depending on your joint honours programme.

Year 2
You will study Accountancy 2A, which deals with some of the more complex aspects of financial accounting, such as the preparation of financial statements. You will also study Accountancy 2B, which examines the more complex areas of management accounting. You will learn about cost management topics and costing systems, including activity-based costing, transfer pricing and divisional performance. You will choose courses in business, finance, law or economics, depending on your joint honours programme.

Year 3
You will study the compulsory courses: Advanced Financial Accounting, Auditing and Management Accounting Applications. You will also take courses from the other half of your joint honours programme.

Year 4
You will choose two courses from a range including Advanced Management Accounting, Audit Practice, Taxation Practice, The Accounting Profession, and Accounting and Everyday Life. You will also complete an accounting based research dissertation.

“Accounting
Humanities & Social Science
Introduction to Arabic and Persian

The University of Edinburgh has a long and well-established reputation for teaching about Islam and the history, culture and literature of the Middle East. We host the Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World with two other university partners.

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, our Arabic and Persian research was part of the Area Studies submission. This was ranked first in Scotland and 74 per cent of our publications were rated either world-leading or internationally excellent.

We are the only university in Scotland to offer courses in three main languages of the Muslim world – Arabic, Persian and Turkish.

Introducing Arabic and Persian

For several decades the Middle East has been at the forefront of world events. Our Arabic and Persian programmes provide a unique opportunity to learn the region's languages and develop a better understanding of the region's politics, culture, religion, history, literature and law.

You will have the opportunity to study a full range of material from pre-Islamic poetry and Islamic philosophy to modern literature and cinema.

Why choose Arabic and Persian?

Arabic students can choose between at least two countries in the Arabic-speaking world for their study abroad. Persian students may have the option of studying abroad or intensive language study in Edinburgh.

Additional costs

You will spend either a semester or a year (depending on your programme) at a university or institute in an Arabic- or Persian-speaking country as a compulsory part of your programme. Costs vary according to the location.

Career opportunities

The Middle East is one of the UK's major trading partners so there is a high demand for graduates who speak Arabic or Persian. Our programmes will also prepare you for careers in the diplomatic service, elsewhere in the civil service or in non-government organisations. Graduates also enter teaching or the media or begin postgraduate study.

Programmes

MA (Hons)
- Arabic T620
- Arabic & Ancient Greek QQK7
- Arabic & Business TN61
- Arabic & Economics TL61
- Arabic & French TR61
- Arabic & History TV61
- Arabic & History of Art TV63
- Arabic & Persian T621
- Arabic & Politics TL62
- Arabic & Religious Studies R4T8
- Arabic & Social Anthropology LT66
- Arabic & Spanish TR64
- Persian & English Literature T6Q3
- Persian & Middle Eastern Studies T63H
- Persian & Politics LT26
- Persian & Social Anthropology TL66
- Persian Studies T633

You may also be interested in

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/28

Year by year…

Year 1

You will study elementary language, learning basic grammar and developing your vocabulary. You will also take courses in Islamic history, modern Middle Eastern history and courses from other academic areas.

Year 2

You will continue with your language study and take courses in Islamic history, modern Middle Eastern history and courses from other academic areas.

Year 3

You will spend your third year in an Arabic-speaking country, improving your language skills and undertaking independent study, or doing intensive language study in Edinburgh.

Year 4

You will continue to develop your language and translation skills and will write your honours dissertation. You will also choose from a range of option courses dealing with different aspects of Islam and the Middle East.
Archaeology

Why choose Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh?

Learn from dedicated staff at the cutting edge of their disciplines. Our research ranges from early humans to the Byzantine world and we have scientific expertise in environmental archaeology, bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology. With such a diverse range of specialisms on offer, you’ll be able to tailor your programme to meet your interests and ambitions.

You can take advantage of our excellent facilities, including five archaeological laboratories. Through our collections, you’ll also have access to artefacts from the Indus Valley, the Near East, Egypt and Europe.

You’ll benefit from the resources available at key national archaeological institutions in Edinburgh, such as National Museums Scotland, Historic Environment Scotland, and a number of applied archaeological companies.

If you want to pursue a programme incorporating fieldwork, there are opportunities to take part in excavation and archaeological survey fieldwork in the UK, Europe and the Mediterranean.

Introducing Archaeology

Archaeology investigates the human past using material remains such as artefacts and excavated sites. We have a rich tradition of archaeological research, specialising in European prehistory, the early civilisations of the Mediterranean and the Middle East, the Byzantine world, science-based archaeology and bioarchaeology.

You will be introduced to basic archaeological techniques and the practice and theory of archaeology. You can choose to specialise by geographical area or period and to become involved in practical research or applied archaeology, for example through fieldwork.

Career opportunities

Many archaeology graduates find employment as professional archaeologists working for government agencies, universities, museums and heritage organisations or applied archaeological companies/consultancies in the UK or elsewhere.

The transferable skills you develop during your programme also prepare you for careers in business, management, teaching, journalism, radio and television, the police and the civil service.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/30

"Archaeology seems to be an adventure every child dreams of. I think it’s the childlike excitement that makes me realise just how lucky I am."

Elena Chabo
MA (Hons) Archaeology graduate

Archaeology & Ancient History

Year 1

The first year follows the broad sweep of old world archaeology from the earliest humans to the origins of farming and the emergence of civilisations in Europe and the Near East. You will also choose from a wide range of option courses. Over the long vacation at the end of Year 1, you will be required to undertake three weeks of fieldwork.

Year 2

Archaeology 2A encompasses the archaeology of Scotland from early prehistory to the early historic period. Archaeology 2B includes techniques and methodologies applied by archaeologists to understand past societies. The Human Skeleton in Archaeology and Forensic Science provides an introduction to archaeological insights into death and the dead. You will also choose from a wide range of options.

Year 3

You will take Theoretical Archaeology and Archaeology in Practice and choose four additional courses from archaeology or classical archaeology. There will be opportunities, normally in the summer after Years 2 and 3, to complete archaeology fieldwork or other practical assignments in the UK or abroad. Such work is optional, but can be assessed as part of your degree.

Year 4

You will continue to take four archaeology option courses and will write your honours dissertation.
Why choose Architecture & Architectural History at the University of Edinburgh?

Edinburgh School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture (ESALA) offers professional programmes in architecture, validated by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and prescribed by the Architects Registration Board (ARB).

Our MA (Hons) Architecture History programme offers you a unique opportunity – it is the only programme of its type in the UK.

ESALA is one of the largest schools of architecture and landscape architecture in the UK and has a respected international profile. We produce outstanding graduates whose work consistently wins awards and recognition at national and international level. You will learn from award-winning architects and leading researchers whose work has international impact.

You’ll be based in the heart of one of Europe’s leading cultural cities, which forms a unique living laboratory in which to learn and create. Edinburgh is a place of outstanding architectural interest and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Introducing Architecture & Architectural History

Architecture is the study of the built environment. It is a celebration of our cultural inheritance and a statement of our cultural ambitions.

Architects combine practical skills and creativity to meet building needs. Studying architecture will develop your observational, analytical, creative and design skills. You will learn about architecture of the past and the application of its principles now. You will also study architecture in relation to the societies that produce it.

Architectural history is the study of the built environment through time. It uses buildings and the built environment as a record of social, political and economic change over the centuries. Building represents a considerable investment of intellectual and moral resources, so matters of importance to society find architectural expression. The study of architectural history gives us access – via material culture – to the preoccupations, ideas and values that have shaped history.

Programmes

- MA (Hons) Architectural History VV31
- Architectural History & Archaeology VVH4
- BA – 3 years/MA (Hons) Architecture K100

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/16
Art

Why choose Art at the University of Edinburgh?

Our graduates go on to achieve a high level of national and international recognition and success as practising artists. Our league table rankings are excellent. We’re ranked among the best in the UK for art according to the Guardian University Guide 2016. You’ll benefit from weekly talks from internationally acclaimed visiting artists and speakers.

Introducing Art

Our undergraduate programmes provide a scholarly framework for students who wish to develop their practice. We provide a broad-based environment, with enough rigour and focus to enable you to engage with the challenges of specialist study in intermedia, painting, photography and sculpture, within the context of contemporary art practice.

Our students demonstrate imaginative responses to the world through curiosity and exploration and we prepare them to do this with an educational experience that offers depth, breadth and ambition. Our students are equipped with the talent, knowledge and expertise to lead, rather than simply respond to, innovation in art practice.

Intermedia art

Intermedia art operates in a fine art context and is the area of artistic practice between different media. During the late 20th century visual art developments introduced new processes and situations, which resulted in an expanded notion of artistic practice. You can work across a number of overlapping areas including sound, object making, installation, performance, publications and video.

Painting

This programme focuses on developing confident, enquiring, resilient students. You will be able to research and articulate your practice, and question your position, and that of painting, within the wider context of contemporary visual culture. We put emphasis on drawing and research through visual thinking.

Photography

This programme prepares you for your career by encouraging you to develop a personal and contextualised vision of the world, and by developing your knowledge of equipment and technical facilities. You will develop a broad visual vocabulary and explore a range of fine art and commercial practices, using traditional photographic equipment and processes as well as the latest computer technology. We promote high levels of creative thinking allied to advanced technical skills, underpinned by wide-ranging research and academic rigour. Historical and contemporary contexts are vital to the production of your work, which reflects photography’s pivotal contribution to today’s visual culture.

Sculpture

Sculpture adopts an ethos that is based on developing a broad spatial, material and critical awareness through a range of approaches pertinent to the expanded field. Our purpose-built studios serve as both working studios and exhibition spaces. Our workshops and foundry provide excellent accommodation for working in wood, metal, mould-making, casting and carving. We also have facilities for working with sound, digital imaging and video editing.

MA (Hons) Fine Art

Fine art is a unique five-year joint honours programme which gives equal weight to both studio practice and the study of history of art. You will develop a professional understanding of artistic practice, coupled with an extensive knowledge of art history, while working in the studios alongside other art students in a challenging practice-based environment.

All programmes

A visual culture strand provides a multidisciplinary context for your study across all our programmes (except MA (Hons) Fine Art). This involves the imaginative research, analysis and communication of issues raised by visual aspects of culture. You will engage in a critical and creative dialogue with the work of your peers and gain an understanding of the nature of today’s diverse visual cultures.

Additional costs

Costs for materials vary depending on your programme. Some programmes offer fieldwork and you will usually be required to cover accommodation, subsistence and travel costs. Your additional costs depend on the programme and courses selected.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

www.ed.ac.uk/ug/58

Study abroad

We offer Erasmus and international exchanges with institutions around the world. An international placement immerses you in a new culture, expands your language skills and develops a self-reliance that employers value. Exchanges usually take place in Year 3.

Career opportunities

Many graduates pursue careers as artists, or enter other art-related professions, and go on to undertake residencies and commissions in a global context. A high percentage of graduates establish themselves in workshops and studios. Many have achieved considerable success and built international reputations. Some students continue their studies at postgraduate level. Others have gone on to teach or make an impact in the wider creative industries.

You may also be interested in

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History of Art

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Years by year...

Year 1

You will develop core intellectual, visual and practical skills necessary to study art. You will follow a programme balanced between common projects and discipline-specific approaches in intermedia, painting, photography and sculpture, allowing you to choose a specialist study subject. Option courses are available from the College of Humanities & Social Science.

Year 2

You will focus on the development of visual ideas through appropriate materials, media and technical processes related to your chosen subject. Projects take place in the workshops and studios. You will present, evaluate and discuss work through technical workshops, tutorials, group discussions, critiques, exhibitions and presentations. Option courses are available from across the College of Humanities & Social Science.

Year 3

The emphasis shifts from structured projects to a self-generated programme of study. You will have the opportunity to participate in live, external projects, commissions, residencies, exhibitions, group and individual tutorials, alongside extended independent study.

Year 4

You will develop your own research interests, supported by studio staff. These will be realised through a body of work exhibited at your final Degree Show.

Year 5 (Fine Art only)

You will research and write a dissertation on a topic of your choice. You will also produce work in the studios for presentation at the public Degree Show exhibitions.

*We are currently developing our programmes to allow greater course choice in Years 1 and 2. Further information will be available online from summer 2016.
Why choose Business at the University of Edinburgh?

We are in the top one per cent of business schools worldwide to hold triple accreditation from international ranking bodies AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA.

The quality and breadth of our research was ranked 16th in the UK in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 power index. We increased the amount of our research rated world-leading or internationally excellent to 77 per cent.

Our highly sought-after programmes are accredited by a wide range of leading business education organisations and professional bodies.

Students can combine the study of general business management with a specialism in a range of business subjects, or economics, geography or law. International business may be combined with a language. Leading graduate employers are involved across the curriculum.

Introducing Business

This subject’s main focus is on the management of organisations. It examines the theories and methods behind management and explores the relationships between people, organisations and their environment using an international perspective.

You will study organisational policies, strategic planning, employment relations, finance, marketing, business analysis and decision making, and technology. You have the opportunity to take a broad approach or to focus on more specialist areas. Subject pathways allow you to combine business management with a wide range of specialisms, including accounting, finance, marketing, human resource management, decision sciences, enterprise and innovation, and strategic economics. You can study international business with or without a language. The structure of our programmes means that during the early years of study there is often the flexibility to change from one subject pathway to another.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers: AAAA to ABBB.
A Levels: AAA to ABB.
IB: 33 points (grades 776 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

Please note: This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Typical and minimum grades are explained on page 149. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/ug/12

Programmes

MA (Hons)
Business & Economics NL11
Business & Finance NN13
Business & Geography NL17
Business & Law NM11
Business Management N100
Business with Decision Sciences NN12
Business with Enterprise & Innovation N1N2
Business with Human Resource Management N1N6
Business with Marketing N1N5
Business with Strategic Economics N1L1
International Business N120
International Business with Arabic N1T6
International Business with Chinese N1T1
International Business with French N1R1
International Business with German N1R2
International Business with Italian N1R3
International Business with Japanese N1T2
International Business with Russian N1R7
International Business with Spanish N1R4

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/12

Joint honours

Business can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with economic history, mathematics, psychology, a European language or computer science.

Study abroad

Our exchange programme offers opportunities to study in Hong Kong, China, North America, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and South Korea, and across Europe through Erasmus. There are also opportunities to study abroad through the University’s international exchange programme.

Additional costs

If studying abroad in Year 3, your costs will vary by country. In Year 4 you will undertake a dissertation and, depending on the field of study you choose, there may be costs associated with undertaking surveys and conducting interviews.

Career opportunities

A key aim of our programmes is to combine academic knowledge with transferable skills in order to enhance employability. Business graduates are highly valued by employers across the world. You will have a choice of careers open to you, including accountancy and taxation, management, consulting, finance, marketing and human resources.
Why choose Celtic at the University of Edinburgh?

Edinburgh provides an outstanding learning environment for those interested in Celtic and Gaelic and the University offers great experience in language teaching. We were voted Best Department in the Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards in 2012/13.

Edinburgh is a leading centre for the study of minority languages, language planning and language maintenance in the Celtic context.

Our facilities include unrivalled library resources for students of Celtic and Gaelic, innovative courses as well as sound, video, film and photographic resources from the School of Scottish Studies’ archives, offering unique opportunities for the study of traditional Gaelic literary and cultural heritage. You can also access important collections in the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland and National Archives of Scotland, which are all located close to the University.

Introducing Celtic

Celtic civilisations have contributed substantially to European literature and culture since the earliest times. Many contemporary writers in Celtic languages are internationally recognised figures and contemporary cultural expression in Celtic languages through various media is vibrant. Celtic at the University of Edinburgh focuses on the Scottish Gaelic language but also covers Modern Irish and the Medieval Celtic languages. In addition to language and literature courses, we offer you the opportunity to explore Celtic history and culture in early and modern times.

Career opportunities

Our Celtic graduates have always been very successful in gaining academic, educational, administrative, political and journalistic employment.

Thanks to the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005, the creation of BBC Alba, the Gaelic digital television service, and the ongoing expansion of Gaelic-medium education, among other developments, there has been increased demand for highly educated Gaelic speakers and cultural leaders, particularly within the education sector, Gaelic-related research, and media and broadcasting.
Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/27

Year by year...

**Year 1**
You will study Chinese 1, an introduction to modern spoken and written Chinese, and Modern East Asia, an introduction to modern East Asian history. A range of other courses, including Modern China in Literature & Film, is available.

**Year 2**
You will continue to learn Chinese and will explore Chinese culture further in Chinese 2A and Chinese 2B. You may also take Pre-Modern East Asia to 1600, to learn more about classical and pre-modern Chinese history and culture, in preparation for your year in China.

**Year 3**
You will spend your third year studying abroad, where you will develop your language skills and experience the country’s rich culture. There are also opportunities for home stays with local families during your year abroad.

**Year 4**
You will continue to study Chinese language alongside your choice of courses in film, politics, modern and pre-modern history, literature, philosophy and economic history.

“Small classes foster camaraderie, and the small size of the department means I actually know my teachers. Wherever I go, being able to say I speak Chinese never fails to impress.”
Hannah Theaker
MA (Hons) Chinese graduate

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**Why choose Chinese at the University of Edinburgh?**
The University of Edinburgh is the only university in Scotland to offer honours programmes in Chinese.
Our students have access to study opportunities in China.
In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, our Chinese research was part of the Area Studies submission. Nearly 73 per cent of our research was rated world-leading (4*) or internationally excellent (3*).

**Introducing Chinese**
A knowledge of Chinese language and culture is increasingly important as China becomes a bigger global player, economically and politically. China currently has the largest population in the world and the world’s second largest economy.
Studying Chinese will provide you with an insight into the development of China’s rich history, culture and literature. You will learn Mandarin Chinese and learn to read and write Classical and Modern Standard Chinese.

You will spend Year 3 in China where you will develop your language skills and experience the country’s rich culture. There are also opportunities for home stays with local families during your year abroad.

Please note that our Chinese programmes involve beginners’ language study and are not suitable for native or near-native speakers.

**Additional costs**
You will spend September to July of Year 3 at a university in Taiwan or China. This is a compulsory part of your programme. Costs will vary according to the location. Some scholarship money may be available from external sources, on a competitive basis, for students studying in China.

**Joint honours**
Chinese can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with international business.

**Career opportunities**
Chinese graduates are in demand in the media, commerce and the civil service, and many are recruited by companies based in east Asia. Graduates of Chinese can use their language skills to work as translators, interpreters or teachers.

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You may also be interested in **International Business with Chinese**

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAAA to ABBB, A Levels AAB to ABB
IB 38 points (grades 666 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

Please note: This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Typical and minimum grades are explained on page 149. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/ug/34

Programmes

MA (Hons) Ancient & Medieval History V190
Ancient History V110
Ancient History & Classical Archaeology V914
Ancient History & Greek V947
Ancient History & Latin V948
Classical & Middle East Studies QT86
Classical Archaeology & Greek QV84
Classical Archaeology & Latin VQ46
Classical Studies Q810
Classics Q800
Classics & English Language QQ83
Classics & Linguistics QQ81
Greek Studies Q700
Latin Studies Q600

Why choose Classics at the University of Edinburgh?

Classics has been taught at the University for more than 400 years. Join us and you’ll learn from world-leading academics at the cutting edge of their disciplines, ensuring you graduate with the skills and knowledge to pursue your career of choice.

We offer one of the widest choices of subjects and approaches of any university in the UK. Greek and Latin languages and texts are taught at all levels. Alternatively, you can study classical literature, ancient history or classical art and archaeology without taking any language courses, if you prefer.

Our recently refurbished teaching and learning spaces are home to extensive research collections, artefacts and exhibitions to support your studies.

Introducing Classics

Classics will introduce you to the history, cultures, languages and literatures of some of the most important civilisations in world history. Whether you are interested in the archaeology of the Roman Empire, the art of ancient Athens, the drama of Euripides, the poetry of Homer and Virgil, or the history of Greece and Rome, you will be able to tailor your programme to your interests and ambitions.

Classics is a wide term which refers to the study of all aspects of ancient Greek and Roman civilisation. It also includes the study of those civilisations that the Greeks and Romans came into contact with, as well as the history of the study of Classics itself, and the reception of classical heritage in the modern world. You will learn from our range of expert teaching staff, which is drawn from many European countries and maintains strong international links. We offer a wide choice of programmes, with particular strengths in ancient history, Greek, Latin and classical archaeology. No previous knowledge is required to study ancient history or classical archaeology and it is possible to study Greek or Latin from scratch and to progress to the highest level by the end of your programme.

You will be able to choose from an exceptionally wide range of courses in Classics and its related disciplines and there is considerable scope for personal initiative in your choice of courses. You may choose option courses from subjects as diverse as astronomy, law and criminology, and the humanities.

In addition to our own resources and those of the University library, you will have access to the outstanding collections of the National Library of Scotland and the National Museum of Scotland. Both are located near to the University.

Study abroad

There are opportunities to study abroad, to go on excursions to ancient sites abroad and to join fieldwork projects overseas. Recently, there have been opportunities for archaeological excavation in both Italy and Greece.

Joint honours

Classics can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with Arabic, Divinity, English literature, French, German, history, Italian, philosophy, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies or Spanish.

Career opportunities

Classics graduates often progress to further study or careers in academia, teaching and museum work. Previous graduates now work in journalism, while others have gone on to work in accounting, finance, IT, publishing, the legal profession or the civil service (after completing further qualifications).

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/34

“Classics is a challenging and rewarding subject which encourages critical thinking and develops a range of key analytical skills. Edinburgh’s Classics department is among the best in the UK.”

Dylan Bage
4th year MA [Hons] Classics

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Ancient History

Year 1
You will complete 80 credits of courses from The Greek World 1A and 1B, The Latin World 1A and 1B. You will additionally choose 40 credits of courses from a wide range of options.

Year 2
Your curriculum includes the 20-credit courses Ancient History 2A and 2B, 40 credits of second-year courses which follow on from courses already passed in Year 1, and a further 40 credits from a wide range of options.

Year 3
You will select 80 credits of courses from a range of ancient history honours courses, and 40 credits of ancient history, classical art/archaeology, classical literature in translation or beginner language courses.

Year 4
Your curriculum includes 40 credits of ancient history honours courses, 40 credits of courses in ancient history, classical art/archaeology, classical literature in translation or beginner language, and a 40-credit dissertation in classics.

Classics

Year 1
You must select 40 credits of courses from Greek 1A and 1B or Greek 2A and 2B, and 40 credits of courses from Latin 1A and 1B or Latin 2A and 2B. Additionally, you will complete 40 credits of courses from a broad range of options.

Year 2
You will take the 20-credit courses Latin Language (A) and Greek Language (A), as well as 20 credits of ancient history, classical art/archaeology, classical literature, Greek or Latin (non-language) honours courses. Additionally, you will take 60 credits of Latin and Greek honours courses.

Year 3
You will take the 20-credit courses Latin Language (B) and Greek Language (B), 20 credits of Latin honours courses and 20 credits of Greek honours courses. You will additionally complete a classics dissertation.
Introducing Cognitive Science

Philosophers and scientists have long speculated about the nature of the human mind and the role of language in making the human mind what it is. Recent developments — in fields as diverse as robotics, brain imaging, anthropology and speech technology — bring a host of new perspectives to our quest to understand our own inner workings. Cognitive science brings together scholars from linguistics, psychology, philosophy, neuroscience and computer science.

Cognitive science is the interdisciplinary attempt to understand the human mind. It focuses on abilities such as reasoning, perception, memory, awareness, emotion, attention, judgment, motor control, language use, and the connections between them. Cognitive science uses methods such as computer modelling, linguistic analysis, philosophical reasoning, robotics, neuromaging and psychological experiments.

The University of Edinburgh played a key role in founding this discipline, by exploiting and enriching long-standing connections between the disciplines that contribute to the study of human cognition. We not only helped create the field, but are still at the forefront of it, so you will be taught by the researchers who laid the foundations and are still making key advances. The course content is regularly reviewed to ensure our students learn about current developments.

Why choose Cognitive Science at the University of Edinburgh?

Edinburgh was one of the places in which Cognitive Science’s constituent disciplines first came together in the 1960s. We have developed that tradition of research and teaching ever since. Edinburgh remains one of the most exciting places in the world to study the nature of mind and language.

Cognitive science can be studied as an MA or a BSc, depending on how interested you are in the mathematical and computational aspects of cognitive science. Both programmes offer you an in-depth knowledge of philosophy, psychology and linguistics.

You will be part of a small but exciting group of like-minded students, while being part of a larger community of students in each of the component subject areas.

Programmes

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/60

Our Cognitive Science (Humanities) programme requires you to undertake a selection of basic courses covering material in linguistics, philosophy, psychology and computer science.

At honours level, in Years 3 and 4, you will choose from a wide variety of more advanced courses in this range of disciplines, with the opportunity to specialise in one domain for your honours dissertation project.

Our goal is to help you come to a broad understanding of issues such as the relationship between language and thought, the relationship between mind and brain and the philosophical implications of our increasing ability to look inside the working brain and to model its activities in computers and robots.

Study abroad

If you are studying cognitive science you will be encouraged to consider universities abroad, with the help of your Personal Tutor and/or members of the cognitive science academic staff. This will help to identify a university at which you could spend Year 3. You will study a range of courses that are comparable in academic range to those we offer.

Career opportunities

Graduates with cognitive science qualifications have excellent employment prospects in fields that will shape our society — those which depend on computers, such as economics, entertainment, technology, mobile systems, manufacturing and health, to name but a few — and those thought of traditionally as more arts orientated, such as the civil service, management, finance, journalism, social work and teaching.

“Cognitive science allows you to explore all the fascinating aspects of cognition in a highly flexible and engaging way. It has unified my interests across disciplines in a way no other degree could.”

Simka Senyak
4th year MA (Hons) Cognitive Science

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Simka Senyak
4th year MA (Hons) Cognitive Science

Year by year...

Year 1
You will study general cognitive science courses that give an overview of perception, memory, motor control, language and reasoning, as well as introducing experimental, neural and computational methods. These courses, along with a course on logic, aim to introduce you to philosophical, linguistic, computational and psychological approaches to studying the nature of language and the mind.

Year 2
Your coursework will cover more specifics in the sub-disciplines of philosophy, psychology, linguistics and computer science, in topics such as human cognitive processing, formal and natural languages, mental representations, and the debate about which types of knowledge are innate and which can be learned.

Year 3 & 4
You can choose from psychology courses including psycholinguistics, memory and perception, attention, development and neuropsychology; or from linguistics courses including language evolution, language acquisition and speech processing; or from philosophy courses including ontology of mind, theories of mind, theories of truth and ethics; or from computer science courses including language processing, neural computation, robotics and vision, and machine learning.

In Year 4 you will also undertake an individual research project.
Why choose Design at the University of Edinburgh?

We produce exciting, award-winning graduates who are ready for industry and who have the confidence to establish themselves as independent designers, creatives or makers. Our design programmes are regularly ranked among the best in the UK. Our staff are highly respected designers and researchers, considered leaders in their field.

You’ll work on live industry projects and learn from visiting practitioners to prepare for professional practice.

Introducing Design

We aim to develop cross-disciplinary methods and approaches to people and culture that equip you to design excellence into people’s lives. This is about both designing artefacts and understanding the world around us. Our design vision and ideas lie in a global framework of design and how people wish to live their lives. We encourage you to articulate innovative and sustainable creative visions and identities. Our graduates will become the designers, thinkers and makers who will positively shape the world.

Animation

Our award-winning programme differs radically from most in that we teach the full spectrum of production methods. You will learn 2D and 3D techniques, including puppet-based stop-frame, using cameras and CGI. You will work individually or in a team to make films, documentaries and installations. Our students have won BAFTA and Annecy and RTS awards.

Fashion

We emphasise creative freedom and design innovation on our dynamic, award-winning programme. We believe the only way to create fashion innovators is to promote your individual design identity while developing and nurturing your full creative potential.

Film and television

We provide practical experience in directing, camera work, sound and editing to explore aspects of film as a means of creative expression. We encourage your individual approach to directing documentary, drama or experimental film. You will benefit from workshops and masterclasses from internal and visiting staff, who all work and exhibit internationally, and from sessions provided by the Scottish Documentary Institute.

Graphic design

Graphic design must challenge the status quo to develop powerful and novel solutions. Designers should be observant and culturally and historically aware in order to show openness, understanding and receptivity. We encourage bold, lateral thinking and understanding of processes, technique and business, to produce innovative, emotive, enduring and aesthetic design through intense, sustained involvement with the design process.

Illustration

Illustrations illuminate a range of printed material, graphic and web design, advertising, packaging, periodicals, books and more.

Contemporary practice includes theatre, music, television, museum-related projects and exhibitions. We teach drawing and image making from a methodology of observation, perception and literary interpretation.

Interior design

Interior design is the study and design of interior space in a range of public and private environments. You will develop your skills through innovative projects enabling you to explore the design potential of existing buildings and bring new life to old structures.

Jewellery and silversmithing

We balance practice and innovation to create artefacts sensitive to the complex relationships humans form with objects. Our reputation is for fresh, exhilarating original work. We embrace new technologies alongside traditional time-honoured processes and techniques in materials such as precious or semi-precious metal and gemstones, plastics, wood, paper, stone and textiles.

Performance costume

Our programme is one of the few in the UK to teach costume making alongside costume design. Our curriculum includes life drawing, textiles, millinery, set design, model making and puppetry. You will be encouraged to be an innovative, individual and adaptable designer and maker. Our programme is highly respected by industry and has impressive graduate employment rates.

Product design

Product design is about understanding people, questioning existing ways of doing things and seeing opportunities for innovative products that will enrich quality of life. You will explore the cutting edge methods used at the discipline’s forefront, gain research skills to uncover unique opportunities and develop technical knowledge and skill to turn such opportunities into desirable products to meet real needs.

Textiles

We offer a rich exploration of textiles in their broadest sense for a range of contexts. You will be encouraged to take an experimental approach to materials and processes to produce innovative and contemporary design work. This may include textiles for fashion, interiors or alternative contexts for designs, exploring combinations of materials, texture, colour and pattern.

Placements

Industry experience is embedded in our programmes through project work, workshops and mentor schemes. Work placements are not compulsory but are available. Typically these are secured by students and occur outside of semester time. However, Year 3 offers you an opportunity to complete credit-bearing internships within the curriculum.

Additional costs

Materials costs vary depending on your programme. Some programmes offer study trips and individual field-based projects. You will usually be required to cover accommodation, subsistence and travel costs. Your contribution will be based on your chosen programme and courses, and on the nature of each trip.

Career opportunities

Our programmes have strong industrial pathways to ensure the most successful and meaningful careers for graduates. You are encouraged to participate in national and international showcase events appropriate to your programme.

BA (Hons) Graphic Design graduate

Allie Hutcheson

“I really enjoyed the studio work – being in such a social environment; working together with various year groups to produce work. And I really enjoyed the collaboration with peers, tutors and other departments.”

Year by year...

Year 1*

You will be introduced to the theoretical and practical concepts of design, leading to more focused, programme-specific outcomes. You will have opportunities to participate in interdisciplinary collaborations and courses, which will expand your thinking and approach to making work. In addition, options courses on a broad range of subjects are available from across the University.

Year 2

You will focus on the development of your work through appropriate materials, media and technical processes in your chosen area. You will again be offered opportunities to participate in interdisciplinary collaborations and courses, which will expand your thinking and approach to making work. In addition, options courses on a broad range of subjects are available from across the University.

Year 3

You will have opportunities to undertake a series of externally focused projects such as competitions, exhibitions and industry collaborations. There will be opportunities for exchange, internship and work experience in industry, in addition, option courses on a broad range of subjects are available from across the University.

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Economics

Why choose Economics at the University of Edinburgh?

You will learn from award-winning economists, working at the cutting edge of the field. In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, 31 per cent of our research was rated world-leading. We were ranked first in Scotland and eighth in the UK in terms of average overall rating.

You’ll have the opportunity to get involved in two large and vibrant societies, the Economics Society and the Edinburgh University Trading and Investment Club, which holds the UK’s biggest student-run investment portfolio.

Our economics help desk, staffed by our top honour students, offers help and support when you need it most.

Introducing Economics

There has never been a more exciting time to study economics. The economic crisis of 2007/08 and its aftermath mean that the world urgently needs new thinking and new processes to meet the challenges of a changing economic climate.

As an economics student you will explore issues of economic stability, growth and development, all vital for economic forecasting and for influencing economic performance and policy.

You will also examine the causes of economic growth and policies designed to promote prosperity, increase efficiency and reduce unwanted fluctuation in fiscal activity. There is a distinguished history of economics in Scotland that includes the work of David Hume and Adam Smith. Throughout your studies, you’ll learn from world-leading economists before following in the footsteps of graduates who are employed by leading banks and other financial institutions worldwide.

Career opportunities

Our graduates are highly regarded by employers. The skills you learn during your programme will equip you for careers in accountancy, business, management and consultancy, or for work in aid agencies, not-for-profit organisations or government departments. Many previous graduates have entered the finance sector and some large financial firms actively recruit Edinburgh graduates.

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Economics & Economic History LV13
Economics & Mathematics LG11
Economics & Politics LL12
Economics & Sociology LL13
Economics & Statistics LG13
Economics with Environmental Studies LF19
Economics with Finance LV13
Economics with Management Science LN12

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The flexibility at the University allowed me to explore a range of course options. I found myself immersed in the finance courses and felt economics and finance perfectly complement each other.”

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MA (Hons) Economics with Finance graduate

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Why choose Education at the University of Edinburgh?

Morry House School of Education has been making a major contribution to the field of education for almost 200 years. You’ll join a community of staff, students and alumni who have continually influenced, improved and transformed learning and teaching and wider educational policy in the UK and beyond. You’ll study at one of best universities for the subject of education. In the QS World Rankings 2015, we were placed top in Scotland and 4th in the UK.

You’ll learn from world-leading researchers. The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 ranked us first in Scotland for educational research and sport, and in the UK top five and top 10 respectively.

Introduction to Education

We offer three main areas of study: teacher education, community education and childhood practice. All our students have an interest in human relationships and are encouraged to develop professional values of trust, respect, integrity and a commitment to social justice. On our programmes, you’ll explore innovative ways of working with different learners to ensure you gain the knowledge, professional skills, and experience to excel in your career.

Teacher education

Our primary and secondary education programmes provide an excellent foundation for a teaching career and are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland. In primary education, we offer MA (Hons) Primary Education with several additional subjects (see programmes listed on the left). Our MA (Hons) Physical Education programme is unique within the UK in preparing you to teach pupils across the 3-18 age range. Upon graduation, UK and EU students will be able to register with the General Teaching Council for Scotland as provisionally qualified teachers and will be guaranteed a one-year induction post in a Scottish school: www.gtcs.org.uk

Please note: It is important that applicants for primary and secondary education show commitment, motivation and suitability for their programme and the profession. This can be demonstrated in your personal statement by reflecting on relevant work experience, and explaining your understanding of the teacher’s role. For more guidance, visit: www.ed.ac.uk/education

Graduate teacher education

The Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGCE) is a one-year programme for students who already have a degree from a UK university, or an equivalent qualification, and want to pursue a teaching career in primary or secondary education. Please apply through UCAS.

Community education

Our programme includes adult education and community and youth work, which fits within the Community Learning and Development Standards Council for Scotland.

Childhood practice

You will examine issues of childhood and develop communication and management skills to prepare for childcare sector management roles.

Year by year...

Childhood practice

This work-based programme is for students with 120 Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) credits at level 7, or equivalent, working in a relevant childcare environment. You enter directly into Year 2.

Year 2

You will study Children and Childhoods, Childhood Studies Work-based Learning 1: Professional Development and Children in the Family, to enable you to evaluate your own role in a childcare setting.

Year 3

You will take Childhood Studies Work-Based Learning 2: Organisational Development, Children’s Education and Social Justice and Children’s Health and Wellbeing.

Year 4

You will study Integrated Working in Children’s Services and Children’s Rights and Carry out a Childhood Practice Project.

Community education

Year 1

The first year provides a general theoretical introduction to professional perspectives and concerns, and underlying social scientific ideas. You are expected to undertake professionally relevant practical activity through voluntary or paid part-time work in an appropriate setting.

Year 2

You will explore theoretical perspectives and their relationship to the practice of community education. You are encouraged to develop an analysis of how community educators can locate the struggles of individuals within a wider socio-economic context. You will also undertake an eight-week block practice placement. This could be in a range of agencies or organisations including local authorities or voluntary organisations.

Year 3

You will complete a further 11-week, full-time practice placement and take courses focused on the professional, organisational and policy context of practice, and on the development and analysis of theories in use to explore problems and contradictions emerging from practice and associated theory. You will choose from courses focusing on aspects of professional purpose and practice.

Year 4

You will complete a concurrent placement equivalent to 18 hours per week for 18 weeks, and combine taught courses with independent study and research, leading to a dissertation.

Gaelic and primary education

Year 1

You will study 40 credits each of Gaelic, and primary and educational studies. Primary education courses include placements in schools.

Year 2

You will study 40 credits each of Gaelic, primary studies and linguistics.

Year 3 (Learners)

You will study 100 credits of Gaelic (including 40 credits relating to education) and 20 credits of linguistics.

Year 3 (Fluent)/Year 4 (Learners)

You take an 80-credit, year long placement in a Scottish primary school, experience a range of stages from nursery to upper primary, in both Gaelic and English medium settings, and develop professional skills and abilities to prepare for your induction year. You will study 20 credits each of primary studies and Gaelic (research methods).

Year 4 (Fluent)/Year 5 (Learners)

You will study 20 credits of primary studies, 20 credits of linguistics and 80 credits of Gaelic (including a dissertation). Primary education courses include placements in schools.

Additional costs

Several of our programmes offer field trips or work-based placements. You may incur residential costs on field trips and travel costs on placement. For MA (Hons) Physical Education, you will require approximately £366 of clothing for practical sessions and placements. All successful applicants must join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme, which will currently cost you £18-£59.

Career opportunities

You may go on to teach your chosen age group or subject, pursue leadership roles within your specialism, or go on to postgraduate study. Opportunities also exist in community learning and development in public and voluntary sectors, adult education, community development and youth work, as a childcare manager or by further training in social work or health promotion.

Physical education

Year 1

You will study physical education, educational studies and applied sport and exercise science. You will focus on the primary school curriculum, as the foundation for lifelong engagement in physical education, and undertake a placement in a primary school.

Year 2

You will combine ongoing study of physical education and educational studies with two other courses to broaden your knowledge and inform teaching and learning skills. Your placement will be in a secondary school.

Years 3 & 4

Alongside extended placements in both years, you focus on national qualifications and curriculum development in physical education, educational studies and disciplinary perspectives. A major independent study forms your dissertation.

Primary education with additional subject

Year 1 & 2

You will study 60 credits each of primary studies, educational studies and your additional subject. Primary education courses include placements in schools.

Year 3

You will undertake a year-long placement in a Scottish primary school, experience a range of stages from nursery to upper primary, in both Gaelic and English medium settings, and develop professional skills and abilities to prepare for your induction year. You will study 20 credits each of primary studies and educational studies on a recall basis.

Year 4

You will study primary studies, educational studies (including a dissertation) and your additional subject. Primary education courses include placements in schools.

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English Language

Why choose English Language at the University of Edinburgh?

We offer an unusually wide range of courses in English language, so you can choose options that fit your particular interests and skills.

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 87 per cent of our research in Linguistics and English Language was classified either world-leading (4*) or internationally excellent (3*).

Students can also study the Scots language, which has its own rich linguistic and literary tradition.

Introducing English Language

The English language has a well-recorded history of more than 1,000 years and its changes can be traced through written materials ranging from medieval manuscripts to text messages.

Using techniques from modern linguistics, you will analyse the structure of written and spoken English and will explore how language relates to the culture of its speakers.

You can also study modern-day varieties of English and Scots and identify the similarities and differences between the features of English and other languages.

English is a highly structured system of communication in which the most complex and elusive meanings are encoded in sequences of sounds travelling through air, or of letters written on pages.

Using the techniques of modern linguistics, you will analyse the structure of syllables, words, phrases, sentences and other linguistic units to see how they carry the message from the speaker to the listener, and from the writer to the reader.

You will also examine how the language relates to, expresses and reflects the culture of its speakers. English is not only the medium of Shakespeare’s plays and of Wordsworth’s poetry, of Dickens’ novels and Disney’s films. It functions equally well in the written and spoken expression of cooking recipes, adverts and High Court judgements. You will use a variety of spoken and written text types as you develop your understanding of how English works as a medium.

Career opportunities

Popular career paths for English language graduates include journalism, publishing, PR, advertising, and, with additional training, speech and language therapy. You can also train to teach English in the UK or abroad.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/43
Why choose English Literature & Scottish Literature at the University of Edinburgh?

You will be joining the oldest English literature department in the world, to study in a city that has an excellent tradition of literature.

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 80 per cent of our research in English Language and Literature was classified world-leading (4*) or internationally excellent (3*).

We host several creative writing magazines and sponsor dramatic productions every year, produced and performed by English literature students. Our Writer-in-Residence, currently poet Sam Riviere, is on hand for consultation. We also run the James Tait Black Prizes in fiction, biography and drama, Britain’s oldest literary awards.

Introducing English Literature & Scottish Literature

You will study literature written in English from all major periods in history, from medieval to postmodern. You will explore in depth a range of individual works and authors, and the historical contexts in which works of literature were created.

You will learn to compare different writing styles and genres. You will also study the evolution of literary thinking and how literary works have been interpreted in different ways over time.

The city of Edinburgh provides an excellent setting to study literature. It was named the first UNESCO City of Literature in 2004 and hosts the annual Edinburgh International Book Festival, which attracts the biggest names in literature and publishing.

Our central location puts a range of excellent facilities within easy reach, including the city’s exceptional collection of libraries. The University library is complemented by the National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh Central Library, and the Scottish Poetry Library. The city also offers the Writers’ Museum, the Scottish Storytelling Centre and several outstanding theatres. The student drama scene is particularly vibrant, with the annual International Festival and its Fringe allowing students to perform the best of their productions before a large and cosmopolitan audience.

As well as the courses in creative writing we offer, our Writer-in-Residence offers guidance in the production of fiction and poetry, and several creative writing magazines are produced from within English Literature. Our student newspaper has developed contacts with the Edinburgh and Glasgow press.

English Literature takes as its field, writing from any and all of the English-speaking cultures. We offer a wide range of courses, taught by world-class experts in their subjects, that have been designed and revised around the latest developments in thinking about writing and culture. These courses make it possible for you to make an original contribution to these contemporary debates.

Joint honours

English literature and Scottish literature can both be studied as part of a joint honours programme with Celtic, English language, French, German, history of art, Italian, philosophy, religious studies, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies, Scottish, Spanish, or Spanish. However, please note that while we offer a flexible programme, because of the exceptionally high demand for a very limited number of places, there is no guarantee that students admitted to a joint honours programme can later transfer to the single honours English literature or Scottish literature programmes.

Study abroad

There are opportunities to spend Year 3 studying abroad, either at a range of universities in Europe through the Erasmus scheme (including Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Berlin, Vienna, Barcelona), or in a number of universities worldwide through the University’s international exchange programme (including Pennsylvania, California, Toronto, Hong Kong and Melbourne).

Career opportunities

There are a variety of careers open to English and Scottish literature graduates. You can choose to work in publishing, teaching, arts administration, the creative industries or a media-related career such as PR, journalism or advertising. Graduates have also gone on to work in the finance or business sectors. Some students pursue postgraduate study.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers: ABBB
A Levels: A*AA to ABB
IB: 3 points (grades 776 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

Please note: This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Typical and minimum grades are explained on page 149. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/ug/32

Programmes

MA (Hons)

- English & Scottish Literature QQ32
- English Literature Q306
- English Literature & Classics QQ38
- English Literature & History QV11
- Scottish Literature Q531
- Scottish Literature & Classics QQ48
- Scottish Literature & History QV17
- Scottish Literature & Scottish History QV22

At a glance

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Study abroad: Yes

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"Literature is my greatest passion. A literary text can be explored historically, culturally and philosophically, which gives a student of literature a lot of scope for learning."

Pratyusha Prakash
2nd year MA (Hons) English Language & Literature

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Year by year...

Year 1

You will study English Literature 1 or Scottish Literature 1. These courses will introduce you to some of the major stylistic aspects of literary writing and you will study modern literary and critical theory. In English literature, you will investigate the historical development of English literature from the medieval period to the 17th century. In Scottish literature, you will examine the relationship between Scottish national identity and literature from the medieval period to the present day.

Year 2

You will take English Literature 2 or Scottish Literature 2. Both courses examine the changes in literature between 1750 and 1850 and the cultural and historical contexts in which the literature of this period was produced.

Year 3

You can start to specialise and choose courses according to your area of interest and will take compulsory courses in critical practice.

Year 4

You can choose further specialist courses and will write an independent dissertation.
French

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In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our European languages and cultures research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent, in a joint submission with Celtic and Scottish Studies.

As a large and popular subject area, French at the University of Edinburgh offers you a wide range of courses covering French and Francophone culture from the Middle Ages to the 21st century. We offer specialist options in literature, film, politics and the history of ideas. Students benefit from the University’s close links with the Institut Français d’Écosse and have access to a lively French cultural scene, including an active French theatre society and French film screenings and festivals.

Introducing French

Studying French at the University of Edinburgh provides you with an excellent understanding of the language, literature and culture of the Francophone world and enables you to communicate effortlessly within the language.

You will be offered a vast range of option courses as you progress through your programme (from Year 2 onwards). We offer up to 20 options in Year 4, including topics such as Literature and Film: the Challenge of Adaptation, Francophone Postcolonial Thought, Freud in France, Contemporary French Crime Fiction, The Monster in French Literature, The Modern City: Paris and Exploring Belgian Identities.

Our high-quality resources and excellent teaching staff offer you a very supportive learning environment. In addition to the French department’s extensive web resources, you will have access to the National Library of Scotland’s French collections, one of the best in the UK, and our Main Library’s extensive collection of books, journals and electronic resources.

We have numerous partnerships with prestigious universities and grandes écoles in France, Belgium and Switzerland, which provide high-quality courses for the year abroad. You will be able to join the French theatre group or the debating group and to take part in the French Film Club.

Study abroad

You will spend Year 3 abroad, either studying (normally through an Erasmus exchange in France, Belgium, or Switzerland), or in any French-speaking country as a teaching assistant or on a work placement. The University has exchange places in 30 different institutions in France, Belgium, and Switzerland, ranging from prestigious universities including the Sorbonne in Paris, to specialised Grandes Ecoles. They include Politics Institutes (IEP), business schools, and, in Paris, ISF (specialising in translation and interpreting) and the École du Louvre. You will therefore be able to match your other subject during the year abroad if studying for joint honours.

Additional costs

The third year of your programme will be spent studying abroad at a university or working in France. The normal residence requirement for a European language is 30 weeks in the relevant country or countries. Some students of French may apply for posts as English language assistants in schools, for which a salary is paid.

Costs vary according to destinations: capital cities are more expensive than provincial towns. For EU countries, a number of Erasmus/Socrates placements are available, which include a small grant from European Union funds.

Students studying more than one language must complete a minimum period of eight weeks in each country. Some limited government funding may be available from the University to assist with the cost of study abroad during the summer vacation.

Career opportunities

The employment statistics for French graduates from the University of Edinburgh are impressive. Our graduates are well placed to enter employment where linguistic skills are of special value, for instance education, translating and interpreting, and international business. Within the EU there is a high demand for graduates with a knowledge of the language and culture of one or more countries. Our graduates can be found in every kind of career, especially those that place a premium on thinking that is both disciplined and imaginative, from physical theatre to the top of the civil service.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

www.ed.ac.uk/ugj/44
German

Why choose German at the University of Edinburgh?

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In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our European languages and cultures research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent, in a joint submission with Celtic and Scottish Studies.

We have close links with the German Consulate in Edinburgh and the Goethe-Institut in Glasgow. You are encouraged to participate in Edinburgh’s extensive German cultural life. Opportunities include performing German theatre, joining the German Society and participating in German film evenings.

Introducing German

The study of German at Edinburgh covers not only the language, but also a broad range of literary and cultural topics. These include film, theatre, and translation, politics and gender, Germany and Islam, East German studies, Brecht, the Third Reich and the Holocaust, German romanticism, Goethe and Schiller, and medieval studies. The oral language practicals cover a wide range of stimulating up-to-date cultural and political topics.

You will be taught by world-leading specialists in all topics. These include film, theatre, and translation, politics and gender, Germany and Islam, East German studies, Brecht, the Third Reich and the Holocaust, German romanticism, Goethe and Schiller, and medieval studies. The oral language practicals cover a wide range of stimulating up-to-date cultural and political topics.

You will benefit from access to extensive and constantly updated study resources, including audio-visual and web-based resources and rich library holdings.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/45

Study abroad

Year 3 will be your year abroad. You will spend time teaching or working in a German-speaking country. The University currently has Erasmus exchange programmes with universities in Berlin, Augsburg, Heidelberg, Essen, Tübingen, Freiburg, Leipzig, Mainz and Vienna. If you are studying more than one language you will divide your time abroad between two countries.

A recent study by the European Commission revealed that the graduate attributes students acquire during their year abroad, such as problem-solving skills, self-reliance and cultural awareness, can reduce the risk of long-term unemployment by a staggering 50 per cent.

Additional costs

The normal residence requirement for European languages is 30 weeks in the relevant country or countries. Some students of German may apply for posts as English language assistants in schools, for which a salary is paid.

Costs vary according to destinations: capital cities are more expensive than provincial towns. For EU countries, a number of Erasmus places are available, which include a small grant from European Union funds.

Students studying more than one language have to complete a minimum period of eight weeks in each country and a total of eight months abroad. Some limited government funding may be available from the University to assist with the cost of study abroad during the summer vacation.

Career opportunities

German is the language with the highest number of native speakers in the European Union and is an official language in seven European countries and provinces. German plays an important role as a foreign language in many other countries, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe. German speakers are highly sought after by British employers. Seven out of 10 businesses in the UK value foreign language skills in their employees and 49 per cent of them rate German as useful for their business, placing it ahead of Spanish and Mandarin.

As part of your project work, in your first year of studying German you will be allocated a German native speaker as an interview partner. You will have the opportunity to find out about the value of foreign languages in the workplace and gain some insights into possible career options. As a follow up, a Careers Service workshop helps you to analyse and develop your acquired graduate skills.

Year by year...

Year 1

If you haven’t studied German before you will take German 1A, an intensive language course. If your entry qualification for German is a Scottish Higher, A level, or equivalent, you will be admitted to German 1B, which covers language as well as literature and culture from 1770 to the present day.

Year 2

You will take German 2, which has a German literature component that focuses on epic theatre, comedy and social criticism, textual scholarship, poetry after Auschwitz, language, myth and gender, and psychoanalysis and film. In the German language course you will develop your oral language skills further and practice creative writing, translation and grammar.

Year 3

You will spend your third year working or studying abroad, spending time in a German-speaking country.

Year 4

You will take German language classes in essay and précis writing, spoken German and German to English translation of literary and journalistic texts. You will also choose from a wide range of specialist courses on German literature, film, theatre, politics, and culture.
Why choose Health, Science & Society at the University of Edinburgh?

The large degree of flexibility in the programme allows you to explore different aspects of health and care in social contexts according to your interests, supported by cutting-edge research and teaching.

Teaching staff come from a range of disciplines and bring diverse expertise and experience (including health professional experience) to enrich and support the interdisciplinary nature of the subject matter.

You will gain practical and academic skills through your own research project, and have the opportunity to undertake an innovative, optional course in community engagement, opening up a pathway to new abilities, work experience and community-based learning.

Introducing Health, Science & Society

The study of health in society concerns the social basis of the distribution of health and illness alongside individual experience and provisions for treatment.

We live in a global age of increasing life expectancy, but with chronic health conditions rising and infectious disease still not under control. You will explore this important field of human experience and intervention through diverse social contexts, applied to real-world settings. Integral to your learning is the concept of care and its delivery, and the critical understanding of the role of individuals and communities in health outcomes.

You will draw upon a range of disciplinary perspectives to address three broad themes: societies and communities; individuals, personhood and experience; and healthcare, social care and professional development.

Study abroad

In Year 3 you may have the option to study abroad through our international exchange programme.

Additional costs

You may incur local public transport costs on the optional community engagement course.

Career opportunities

Graduates may pursue careers in community services, the voluntary sector, health services management, policy and research, health journalism, health education, patient advocacy, health promotion, liaison roles in health and social care, and project management/coordination. The programme provides a foundation for further professional career development or further study.

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“I’m learning about health from various points of view. There are many ways of improving health around the world if we look at it from different perspectives. As someone who wants to work in international development and public health, I find that really useful.”

Vall Constantin
2nd year MA (Hons) Health, Science & Society

Year by year...

Year 1

You will explore the social causes of health and illness and their impact on different communities and social groups, drawing upon examples from all around the world. This leads on to the study of individual and cultural understandings of health and illness and associated beliefs and behaviours, alongside the related concepts of deviance and stigma. You will also select four courses from a wide range of options.

Year 2

You will study current key health issues of local and global importance, using research materials so that you gain an understanding of how knowledge is produced and used in real-life situations. You will also be introduced to the complexity of language use in interaction, and the role of language in communicating about health in society and in healthcare settings, focusing on the production of meanings, identities and social relationships. Again, a wide range of option courses is available, from which you’ll choose four.

Year 3

You will learn research skills; explore compassion, empathy and ethics as critical to care; examine care alongside consideration of the concept of the person, spirituality, individuality and dignity; and study mental health problems and the therapeutic alliance. You’ll also choose two option courses from a wide range.

Year 4

In your final year you will examine critical challenges in interdisciplinary teamwork, effective health and social care partnerships, leadership and change management; and public health initiatives and community collaborations for enhancing health. You’ll also undertake an individual research project supported by a member of teaching staff. Again, the year will be completed with two option courses.
Hispanic Studies

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In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our European languages and cultures research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent, in a joint submission with Celtic and Scottish Studies.

You will have the opportunity to discover an extraordinary range of cultures, including those of Spain, Portugal, Lusophone Africa, Mexico and the whole of South and Central America.

You will spend your third year abroad, experiencing that culture first hand, either in Latin America or in the Iberian Peninsula.

Introducing Hispanic Studies

Spanish and Portuguese are two of the most widely spoken languages in the world, with an international cultural, economic and social reach paralleled only by that of English.

Founded in 1919, Hispanic Studies at Edinburgh is one of the best-established departments in the UK, and, over the years, has consistently been ranked highly for its teaching and research. Our policy is that teaching and assessment should, as far as possible, be in the language you are learning.

Our subject area includes Portuguese, Latin American, Catalan and Basque as well as Spanish. Our programmes reflect their diversity, ranging from medieval literature to contemporary film. Hispanic culture flourishes in Edinburgh, with a thriving Centre for Latin American Studies, an annual Spanish film festival and an annual, student-led, Spanish play.

Spanish

All teaching, with the exception of lectures, is undertaken in tutorial and seminar groups, or in one-to-one supervision sessions in the final year of our MA Honours programmes. At all levels, you will have the opportunity to meet regularly with teaching staff on a one-to-one basis to discuss your studies and work, and you will have at your disposal some of the best-equipped libraries in the UK.

From Catalonia to Argentina and from Latin American indigenous film-making to medieval Castilian ballards, our dedicated staff will ensure a supportive learning environment for your studies.

Portuguese

Portuguese is spoken not only in Portugal and Brazil, but also in Africa. At Edinburgh, you will have the opportunity to learn about the rich culture of these countries, as well as their language. Your tutors will be native Portuguese and we offer courses on several aspects of Portuguese, Brazilian and Lusophone-African culture, including cinema and literature.

Portuguese is one of the languages here which has its own language centre and library, with the support of the Camões Institute of Portugal.

Study abroad

In your third year you will spend time in Spain, Portugal or Latin America. The University currently has exchanges with universities in Almería, Barcelona (Autònoma), Cáceres, Madrid (Complutense and Autònoma), Salamanca, Seville, Granada, Alcalá de Henares, Málaga, Valladolid, Buenos Aires (San Andrés), Chile (Pontificia Universidad Católica), México (UNAM), Puebla (México; Universidad de Las Américas), São Paulo, Río de Janeiro (Pontificia Universidad Católica), and Coimbra.

Additional costs

The normal residency requirement for European languages at Edinburgh is 30 weeks in the relevant country or countries. Some students of Spanish may apply for posts as English language assistants in schools, for which a salary is paid.

Costs vary according to destinations: capital cities are more expensive than provincial towns. For EU countries, a number of Erasmus/Socrates places are available, which include a small grant from European Union funds.

Students studying more than one language must complete a minimum period of eight weeks in each country. Some limited government funding may be available from the University to assist with the cost of study abroad during the summer vacation.

Career opportunities

Hispanic studies provides you with communication and analytical skills that are valued by a variety of employers. You may choose to use your language skills for teaching, translation or research, or apply your skills to careers such as journalism, the civil service, business, accounting, publishing, or (after completing further qualifications) law.

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Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:

SQA Highers AAAAA/AAABB to ABBB.
A Levels 43 points (grades 776 at HL)-39 points (grades 766 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

Due to varying competition for programmes within this subject area, a range of typical grades exists.

Please note This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Typical and minimum grades are explained on page 149. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/ug/46

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/46

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“*The great thing about studying Spanish at Edinburgh is that wherever your interests lie, be it Golden Age art and literature or modern-day Spanish journalism, you are bound to find something you enjoy. The teaching staff are dynamic and friendly and always ready to help.*”

Victoria Anderson
Hispanic Studies student

Year by year...

Year 1
You will study either Spanish 1A or 1B depending on your language skills. You will also study a selection of literary texts and films. If you are studying Portuguese, you will take Portuguese 1, which caters for both beginners and more advanced students. You will be introduced to Portuguese literature through a selection of short stories from Mozambique, Angola, Brazil and Portugal.

Year 2
You will continue to develop your spoken and written language skills and continue to study Spanish culture. If you wish to study Catalan, you can start to learn about the language, history and culture of Catalonia. In Portuguese, you will continue to develop your spoken and written language with Portuguese language 2, and you will study the cultures and the societies of the Portuguese-speaking world.

Year 3
You will study or work in the Iberian Peninsula or Latin America.

Year 4
You will study advanced language courses and choose from a range of specialist courses on Spanish, Latin American and Portuguese history, literature and culture.

At a glance

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Study abroad? Yes
Why choose History at the University of Edinburgh?

We’re one of the largest history departments in the UK, which ensures you’ll have a wide range of subjects to choose from to shape the programme that you study. As well as having its own rich history, Edinburgh is home to some of the best facilities in the UK for studying and researching history, including the National Library of Scotland and the National Records of Scotland.

You’ll be taught by some of the world’s leading historians, ensuring you’ll have the skills and knowledge to graduate with a more nuanced view of the world and to pursue a broad range of career paths.

Introducing History

History enables us to understand how the world has developed and become what it is today. Studying events and issues from the past also affects the way we see the present and future.

At Edinburgh you will be able to choose from a wide range of different periods, from ancient Greece, to medieval Europe, to the contemporary world. Geographically, you can explore everything from Britain and Europe to Africa, Asia and North America.

We’ll also give you the opportunity to choose from a broad range of historical themes, including political history, cultural history, economic and social history, environmental history and gender history.

Career opportunities

The research and analytical skills history students develop can be used in any research-based career. They can also be applied to careers including journalism, museum and heritage work, public relations, the diplomatic service or teaching. Previous graduates have also gone on to work in finance, local government or law (after completing further qualifications) or have chosen postgraduate study.

Scottish history can be studied as part of a joint honours programme with Celtic, Scottish ethnology or Scottish literature.

Additional costs

Your choice of dissertation topic may require fieldwork. Some additional costs may be associated with this fieldwork.

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“I feel very lucky that I get to work with prolific and talented academicians in a close environment and that my opinions are encouraged in class debates.”

Lucy Shiels MA (Hons) History graduate

Year by year...

Year 1

History courses you take in your first year are broad survey courses that are designed to prepare you for more specialised study in Years 3 and 4. Current courses cover European, British and Scottish history and range from the medieval period to the present.

Year 2

You will continue to study a range of histories, extending your range geographically and chronologically. Second-year history courses currently cover various periods and themes in American, Asian, African, European, British and Scottish history. As in Year 1, history courses offer broad surveys that are designed to prepare you for more specialised study in Years 3 and 4.
History of Art

Why choose History of Art at the University of Edinburgh?

You will work alongside leading academics, many of whom are involved in curating or displaying their work at major international art exhibitions.

You will be given behind-the-scenes access to Edinburgh’s renowned art galleries and museums and could take up work experience in one of the city’s collections.

The University’s own Talbot Rice Gallery exhibits work by leading contemporary artists alongside important historical collections.

Our range of teaching specialisms is one of the broadest in the UK and covers everything from Celtic and early Islamic art right through to contemporary art and the current global art market. We have specialisms in medieval and Renaissance, early modern, and 19th and 20th century art. We also teach Chinese, Japanese and Indian art.

Introducing History of Art

History of art will introduce you to art from different periods and world cultures. You will learn how, and for whom, works of art were made.

You will explore their meanings and the ways they continue to be interpreted. In your final years you will have the opportunity to specialise. If you are studying history of art as a joint honours with a language, you will spend one year of your programme abroad.

Our intention is to produce graduates who have a professional understanding of artistic practice and who also possess an extensive and well-based knowledge and understanding of art history and the methods of its study.

Many of our academic staff exhibit in, or curate, major international art exhibitions. The Talbot Rice Gallery exhibits work by leading contemporary artists alongside important historic collections. You will also have access to Edinburgh’s renowned art galleries and museums.

Joint honours

History of art can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with Arabic, French, German, history, Italian, music, Russian studies or Spanish.

Additional costs

Costs of materials will vary depending on your programme of study. In addition, some programmes offer fieldwork and you will usually be required to cover accommodation, subsistence and travel costs. Your actual contribution will depend on your programme and the courses you select.

Career opportunities

Studying history of art at the University of Edinburgh prepares you for a range of careers in the art world such as curatorships in galleries and museums, art journalism, publishing, art dealing, tourism, graphics, advertising, heritage management and auctioneering.

Some graduates use their skills and experience for careers in management or teaching, after additional training, while some choose to go on to further study.

“Why I love my time at the University of Edinburgh, and especially my time studying History of Art. The staff are friendly, approachable and extremely talented in their own field.”

Lindsay Kieltyka
MA (Hons) History of Art graduate

Year by year...

**Year 1**
You will study History of Art 1, covering the period from the fall of the Roman Empire until the end of the Counter-Reformation. This will include non-western material. You will also choose two option courses. If you study History of Art with another subject, you will study compulsory courses from that subject and may be able to choose one option course from another subject area.

**Year 2**
You will study History of Art 2, which begins with the 18th century and continues to the present day. As with Year 1, History of Art students will be able to choose two option courses from related fields such as architectural history and classical art, or, alternatively, from unrelated subjects available across the University. If you are studying History of Art with another subject you will take compulsory courses from that subject and may be able to choose one option.

**Year 3**
You will start to specialise and can either focus solely on History of Art or choose courses from other academic areas. If you are studying History of Art with another subject you will take specialist courses from that subject. All students will complete either a placement within a gallery or cultural institution or a major independent project that focuses on skills relevant to careers in history of art. Projects in the past have included writing exhibition reviews and cataloguing works of art. Study abroad is possible in Year 3. All History of Art & Chinese Studies students spend Year 3 in China.

**Year 4**
You will select courses that build on your subject choices in Year 3. You will also write a dissertation.
Islamic Studies & Middle Eastern Studies

Why choose Islamic Studies & Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Edinburgh?

The University of Edinburgh has a long and well-established reputation for teaching Islamic and Middle Eastern studies and hosts the Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World with two other University partners.

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, our Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies research was part of the Area Studies submission. This was ranked first in Scotland and 74 per cent of our publications were rated either world-leading or internationally excellent.

We organise regular workshops, lecture series and film screenings.

Introducing Islamic Studies & Middle Eastern Studies

Exploring past and present, through the study of language, literature, culture and history, both Islamic studies and Middle Eastern studies provide a comprehensive training in history, with an emphasis on critical and analytical skills.

Our programmes in this area involve discussion of key issues, practice in applying concepts, both in discussion and in writing, analysis and interpretation of material, and feedback sessions on coursework.

Study abroad

In the third year you will have the option of an Erasmus exchange at one of two English-language universities, Boğaziçi or Bilgi, in Istanbul.

Additional costs

Students who study abroad will incur additional costs. An Erasmus grant is available for participating students, to assist with the extra costs of studying and living abroad.

Career opportunities

Graduates enter employment in many different fields, including the civil service, industry, commerce, non-governmental organisations and education.

You may also be interested in

Arabic & Persian

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The experience [of studying in Istanbul] was challenging and exciting and I came away with a genuine passion for the city and for my subject.

Ed Morrison
MA (Hons) Middle Eastern Studies graduate

Year by year…

Year 1

You will take classes and receive instruction in a Middle Eastern language, either Arabic, Persian or Turkish, as well as studying Islamic history, plus one option course.

Year 2

You may continue with your language studies, taking either Arabic 2, Persian 2 or Turkish 2. Students of Islamic studies take Introduction to Islam plus one option course of their choice. Students of Middle Eastern studies take Modern Middle Eastern History, plus one option course of their choice.

Year 3

You will have the option of an Erasmus exchange to a university in Istanbul, where you will continue to study a range of courses on subjects relating to Islam or the Middle East, including history, politics, religion or cultural studies. Alternatively, you may study similar courses in Edinburgh.

Year 4

You will continue with your honours courses from a wide range of relevant options from across the University. You will also complete a dissertation on a subject of your choice and under the supervision of an academic adviser.
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In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our European languages and cultures research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent, in a joint submission with Celtic and Scottish Studies. We offer a rich and diverse learning experience. Our small class sizes, friendly staff and vibrant Italian Society make it easy to get to know tutors and fellow students, creating a supportive learning environment.

Introducing Italian

Established in 1919, Italian at the University of Edinburgh offers you a solid foundation in both the language and the culture of Italy.

With more than 300 undergraduates studying Italian, the University hosts the largest population of Italian students in Scotland and one of the largest in the UK.

You will benefit from involvement in the activities of the research clusters run by the department and from our close links with the Italian Cultural Institute in Edinburgh. You will also benefit from our links with the National Library of Scotland, which hosts a large collection of Italian manuscripts and books.

Additional costs

The normal residence requirement for European languages at Edinburgh is 30 weeks in the relevant country or countries. Some students of Italian may apply for posts as English language assistants in schools, for which a salary is paid. Costs vary according to destinations: capital cities are more expensive than provincial towns.

For EU countries, a number of Erasmus places are available, which include a small grant from European Union funds.

Students studying more than one language must complete a minimum of eight weeks in each country. Some limited government funding may be available from the University to assist with the cost of studying abroad during the summer vacation.
Japanese

Why choose Japanese at the University of Edinburgh?

We offer a comprehensive and rigorous Japanese language programme, coupled with diverse Japanese studies options taught by international experts.

You will benefit from a year of intensive Japanese language study at one of our partner institutions in Japan.

Our courses and staff are recognised for their innovative, high-quality teaching, with Japanese 2A and Japanese 2B winning ‘Best Course’ in the 2012/13 Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards.

Introducing Japanese

Over the past 50 years Japan has experienced change at breakneck pace, but has nevertheless retained much of its fascinating cultural heritage. At Edinburgh you will develop the linguistic skills and academic knowledge necessary to engage critically with this dynamic and vibrant society, as well as the skills and confidence needed to succeed in our increasingly globalised world.

Intensive language training, including a year at one of our many partner institutions in Japan, will form the cornerstone of your programme. However, you will also work with international experts to explore a variety of topics including Japanese history, politics, economics, religion, art, cinema, literature and philosophy. You will also have the opportunity to learn about Japan in the context of East Asia, through courses on Japanese-Chinese and Japanese-Korean relations.

Please note that our Japanese programmes involve beginners’ language study and are not suitable for native or near-native speakers.

Joint honours

Japanese can be studied on the joint honours programme in Japanese & Linguistics, and as part of the International Business with Japanese programme. Applicants for International Business with Japanese should note it does not normally involve formal study of Japanese in Years 1 or 2, although most students do spend their third year in Japan studying business courses delivered in English.

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Study abroad

You will study abroad in Year 3. We have exchange agreements with many of Japan’s top universities.

Additional costs

You will spend Year 3 in Japan as a compulsory part of your programme. Costs will vary depending on the location. Some scholarship money may be available, from external sources, on a competitive basis.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/38

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International Business with Japanese

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“Then programme has something for everyone, whether your interest in Japan is related to language, culture or modern issues, and the year abroad truly is a life-changing experience!”

Julia Jackson
MA (Hons) Japanese graduate

Career opportunities

Graduates of Japanese can use their language skills to work as translators, interpreters or as teachers, following further study. Many graduates of Japanese also choose to work in areas such as finance or investment, or go into publishing or management consultancy.

Year by year…

Year 1

You will study Japanese Language 1, an introduction to Japanese language, and Modern East Asian History.

Year 2

You will continue your Japanese language study in Japanese Language 2, and deepen your understanding of Japanese society and culture through Researching Japan: Skills, Methods and Critiques.

We also offer the following option courses for first- and second-year students: Politics and Economy of Japan, Pre-Modern East Asia, and Thinking Through Japan.

Year 3

You will spend your third year in Japan, where you will develop your language skills and start work on your dissertation.

Year 4

You will continue to study Japanese language and choose from a range of option courses in Japanese history, politics, religion, culture, film and literature. You will also complete your dissertation.
Landscape Architecture

Why choose Landscape Architecture at the University of Edinburgh?

You’ll draw upon the expertise of leading researchers and practitioners in landscape architecture, whose work is used to inform public policy on outdoor environments across the UK.

Our programme has a unique relationship with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, where you will learn about plants and horticulture from world-leading researchers and scientists.

You’ll have the opportunity to take up practical placement opportunities worldwide. We also offer exchange opportunities with renowned landscape architecture institutions worldwide.

In the last five years, our students have won the Landscape Institute Student Portfolio Prize three times and the Landscape Institute Student Dissertation Prize three times. Other students from Edinburgh were also commended or highly commended for both prizes.

Introducing Landscape Architecture

Landscape architecture focuses on intervention in the landscape by design, planning and management. It involves the study of outdoor spaces, environments and relationships between people and places, and it is concerned with landscapes of all types, both urban and rural and at all scales from garden to the region.

Study abroad

You can study abroad by taking advantage of exchange opportunities in Year 3. We have exchange partners in North America, Australia, New Zealand and throughout Europe, under the Erasmus programme.

Placements

Semester 2 of Year 3 is a credited placement period. This means you can work in practice from January until September. You will study Semester 2 courses by distance learning.

Additional costs

You will have to finance your participation in any study tours. Drawing and drafting equipment is necessary from the first year onwards.

Career opportunities

Our graduates are highly in demand. A landscape architecture qualification from the University of Edinburgh can lead to employment worldwide. Almost all of our landscape architecture graduates quickly gain employment, predominately in private practice but also in local government and with public bodies such as Scottish Natural Heritage or the Countryside Agency.

You may also be interested in Architecture & Architectural History

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Anna Verity Robison

MA (Hons) Landscape Architecture

“I’m very much enjoying my course. I have great classmates and I love being outdoors. The tutors are always approachable and the facilities are excellent.”

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/61

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Law

Why choose Law at the University of Edinburgh?

Edinburgh Law School is the largest law school in Scotland and has been offering legal education for more than 300 years. We have trained some of the world's finest legal minds and help our students to graduate with a broad range of skills, highly desired by many leading employers.

We're one of the top 10 law schools in the UK (Complete University Guide 2016) and you will be taught by staff who are leaders in their field.

You will study at the heart of the capital's legal centre with the highest courts in Scotland a five-minute walk away.

We have the best academic law library in Scotland and one of the best in the UK.

Introducing Law

Our Law School has a strong international reputation for research and our teaching staff offer expertise across virtually all aspects of legal study. There is a vibrant law student community which organises many social and other law-related events.

Our Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programmes will teach you the general principles of law and how to apply them to specific situations and cases. You will develop analytical skills and legal research skills and learn how to present an argument clearly, accurately and persuasively.

There are two facets to the study of law. Firstly, it is an academic discipline which is studied with a view to furthering modern understanding of its origins, growth and its interaction with related disciplines such as economics, politics, sociology and history.

Concepts such as the rule of law, the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession, and access to justice for all are at the heart of legal study.

Secondly, law has a practical aspect which is studied with a view to enabling you to become a practising solicitor or advocate. Accurate problem solving and understanding of the structures of our society, which result from the study of law, are highly valued skills.

As a law student, you will learn about the formal structures of our society and the role of law in shaping society.

Scots law

At Edinburgh you will study Scots law. Students interested in practising law in England or Wales may not benefit from studying law in Scotland as there are significant differences between Scots and English law.

Study abroad

We have a wide range of international links and there are many opportunities for study abroad in Year 3. We run exchange schemes with partner universities in Europe, the Far East and North and South America.

Career opportunities

Law graduates often use their skills and understanding of the structures of law, the formal structures of our society and the role of law in shaping society.

You may also be interested in

Accounting
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Social Policy
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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/23
Why choose Linguistics at the University of Edinburgh?

We were ranked third in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2015 and are ranked third in the UK by the Complete University Guide 2016.

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, our linguistics research was rated best in the UK.

We achieve high student satisfaction, with 100 per cent of students finding the course intellectually stimulating and describing staff as enthusiastic about what they are teaching (Unistats).

We have the largest concentration of university language scientists in the UK.

Introducing Linguistics

Linguistics examines how language works, describing how sounds, words, sentences and conversations combine to express and create meaning. It also studies the uses of language in everyday life, the ways in which it varies across society and evolves over time, and how it is mastered by children.

Linguistics can be studied as part of a combined honours programme with a range of other subjects. Linguistics has a long history at the University of Edinburgh and our teaching staff have an excellent reputation for research in this area.

Linguistics is a new subject for nearly all undergraduates so you will require no prior knowledge at the beginning of the programme.

You may also be interested in

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- Psychology
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- Informatics (MInf)
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Music

Why choose Music at the University of Edinburgh?

Our music programmes are ranked among the best in the UK and we undertake more world-leading research in music than anyone else in Scotland.

Edinburgh has a vibrant, exciting musical scene. With the largest arts festival in the world, a jazz and blues festival, a military tattoo and countless amateur musical societies, there are endless opportunities to hear and to make music.

Our staff are world leaders in a range of areas including musicology, musical acoustics and music technology, composition, improvisation and community music. You will have access to world-class musicians and musical scholars offering unique opportunities for collaboration.

Introducing Music

Music is a diverse and exciting subject area, constantly evolving and pushing at the boundaries between everyday life and art. At the University of Edinburgh School of Music, we embrace that spirit of diversity, enabling the study of music in various forms.

We offer programmes that cover exceptionally broad areas of musical study including compositional skills, music history and criticism, performance, popular culture, film music, community music and music psychology. You can opt for the more skills-oriented pathways offered by our BMus (Hons) programmes or our more culturally focused MA (Hons).

BMus (Hons) Music

You will focus on performance, composition and the history and cultural context of music before specialising in the areas of music that interest you most. Many of our students undertake advanced study in performance, composition, teaching and research.

MA (Hons) Music

You will explore the role, value and diversity of music in modern society. You will consider the relationship of music to other arts and examine it from a creative, scientific, critical and historical perspective. You will study the interaction between music and other arts, such as film, animation and installation and participate in collaborations.

BMus (Hons) Music Technology

Music technology is an essential part of musical life and a vital area of innovation in contemporary art. You will confront issues of art and technology in new and stimulating ways as you develop skills in studio production, recording techniques, computer programming, acoustics, digital signal processing and sound synthesis.

Joint honours

Music can be studied as part of a joint honours programme with physics or mathematics. The history of music can be studied as part of a joint honours programme with history of art.

Career opportunities

Our programmes prepare you for a diverse range of careers both within the world of music and beyond.

The BMus Hons programme provides both the breadth and depth needed to pursue many professional careers in music. Recent graduates have gone on to successful careers in performance, teaching, composition, journalism, the culture industries and music therapy.

The Music Technology programme equips you for careers in the music and media industries, broadcasting, music education, or for further advanced study. Graduates will be ready for careers in recording, broadcast media or the commercial musical industries, or might develop a career as an artist, teacher or programmer. The transferable skills developed in areas such as computer programming, mathematics and analytical writing also provide excellent preparation for a wide variety of non-musical careers.

MA (Hons) Music graduates will be ready for music-related careers in creative arts, education and media. Career options may include: performance and composition; arts management; festival development, management and curation; and working in media and culture industries in film, television, radio, animation and the games industry. You will also be well placed to work in commerce and collaborate in community development projects.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug5

At a glance

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required: SQA Highers AAAA to ABBB.
A Levels ABB.
IB 39 points (grades 766 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

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Programmes

BMus (Hons) Music W300
BMus (Hons) Music Technology W351
MA (Hons) Music W300

The University of Edinburgh Undergraduate Prospectus 2017 entry

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BMus (Hons) Music graduate

Year by year...

BMus (Hons) Music

Year 1

You will take courses in composition, performance and cultural/historical studies, and gain a solid foundation in all aspects of music. Compulsory courses include Composition, Research Methods in Music, Performance and Keyboard Skills. You will study additional music courses, or an outside subject, and receive a bursary for tuition in up to two instruments.

Year 2

You will also choose option courses from music and from other subject areas.

Year 3

You will continue with cultural studies including Music in Social Contexts, or the history and practice of music festivals. Alternatively you may study a foundation in digital music (Theor & Practice of Music Technology), or, if you have an A or a B level in music, pursue music history and analysis options. You will choose option courses in music and from other subject areas.

Year 4

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BMus (Hons) Music Technology

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You will take a range of courses across music technology, music, physics, and mathematics. You will also have the opportunity to take additional courses in music and to take options from subjects including Music in Social Contexts, or the history and practice of music festivals. Alternatively you may study a foundation in digital music (Theor & Practice of Music Technology), or, if you have an A or a B level in music, pursue music history and analysis options. You will choose option courses in music and from other subject areas.

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You will study analysis (Ways of Listening), performance (Practical Music Workshops) and cultural studies (Instruments, Music and Technology). Performance skills are taught through practical workshops in areas such as North Indian and Balkan music. Musical studies develop your understanding of the relationship between music technologies and culture from the Renaissance to the present day. You will also choose option courses from music and from other subject areas.

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Nursing Studies

Why choose Nursing Studies at the University of Edinburgh?

We are consistently ranked among the best in the UK for nursing (second in the Guardian University Guide 2016). We offer you the opportunity to customise your learning, studying a course from a university-wide range of options in first year, then choosing honours options in Years 3 and 4 to develop your specialist interests within nursing. When Nursing Studies at the University was founded in 1956 it was the first nursing department in a European university and was led by Elsie Stephenson, later described as Britain’s ‘nursing messiah of the 20th century’.

Introducing Nursing Studies

We have been providing nursing education at the University of Edinburgh for 60 years. Our Bachelor of Nursing (BN) honours programme prepares you for a rewarding and varied career in healthcare. On graduation you will be eligible for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as an Adult Nurse.

We offer clinically based knowledge and practical skills, balanced with theoretical and research-based knowledge, ensuring our graduates are highly effective practitioners by the end of our four-year programme. Nursing students require a strong interest in human relationships, well-developed social and communication skills, and a high degree of empathy. Through academic study and clinical practice, our programme will help you to build on these skills and attributes as well as develop the leadership and analytical skills required to provide excellent nursing care.

You will not only learn about clinical and professional issues in nursing, but also about the diverse social and cultural influences on health, about research methods, and about psychological perspectives on the experience of illness and care.

The opportunity to take two courses from the wider University in Year 1 allows you to broaden your understanding of the world and study a diverse range of topics. Additionally, the honours options in Years 3 and 4 offer you the opportunity to deepen your understanding in specialist areas of your choosing. At the end of Year 3 you will undertake a placement, offering you the opportunity to experience health care in a different culture, or to gain clinical experience in a specialist area of interest in the UK.

Accreditation

This programme is validated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). Achievement of the required clinical and academic outcomes leads to eligibility for registration with the NMC as an adult nurse.

Placements

Clinical placements are provided by NHS Lothian and NHS Borders. You will work with a trained mentor during each placement.

Additional costs

Expenses for travel to and from clinical placements can be claimed if you are eligible for Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) funding. For those students who are not eligible for SAAS funding, these costs must be borne personally.

Career opportunities

Career prospects are excellent for graduates of nursing studies from the University of Edinburgh. Our graduates have gone into careers in a range of clinical settings in both community and hospital contexts, as well as voluntary sector organisations, specialising in intensive care, oncology, theatres and accident and emergency, for example. They have also gone on to develop careers in higher education, research, management and policy development.

You may also be interested in Health, Science & Society

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/13

“Edinburgh is such a special place to study nursing as not only does it have such a fantastic reputation and prestige, but it is also proficient in providing its students with all the support, guidance and resources necessary to make the most of their studies.”

Ruth Barker
BN (Hons) Nursing Studies graduate
Philosophy

Why choose Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh?

We were ranked 15th in the world for philosophy in the QS World University Rankings 2015 and among the top 20 universities in the UK for philosophy by the Guardian University Guide 2016.

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, we were rated the best philosophy department in Scotland and the second best in the UK.

Our world-leading academics have pioneered Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). Our Introduction to Philosophy MOOC was one of the most popular in 2015 with more than 500,000 enrolments.

With one of the largest philosophy departments in the world, we offer you a wide choice of subject areas to study and a diverse, supportive learning environment.

Introducing Philosophy

As the historical home of David Hume and Adam Smith, the city of Edinburgh is a fitting place to study philosophy. The University too, has a strong historical connection to the subject, counting Adam Ferguson and Sir William Hamilton among its former students.

Studying philosophy enables you to think about some of the great philosophical questions, which we ask ourselves, in a clear, disciplined and systematic manner. It introduces you to the thinking of some of the great philosophers of the past and present, and enables you to see connections between diverse areas of human experience. It also makes you more aware of the assumptions that form the basis of your beliefs.

Joint honours

Philosophy can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with French, German, Italian, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies, Spanish or theology.

Career opportunities

The philosophy courses you study throughout your programme provide you with the analytical and critical-thinking skills that are highly valued in the workplace. Previous graduates have gone on to work in education, commerce, journalism, finance, law and computing. Some graduates also choose to continue with their studies and pursue a research or academic career.

Programmes

MA (Hons)
- Philosophy V550
- Philosophy & Economics V551
- Philosophy & English Language VQ53
- Philosophy & English Literature VQ53
- Philosophy & Greek VQ55
- Philosophy & Linguistics VQ51
- Philosophy & Mathematics VQ51
- Philosophy & Politics VQ52
- Philosophy & Psychology VQ55
- Philosophy & Scottish Literature VQ55

You may also be interested in
- Classics Page 26
- Linguistics Page 62
- Religious Studies & Theology Page 94
- Cognitive Science (Humanities) Page 28

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/35
Politics & International Relations

Why choose Politics & International Relations at the University of Edinburgh?

Home to the Scottish Parliament, the city of Edinburgh offers the perfect location to study politics, and the department offers a dynamic environment, regularly hosting international academics, politicians and diplomats. We're in the UK top eight for Politics and International Relations, with 20 per cent of our research rated world leading and a further 39 per cent rated internationally excellent according to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014.

Our international faculty offers teaching that is research-led, which means that courses, supervision and mentoring are delivered by scholars active in research in their respective fields.

Introducing Politics & International Relations

Studying politics, you will explore the origins and present-day contexts of domestic and international conflicts about power and resources. You will also study the morality of political action, the limits of freedom and justice, and the processes of governance at various levels. International relations is a subfield within political science that looks at the origins and evolution of the state system and the changing nature of state power. It examines the driving forces behind international cooperation and conflict, and explores security and prosperity in the international system.

Our politics programmes focus on politics, political theory, public policy and international relations in Europe, Russia, Africa and the US. Our International Relations programmes cover specific topics and regions within world politics, such as human rights and foreign policy, the Middle East and Africa.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
- SQA Highers: AAAA to ABBB.
- A Levels: A** to ABB. IB: 33 points (grades 776 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

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Programmes

MA (Hons) International Relations L520
International Relations & International Law LM29
International Relations with Quantitative Methods ZW3A
Politics L200
Politics & Economic and Social History LV23
Politics with Quantitative Methods BM9D

If you are interested in studying quantitative methods, you may also be interested in:
- Government, Policy & Society/Social Policy with Quantitative Methods
- Sociology with Quantitative Methods

Additional costs

In Year 4, if you are a politics student taking Parliamentary Studies you will be offered a trip to Westminster. You will be responsible for meeting your own travel costs.

Career opportunities

In recent years, graduates have entered careers in the civil service, foreign affairs or political and parliamentary research. The programmes will also equip you with some of the transferable skills required for employment in finance and consultancy, the voluntary sector, journalism or teaching. Some graduates choose to go on to further training in accountancy or law or take postgraduate programmes with a view to pursuing an academic career.

Year by year...

**Politics/International Relations with Quantitative Methods (QM)**

**Year 1**

You will take Introduction to Politics & International Relations and an introductory political theory course (Political Thinkers). International Relations students additionally take an international law course. Depending on your programme, you will also take up to four option courses of your choice.

**Year 2**

You will study International Cooperation in Europe and Beyond, which examines how states cooperate in international organisations such as the European Union, the World Trade Organisation and the United Nations. You will also take courses that introduce you to key methods in political science: Comparative Politics in a Globalised World and Introduction to Data Analysis. Depending on your programme, you will also take up to three further option courses.

**Year 3**

You will take courses on Theories of International Relations, Global Justice and Citizenship and a course on Research Design. In addition, you will take International Political Economy and/or Global Security. You will also take honours courses on a wide range of subjects such as US Foreign Policy, human rights, gender, African politics, the Middle East and many more.

**Year 4**

You will choose four courses from a wide range of politics and international relations options, and complete an honours dissertation on a topic of your choice.

**Politics**

**Year 3**

In third year you will take courses on Global Justice and Citizenship, Approaches to Politics and International Relations and Research Design. You will also take honours courses on a wide range of subjects such as US Foreign Policy, human rights, gender, political theory, Africa, the Middle East and many more.

**Year 4**

You will choose four courses from the wide range available, and complete an honours dissertation on a topic of your choice.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/18

For the benefits of studying here

For applications and admissions

“I like the flexibility of student life and am able to fit work and social activities around my studies. My programme allows me to that have balance between work and study. I definitely made the right decision."

Holly Martin
MA (Hons) Politics graduate
Why choose Psychology at the University of Edinburgh?

We consistently rank as one of the top 50 universities in the world for psychology (QS World University Rankings and Complete University Guide).

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, we were rated first in Scotland and third in the UK as part of a joint submission for psychology, psychiatry and neuroscience.

We offer you hands-on experience in psychological research throughout your programme from labs in Years 1 and 2 to group projects in Year 3 and your original research dissertation in Year 4.

Our teaching facilities include a private psychology library, computer suites and well-equipped teaching rooms. Our research facilities include state-of-the-art labs for cognitive neuroscience, developmental science, human movement, individual differences and general experimental psychology, supported by a large panel of volunteer research participants and partnerships with local nurseries.

Introducing Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind, brain, and behaviour in humans and animals. It focuses on building theoretical models of thinking and behaviour, and understanding these in terms of underlying brain function, to help to explain how people interact with each other and the world around them.

Psychologists are interested in the way biological and social factors influence how we behave and how interests and abilities differ from person to person. They also study how we perceive, think and learn about the world around us. They examine how we communicate verbally and non-verbally, and how and why our mental abilities change across our lives.

Psychology is an experimental and observational science, in which evidence from research studies is used to develop and evaluate theories. Our programme has a strong emphasis on developing skills in research methods and statistical analysis, to support our research-led teaching.

Accreditation

The MA Psychology (C801) and the BSc Psychology (C800) programmes are both four-year programmes accredited by the British Psychology Society.

Applying for MA or BSc

The psychology content of the two programmes is identical. The MA and BSc only differ in the courses taken alongside psychology in Years 1 and 2.

On the MA, you can choose additional courses in your pre-honours years (1 and 2) from a wide range of courses that the University offers. On the BSc programme, you will be required to take some of these pre-honours courses from the College of Science & Engineering.

Although the BSc typically suits students with a stronger science background, psychology itself is studied and practiced as a science, so students applying to the MA or BSc should be prepared for a rigorous, scientific, research-focused approach to the understanding of mind, brain and behaviour.

Study abroad

In Year 3, there are opportunities to study at a foreign university. We have particular links with Grenoble in France, Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and Copenhagen in Denmark. You can devise your study abroad with your Personal Tutor and the University’s International Office.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/10

Joint honours

Psychology can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with business, economics, linguistics, philosophy or sociology as part of our Cognitive Sciences (Humanities) programme.

Career opportunities

Our graduates develop high-level research, statistical, IT and report-writing skills, valued by employers in various sectors. Many psychology graduates have gone on to work in healthcare and social services, charitable organisations, human resources, management, business and finance, consulting, and media and advertising. Some students continue their studies to enter a research or teaching career, or to train as a professional psychologist in a specific field (such as clinical, educational, forensic, health, or organisational psychology).

You may also be interested in

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Programmes

BSc (Hons)
Psychology C800
MA (Hons)
Psychology C801
Psychology & Business CN81
Psychology & Economics C821
Psychology & Linguistics C821

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Russian Studies

Why choose Russian Studies at the University of Edinburgh?
The University of Edinburgh is home to the oldest Russian department in Scotland and has a vibrant community of Russian native speakers who work or study in Edinburgh. Our unique Princess Dashkova Russian Centre offers many academic and cultural activities advancing knowledge in the field of Russian language and Russian studies. Edinburgh has one of the widest ranges of languages and joint honours programmes of any UK university. That creates a uniquely exciting and stimulating environment for language study. In the QS World University rankings, modern languages at Edinburgh is rated 5th in the UK and 26th in the world.

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our European languages and cultures research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent, in a joint submission with Celtic and Scottish Studies.

Introducing Russian Studies
Studying Russian at Edinburgh will give you a sound understanding of the Russian language, literature and culture. In addition to acquiring solid language skills, you will study Russian literature and film, the Russian language in society, media and the internet, and the country’s cultural and political history. You will be taught by world-leading research academics.

The Russian collection housed in the Main Library contains excellent resources related to Russian language, literature, culture, history and politics including several databases of important periodicals and newspapers. In addition, you will have the opportunity to use the National Library of Scotland for its immense collection of Russian resources.

Study abroad
There are opportunities to work and study abroad between Years 1 and 2. Residence abroad is mandatory in your third year.

If you are studying more than one language you will divide your time abroad between two countries. A recent study by the European Commission revealed that the graduate attributes students acquire during their year abroad, such as problem-solving skills, self-reliance, and cultural awareness, reduces the risk of long-term unemployment by a staggering 50 per cent.

Additional costs
The normal residence requirement for European languages at Edinburgh is 30 weeks in the relevant country or countries. Students studying more than one language must complete a minimum of eight weeks in one country that is relevant to their programme. Placements in Russia involve fees charged by Russian universities but reimbursement of these tuition fees for our students is provided by the University. Costs vary according to your destination. Capital cities are more expensive than provincial towns.

Career opportunities
The opportunities for Russian-speaking graduates, in the UK as well as in Russia and beyond, are many, varied, and steadily expanding.

A qualification in Russian Studies from Edinburgh will give you the intellectual strength and flexibility that so many employers prize in high-level humanities graduates. Russian is also becoming an increasingly important language for international business, journalism, cultural exchanges, defence studies, post-communist studies, publishing, translation and law, as Russia closely works with Europe, Asia and the USA.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/48

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Study abroad? Yes

Programmes
MA (Hons)
Russian Studies R700
Russian Studies & Business R71
Russian Studies & Classics R72
Russian Studies & English Language R73
Russian Studies & English Literature R74
Russian Studies & History R77
Russian Studies & History of Art R78
Russian Studies & Linguistics R79
Russian Studies & Philosophy R75
Russian Studies & Politics R76
Russian Studies & Scandinavian Studies R77
Russian Studies & Scottish Literature R78
Russian Studies & Social Policy R79
Russian Studies & Spanish R74

Advisor
Adrianna Jones
MA (Hons) Russian Studies graduate

Year by year...

Year 1
If you have no previous knowledge of Russian you will study Russian Studies 1A. If you have studied the language before, you will take Russian Studies 1B. Both of these courses include a unit on Russian culture. After completing your first year of studies you have the opportunity to spend a month either at the Nevsky Institute of Language and Culture in St Petersburg or at Liden and Denz Russian Language Centre in St Petersburg, Moscow or Riga.

Year 2
You will continue to study Russian language and will take a full-year course that studies 19th- and 20th-century Russian literature. You will also have the opportunity to take courses on European cinema, theatre and medieval culture.

Year 3
You will spend your third year in a Russian-speaking country studying at a university or on a work experience placement. In addition to our direct links with universities in Moscow, St Petersburg and Perm, you will have the opportunity to go to Russia, via Russian Language Undergraduate Studies (RLUS), or study at Liden and Denz Russian Language Centre in St Petersburg, Moscow or Riga.

Year 4
In your final year you will take Russian language classes – in prose and writing in style, translation and text analysis, and oral. You will also take one or more option courses, specialising in Russian literature, Russian language and society, Russian media and the Internet, Russian politics, and Russian architecture. Depending upon your programme, you may also have the opportunity to write a long essay in Russian or to complete a dissertation in Russian, developing your independent research and Russian writing skills.

“Courses are diverse, stimulating and challenging; the staff are friendly, enthusiastic and approachable; and you can get involved with the subject at every level. I particularly enjoyed time spent with the Russian Society.”
Adrianna Jones
MA (Hons) Russian Studies graduate

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Scandinavian Studies

Why choose Scandinavian Studies at the University of Edinburgh?

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In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our European languages and cultures research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent, in a joint submission with Celtic and Scottish Studies.

Edinburgh is one of the very few universities in the UK that offer full undergraduate programmes in Scandinavian languages and culture.

Edinburgh is home to a number of important Scandinavian cultural institutions and societies.

Introducing Scandinavian Studies

At Edinburgh you will explore Scandinavian culture, past and present, alongside the study of the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish languages.

Whether you specialise in Danish, Norwegian or Swedish language, you will also gain a knowledge of the other two languages. However, you don’t need a previous knowledge of any of the languages as all classes are taught from beginners’ level. Our relatively small class sizes provide a very supportive learning environment.

You will be offered a range of option courses from Year 2 onwards. In the fourth year we offer several options, including topics such as Old Norse studies, Viking studies, history of the Scandinavian novel, history of the Scandinavian languages, Nynorsk or Ibsen and Brandes.

Study abroad

You will spend your third year abroad, studying or working in Denmark, Norway or Sweden. We have Erasmus exchange programmes with the universities of Bergen, Copenhagen, Oslo and Uppsala.

Additional costs

The normal residence requirement for European languages at Edinburgh is 30 weeks in the relevant country or countries.

Costs vary according to destinations: capital cities are more expensive than provincial towns. A number of (erasmus) Socrates places are available, which include a small grant from European Union funds.

Students studying more than one language must complete a minimum of eight weeks in each country. Some limited government funding may be available from the University to assist with the cost of study abroad during the summer vacation.

Career opportunities

As there are relatively few graduates specialising in the Scandinavian languages, you have excellent opportunities in areas such as translation, journalism, tourism, the cultural sector, the European Union, international relations, industry, marketing, and research. Our graduates are to be found in every kind of career, especially those that place a premium on thinking that is both disciplined and imaginative.

“...I chose Scandinavian Studies (Danish) in first year as an outside course, but I enjoyed it so much that I made it part of my degree. I really love the flexibility Edinburgh gives you – it’s so easy to chop and change your degree and your subjects.”

Synnamon Mills

MA (Hons) Scandinavian Studies graduate

Programmes

MA (Hons) Scandinavian Studies (Danish, Norwegian, Swedish) R600
Scandinavian Studies & Classics QR86
Scandinavian Studies & English Language QR36
Scandinavian Studies & English Literature RQ63
Scandinavian Studies & History RV61
Scandinavian Studies & Linguistics RQ81
Scandinavian Studies & Philosophy RV05
Scandinavian Studies & Politics RL62
Scandinavian Studies & Scottish Literature RQ69
Scandinavian Studies & Social Policy RL64
Scandinavian Studies & Spanish RR64

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Year by year...

Year 1

You will choose one of the three intensive beginners’ language courses Danish 1, Norwegian 1 or Swedish 1. These courses also provide an introduction to the culture and literature of the country in question.

Year 2

You will continue with Danish Language 2, Norwegian Language 2 or Swedish Language 2, which build on and develop your linguistic knowledge from your first year. You will also take one or both of:

• Scandinavian literature 2, which focuses on Danish, Norwegian and Swedish literature from 1835 to the present day. A wide variety of literary forms are studied, ranging from the fairy tale to crime writing, from drawing-room drama to new urban narratives.

• Scandinavian Languages 2, which investigates similarities and differences between the Scandinavian languages past and present and discusses the perspectives and problems of inter-Scandinavian communication and the challenges involved in translating from Scandinavian into English.

Year 3

You will spend all your third year, or part of it if you are also taking another language, studying or working in Denmark, Norway or Sweden.

Year 4

You will take advanced language classes in commentary and summary writing, in translation from the Scandinavian languages into English, and in spoken Danish, Norwegian or Swedish. You will also choose from a range of specialist courses, focusing on Scandinavian cultural topics from the medieval to the modern.
Scottish Ethnology

Why choose Scottish Ethnology at the University of Edinburgh?

Undertaking a programme in Scottish ethnology at Edinburgh offers an opportunity to study the rich and diverse culture and tradition of Scotland, past and present, within a department that was voted Best Subject Area in the Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards in 2012/13.

Dedicated staff will encourage you to explore a wide range of topics within an environment that boasts some of the best resources in the world for study in this field.

You will have direct access to some of the finest musicians and tradition-bearers in the country, and you will graduate with a deep understanding of how culture works, and with the skills to succeed in a wide range of professions.

Introducing Scottish Ethnology

Ethnology provides an insight into Scotland’s traditional and popular culture. Attracting students from all over the world, we teach practical skills that can be applied to the study of any culture. Students of Scottish ethnology learn about Scottish folklore and folk life and explore Scotland’s rich diversity in language, culture and heritage.

You will carry out your own ethnographic fieldwork and develop your analytical, creative, communication and critical skills, improving your research skills and confidence using archives and library resources.

Career opportunities

Our graduates are highly valued as they bring to the workplace a wide range of key skills in research, analysis, communication and presentation as well as a strong understanding of culture and society.

Recent graduates have developed successful careers in areas such as teaching, museums and heritage, arts and cultural management, tourism, broadcasting, the media and policy development.

Additional costs

Depending on your programme of study and the courses chosen, you may spend time on fieldwork and excursions. Costs will vary according to the location.

Programmes

MA (Hons)
Scottish Ethnology V910
Scottish Ethnology & Archaeology VV94
Scottish Ethnology & Celtic VQ93
Scottish Ethnology & English Language VQ93
Scottish Ethnology & English Literature VQ93
Scottish Ethnology & Scandinavian Studies VR96
Scottish Ethnology & Scottish History VQ92
Scottish Ethnology & Scottish Literature VQ92

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IB 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/50

“Weekly seminars and the annual Alan Bruford Memorial Lecture allowed me to socialise with top scholars in the field of ethnology, while getting advice on my best options for the future.”

Lewis Hurst
MA (Hons) Scottish Ethnology & English Literature graduate

Year by year...

Year 1
You will study Scottish cultural history, heritage, cultural expression and representation. Courses also look at literature, music and visual arts and how these are linked to Scottish identity.

Year 2
You will study oral and visual representations of Scotland through music, song, art, photography and film and you will receive practical training in ethnographic fieldwork techniques and ethics.

Year 3
You will choose from options such as Ethnological Fieldwork Methods, Traditional Narrative, Cultural Revivalism, Traditional Song, Scotland and Heritage, and Traditional Drama.

Year 4
You will undertake a dissertation and choose from options such as Custom, Belief and Community, Scottish Emigrant Traditions, The Supernatural World, Material Culture in Scotland, and Traditional Music.
Scottish Studies

Why choose Scottish Studies at the University of Edinburgh?

This programme explores contemporary Scotland and its culture, tradition and representation.

The highly flexible approach allows you to study a wide range of disciplines such as literature, history, art, music, politics, sociology and language.

Being based in the Scottish capital city you will have direct access to the key political, cultural and historical institutions and resources required for the detailed study of contemporary Scotland.

Introducing Scottish Studies

Scottish studies is the study of Scottish culture past and present, with a particular focus on creative arts and cultural expression.

At Edinburgh you will study Scottish cultural history and tradition and discover how literature, music and visual arts helped to shape Scottish identity. Parallels with other countries are made throughout the programme to place Scotland in context.

The department hosts internationally renowned archives, which are available for study and research. You can also access important collections in the National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland and National Archives of Scotland.

In addition to compulsory courses in Scottish studies, you will study relevant courses from other areas, including Scottish ethnology, Celtic, politics, art history and literature. You will also carry out a research project in your chosen area of interest.

Career opportunities

The Scottish Studies programme prepares you for a career in arts development, tourism, the media, broadcasting or publishing. The skills and knowledge you will gain from the programme can also be used to work within government departments, heritage organisations, research or education. You may also choose to go on to postgraduate study.
Social Anthropology

Why choose Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh?

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 70 per cent of our research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent placing us amongst the top three anthropology departments in the UK.

Our international teaching staff are leaders in their field meaning you will learn from those working at the cutting edge of anthropological research.

Our honours students have an opportunity to spend up to four months on an individual original research project either in the UK or abroad helping to enhance practical research skills and future employability.

Introducing Social Anthropology

Social anthropology is the study of human conduct and thought. Societies around the world vary enormously socially, culturally and politically. The study of these variations, and the common humanity that underlies them, is at the heart of social anthropology.

There are close links between social anthropology and sociology, human geography, development studies, history and philosophy.

You will take a broad range of courses in your first two years and have the opportunity to specialise in your final two years. You will spend up to four months on an individual research project that will form the basis of your dissertation. Fieldwork for your project can be done both within and outside the UK.

Joint honours

Social Anthropology can be studied as part of a joint honours programme with Arabic, archaeology, geography, law, linguistics, Persian, politics, social history, social policy or sociology.

Additional costs

Fieldwork may be required, depending on your choice of dissertation topic. Some additional costs may be associated with this fieldwork.

Career opportunities

Previous graduates have chosen careers in social development, healthcare, journalism and film. Some have gained employment with international organisations such as Oxfam.

A growing number are continuing with postgraduate study in anthropology, leading to careers as anthropological researchers with universities, public bodies like the NHS, or private sector companies.

You may also be interested in Sustainable Development Page 92

Advice for applicants

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Programmes

MA (Hons) Social Anthropology L600
Social Anthropology & Politics LL62
Social Anthropology & Social Policy LL64
Social Anthropology with Development LL69
Social Anthropology with Social History L6V3

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/21

Year by year...

Year 1
The first year provides you with a broad introduction to the subject. You will study Social Anthropology 1A and 1B, Fundamentals: Reading and Writing Anthropology. You will choose two to four option courses.

Year 2
You will study Social Anthropology 2 and Ethnography, Fundamentals: Ethnographic Theory and Fundamentals: Anthropological Practice. You will also choose an additional four courses, either related to your programme or from another academic area.

Year 3
You will study compulsory courses including Anthropological Theory, Kinship, Ritual & Religion and Consumption, Exchange & Technology. You will also choose two courses from a range including Magic, Science & Healing, Museums & Anthropology and The Anthropology of Happiness. You will also have the opportunity to conduct your own research in the summer break between third and fourth years. Your dissertation supervisor will help you to plan and develop your research project which can take place in the UK or overseas.

Year 4
You will study the compulsory course Culture & Power. You will also use your research findings to complete an honours dissertation, and continue to choose option courses.

“There are some very interesting and engaging courses at honours level, which address current political and social issues, making the courses very current and relevant to national and international affairs. For my dissertation research I went to Sierra Leone for six weeks and conducted research.”
Tabitha Gould
MA (Hons) Social Anthropology graduate
Social Policy

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Social Policy

Why choose Social Policy at the University of Edinburgh?
We have a worldwide reputation for research excellence and our teaching is research-led. This means you will be taught by internationally renowned scholars who are experts in their fields, working at the forefront of their disciplines, and who take part in public debate about a range of questions concerning the future of society. You will benefit from our close relationships with the Scottish Government, UK Government, and European and global institutions. These give you the opportunity to be immersed in a wide variety of contemporary policy developments.

A four-year programme allows you to enhance your career prospects by gaining a broad education that is attractive to employers. We offer you a great deal of flexibility to explore your interests, study abroad and acquire skills that will make your CV stand out.

Introducing Social Policy
Social policy is the study of societies and the way they change through political debate and policy making. It looks at the ways in which public policies, social institutions and market forces affect how contemporary societies operate and are affected by debates about social justice.

Social policy is relevant to many areas of everyday life, including housing, employment, income, health and education. These programmes will appeal to students who are interested in current political and social issues that appear in the news, as well as in longer-term changes in how societies work – whether at local, national, European or global levels.

Typical to minimum grades required:
- SQA Highers AAAA-AAAB† to ABBB.
- A Levels AAB to ABB.

* Due to varying competition for programmes within this subject area, a range of typical grades exists.

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Programmes

- MA (Hons) Government, Policy & Society L230
- Government, Policy & Society with Quantitative Methods L231
- Social Policy & Economics LL41
- Social Policy & Law LM41
- Social Policy & Politics LL42
- Social Policy & Social and Economic History LV43
- Social Policy & Sociology LL43
- Social Policy with Quantitative Methods ATXH

If you are interested in studying quantitative methods, you may also be interested in:

- International Relations/Politics with Quantitative Methods Page 70
- Sociology with Quantitative Methods Page 88

Social policy
You’ll develop an in-depth understanding of current societal issues by looking at how social policies are constructed and contested. You’ll consider the history, aims and effectiveness of different government policies and you’ll compare different models of welfare provision around the world, looking at the impact of trends such as population ageing, globalisation and immigration.

Social policy is ideally suited to students who are interested in contemporary social and political issues and who enjoy thinking critically about the structures, institutions and problems that shape our lives. It offers ideal training for a career in government, charities, think tanks and pressure groups, among others.

Government, Policy & Society

Our new four-year programme teaches you about the economic, political and societal dimensions of important policy areas (such as labour markets, health and welfare). You will also learn how politicians make decisions and why policies influence decision-making. This programme allows you to engage with the most pressing issues currently facing our societies and prepares you for key roles in Government, third sector and beyond.

Career opportunities

Social policy can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with French, German, geography, Italian, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies, social anthropology or Spanish.

You must be immersed in a wide variety of contemporary policy developments.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/22

“Studying social policy at Edinburgh means joining a community that shares your passion to make a difference. You can specialise in your area of interest, working with the leading experts in the field.”
Shannon Turner MA (Hons) Social Policy & Law graduate

Year 1
You will take Social Policy & Society, which introduces you to the analyses, needs, rights and responsibilities, with a focus on the needs and rights of children and the responsibilities of parents. You will study Politics of the Welfare State, which examines social policy as a political issue in the UK, especially in the fields of health, employment and education. You will also choose option courses from other academic areas. You will also take the course Fundamentals of Social Policy, which provides key subject specific learning skills you’ll use in your further years of study.

Year 2
You will take European Social Policy, which compares different approaches to social policy in various European countries. You will also take Evidence, Politics & Policy as well as further Fundamentals’ courses, which will equip you with analytical skills needed to engage with controversial policy issues in public debate. You will also study other compulsory courses appropriate to your programme and will select an option subject.

Year 3
You can study option courses that cover areas such as children’s rights, labour market policies, family policy, social inequalities, criminal justice, health policy and education policy. You will also take at least one course on research methods.

Year 4
You will continue to take social policy courses and will complete an individual research project. This will involve collecting and analysing data and information from sources such as the European Commission, UK Government, Scottish Government, local authorities and voluntary organisations.
Social Work

Why choose Social Work at the University of Edinburgh?

Upon completion of our social work programme, you will be eligible for full registration as a social worker with the Scottish Social Services Council.

The quality and breadth of our Social Work research was ranked third in the UK in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. We were ranked first in the UK in the Times Higher Education research power index.

We pride ourselves on our connections with practice and this is reflected in the many contributions made by practitioners and service users to teaching and learning on this programme.

Introducing Social Work

The study of social work allows you to develop the knowledge, skills and experience needed to work with vulnerable people who are encountering difficulties in their personal or family lives or whose actions have led to the involvement of statutory services.

Social workers undertake sophisticated assessments in relation to issues of care and control in order to protect the individual and safeguard society. Social workers often work with other services including health, education, housing and the police. They have a strong interest in human relationships and a commitment to social justice, along with well-developed social, empathic and communication skills. The work of a social worker is challenging, demanding and rewarding. A high level of personal resilience is required in order to manage the various challenges of this career.

Social workers represent society’s response to the challenges of families under stress, offending, long-term illness, mental illness and other serious problems. Good social work combines an interest in people with a rigorous intellectual attitude and the constant search for better methods of helping, supported by research and development.

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We seek to meet the demands of a changing profession and contribute to understanding of, and improvements in, public policy and professional practice.

Entry to our social work programme is conditional on continued registration with the professional body, the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) and up-to-date membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups scheme.

In your first two years on our programme, you will study the history and development of social work, key milestones in its development and the policy and legal frameworks of practice. You will also begin to develop your people skills. In your third and fourth years you will focus on the context and complexity of social work practice and will undertake two assessed practice placements each based in different settings.

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

www.ed.ac.uk/ug/20

Placements

Practice placements are full-time and are organised by the University. Placements are generally in agencies in Edinburgh, the Lothians, Scottish Borders and Fife.

Accreditation

The BSc (Hon) Social Work is accredited by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC); www.sssc.uk.com

Career opportunities

Social work graduates are eligible to work in statutory or voluntary settings within the adult services, children and families, or criminal justice sectors. They might work in a range of locations such as community-based agencies, prisons or hospitals. Career pathways exist from early practitioner stage through to senior management.

The strong communication and interpersonal skills that you will develop during your programme prepare you for a range of other careers involving working with people. Some social work graduates also choose to continue with their studies or enter research.

Year by year...

Year 1

You will study the roots of social work and the milestones in the field’s development. You will also study social policy and will be able to choose a range of option courses.

Year 2

You will study the policy and legal frameworks of social work and take the course Working and Relating: Developing Your People Skills, plus two option courses of your choice. You will be required to undertake either paid or voluntary relevant work experience as part of the Working and Relating: Developing Your People Skills course. This experience also acts to inform discussions regarding your progression into honours years, which is based on academic achievement, professional registration and confirmation of your continued interest in social work.

Year 3

You will study the courses Social Work in Communities; Social Work with Individuals and Families; Working with Self and Others: Skills, Theories and Methods; Understanding Care and Control; and Professional Practice in Social Work 1 (including a 70-day placement). A 10-day observational placement takes place towards the end of semester 1.

Year 4

You will study: Working with Risk, Trust and Complexity, and Professional Practice in Social Work 2 (including a 95-day placement) and undertake an 8,000-word dissertation.

“I am passionate about working alongside individuals and groups, enabling them to make positive changes to their lives. I enjoyed being able to go on placement in two different sectors.”

Rachael Carson

BSc (Hon) Social Work graduate
Sociology

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
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A Levels AAB to ABB.
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Programmes

MA (Hons)
Sociology L300
Sociology & Politics LL32
Sociology & Psychology LC38
Sociology & Social and Economic History LV33
Sociology & Social Anthropology LL36
Sociology with Quantitative Methods SS9K

If you are interested in studying quantitative methods, you may also be interested in:
International Relations/Politics with Quantitative Methods
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Government, Policy & Society/Social Policy with Quantitative Methods
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Why choose Sociology at the University of Edinburgh?

We place a strong emphasis on practical sociology, providing training in research skills and supervising students through group and individual research projects. In the 2015 QS World University Rankings for sociology, we were placed in the top 20 in the world for the fifth consecutive year.

Most of our research has been assessed as world-leading or internationally excellent. Our commitment to research-led teaching will equip you with up-to-date knowledge and the necessary skills to contribute to critical public debate about social problems and issues.

Introducing Sociology

Sociology examines how individual choices are affected by wider social forces and how they can be understood by placing them in their social context.

At Edinburgh, we study the relationship between individuals and groups, issues of belonging and identity, the social causes of cooperation and conflict, and the way societies and social institutions are formed and change over time. Our programme also equips you to compare different national contexts and understand contemporary social issues from a global perspective.

Sociology with Quantitative Methods (QM)

Studying this programme could prepare you for a variety of exciting and well-remunerated careers. You will be offered a work placement at a top local employer so you can practise your skills. QM can include anything from designing surveys or experiments to using quantitative evidence from surveys, digital media, archives and open data. The current shortage of social scientists with these data analysis skills means graduates from this programme will have a CV that stands out.

Joint honours

Sociology may be combined with politics, psychology, social and economic history, social anthropology, economics, history, social policy, law or geography.

Study abroad

In Year 3 you may study abroad through the University’s international exchange programme, or our Erasmus exchange programme with universities in Bremen and Copenhagen.

Career opportunities

Graduates go on to a wide variety of careers in the private sector, voluntary sector, local or central government, the media or journalism, or use their practical and research skills to work in social or market research. Many graduates go on to postgraduate study and an academic career or teaching.
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We offer two separate sport-related programmes – BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science and BSc (Hons) Sport & Recreation Management.

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Sport & Recreation Management

BSc (Hons)
Applied Sport Science C610
Sport & Recreation Management N230

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**Sustainable Development**

**Why choose Sustainable Development at the University of Edinburgh?**

The University has an outstanding record of world-leading research and teaching in a wide range of approaches to sustainability and human development, from across the social and natural sciences.

You will be able to engage with sustainability issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, and in the interdisciplinary manner that sustainable development demands.

The programme allows you to focus on the social science issues that are crucial for sustainable development, although you can also choose to study science courses if you wish.

**Introducing Sustainable Development**

Sustainable development refers to the challenges of reducing global inequity and improving wellbeing, while reducing threats to the Earth’s systems from industrialised production and consumption.

Effective environmental care requires the examination of how societies organise social, economic and political activity, how they relate to their surroundings and how they ensure the renewal of natural resources for future generations.

Our programme addresses these global issues through multidisciplinary social science teaching, focusing on the social consequences of current patterns of development and opportunities for change.

At the same time you will develop understanding of the key scientific debates and the ability to evaluate scientific knowledge and practices concerning sustainable development. There are options for students wishing to pursue scientific perspectives on sustainable development.

**Additional costs**

There are small costs associated with fieldwork in Year 3.

**Career opportunities**

Graduates of this programme will be in demand in the growth areas of environmental management, environmental education, development and environment campaigning and NGO work, national, international, and local government, environmental politics, environmental auditing, corporate social responsibility, risk management and sustainable citizenship.

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**Programmes**

**MA (Hons) Sustainable Development**

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**Advice for applicants**

Typical to minimum grades required:

- SQA Highers: AAAA-AABB† to ABBB.
- A Levels: AAA (grades 39 points at HL); 766 points (grades 666 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

† Due to varying competition for programmes within this subject area, a range of typical grades exists.

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**Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at**

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**“I really enjoy having a wide range of lecturers; it’s very interesting to get lots of different views and programme organisers put a lot of effort into keeping us informed. I feel equipped for my future career by being shown how wide the field of sustainable development really is.”**  
Charlotte Lancaster  
MA (Hons) Sustainable Development graduate

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**Year by year...**

**Year 1**

You will study two compulsory courses. The first will introduce the concept and principles of sustainable development, and the second will consider the way that science and technology shape the relationship between humans and the environment. You will also choose a main subject area – geography, politics, international relations, sociology or social anthropology – and take two courses from this subject. You will select two further options from a wide range from across the University.

**Year 2**

In the first semester you will explore key topics and theories of sustainable development from an interdisciplinary perspective. You will build on these in the second semester by examining key environmental resource issues. You will also continue to study courses from your main subject area, and two other sustainability-related courses from a wide choice.

**Year 3**

You will take a fieldwork-based sustainable development course. You will choose honours level options in your main subject area, and from other related disciplines, as well as research training.

**Year 4**

You will undertake a dissertation on a real-world sustainable development issue. You will receive guidance from either a geography or social science supervisor, depending on your topic. You also choose honours level options in your main subject area, and from other related disciplines.
Theology & Religious Studies

Why choose Theology & Religious Studies at the University of Edinburgh?

You will be studying at the historic New College, one of the largest and most vibrant centres of theology and religious studies in the world. You will be taught by internationally recognised experts and will have access to excellent learning resources.

Your Personal Tutor will provide individual support, to guide your intellectual development and help you shape your academic journey.

Our four-year programmes allow you to enhance your career prospects by gaining a broad education that is attractive to employers. We offer a great deal of flexibility to explore your interests, study abroad and acquire skills that will make your CV stand out.

Introducing Theology & Religious Studies

Theology is one of the oldest areas of academic study known to humanity. Today, theology and religious studies continue to be intellectually stimulating and relevant in helping us understand the world around us.

Theology refers to the study of the Christian traditions from textual, historical and doctrinal perspectives. Religious studies examines the phenomenon of religion in a variety of traditions and contexts and considers different theories of religion cross-culturally. Our courses are offered in a wide range of religious traditions, including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism.

Religion influences, and is influenced by, most human endeavours and we encourage students to explore the dynamics between religion and other disciplines. On our programmes you can choose to pursue your interests in a wide variety of subjects. You will acquire critical skills and a broad education that will develop you intellectually and make you attractive to employers.

Programmes

MA (Hons) Divinity & Classics V668
Philosophy & Theology VV56
Religious Studies V627
Religious Studies & English Literature V663
Religious Studies & Scottish Literature V6Q3
Theology V686

MDiv (Hons) – 3 years
Divinity – Graduate Entry V630
BD (Hons) V600

You may also be interested in
Arabic & Religious Studies Page 12
Primary Education with Religious Studies Page 34

Video tour
Explore New College and the surrounding area:
www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/divinity/about/video-tour

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/36

Study abroad
You will have the opportunity during Year 3 to study abroad at various universities worldwide. The School of Divinity also offers its own exchange arrangements of one semester duration with universities in the Netherlands, the US, South Korea and India.

Career opportunities
Our graduates pursue a wide range of careers within a variety of settings, including the creative arts, industry, finance, teaching, management, administration, the ministry, the armed forces, government, counselling and the voluntary sector.

Year by year...

Divinity

Year 1 & 2
You will study courses in biblical studies, the history of Christianity, and theology and ethics.

Year 3
In Years 3 and 4 you can choose a range of advanced level courses from within biblical studies, the history of Christianity, and/or theology and ethics. On the three-year graduate entry MDiv (V630) you will write your dissertation and graduate at the end of Year 3 with an honours degree. If you are studying BD (Hons) Divinity (V650) you will have the option of graduating after the third year with a general degree.

Year 4
You will continue to take advanced level courses, and also write a dissertation on a subject of your choice.

Philosophy & Theology

Years 1 & 2
You will study courses in philosophy, theology and ethics, biblical studies, history of Christianity and religious studies, and can choose courses from other University subject areas.

Year 3
You will choose advanced level courses in philosophy and theology and ethics.

Year 4
You will continue to choose advanced level courses in philosophy and theology and ethics and also write a dissertation chosen from either of the two fields.

Religious Studies

Year 1
You will study two compulsory religion courses, covering a range of contemporary traditions, and also choose from a range of additional courses on particular religious traditions including Asian traditions, Christianity and Islam. You can also choose courses from ancient history, archaeology, history of art, music, philosophy and social anthropology as combined options, or courses from other University subject areas.

Year 2
You will study two compulsory religion courses and other courses following on from your first year, including courses from other University subject areas.

Year 3
You will choose advanced courses on one or more religious traditions and will take other courses in the study of religion. Students who took combined options in their first and second years may continue with these. You have the option of graduating after the third year with an ordinary degree.

Year 4
You will choose further advanced courses on one or more religious traditions and complete a dissertation. Students who took combined options in their first three years may continue with these.

Religious Studies & English/Scottish Literature

Year 1
You will study two compulsory religion courses, covering a range of contemporary traditions, and English Literature 1 or Scottish Literature 1. You can also choose courses from other University subject areas.

Year 2
You will study two compulsory religion courses, covering a range of contemporary traditions, and English Literature 2 or Scottish Literature 2. You can also choose courses from other University subject areas.

Year 3
You will choose advanced courses from your area(s) of interest within theology and religious studies. You have the option of graduating after the third year with an ordinary degree.

Year 4
You will choose further advanced courses in both areas and will complete a dissertation on a subject in either religious traditions or literature.

Thology

Years 1 & 2
You will choose courses from biblical studies, the history of Christianity, religious studies, and theology and ethics. You can also choose courses from other University subject areas.

Year 3
You will choose advanced courses from your area(s) of interest within theology and religious studies. You have the option of graduating after the third year with an ordinary degree.

Year 4
You will choose to complete a dissertation on a subject in either religious traditions or literature.

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Ross Jesmont
MA (Hons) Theology graduate
Welcome to the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

Edinburgh is one of the UK’s most prestigious centres for medical and veterinary medical teaching and research. It is also one of the most progressive, hosting state-of-the-art facilities for dynamic teaching and learning.

Established in 1726, Edinburgh Medical School was the pre-eminent medical centre of the 18th and 19th centuries and today retains its status as a top-choice destination for students entering the medical profession. Our programmes in medicine, medical sciences, biomedical sciences and oral health sciences offer life-changing opportunities.

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies has been at the forefront of veterinary education, research and clinical care since William Dick founded it in 1823. It is regarded as one of the world’s most innovative and influential centres for veterinary education and clinical care.

The reputations of both these historic institutions as internationally renowned, research-led centres of excellence make Edinburgh an inspirational place to study medicine or veterinary medicine.

Research at the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

Our reputation as one of the world’s leading centres of medical and veterinary medical research has been reaffirmed by the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 results. Our three submissions to REF were the University’s largest and were also some of the largest REF submissions in the UK. This emphasises the enormous power of the University’s research in human and animal medicine and health.

Overall, 84 per cent of our research activity was rated 4*, world-leading, or 3*, internationally excellent.

Veterinary medicine was ranked first in the UK, retaining its position as the country’s top vet school. The Roslin Institute and the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies made a joint submission with Scotland’s Rural College (SRUC), building on a long history of collaboration and complementary activities.

Medicine, the University’s largest REF submission, was ranked in the UK top five. Neuroscience was ranked third in the UK, out of a total of 82 submissions, representing a major advance.

If you have any queries about the programmes listed in this section, please contact the relevant Admissions Office or go online for further details.

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Undergraduate veterinary admissions:
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Easter Bush Veterinary Campus
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Biomedical sciences

Understanding the functioning of the human body at molecular, cellular, organ and system levels in health and disease is the ultimate aim of biomedical science. Biomedical scientists integrate knowledge gained by research across a range of related disciplines and apply it in the analysis of disease mechanisms. The basic research biomedical scientists carry out is fundamental for new developments in medicine and health. You will learn how it can be manipulated. Research in biomedical science is central to our ability to identify fundamental physiological principles and how the nervous system, how the brain works and how cells interact to control behaviour. Research in neuroscience is aimed at better understanding the structure of the nervous system, how it works, develops and malfunctions, and how it can be manipulated. Research is aimed at developing more effective treatment of diseases such as stroke, neurodegenerative disease, mental illness, cancer, toxicity and trauma.

Pharmacology

Pharmacology is the study of how drugs produce effects on the body to treat disorders or change bodily functions. It brings together physiology, biochemistry and molecular biology. You will study the effects of drugs on molecules, cells and tissues within the body and examine the side effects of drugs and the factors that affect absorption, distribution and excretion. Research in pharmacology aims to develop a better understanding of drug action and produce new drugs to improve patient care.

Physiology

Physiology examines living animals and how they function, grow and reproduce. It studies how cells respond to changes in their environment and examines how cell functions are integrated in tissues, organs and animals. You will study how information is sent from one cell to another through chemical or electrical signals and body systems such as nutrient, movement, breathing and reproduction. The understanding of fundamental physiological principles is central to our ability to identify potential therapeutic targets for the treatment of diseases.

You will study the interaction between microorganisms and hosts, infection processes and how microbes cause disease. This knowledge can be applied to the development of prevention and therapeutic strategies such as antibiotics, antiviral agents and vaccines.

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Biomedical Sciences

You may also be interested in

Biological Sciences Page 110

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/1

Biomedical Sciences

Why choose Biomedical Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?

Some of the UK’s best biomedical research is carried out in Edinburgh and you will have the opportunity to undertake project work with our expert research groups. We offer a flexible programme structure, access to top-rated teaching and research expertise and a commitment to providing an excellent teaching and learning environment.

The School of Biomedical Sciences is part of the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, established in 1725 and internationally renowned for its research and teaching.

Introducing Biomedical Sciences

Biomedical sciences involve the study of the processes behind human health and disease, and developments in the field have driven and guided medical practice. Our biomedical programmes have a common structure in the first and second year that provides a firm grounding in the knowledge, understanding and skills required in our specialist disciplines of infectious diseases, neuroscience, pharmacology, physiology and reproductive biology. In Years 3 and 4, you will focus on exploring your chosen discipline in depth. There are opportunities to transfer between disciplines at the end of Years 2 and 3.

You will be taught within an internationally respected research environment and will have the opportunity to work with our research groups.

There are opportunities to study abroad in Europe, North America and Asia. An exchange programme with Sweden’s Uppsala University offers up to four places each year.

Year by year...

Year 1

The main theme you will study is the importance of biomedical sciences to medicine and health. You will learn how biomedical science discoveries and breakthroughs in understanding have led to medical and scientific advancement. You will take three compulsory courses: Biomedical Sciences 1; Molecules, Genes & Cells 1; and Medical Biology 1. Plus others from a range of biomedical and non-biomedical courses. You will also be expected to take at least one course in biological chemistry.

Year 2

The theme of your second year is foundational understanding of biomedical sciences and it includes essential learning applicable to biomedical disciplines. You take three compulsory courses: Biomedical Sciences 2; Microorganisms, Infection & Immunity 2; and Cells to Organisms 2. You will choose other courses from a range of biomedical and non-biomedical options.

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Career opportunities

Our programmes will appeal to those planning a career in biomedical research or related areas as well as graduate-entry careers in industry, management and the public sector. The broad analytical, scientific and personal skills you gain will equip you for a variety of careers. Previous graduates have been employed in science and in non-science sectors including teaching, marketing, accountancy and policy research. A large proportion of our graduates choose further study before entering successful academic or industry-based research careers.

You will study the compulsory course Biomedical Sciences 3, the cornerstone to the theme of developing knowledge from experiment. You will develop key graduate attributes, such as analytical skills, communication, and research and enquiry relevant to all biomedical sciences programmes and study compulsory and option courses to broaden your understanding of your chosen subject.

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Medical Sciences

Why choose Medical Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?

The College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine has a long-established reputation for excellence in medical and biomedical research and teaching. Our academic staff are involved in cutting-edge biomedical research, rated as internationally excellent or world class, and bring a breadth and depth of research-based knowledge and expertise to their teaching and supervision.

Medical sciences combines the expertise of academic staff with a flexible programme structure and state-of-the-art facilities to provide an outstanding student learning environment that fosters individual intellectual development.

You will have opportunities to undertake research project work with top-rated laboratory or clinical research groups.

Introducing Medical Sciences

Our BSc (Hons) Medical Sciences is a multidisciplinary programme that provides the knowledge, skills and personal and professional development appropriate for graduate entry to medicine, medical research or careers in one of the many healthcare or healthcare-related professions.

A platform of compulsory courses delivers core material in biomedical sciences, medical sociology and medical ethics that underpins and directs advances in 21st-century medical practice. In addition, your option course choices offer you the flexibility to explore the broader biological, physiological, clinical and social sciences that underlie contemporary healthcare.

Our medical sciences programme develops healthcare-related themes with a particular emphasis on current medical research and its significance for advances in medical/clinical practice. Opportunities exist for students to undertake research within groups recognised as delivering internationally excellent, and in some areas world-leading, research.

Medical sciences is founded on developing skills in academic research and scientific enquiry to encourage an awareness and understanding of the research that is needed to continue to advance clinical practice. Alongside a depth of knowledge in medical sciences, you will also develop a level of understanding and a breadth of skills that will enable you to contribute to, and guide, public debate on issues that affect healthcare for present and future generations.

Programmes

BSc (Hons)
Medical Sciences B1000

You may also be interested in Biomedical Sciences Page 98

We welcome you to the University of Edinburgh. We are committed to providing high-quality education and to preparing you for a successful career in medicine or related fields.

Transferring to Medicine MBChB
Up to five offers for entry into Year 2 of the Edinburgh MBChB programme will normally be made to final-year BSc (Hons) Medical Sciences undergraduates. Application for these places should be made through UCAS.

Medical sciences undergraduates applying to the MBChB are required to have the appropriate academic qualifications, need to have sat the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) and will be interviewed along with other graduate applicants. Offers will be made before the end of the first semester of Year 4 of the medical sciences programme.

Medical sciences students will not normally be able to transfer to the MBChB programme during their studies.

Career opportunities

You will be prepared for careers in a range of areas, including biomedical or clinical laboratory sciences, the pharmaceutical industry, healthcare or medical teaching, medical writing, healthcare management and clinical trials management.

The strong research element of the programme is an ideal preparation for anyone considering a career in postgraduate research.

Although this programme is not a qualification in medical practice, the skills and knowledge gained provide an excellent platform for applications to graduate medical programmes.

Graduates can also enter careers in veterinary medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and physiotherapy. However, to enter these professions you will need to pursue further study and training.

Lewis Green
4th year BSc (Hons) Medical Sciences

"Edinburgh is renowned for biomedical research and I like that lecturers incorporate the latest developments into their teaching material. It keeps you up to date with what issues are facing scientists today."

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/53

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**Medicine**

**Why choose Medicine at the University of Edinburgh?**

Established in 1726, the Edinburgh Medical School is internationally renowned for both its teaching and research. We achieved excellent results in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, retaining our position as a UK top five medical school and demonstrating our commitment to advancement in medicine.

The Edinburgh Medical School has a high-quality, modern, curriculum, which integrates science, research and clinical teaching.

**Introducing Medicine**

The breadth and depth of medical knowledge is expanding exponentially, with advances in medical science and research increasingly translated into clinical practice. Future doctors must be equipped with an understanding of the underpinning science (their role as a scholar and scientist) and the clinical skills to treat patients effectively (their role as a practitioner) as well as the personal attributes and attitudes required by medical practice (their role as a professional).

Medicine at Edinburgh is based on a long tradition of excellent teaching and offers a modern, innovative curriculum designed to prepare you for contemporary medical practice. Our aim is for you to graduate as a caring, competent, ethical and reflective doctor, with the care of patients your first concern. You will be an excellent communicator and team player, prepared for complex and uncertain situations, equipped for ongoing personal development, and trained for high professional achievement and leadership.

We are the only Scottish institution to offer a six-year MBChB with an academic year of full-time, research-based study in Year 3. We have a long history of medical students taking a year out for intercalated, research-based study. It is a very successful aspect of our programme that is now formally integrated into our core curriculum. Most intercalating students achieve at least one academic publication and/or presentation which is beneficial to their CV and future career. You will choose from a wide range of disciplines and topics, including established areas such as neuroscience and new areas such as experimental medicine, and will later revisit and extend the research interests developed.

Please note This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: [www.ed.ac.uk/ug/40](http://www.ed.ac.uk/ug/40)

*SQA Advanced Highers are not a requirement for consideration but are recommended in order to be competitive.*

**Programmes**

MBChB (6 years)  Medicine A100

*Subject to validation*

**More information:** [www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/applying](http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/applying)

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**Study abroad**

You will have an opportunity to study abroad on a six-week elective in Year 6.

**Additional costs**

Our main teaching location is at Little France, linked to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. This is a 20-minute bus ride from central Edinburgh and will incur travel costs. There may also be costs associated with travel to your clinical placements. An annual student Rิดicard from Lothian Buses costs £468. We provide a travel subsidy for students in Years 5 and 6. There is also a free shuttle bus between Edinburgh sites for all students. Support may also be available from students’ funding bodies.

**Career opportunities**

We participate in the Scottish Foundation Allocation Scheme, which places graduates in Foundation Doctor posts across Scotland. Many graduates also go on to work with distinguished national and international research groups. For further information visit: [www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/mbchb](http://www.ed.ac.uk/medicine-vet-medicine/undergraduate/medicine/mbchb)

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**The MBChB curriculum is designed around 12 major outcome themes – biomedical sciences; psychological aspects of medicine; social sciences and public health; evidence-based medicine and research; the consultation; presentation, diagnosis and management; clinical communication; emergency care, clinical and resuscitation skills; clinical pharmacology and therapeutics; medical informatics; medical ethics, legal and professional responsibilities; and personal professional development. These will be achieved as you progress through courses and attachments based on body systems (such as the cardiovascular system) and/or clinical disciplines (such as surgery). Assessment is by a range of methods, including clinical and computer-based examinations so keyboard skills are important. We recommend you ensure these are adequate or make use of the wide range of online training resources.**

You will be appointed a Personal Tutor who will meet you regularly during your programme to offer help and advice. In Years 4 to 6 you will meet a Clinical Associate each month, a doctor in training who offers individual tuition tailored to your educational needs.

**Placements**

- **Years 4, 5 and 6** are based on placements in NHS clinical wards and practices, although exposure to the clinical environment and patient care is a feature throughout the programme.

**Accreditation**

The programme is accredited by the UK General Medical Council and recognised by overseas accrediting bodies in the US, Canada, Australia and elsewhere.

**Widening participation and contextual admissions**

We welcome applications from all backgrounds. We recognise that not all applicants have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their full academic potential via school leaver qualifications alone. We therefore consider the context and circumstances of your achievements when assessing your application. Further information is available online.

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**Edinburgh is a beautiful city and the Medical School has a great reputation. It is a privilege to be taught by professors and lecturers who are leaders in their field.**

Rui Arityapala

5th year MBChB Medicine

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**Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at:** [www.ed.ac.uk/ug/40](http://www.ed.ac.uk/ug/40)

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**For applications and admissions**

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5th year MBChB Medicine
Oral Health Sciences

Why choose Oral Health Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?
This programme is the only four-year Oral Health Sciences honours degree available in the UK.
Teaching takes place in the state-of-the-art facilities within the Edinburgh Dental Institute.
The Edinburgh Dental Institute is internationally recognised for dental education.

Introducing Oral Health Sciences
The study of oral health sciences leads to a qualification in dental hygiene and dental therapy. Our programme combines dental science with research, exploring the prevention and treatment of oral disease in both adults and children.
Over our four-year honours programme you will study courses from the four areas of health and disease; clinical practice; personal and professional development; and preparation for practice. Our small class sizes ensure a supportive learning environment and we offer a significant focus on practical skills, with clinical treatment of patients commencing in Year 1.

Year by year...

Year 1
You will study general histology, anatomy and physiology, human disease, oral biology and immunology, among other subjects. During semester 1, you will begin to develop your clinical skills in the laboratory and in semester 2, you will commence patient treatment sessions.

Year 2
Subjects you will study include general pathology, pharmacology, periodontal disease, preventive dentistry, behavioural sciences and biomaterial sciences. You will develop your skills in many aspects of clinical treatment, and continue to expand these in the clinical laboratory.

Year 3
You will build on previous courses and, in addition, study oral medicine and pathology, oral surgery and special care dentistry. You will also undertake a literature review on a subject of your choice, while continuing to provide treatment for patients. To enter Year 4, you must have successfully completed the first three years of the programme.

Year 4
You will continue to develop your clinical skills in outreach clinics and undertake a supervised research project.
You will have the opportunity to work in other departments and observe clinical procedures in, for example, oral surgery, oral orthopaedics, maxillofacial surgery and implantology.
You will be examined theoretically and by clinical assessments in each of the three main areas of your clinical activity: periodontal therapy, and restorative and paediatric dentistry. These assessments, in addition to your research project, will be undertaken for your final examination.
Veterinary Medicine

At a glance

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Study abroad? Yes
Edinburgh hosts
EvolveAdmissions

Advice for applicants

Grades required: For D100: SQA Advanced Highers BB, SQA Highers AAAAB. A Levels AAA. IB 38 points (grades 766 at HL). For D102: A 2:1 BSc (Hons) degree or equivalent in a biological or animal science related subject.

Additional requirements: A Work Experience Summary (WES) and an interview. You are also advised to check online for important Fitness to Practise information before you apply.

Please note: This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/ug/41

Programmes

BVM&S 5 years: Veterinary Medicine D100
Graduate Entry Programme – 4 years: Veterinary Medicine D105

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/vet/studying/overview

Why choose Veterinary Medicine at the University of Edinburgh?

The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies is the UK’s top school accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), as ranked by the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. Our programmes are fully accredited, allowing graduates to practise in the UK, EU, North America, Australasia and beyond. National student data shows 92 per cent of our students are satisfied with the programme quality and 93 per cent gain employment within six months of graduating. *

We have invested more than £100 million on the development of our Easter Bush campus, including a £42 million state-of-the-art teaching facility.

Introducing Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary medicine at Edinburgh mixes the best traditions with award-winning, progressive teaching. Our outstanding hospitals and teaching facilities provide an excellent environment to develop your practical and clinical skills.

We offer many opportunities to take part in biological research as part of our vibrant research community. You will learn valuable communication, team-building and management skills and keep a personal and professional development portfolio throughout the BVM&S programme to record elements of study in the professional and clinical skills course. In addition to clinical training, the programme provides an excellent foundation for a career in fields such as academia, research or industry.

Accreditation

Our programmes are accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA); the RCVS and the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAIVE). Our graduates can practise veterinary medicine throughout the UK, Europe, North America and Australasia. The BVM&S is the equivalent of the North American Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), with the same standing worldwide.

Additional costs

Additional costs include compulsory specialised equipment and protective clothing (estimated at £150), locker deposits (£15) and transportation to Easter Bush. Using public transport from the city centre will cost around £525 a year, which we will proportionally subsidise in line with your year of study. In addition, extramural study (externship) of 38 weeks will incur additional accommodation and travel costs. Limited grant funding may be available from the University, but it is unlikely to cover the full costs of extramural study. For international students, your immigration application may include a healthcare surcharge of around £150 a year.

Intercalated degrees

If you have a special interest in animal disease, you can undertake E (Honours) Veterinary Science after Year 2 of the five-year programme (or Year 1 of the four-year programme). You can take a year of advanced study in a subject such as biochemistry, infectious diseases, neuroscience or zoology. With permission, you may attend intercalated degree courses at other universities or veterinary colleges, or in other parts of the University of Edinburgh, then return to complete your veterinary medicine programme. For exceptional candidates, there are opportunities to study a one-year research MSc or intercalated three-year PhD. You can also enrol on one of our prestigious taught MSc programmes in animal welfare and behaviour, equine science, animal bioscience or one health after Year 3 of the BVM&S (or if you already hold a BSc).

Can I work while I study?

The BVM&S timetable is very demanding and rarely leaves sufficient time for paid employment in the evenings or at weekends.

Career opportunities

Our programmes are designed to train and prepare you for a career as a veterinary practitioner in general practice or in a specialised field such as small animal, farm animal, equine or exotic animal practice. They also prepare you for further training in a specialised clinical field. Opportunities exist for you to get involved in wildlife disease prevention, endangered species conservation, government service or livestock husbandry education in the developing world. You can also pursue a research career. The School incorporates the Roslin Institute, which, with the Moredun Research Institute and Scotland’s Rural College, is a member of the Easter Bush Research Consortium – representing one of the world’s highest concentrations of animal scientists.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/41

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“I know I will graduate from a vet school with a world-class reputation that has fully prepared me for life as a veterinarian.”

Samantha Miles
2nd year BVM&S Veterinary Medicine Graduate Entry Programme

Start

Year 1

The Animal Body 1 and 2, integrating anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, introductory pathology and infection and immunity. You will also study Animal Life & Food Safety 1 and begin courses in professional and clinical skills.

Year 2

Continued integrated anatomy, physiology and pathology in The Animal Body 3 and the opportunity to integrate materials learnt in The Animal Body 1, 2 and 3 during The Animal Body 4 at the end of the year. Animal Life & Food Safety 2 and professional and clinical skills courses continue. You will also work on a group-based, student-selected component.

Year 3

An extended year running from August to June. The major course is The Animal Body, which integrates anatomy (topographical and systems), physiology, introductory pathology and infection and immunity. You will also study Animal Life & Food Safety and begin courses in professional and clinical skills.

Year 4

You will continue to plan and then carry out your small research project in your chosen area of veterinary medicine. The professional and clinical skills course focuses on preparation for the final clinical year.

Year 5

Your final year is lecture-free, with the emphasis on practical experience. Clinical rotations are carried out in our hospitals and support services to gain wide-ranging practical experience and develop professional skills. The final year is longer than the previous years and incorporates extended and elective periods to allow focus on areas of individual interest. You will bring together your personal and professional development portfolios.
Welcome to the College of Science & Engineering

From the telephone to the television, motion pictures to radar, the bicycle to the steam engine and vaccine development to animal cloning, Scotland has always been at the forefront of science and engineering innovation.

Our College of Science & Engineering is proud to stand on the shoulders of the great thinkers behind these technological achievements and to inspire and produce the next generation of innovators. We are one of the UK’s largest science and engineering institutions with more than 2,000 staff and 7,800 students and we represent the world’s finest talents.

Current projects include nanotechnology, intelligent robotics, synthetic biology and exploring ways to harness renewable energy in response to international concern about climate change and the need to secure affordable energy supplies in the future.

Most of our programmes allow you to broaden your intellectual horizons by taking courses in Years 1 and 2 from a range of subjects across the University, such as our extensive suite of languages.

If you have any queries about the programmes listed in this section, please contact the Admissions Office, or go online for further details.

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www.ed.ac.uk/science-engineering
Why choose Biological Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?

Our research in biological sciences is consistently ranked as internationally excellent. We offer a flexible programme structure, taught by dedicated teaching staff who are world leaders in their research disciplines, using state-of-the-art facilities. Within the School of Biological Sciences, a wide range of subject choices is open to all students beyond first year.

Introducing Biological Sciences

Biological science is the study of life and embraces many different areas of both biological and biomedical interest. Studies range from exploring molecular structures, to understanding how genes work, the development and behaviour of microorganisms, plants and animals, their evolution, and their environmental interactions and impacts. It reveals core scientific knowledge of how cells and organisms function, and results in applications that underpin up-to-the-minute technological and scientific advances.

The School of Biological Sciences offers several programmes in the areas of both biological and biomedical sciences. On our BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences or Biological Sciences with Management, you enter a general programme where you will be able to experience a range of courses before choosing your final subject specialisation. A number of these courses are in areas that you will not have had the opportunity to study before. We therefore offer a flexible learning experience, where you can tailor your programme to whichever career path you choose.

You will be taught in an internationally reputed research environment, with access to state-of-the-art research facilities. You will also be directly involved in research projects as part of your training. Most courses combine lectures, tutorials and practical sessions and you will be involved in individual study and team projects. Years 1 and 2 usually involve nine hours of lectures, eight hours of practicals and two hours of tutorials each week. In later years, you will undertake more personal study and research. You will be linked with a research group and an in-depth project will form an important part of your final-year assessment.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/63

Career opportunities

The analytical and scientific skills you will gain will equip you for a variety of careers. The core skills which you develop will enhance your employability. Previous graduates have been employed in the food, environmental and healthcare industries, pharmaceutical and clinical areas, or have moved into other sectors, including patenting, teaching, marketing, accountancy and policy research. Many of our graduates also choose further study before entering successful academic or industry-based research careers.

Please apply for only one of the programmes in this group. You should also choose a subject specialisation on your application so we can appoint you a Personal Tutor within the field where your interests lie. If you have no subject specialisation preference at this stage, choose Biological Sciences (C100). If you are interested in Biological Sciences with Management (C11T) please put this choice on your application to ensure you are enrolled on the relevant compulsory business course in Year 1. Regardless of your application choice, you will have the flexibility to change programmes within Biological Sciences provided the required courses have been passed.

Placements

Places are possible but are very competitive. They will not be assessed and do not count towards your final degree. Students wishing to gain work experience through a placement are encouraged to do so either during the summer vacations or by applying for placements between Years 3 and 4.

Additional costs

Students taking courses leading to our programmes in ecology, plant science or zoology will incur additional costs for field courses. Currently, field course costs vary on average from £150 to £300 per course. You may be required to take more than one course during your programme. Students on other programmes may opt to take these field courses.

At a glance

Contact Biology Teaching Organisation
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Tel +44 (0)131 650 5528
Study abroad? Yes

Programmes

BSc (Hons)
Biological Sciences C100
Biological Sciences Global Select pathway C101
Biological Sciences with Management C11T
Biological Sciences (Biochemistry) C700
Biological Sciences (Biototechnology) T700
Biological Sciences (Cell Biology) C130
Biological Sciences (Development, Regeneration & Stem Cells) C140
Biological Sciences (Ecology) C180
Biological Sciences (Evolutionary Biology) C18T
Biological Sciences (Genetics) C400
Biological Sciences (Immunology) C550
Biological Sciences (Molecular Biology) C720
Biological Sciences (Molecular Genetics) C460
Biological Sciences (Plant Science) C200
Biological Sciences (Zoology) C300

You may also be interested in Biomedical Sciences

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"It's important to motivate yourself to do the extra work. If you really want to learn and make the most of your time, you need to be proactive and self-motivated, pushing yourself further than expected.”

Makrina Diakaki BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences (Plant Science) graduate

Year by year...

Year 1
As an integral part of your studies, you will gain key skills which will enhance your long-term employability. In addition, you will learn core laboratory skills and study modern biology subjects within courses such as: Origin of Life and Diversity of Life (compulsory); Biology; Ecology & Environment; Molecules, Genes & Cells (compulsory); and Quantification in the Life Sciences. These lay the foundation for more specialist courses in later years. Most students also take courses such as: Biological Chemistry 1A or Biological Chemistry 1B. You can also choose courses from a wide range of other academic areas from across the University including languages, management or other sciences.

Year 2
You will begin to specialise, choosing several courses in biological sciences. Most students study The Dynamic Cell 2, and Genes & Gene Action 2. You can also choose courses from other areas. At the end of Year 2, you will progress into your chosen biological subject specialisation.

Year 3
You will specialise in a chosen area of biology, choosing from our 12 subject specialisations: biochemistry; biotechnology; cell biology; development, regeneration and stem cells; ecology; evolutionary biology; genetics; immunology; molecular biology; molecular genetics; plant science or zoology. These prepare you for exploring scientific literature, analysis of scientific data and research work. Courses involve training in laboratory skills, with specific courses concentrating on fieldwork. Some students take the opportunity to study abroad or work for a year in industry.

Year 4
You will study your chosen subject area at a deeper scientific level. Taking part in seminars and debates on scientific papers with staff and other students will develop your presentation, discussion and critical appraisal skills. All students undertake an individual research project.
Chemistry

At a glance
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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants
Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAA to AABB.
A Levels AAA to ABB.
IB 37 to 32 points (grades 555 at HL).

Second year entry:
SQA Advanced Highers AAA to AA.
A Levels A*AA to AAA.
IB 38 points (grades 666 at HL).

Please note: This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Typical and minimum grades are explained on page 149. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/ug/3

Programmes

BSc (Hons)
Chemical Physics F334
Chemistry Global Select Pathway F101

BSc (Hons) / MChem – 5 years
Chemistry F100/F104
Chemistry with Environmental & Sustainable Chemistry F140/F144
Chemistry with Materials Chemistry F128/F117
Medicinal & Biological Chemistry FC17/FC1R

MChem – 5 years
Chemistry with a Year Abroad F11X
Chemistry with Environmental & Sustainable Chemistry and a Year Abroad F145
Chemistry with Environmental & Sustainable Chemistry and Industrial Experience F143
Chemistry with Industrial Experience F102
Chemistry with Materials Chemistry and a Year Abroad F11G
Chemistry with Materials Chemistry and Industrial Experience F11A
Medicinal & Biological Chemistry with a Year Abroad FC1X
Medicinal & Biological Chemistry with Industrial Experience FC1T

MChemPhys – 5 years
Chemical Physics F333
Chemical Physics with a Year Abroad F320
Chemical Physics with Industrial Experience F336

Why choose Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh?
In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, overall, 95 per cent of our research was rated world-leading or internationally excellent.

Funding to develop our teaching infrastructure means we now offer some of the finest facilities in the UK.

Many of our programmes allow a great range of options as well as the opportunity to study abroad or spend time in industry.

Introducing Chemistry
Chemistry is the study of atoms, molecules and ions – their physical and chemical properties, their composition and structure, and their role and use in every aspect of our lives.

Our programmes retain a broad perspective, preparing you for a range of potential careers in chemistry, or science more generally. All our programmes include practical aspects to develop your analytical, problem-solving and numeracy skills. Small-group workshops, tutorials and presentations will improve your communication and presentation skills, making you attractive to employers in many areas of industry and commerce.

The School of Chemistry has an enthusiastic and committed staff team that provides a supportive learning environment and a flexible approach to study.

Accreditation
All our chemistry programmes are accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry. Our chemical physics programmes are also accredited by the Institute of Physics.

Additional costs
You will need a white lab coat which, if you do not already have one, can be purchased on arrival from the student Chemistry Society for around £10. You are also expected to purchase three core chemistry textbooks. Students on Year Abroad or Industrial Experience programmes may incur travel costs.

Career opportunities
Our graduates are highly regarded by national and international employers. Many graduates move into careers in the oil, chemical or pharmaceutical industries, in sales and marketing or research and development roles. Some graduates choose further study, leading to an MSc, PhD or teaching qualification. Your programme also prepares you for a variety of other careers, including areas such as management, finance or IT.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/3

"I really like the sense of community in the School of Chemistry. Staff are approachable and make a conscious effort to help in any way they can, contributing to the first-class learning experience."
Ben Arenas
MChem (Hons) Chemistry graduate

Year by year...
Year 1
You will spend approximately a third of your first year in chemistry lectures, laboratory classes and small-group tutorials. For all students a mathematics course is also required. The remainder of your curriculum can be chosen from a broad range of courses from across the University.

Year 2
In the second year of your BSc, or the final two years of your MChem, you will take compulsory courses from your programme and will choose from a range of other advanced chemistry courses. The placements for the MChem programmes with a year abroad or industrial experience also take place in the senior honours years. All programmes include independent research work and a dissertation in addition to taught courses.

Year 3
You will study compulsory chemistry courses that provide a foundation for the remaining honours years. If you are studying the chemical physics programme you will take a combination of chemistry and physics courses.

Years 4 & 5
In the final year of your BSc, or the final two years of your MChem, you will take compulsory courses from your programme and will choose from a range of other advanced chemistry courses. The placements for the MChem programmes with a year abroad or industrial experience also take place in the senior honours years. All programmes include independent research work and a dissertation in addition to taught courses.
Computer Science (Informatics)

Why choose Computer Science (Informatics) at the University of Edinburgh?

We are consistently highly ranked for research and teaching in computer science and informatics, coming 14th in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2015.

Informatics students come from diverse backgrounds and enjoy a strong community that will support you in your studies and extra-curricular activities.

With a range of more than 60 specialist courses, we will work with you to choose a programme of study that fits your needs and interests.

Introducing Computer Science (Informatics)

Informatics is the study of information, computation and communication in artificial systems such as computers, and in natural systems such as brains, genes and living cells. We offer programmes in computer science, artificial intelligence, software engineering, cognitive science and in informatics, which draws on all of these disciplines.

Studying at the University of Edinburgh’s School of Informatics will provide you with a good foundation in computer science and will offer a new perspective on ways that computational thinking can be applied to different settings. You will develop a solid scientific understanding, and the practical skills required to analyse, design, implement and maintain computer-based systems in any setting.

Our MinF programme allows you to study up to masters level as an undergraduate. You will take advanced courses, study subjects in depth and choose from a broad range of topics.

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the attempt to build artificial systems that have intelligent behaviour. There are two main directions of research. One is to understand natural intelligence by the use of computer models. The other provides techniques and technology for building systems capable of intelligent decisions and actions. Thus AI is both a science and an engineering discipline.

Applications of AI range from ‘smart’ controllers for household devices to computers that can converse in English, play games, conduct intelligent web searches or act as the brain of a robot.

Cognitive science

You will study the mental and computational abilities that make up the human mind. This includes reasoning, memory, problem-solving, human language and communication, and their underlying brain mechanisms. You will explore how computational modelling complements the disciplines of psychology, philosophy and linguistics. A cognitive science programme allows you to combine informatics with a range of courses from psychology, linguistics, philosophy and neuroscience.

Joint honours programmes

For most joint programmes you choose courses evenly between subjects. This includes BSc (Hons) Computer Science & Management Science taught jointly with the University’s Business School. However, we also have programmes which include a smaller number of management courses from the University’s School of Engineering: BEng Artificial Intelligence with Management, BEng Computer Science with Management, and BEng Software Engineering with Management. In addition to the BEng Computer Science & Electronics, you can also study Electronics jointly with Software Engineering, and in a five-year MEng programme, see page 120.

Career opportunities

Our graduates have excellent career prospects. The vast majority make direct vocational use of their qualification in the IT industry. Increasingly, however, our graduates also find work in the trades, industries and professions that rely heavily on computing systems, including media, communications, finance, energy and medicine.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/9
Earth Sciences

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants
Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAA to ABBB.
A Levels AAA to ABB.
IB 37 to 32 points (grades 555 at HL).
Second-year entry:
SQA Advanced Highers AAA to AAB.
A Levels A** to AAA.
IB 35 points (grades 666 at HL).
Please note This indicates the overall standards required to consider you for entry. Typical and minimum grades are explained on page 149. Full, detailed entry requirements, including the subjects you need, vary by programme. Please check the full details before you apply: www.ed.ac.uk/ug/7

Programmes
BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience F630
Geology F600
Geophysics & Physical Geography F768
Geophysics F660
Geophysics & Geology F690
Meteorology & Oceanography F3P8
MEarthSci – 5 years
Geology F640
Geology & Physical Geography F63V

MEngPhys – 5 years
Geophysics M706
Geophysics & Oceanography L387
Geophysics & Geology with Professional Placement L516
Geophysics & Meteorology K778
Geophysics & Meteorology with Professional Placement K578
Geophysics with Professional Placement U946

Why choose Earth Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?
Earth Sciences was rated 'excellent' in the most recent Teaching Quality Assessment, and ranked 15th in the QS World University Rankings by Subject: 2015. The School of Geosciences was identified in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 as having the greatest concentration of world-leading and internationally excellent researchers in the UK.

We are one of the largest groupings of earth scientists in Europe. As a result, we are able to offer a broad range of courses in most aspects of earth sciences from introductory levels through to specialist research levels.

Our programmes provide a broad range of compulsory courses, and flexibility through option choices, in fundamental and applied subject areas. We focus on individual, student-centred learning and teaching. You will also have the opportunity to take part in overseas fieldwork trips to destinations that may include Cyprus, Jamaica, France, Germany, Spain and Iceland.

Introducing Earth Sciences
Studying earth sciences at Edinburgh offers you an opportunity to study all aspects of the Earth, from formation, planetary accretion and the evolution of life to present day surface and environmental processes and the impact of global climate change. The earth sciences embrace many of the natural and physical science subjects, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and geography, to understand the Earth and its development through time.

Environmental Geoscience
Can man coexist with nature? This question is at the heart of our BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience programme. You will explore the Earth's environments and the processes that maintain and modify its surface, including man's impact on atmospheric, terrestrial and marine geochemical cycles.

Geology
You will study our planet's evolution, understanding how it first formed, how it has changed over billions of years and predicting what it will be like in future. You will develop and apply key scientific and transferable skills to answer fundamental questions in earth science.

The five-year MEarthSci programme follows BSc Geology until the end of Year 4. In Year 5 you will develop your analytical skills and a higher level of understanding of the Earth system.

Geology & Physical Geography
This programme explores the processes that shape the Earth. It develops an integrated understanding of the Earth as a connected system - the topography of which is developed through the interaction of surface and deep Earth processes.

The five-year MEarthSci programme follows BSc (Hons) Geology & Physical Geography until the end of Year 4. In Year 5 you will develop further independence as well as your analytical and critical thinking skills to understand connectivity in the Earth system.

Geophysics
Geophysics programmes study the Earth's interior structure and dynamics through the use of physics and mathematics. You will learn the fundamental physical principles and mathematical techniques underpinning the subject, and their application to fields as diverse as oil and gas exploration, environmental monitoring and protection, and mitigation of natural hazards. You will also gain an understanding of the inner workings of our planet. The five-year MEngPhys programme follows BSc Geophysics until the end of Year 4. In Year 5 you will focus on an independent research project.

Placements
Students on our Geophysics with Professional Placement programmes will spend 12 months working in industry or with another professional organisation. Placements for other programmes are in the form of short or vacation internships, which you can arrange yourself or with the help of the careers service.

Year by year...

**Year 1**
You will study your compulsory subject(s) plus option courses to be selected either from related subjects (eg geology, geography, archaeology, astronomy, oceanography, environmental processes, meteorology and computer science) or from elsewhere within the University. If you are studying one of the geophysics programmes, you will take courses in mathematics, geophysics and geology. All programmes include fieldwork trips in Edinburgh and the Lothians and most include trips further afield.

**Year 2**
Each programme has a prescribed set of compulsory courses dedicated to that stream. In addition, you will select option courses from across the School or University depending on your interests. Depending upon your programme and chosen subjects, there are various field trips in Scotland and to the Lake District.

**Year 3**
Your studies will focus on your chosen branch of earth sciences with specified courses. You will also carry out independent fieldwork projects and have the opportunity to take part in field trips, which include residential courses in north west Scotland and Spain. If you are studying environmental geoscience you will also take part in a two-week residential field trip to Jamaica, focusing on terrestrial and marine processes of environmental and ecological importance.

Additional costs
You will be expected to pay up to 50 per cent of travel and accommodation costs for your residential field trips.

Career opportunities
The vast majority of our graduates move straight into degree-related employment or further study. Our graduates are highly sought after by energy companies, environmental consultancies and the financial sector, and many also find employment in the areas of environmental planning, geoscience, science communication and education, engineering and the balance of renewable and non-renewable resources. We have a professional advisory board that provides support on employability skills.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/7

“Most challenging part of my programme is probably field work. It is non-stop work but you learn so much and it’s great to use the information from the classroom in real life situations.”

Kyle Laing
2nd year BSc (Hons) Geology & Physical Geography

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Ecological & Environmental Sciences

Why choose Ecological & Environmental Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, the School of GeoSciences was identified as having the UK’s greatest concentration of excellent researchers in Earth and Environmental Sciences. Some 78 per cent of our research activity is in the highest categories, 4* and 3*, which are rated world-leading or internationally excellent.

There are residential field trips in some of the most beautiful areas of Scotland, and opportunities to arrange scientific expeditions in the UK and abroad.

You will be taught by top-rated academic staff who are leaders in their fields.

Introducing Ecological & Environmental Sciences

The growing world population means we now face problems of over-exploitation of natural resources, rapid climate change and habitat degradation. Ecology is the scientific study of the interaction of organisms with each other and their physical, chemical and biological environment. Environmental sciences integrates biological, chemical and physical sciences to understand our changing environment. A combination of the two is vital to understanding and tackling these global issues. The study of ecological and environmental sciences will appeal to students with an interest in the diversity of the natural world and those concerned with environmental issues.

Curriculum choice

There is a choice of two programmes: you can either take Ecological & Environmental Sciences or Ecological & Environmental Sciences with Management. For each, there is a broad range of topics available, with the opportunity to specialise in the areas of ecology and environmental sciences that interest you most in later years.

Ecological & Environmental Sciences

You will study a wide variety of courses, starting with those focused on the origins of life, the basics of ecological theory, and global environmental processes. You will examine topics such as biodiversity, conservation management and land-use change, while also gaining a broad understanding of physical, chemical and biological sciences. Through field studies and taught courses you will discover and test methods used in ecological and environmental analysis. Later in the programme you will explore topics such as water resource management, land use, environmental pollution and environmental modelling. You will be taught by staff involved in high-level research in these subject areas. You will have the opportunity to undertake research projects, including an independent research project in Year 4 and will complete field and laboratory assignments, including at least three week-long field trips in Scotland.

Additional costs

There are three compulsory field trips, in Years 2, 3, and 4. These are heavily subsidised, but have a current additional cost of £25, £155 and £140 respectively.

Career opportunities

These programmes are particularly relevant for students interested in working for an environmental consultancy or conservation organisation but also prepare you for careers in the forestry and water industries. Graduates have gone on to work for government agencies providing policy advice, or have entered teaching, finance and management. Many students use the University’s research contacts to gain experience in their area of interest before starting work or continuing with their studies.

Further information and programme specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ugj/118

Year by year...

Year 1

You will be introduced to fundamental aspects of ecology through compulsory courses Origin and Diversity of Life and Biology, Ecology and Environment, introducing the organisation of ecological communities and the influence of the environment on living organisms. You will also undertake a mathematical course, such as Quantification in the Life Sciences. In addition, you will be able to select courses from other academic areas, some directly related, such as geography, chemistry or geology, and some that may help to widen career opportunities, including modern languages, computing, management and business studies.

Year 2

You will start your second year with a nine-day field course (Field Ecology), which runs immediately after the end of the second semester of Year 1. During the year you will also study Principles of Ecology, Soil, Water and Atmospheric Processes, and Ecological & Environmental Analysis. You can choose other courses in related areas, including Animal Biology, The Green Planet, Oceanography and Environmental Chemistry.

Year 3

You will start the year with a week-long summer field course at the University's outdoor centre in the Scottish Highlands. You will continue with compulsory ecology courses, including Ecological Measurement and Population and Community Ecology. You will also choose at least one of the courses Natural Resource Management or Environmental Pollution. In addition, you will select two courses from other programmes, such as Animal Diversity & Evolution, Behavioural Ecology, Evolution & Ecology of Plants, Geochemistry, or Quaternary Environmental Change. Alternatively, there are opportunities to spend Year 3 abroad through one of the University’s exchange programmes.

Year 4

You will continue to study compulsory ecology courses, including a week-long summer residential field trip in Argyll, and choose from a wide selection of option courses, learning at the cutting edge of various ecological and environmental disciplines. You will study Professional Skills in Ecological and Environmental Sciences and Critical Thinking in Ecological and Environmental Sciences. You will also complete a specialised honours dissertation, with individual supervision. Most students do outdoor field data collection as part of their project and many travel abroad.

"Personal tutors and teachers have always been available and willing to help in my experience. Beyond motivating you to do your best, they care about following your path of studies and making sure you keep up with your work." Eleonora Faraggiana 3rd year BSc (Hons) Ecological & Environmental Sciences
Why choose Engineering at the University of Edinburgh?
We offer a highly flexible first year, allowing you to experience several strands of engineering before specialising.

Our students have the opportunity to spend an extended period in industry during their studies. Teaching staff use their world-changing research as a basis for challenging, up-to-the-minute teaching.

Edinburgh engineering graduates are actively recruited by a huge range of leading-edge companies in engineering, finance, management and other fields.

Introducing Engineering
Engineers create innovative solutions to real-world problems. We invent products, systems and processes that are faster, smaller, cleaner, safer, stronger, more efficient, more environmentally friendly, more economical, more sustainable and more marketable.

Engineering is all around us, making up much of what we take for granted – telecommunications, transport, energy generation and distribution, buildings, bridges, water supply, materials, fuels and much more.

You will study a programme that draws material from one, or more, of our four teaching disciplines:

• Chemical engineering – exploring the development and operation of processes that produce the materials and products that we all depend on as safely, sustainably and economically as possible.
• Civil and environmental engineering – the creative and sustainable application of physics and mathematics, using engineering and computing tools to conceive, design and build, and operate the built environment that surrounds us.
• Electronics and electrical engineering – designing and developing atomic scale electronics and nanotechnology, for consumer electronics and automated control through power generation and distribution for the country.
• Mechanical engineering – the analysis, design and manufacture of an enormous range of industrial products and systems – almost anything with moving parts, from washing machines to aircraft and hip joints to wind turbines.

Our programmes cross the traditional engineering boundaries through cross-disciplinary design projects and teaching, in recognition of the multidisciplinary nature of modern engineering projects. On graduation from any of our programmes you will leave with a thorough, core knowledge, together with analytical, practical, design and communication skills, enabling you to join a design, production or research team – or move rapidly into management and leadership roles.

You can keep your options open between these disciplines by applying for H100 Engineering. In Year 1 you will study a general engineering course that covers all four teaching areas. You must follow at least two of these, but can elect to study three or four if you wish. The route provides an insight into engineering as a whole, and helps you focus on areas of particular interest. On completion of the first semester, you will discuss your options with your personal tutor and transfer to one of the programmes offered by the School of Engineering.

All programmes, with the exception of Structural Engineering with Architecture, are available through this route.

Suitably qualified students may opt to apply for direct entry to Year 2, in which case flexibility is reduced, but the length of study is the same as a comparable degree in the rest of the UK. Note that H100 and Structural Engineering with Architecture are not available to students applying for direct entry to Year 2.

Accreditation
All our MEng programmes are accredited as fully satisfying the educational base for a Chartered Engineer (CEng). All our BEng programmes are accredited as partially satisfying the educational base for a Chartered Engineer (CEng). All our MEng programmes are accredited as fully satisfying the educational base for a Chartered Engineer (CEng). All our MEng programmes are accredited as fully satisfying the educational base for a Chartered Engineer (CEng). All our MEng programmes are accredited as fully satisfying the educational base for a Chartered Engineer (CEng).

Placements
Students on MEng programmes in chemical engineering, electronics, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering can apply for an industrial placement. These are taken in Years 3, 4 or 5 and are at least six months in length. These are assessed, and count towards your final degree.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/11

Additional costs
You will be expected to purchase your own protective clothing, with a typical cost of between £8 and £60 depending upon your programme.

Scholarships
Students on Electronics & Electrical Engineering programmes are eligible for a number of industrially-funded scholarships from various sources. Please check online for details.

Career opportunities
Studying engineering at the University of Edinburgh prepares you for a career as a professional engineer in the UK or abroad and all courses meet the requirements of the UK professional engineering bodies. Typically many of our graduates move on to work in internationally leading engineering companies, in technical, consultancy and managerial roles, including company directorships. Alternatively, many of our graduates have gone on to work in other areas, including the civil service, education, the armed forces and the financial sector.

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“The University’s close connection with industry was an important factor for me. I want to gain experience in various firms during my studies and I believe the University’s close links with industry will help me gain the experience I would like.”

Emily Wamng
2nd year MEng (Hons) Electronics & Electrical Engineering

You will concentrate on specialist study and innovative coursework that will prepare you for your professional career. Increasingly you will spend time on individual or group design projects, including working with students from other disciplines in our unique interdisciplinary design projects, initiated with support from the Royal Academy of Engineering. MEng students will produce a substantial project that may involve working overseas or in industry.

You will have further opportunities to broaden and deepen your understanding of fundamental engineering concepts and to develop your skills in applying this knowledge in a range of specialist areas.
Why choose Geography at the University of Edinburgh?

You will be taught by top-rated academic staff who are leaders in their fields. The School of GeoSciences was identified in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 as having the greatest concentration of world-leading and internationally excellent researchers in the UK.

You will have access to excellent facilities, including laboratories for physical geography, specialist computer work, geomatics, image processing and more.

We offer an exciting programme of fieldwork with trips to Iceland, Turkey, Berlin, Cape Town, Wales and across Scotland, as well as local day trips.

Introducing Geography

Geography is the study of the powerful forces shaping the world in which we live. It is a diverse and integrative discipline spanning the boundary between the physical world and social sciences or humanities. Geography can be studied as a physical science resulting in a BSc (Hons) award, or as a social science or humanities subject for an MA (Hons) award. If you study it as a physical science you may focus on the environment, mainly on landscapes and their evolution through space and time. If you study it as a social science or humanities subject you will learn about the relationships between people and their social, cultural, political and economic worlds. In both cases, the relationship between the human and physical environments is central, and both BSc and MA students choose human geography or physical geography options or a combination of both.

Additional costs

The School provides a 50 per cent subsidy for all fieldwork courses both within the UK and abroad.

Study abroad

You will have the opportunity to take part in fieldwork courses to Canada, the United States of America, Australia or New Zealand.

Career opportunities

Studying geography at Edinburgh prepares you for a range of careers, including teaching, planning, surveying, environmental consultancy, non-governmental organisation (NGO) work and cartography. Recent graduates have also moved into finance, marketing and law. Many students choose to go on to postgraduate study and continue their research.
**Mathematics**

**Why choose Mathematics at the University of Edinburgh?**

Our last teaching review noted that our academic staff are clearly passionate about their discipline, and their teaching engages and inspires students.

Our graduates go on to rewarding careers in many different areas or to further studies at universities across the world.

The Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014 rated 85 per cent of our research in Pure Mathematics as 4*, world-leading, or 3*, internationally excellent. Our strengths in research inform our teaching.

**Introducing Mathematics**

Mathematics is central to everyday life and to the way we see the world. It is an intellectual adventure in its own right but it is also used to understand the physical world – from black holes to global warming – and to find solutions in business and industry.

All of our students take the same compulsory courses in their early years and it is often possible to switch between our different programmes in Years 1 and 2. In later years you can choose from our wide range of courses in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, statistics, operational research or financial mathematics.

**Mathematics programmes**

- BSc (Hons) Mathematics allows you to tailor your studies to fit your interests. You can also specialise in applied mathematics or statistics.
- For the MA, you will also study an arts subject in Years 1 and 2.
- Joint honours options allow you to study mathematics with biology, physics, computer science, artificial intelligence, music, business, management, economics or philosophy.
- The MMath adds an extra year of masters-level study to the end of the programme. This is designed for those who want to study in more depth or who intend to use advanced mathematics in their careers or research.

**Broad and accelerated programmes**

All of our programmes can be taken in broad form, where you will also study other subjects in Years 1 and 2. These may be in related areas such as physics or informatics, or from the wide range offered across the University. On a broad programme, the BSc and MA take four years and the MMath takes five.

For some programmes, well-prepared applicants can choose second-year entry and follow an accelerated programme which concentrates on mathematics from the start. We support this with extra mathematics courses covering the key ideas from the first-year programme.

**Year 1**

- You will take the compulsory courses Linear Algebra, Calculus and Problem-Solving. These are common to all our programmes and will take up half of your timetable. They will allow you to build on your knowledge of pure mathematics and will introduce you to the more rigorous ways of mathematical thinking required at university level.
- You will also take courses in subjects other than mathematics. You will receive support from MathsBase, our popular walk-in help centre, and from our Student Learning Advising.

**Year 2**

- You will spend between half and two thirds of your time on mathematics. You will take compulsory courses in pure mathematics, extending your knowledge of calculus and analysis, and will be introduced to the abstract ideas of group theory. You will study probability and may also take courses in statistics and applied mathematics.
- From this year onwards you can use the MathsHub, our student-run facility that is both a social centre and a work space.

**Year 3**

- You will focus on the main subjects of your programme. You will receive an advanced grounding in advanced mathematics, preparing you for the options available later in your programme.
- You will have a wide range of mathematics courses to choose from and you can follow a programme that suits your particular interests and career aspirations. We offer a large selection of courses in pure and applied mathematics, statistics and operational research. You can take options in areas such as mathematical education, financial mathematics and mathematical biology. Current course titles include Fundamentals of Optimization, Algebraic Geometry and Multivariate Data Analysis.
- You will have the opportunity to complete a project that will allow you to research a topic in depth.

**Year 5 (MMath only)**

- During this year you will take courses at masters level. You will also complete a substantial project.
Physics & Astronomy

Physics & Astronomy

Why choose Physics & Astronomy at the University of Edinburgh?

In the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 96 per cent of our research was rated 4* or 3*, world-leading or internationally excellent, in a joint collaboration with the University of St Andrews. We were ranked fourth in the UK for research and third for our performance on quality.

The School is home to the newly created Higgs Centre for Theoretical Physics. The discovery in July 2012 of a candidate Higgs boson at CERN, almost half a century after Peter Higgs’ prediction in 1964 and for which he was awarded a Nobel Prize in 2013, is a milestone in the history of theoretical physics. Rarely in the history of physics has a theoretical prediction been confirmed so spectacularly, so long after it was originally made. This marks the start of a new era in theoretical physics.

The School is home to EPCC, a world-leading supercomputing facility.

Introducing Physics & Astronomy

Physics is the study of matter and motion, what the world is made of and how it works. Physicists study everything from the smallest particles to the structure of the universe. Our programmes are flexible, so you can tailor your study to your interests and chosen career. You will also be able to choose a range of subjects from other academic areas.

Astrophysics

Astrophysics introduces you to the basics of physics and demonstrates how this knowledge can be applied to the physics of astronomy. Recent astronomical discoveries have made it an increasingly popular area of study. We have close links with the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh, one of the UK’s major centres of astronomical research.

Computational physics

This physics-based programme is for students interested in computing, modelling and simulation. You will study programming, algorithms and problem-solving methodologies. Edinburgh has an excellent reputation for high-performance computing and we are home to the EPCC.

Mathematical physics

This programme is for students interested in understanding the fundamental principles of physics, as expressed through the language of mathematics. It encompasses the work of Newton, Maxwell and Einstein through to Feynman, Hawking and Higgs and will equip you for any career that requires analytical thinking to solve the challenging problems facing the modern world.

Physics

This programme covers all aspects of physics, from its foundations to current research. Whichever field of physics interests you the most, you will find a specialist among our staff, which boasts world experts in particular particle physics, nuclear physics, condensed matter, fluids, optics, cosmology and astronomy.

Physics and music

This joint programme, in collaboration with the School of Music, is for students with a strong scientific background and interest in music. You will study a combination of subjects, including musical acoustics, sound synthesis and perception of sound.

Physics with a year abroad

This programme combines the opportunity to undertake an innovative research project at a partner institution overseas with course content covering all aspects of physics from the basics to the current frontiers of knowledge.

Physics with meteorology

This programme introduces you to the physics of astronomy. Recent developments in astrophysics and the techniques used to study atmospheric processes and the physics of climate. It is particularly relevant for those interested in a career in atmospheric science research.

Theoretical physics

This programme gives a good general knowledge of physics with an emphasis on theory, and on the formulation and solving of physics problems using mathematics and computing.

Accreditation

All single honours programmes are accredited by the Institute of Physics.

Career opportunities

A wide range of employers recognise that physics graduates have advanced problem-solving skills and the ability to think logically and critically about complex situations. Add this to a high level of mathematical ability, computing and IT proficiency and communication skills in written, oral and online media, and graduates have opportunities in a diverse range of careers. Our recent graduates have gone on to employment with a wide variety of organisations, including Google, the European Space Agency, the BBC and IBM.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/4

Year by year...

Year 1

You will study two compulsory courses. Physics 1A: Foundations presents the pillars of physics upon which subsequent material is based. It will develop your problem-solving and study skills, is innovative in its use of technology and offers an interactive learning experience. Physics 1B: Surf of the Universe introduces a range of physics topics, including waves, introductory quantum mechanics, nuclear and particle physics and how these impact our understanding of the universe. It also introduces you to university laboratory work. On most programmes you will be able to choose one or two courses from other academic areas.

Year 2

You study modern physics and physics of fields and matter. Mathematics courses will cover algebra, calculus, dynamics and vector calculus and you will be introduced to practical physics, including programming, data analysis and experimental techniques.

You enter the programme in Year 2, you will take additional introductory courses in classical physics and mathematics. Mathematical physics students will be offered specialist mathematics courses. On most programmes you will be able to choose one or two courses from other academic areas.

Year 3

You will study thermodynamics, statistical mechanics, electromagnetism, optics and quantum mechanics. We offer a supporting mathematics course covering Fourier analysis, probability and statistics, a computing course on numerical algorithms, and an introduction to advanced methods. Physics students will have access to an experimental laboratory, and astrophysics students will be introduced to practical astronomy. Computational physics students take further computing courses, and theoretical and mathematical physics students take further mathematics courses.

Year 4

Two final compulsory courses cover relativity, nuclear and particle physics and condensed matter physics. Astrophysics students will take compulsory courses in astrophysics and cosmology. In addition, you will have a choice of option courses covering topics ranging from atmospheric dynamics to macromolecular physics to general relativity. You will also take part in project work.

Year 5

For MPhys students, a substantial amount of your final year is devoted to research project work. You will also complete a number of advanced level courses.
Scotland’s inspiring capital will be the backdrop to your studies – an irresistible blend of history, natural beauty and modern city life.

Widely known as ‘the Athens of the North’, Edinburgh is home to two UNESCO World Heritage Sites and was the world’s first UNESCO City of Literature.

Large enough to offer something for everyone, but small enough to feel like home, Edinburgh is a modern, sophisticated and beautiful European city with a diverse, multicultural community.

A single day could see you hillwalking in the morning, lazing on the beach in the afternoon, and enjoying the treasures of medieval lanes or Michelin-starred restaurants by night.

The friends you meet, places you discover and the lasting memories you create contribute as much to your university experience as your formal learning. Around 100,000 students call Edinburgh home, giving the city a unique buzz and ensuring you’ll be in good company.

“The Edinburgh experience

“Edinburgh is one of Europe’s most beautiful cities, draped across a series of rocky hills overlooking the sea.”

Lonely Planet
“I knew I had to attend a university that was surrounded by fantastic entertainment, energetic nightlife and an unrivalled character. Edinburgh was the place for me.”

Ryan Russell
BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences
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Laura Falkiner-Rogers
MA (Hons) Classics
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See what student life is like in Edinburgh

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The benefits of studying at the University of Edinburgh

Procter & Gamble is a good place to start.

We have influenced thinking for more than 400 years, from our central role in the European Enlightenment to the development of the technology in your smartphone.

Our approach to sharing knowledge and encouraging learning is recognised nationally and internationally. This ranges from the Royal Academy of Engineering adopting our Exemplars of Teaching Excellence to our pioneering development of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

Our world-leading researchers contribute to teaching, sharing their discoveries with students. Nobel Prize winner Professor Peter Higgs proposed the Higgs boson while he was a lecturer here. Our scientists created Dolly the sheep, the first mammal cloned from an adult somatic cell. We pioneered the first automated, industrial assembly robot and created the first genetically engineered Hepatitis B vaccine. We’re still working towards historic firsts today – new treatments for multiple sclerosis, motor neurone disease and breast cancer; and innovative work to tackle climate change.

Our world-class academics are leaders in their fields, conducting groundbreaking research that directly informs the teaching you receive.

Learn from the best

My story:
Brian a Pegado
MA (Hons) Sustainable Development

Brian a enjoyed a wide variety of courses thanks to our flexible four-year structure. She went on to be President of Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA).

When I was applying to Edinburgh, there were a few things I was interested in, but once I began to study I realised the programme I’d chosen (International Relations) wasn’t for me. So I found a programme that suited my interests and switched for my second year.

My degree is extremely multidisciplinary and has allowed me to explore so many aspects of my subject area. The four-year programme has proven to be really flexible for me – it meant that I could focus on the subject areas that interested me, and take some interesting courses offered by other schools. Taking courses in schools that had a completely different approach to teaching was a great experience.

My degree has allowed me to have some practical experiences, going out into the field and engaging with sustainability and sustainable development. We visited nuclear power plants, energy companies and government agencies dedicated to renewable energy and community development. It has been very exciting to be able to engage with the subject. Sustainability and sustainable development are relatively new concepts that have emerged in the past few decades, and my subject is constantly being redefined. We’re certainly learner-practitioners because we’re shaping what sustainable development means as we embark on our careers.

The University is filled with industry experts and the wonderful part of our degree is that our lecturers are always visitors. No two lectures are the same and virtually no lecturer is repeated. It keeps things fresh and constantly presents you with a new perspective.

My time at university has been fantastic and I’ve certainly grown academically and intellectually while at Edinburgh.

“My degree was extremely multidisciplinary and allowed me to explore so many aspects of my subject area.”

The four-year experience

Our versatile four-year programmes let you try a range of subjects before specialising, for a broader and more flexible education.

Benefits
• Flexibility: experience new subjects without committing long term;
• Good results: discover which subjects are best suited to you and tailor your programme accordingly;
• Personal development: an opportunity to grow intellectually;
• Breadth: wider learning is enriching, and attractive to employers.

Studying abroad (see page 139) doesn’t have to extend your programme length.

How it works
Most of our programmes in the arts, humanities, engineering, sciences or social sciences let you study a range of subjects in Years 1 and 2, before specialising in Years 3 and 4. With your Personal Tutor (see page 140), you’ll usually choose three subjects to study in Year 1 – either from related areas or to experiment with different subjects. In Year 2, you’ll know which subjects you want to continue and which new ones you’d like to try. By Years 3 and 4, you’ll feel confident choosing which area(s) to specialise in. By the time you graduate, your breadth of knowledge will be highly prized by employers, giving you the best chance of success in your chosen career.

Duration
Scottish programmes traditionally take four years. This differs from the rest of the UK, but is a long-established European model, emulated in the US.

In many of our science and engineering subjects, well-qualified applicants may apply for direct entry to Year 2, making it possible to graduate with a BSc after three years of study.

Our Medicine MBChB is a six-year programme (subject to validation), Veterinary Medicine BV/MLS, and MA Fine Art take five years, in science and engineering we offer five-year, undergraduate, MChem, MChemPhys, MEng, MInf, MMath and MPhys programmes, which include an additional year of in-depth study, often with a research focus. Again, well-qualified applicants may apply for direct entry to Year 2.

Specific entry requirements for all programmes can be found online:

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

Sample programme structure

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The benefits of studying at the University of Edinburgh

Resources and facilities

- You will learn in an unrivalled environment of world-class facilities and remarkable, historic buildings, all set against the backdrop of Scotland’s inspiring capital.

  - The Main Library, in George Square, is one of the largest academic libraries in the world. It is open 7.30am – 2.30am every day, in both semesters. Other site libraries also have extensive opening hours, and our award-winning staff are available to help.
  
  - In total, our Main Library and site libraries hold around 3.4 million printed volumes, more than 420,000 electronic books and 45,000 electronic journals.
  
  - The DiscoverEd system helps you search and find all our library resources. Our electronic resources can be accessed on- or off-campus, 24 hours a day.
  
  - Our Centre for Research Collections is unique in the UK, bringing together a collection of more than 400,000 rare books, six kilometres of archives and manuscripts, and our museum collections of art, historical musical instruments and other objects. Many of our Special Collections are digitised and available online.
  
  - We offer night owls and early risers 24-hour computer access at several computer labs across our campuses.
  
  - Free laptop loans are available from our libraries. There is almost 100 per cent Wi-Fi coverage in our buildings.

- You have your own University email address. Lecture notes, assessment advice and course information are all available online.

- You can attend our comprehensive range of library, IT and digital skills courses. There’s a wide range of self-help material on the web and a 24/7 helpline.

  - Our Institute for Academic Development provides study development resources and workshops and can advise you on how to become a more effective, independent learner.

  - Our Office of Lifelong Learning and Languages for All programmes offer part-time day, evening and weekend classes in an eclectic range of subjects from Archaeology to Turkish.

The University is home to a diverse range of facilities, including:

  - The £43 million ARCHER supercomputer (Advanced Research Computing High End Resource) – the UK’s primary academic research supercomputer.
  
  - One of the UK’s 10 Wellcome Trust clinical research facilities.
  
  - The unique FloWave Ocean Energy Research Facility, the world’s most sophisticated ocean simulator.
  
  - Edinburgh College of Art’s concert hall, painting studios and sculpture court.
  
  - The Institute for Astronomy at the historic Royal Observatory, Edinburgh.
  
  - The Hospital for Small Animals at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, which was established in 1823.
  
  - A planned £32 million development at our Easter Bush campus to create a European centre of excellence in animal services and food security.

A world of destinations

Erasmus exchanges

- Austria
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey

International exchanges

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Russia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- United States

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We offer more than 1,000 exchange opportunities worldwide.

Edinburgh has been a leader in international student exchanges since its foundation. We offer outstanding opportunities, with more than 270 destinations available to you worldwide.

A ‘Go abroad’ experience offers you:

- international experience through study or work;
- new perspectives on your subject;
- insights into a foreign culture;
- an international network of friends;
- exciting travel opportunities; and
- new skills that could offer an advantage in the job market.

Where?

Last year around 300 students studied at one of our international partner universities in countries as diverse as Australia, Canada, the US, Mexico, Singapore and South Korea. With the support of the European Commission through the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, almost 500 students studied or worked in Europe. This was either with our Erasmus+ exchange partners or through the Erasmus+

Traineeship Programme. In addition, more than 300 students participated in one of our many short-term international programmes worldwide.

Our partners include world-class institutions such as the California Institute of Technology, the Universities of Pennsylvania, Melbourne and Toronto, ETH Zurich, Heidelberg University and the Universities of Copenhagen and Amsterdam.

Student exchange

An exchange is possible on most of our programmes. Destination options depend on what you’re studying and securing a place can be competitive.

You will usually apply in Year 2 and study abroad during Year 3. Most students go abroad for a full year but there are some semester-only options.

Please note: Academic credit achieved on exchange may count towards your Edinburgh degree. You won’t pay tuition fees to your host university and may be eligible for a reduction or waiver of Edinburgh’s tuition fees. You’re responsible for all costs such as travel and housing. Grants and scholarships may be available, particularly on Erasmus programmes.

Short-term options

We also offer a wide range of short-term opportunities aimed at providing as many students as possible with an international experience.

Please note: These are non-credit bearing opportunities; credit achieved will not count towards your degree. There are a variety of funding opportunities available. There is a huge range of flexibility and choice to fit around your programme.

Summer school

From 2016 we are further expanding these short-term opportunities through the Summer School Office. We currently offer a four-week summer programme in Tanzania. This provides an exciting, immersive and intensive introduction to the culture and society of Tanzania with Swahili language. Funding opportunities are available to eligible students.
We’ve invested £4 million to enhance your student experience and provide support and guidance that are second to none.

We’ll work closely with you to help you:

- become a confident, independent learner and play an active part in the University community;
- develop the graduate attributes required for success at the University and beyond.

**Personal Tutors**

You’ll be appointed a Personal Tutor, who will provide personal, one-to-one, academic guidance and support, help review your progress, and address any concerns that might affect your studies.

In addition, you’ll be able to call on a Student Support Team that offers a further layer of pastoral care. The team has a wealth of knowledge about the University’s services and offers a valuable source of information and guidance.

We also run a system of peer support in the form of student-run helpdesk, information points, academic families, buddy and mentoring. This allows newer students to call on the help and advice of more experienced students as they progress through university life.

**Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA)**

EUSA works on behalf of students to ensure you have the best possible experience during your time at Edinburgh. EUSA offers a wide range of services, including health and wellbeing advice through the Advice Place.

See what our students say about the personal support they receive

Watch our video:  
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/tutor

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**My story:**

**Martin Lam**

MA (Hons) Sociology & Psychology

Martin, like all undergraduates, has regular meetings with his Personal Tutor.

“The most important part of a Personal Tutor system – just knowing that someone is there to help, or to speak to.”

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**We awarded more than £8 million in undergraduate bursaries in 2015/16, and Edinburgh ranks fourth in the UK’s most cost-effective student cities.**

**Tuition fees**

What you pay and the assistance you may receive, depend on where you live.

**Students living in Scotland** – if you’re studying full time for your first degree, you’ll apply each year to the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) to have your fees paid by the Scottish Government.

Students living in England, Wales or Northern Ireland will be charged annual tuition fees (£9,000 in 2016) but will receive a non-means-tested, government-funded loan to pay them. Loan repayments don’t start until you’ve earning £17,335 (Northern Ireland) or £21,000 (England and Wales).

Students from the rest of the EU – if you live in the EU, outside the UK, you are also entitled to apply to SAAS to have the fees for your first undergraduate degree paid.

**International students** – from outside the EU – full-time undergraduates from outside the EU pay a fixed annual tuition fee giving you the reassurance of knowing exactly how much you’ll pay each year before your studies begin.

For full details on tuition fees or to check your fee status:

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/fees-finance

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**Living costs**

Costs will be your main expenditure. We estimate these at approximately £7,500–£10,000 a year depending on your choice of accommodation and lifestyle. A breakdown of estimated weekly living costs is available online.

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**Financial support**

We offer the most generous bursary packages in the UK for those on the lowest household incomes. We’re committed to helping students of all ages and social backgrounds enter higher education and recruiting the best students regardless of financial situation. Our bursaries and scholarships include:

- University of Edinburgh Bursaries are awarded to students who live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland.
- You will automatically be considered on the basis of information you provide to your funding body.
- **Scotland Accommodation Bursaries** are awarded to undergraduates who receive a Young Students’ Bursary or Independent Students’ Bursary from SAAS and are eligible to receive a guaranteed offer of accommodation from the University. You will automatically be considered on the basis of information you provide to SAAS.
- **Access Bursaries** of at least £1,000 a year help new UK undergraduates. Financial need, personal and family circumstances are considered. 
- **UNITE Foundation Student Awards** cover the accommodation costs of staying in a UNITE student property, plus a maintenance allowance of £3,000 a year. Priority will be given to UK students previously in Local Authority or residential care, or those estranged from their immediate family.

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**The awards mean that university life away from home has been much more affordable and less burdensome. They have allowed me to buy all the relevant textbooks and a laptop.”**

Nichol Yeuthasan  
MA (Hons) French & History

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**The benefits of studying at the University of Edinburgh**

ICAS Foundation Bursaries of between £1,000 and £2,500 are available for Scottish students studying accountancy or finance.

Lloyds Scholarships comprise 15 awards of up to £19,000 over four years, for new UK undergraduates from below-average-income families. They also offer paid internships and require you to undertake volunteering work.

University Scholarships award up to £1,000 a year for students of physics, engineering, informatics and mathematics. Many are sponsored by companies that also offer work placements.

Coca-Cola Scholarships are available to non-UK EU citizens and cover tuition fees if not eligible for SAAS funding) and an annual maintenance allowance.

Deutsche Post DHL Undergraduate Scholarships provide 15 awards of £2,000 a year to students on Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) programmes.

Discretionary and Childcare Funds are provided by the Scottish Government for UK students in financial difficulty or to provide childcare support to UK parents.

US and Canadian loans

We are an approved institution for US and Canadian loans. Students may be eligible to borrow funds while they study at Edinburgh.
The benefits of studying at the University of Edinburgh

We guarantee an offer of accommodation for all eligible new undergraduates from outside Edinburgh.

Although exciting, moving away from home for the first time can be daunting so we’re committed to making that transition as easy as possible for you.

We realise you need more than just a place to live. You need an environment in which you can thrive. That’s why we guarantee accommodation for as many new undergraduates as possible. If you’re from outside Edinburgh, intending to study for the full academic year, and apply by the deadline, our guarantee applies to you. We also aim to provide accommodation for as many students as possible who are studying for just part of the year with us.

Your place in Edinburgh

The University is an integral part of the city. You’ll be learning – and living – in one of Europe’s most vibrant capitals. Our undergraduate accommodation is all within a short walk or bus ride from the city-centre buzz.

University-owned and -managed accommodation typically includes:

- all heating, hot water and electricity costs;
- internet facilities in every study-bedroom, with Wi-Fi in the vast majority of study bedrooms and common areas;
- contents insurance;
- support and welfare services from our Residence Life teams, including academic and social events to help you meet each other and settle in;
- secure bike storage; and
- laundry facilities.

Catered accommodation

Pollock Halls provides catered accommodation for more than 2,000 students. You will typically live in a single study-bedroom, more than half of which have en suite facilities, with shared common room facilities. The meal plan included in your rent provides breakfast and dinner every weekday, with brunch and dinner at weekends. We were the first university in Scotland to earn a Food for Life Catering Mark, for serving healthy and sustainable meals.

Self-catered accommodation

Our range of flats and houses is a convenient alternative that costs less than catered options and still delivers a sociable and supportive environment. Most residents have a single study-bedroom in a flat they typically share with four to six other students. Each flat has shared bathroom and kitchen facilities, although there are increasing options available for en suite study-bedrooms, including at Blackfriars Street, Deaconess, Murano and Shrubhill.

We have buildings at several sites around the city:

01 Blackfriars Street
02 College Wynd
03 Darroch Court
04 David Horn House
05 Deaconess
06 East Newington Place
07 Fraser Court
08 Hermit’s Court
09 Kincard’s Court
10 Kitchener House
11 Murano
12 New Arthur Place
13 Pollock Halls (catered)
14 Robertson’s Close
15 Sciennes
16 Shrubhill
17 South Clerk Street
18 Warrender Park Crescent
19 Warrender Park Road

* Please check online for up-to-date information on available accommodation. The listed accommodation is usually available to undergraduates but the precise use of our estate is subject to change each year.

See what life is like in University accommodation
Watch our video: www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation

My story:
Luke Campbell
BA (Hons) Community Education

Luke lived at New Arthur Place, where the University has self-catering accommodation for 114 students, in flats typically of four or five bedrooms.

I lived at New Arthur Place right next to the Pleasance and student gym. It’s an absolutely ideal location – a four-minute walk from my University building and a 15-minute cycle from the part-time work I do.

New Arthur Place was my first choice, and when I moved in I was impressed. The flat had four bedrooms, and quite a large kitchen/dining area. My room was a very good size. It was lightly furnished but had everything you’d need.

The Residence Life team is keen to help students meet other people. One of the most enjoyable experiences was in my first week, when they arranged a meal for 30 of us at an Indian restaurant. That night I met people who’ve become probably my closest friends in Edinburgh. Now I see them most nights – they live two minutes away. It’s one of the best things that’s happened since I moved here.

The benefits of studying at the University of Edinburgh

Play

Club and recreational sports
Our Sports Union is made up of more than 60 sports clubs, catering for all types of activity and ability level, from complete beginner to elite. Our clubs offer weekly coaching and practice, with opportunities to compete and participate in sport on Wednesdays and weekends. If more recreational sporting involvement is your preference, we run Scotland’s largest intramural sports programme, offering informal leagues, tournaments and fun events, alongside a pioneering ‘EDex’ come and try programme in an array of sports. We also deliver a raft of sports related volunteering and skill development opportunities in coaching, officiating and event support.

Indoor sports
Our multi-activity sports halls accommodate a variety of sports, with dedicated spaces for squash, dance, boxing, grappling, archery and shooting. We also have a 25-metre, six-lane pool, indoor climbing and bouldering walls and saunas.

Outdoor sports
Our sports ground at Peffermill Playing Fields is one of Scotland’s leading outdoor sports facilities and plays host to a multitude of sports clubs and local, national and international events. We have two international-standard, floodlit, water-based artificial hockey pitches, a 3G football/rugby pitch, three 3G five-a-side pitches, artificial cricket nets, a 100-metre training track and a range of premium quality grass pitches, including a new, Scottish Football Association-approved football arena, complete with spectator stand, floodlights and training area.

Adventure sports
In addition to adrenaline sports clubs, we have Firthkenneth Point, our stunning residential centre for outdoor activities, located on the banks of Loch Tay in the Highlands. It offers tailored activities and services, from windsurfing to mountain leadership training. Our experienced instructors are fully accredited and all specialist equipment is available. We also have an indoor climbing and bouldering facility at the Pleasance Sports Complex, so there’s plenty of choice to get the pulse racing.

Train
We offer one of the country’s best gym and fitness programmes, with:

• flexible and affordable membership packages;
• a year-round programme of more than 60 weekly exercise classes; and
• world-class gyms, fitness challenges and sports participation events.

Our 10 gyms include a dedicated indoor cycle gym, Velo-city; the Katherine Grainger Rowing Gym and a newly refurbished 100-station cardiovascular gym, complete with network fitness. There is an extensive, high quality provision for free and fixed weights, including a stunning underground vault and unique MyGym area for body conditioning. Our expert instructors and personal trainers will guide, support and encourage you.

“Play. Train. Perform.”

The best gym we’ve ever used.
Dr Nick Gill
Head of Strength and Conditioning, New Zealand All Blacks Rugby

Perform
We have one of the UK’s most highly regarded performance programmes for talented individuals and teams. Our top-class coaches, facilities and services currently support more than 300 students. We offer exceptional sport-specific programmes with professional coaches in rowing, swimming, hockey, women’s fencing, archery, orienteering, rugby and women’s basketball. Our world-class facilities are also regularly used by visiting international teams such as All Blacks Rugby, and we routinely host major events such as the U-19 Women’s Lacrosse World Championship in 2015.

Students on our performance programmes are offered access to the nationally renowned Fitness Assessment and Sports Injury Centre (FASIC). They benefit from dedicated specialist strength and conditioning expertise in an exclusive use performance gym, and sports nutrition and lifestyle advice. We also offer dedicated elite sports accommodation for first-year students, promotional opportunities and branded sports clothing, as well as sports science support and flexible studying and mentoring. There is also access to funding opportunities through the Winning Students network. We now boast an Elite Athlete Access Policy to support applications to study at the University from talented sports performers.

Student support
We have a dedicated Athlete Access support team to work closely with students, assisting and advising on all aspects of university life.

The best university gyms in the world.
Corrie Scott
MChem (Hons) Chemistry graduate and Commonwealth Games bronze medalist

“I’d encourage any student interested in sport to come to Edinburgh. The gym is amazing, probably one of the best university gyms in the world.”

Katherine Grainger
Olympic champion rower and Edinburgh law graduate

“All University of Edinburgh students are automatically made members of EUSA, which works on your behalf to ensure you have the best possible experience during your time here.”

EUSA supports more than 260 student-led societies, from the Aberdeen FC Supporters Club to the Zoological Society. It also offers student representation, free welfare advice, peer learning support and award-winning food, drink and entertainment – across four venues.

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“...and I’d never have had the life I’m currently living.”

Edinburgh University Students’ Association (EUSA)

Take a virtual tour:
www.ed.ac.uk/sport/virtual-tours
Helping shape your career

Six months after graduating, 94 per cent of our students are in employment or postgraduate study.

This compares with an average across UK universities of 89 per cent and in Scottish universities of 90 per cent.

Employers are looking for more than just a qualification. They want a graduate with the skills and attributes to thrive in the working world. Studying here is an opportunity to enhance your career — to develop new skills and abilities, grow in confidence and learn about yourself.

Employers from all sectors regard Edinburgh as an excellent training ground for high-flyers and our graduates are valued for their intellectual ability and for the high-level attributes they develop while studying with us.

Careers Service

Our award-winning Careers Service can help with your career, offering impartial, professional advice about securing prime employment opportunities — whether or not you've mapped out your career path.

We offer:

• an online jobs board of work available while you study and after graduation;
• face-to-face meetings with employers, from top multinationals to local SMEs;
• a comprehensive website and online toolkits supporting your development;
• personalised guidance and help for job searches, applications and interviews;
• opportunities to interact with and learn from business professionals, and our worldwide alumni network;
• bespoke UK and overseas internships.

The Edinburgh edge

Our EdGE Database showcases a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities to support your personal development. The Edinburgh University Students’ Association also offers a comprehensive volunteering service.

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/careers

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/volunteering

My story: Caitlin Stronach

8Sc (Hons) Mathematics

Caitlin secured a job with financial services firm EY after a successful internship in the US.

“The Careers Service were always really helpful. They started with my CV and talked me through how to improve it.”

My aim from early on was to focus on graduating with a job and I’m delighted I got one.

I used the Careers Service at George Square and the King’s Buildings a lot and they were always really helpful. They started with my CV and talked me through how to improve it.

During my third year I began applying for internships. There was a big focus on online tests. E-tray is a new thing many companies have started to do — it’s an email assessment where emails are sent to you asking questions and you have to reply within a deadline, and you learn from it how to manage your time. All the support from the Careers Service definitely helped me get my internship with EY. I was a Global Student Exchange Assurance Intern with the company for three months. It involved completing a cultural induction in New York and working for three weeks in the EY Boston office, followed by an 11-week internship in their Edinburgh office.

Through the Careers Service I also secured a mock interview with the company. Having had that meant I was a step ahead when I formally applied for a job with them. So I had experience of what to expect, and feedback.

No matter what year you’re in, the Careers Service’s guidance is so helpful.

We're ranked 23rd in the world for the employability of our graduates* — we invest in your future beyond the end of your programme.

The development and long-term success of our students is fundamental to our approach, including encouraging your efforts beyond graduation.

Employ.ed — internship opportunities

Internships can substantially increase your chance of finding employment and we proactively source quality internship opportunities for our students and recent graduates, including:

• on-campus summer internships;
• part-time internships for PhD students;
• opportunities with local employers in a range of sectors for final year students and recent graduates; and
• international summer internships, developed with our global network of employers.

Our paid internships are supported by a comprehensive development plan to ensure you benefit from the experience:

www.ed.ac.uk/careers/internships

The Edinburgh Award

The Edinburgh Award recognises your involvement in a wide range of co- and extra-curricular activities, and the skills and attributes you demonstrate.

Did you know?

More than 9,000 vacancies were advertised with the Careers Service in 2014/15.

We will support you to get the most out of your experiences, to:

• increase your self-awareness;
• make the most of existing strengths and develop new skills/abilities;
• make an impact whatever situation you are in; and
• confidently sell and demonstrate what you have to offer to employers.

Many employers expect something extra from today’s graduates and the Edinburgh Award helps demonstrate what it is that sets you apart:

www.ed.ac.uk/edinburghaward

LAUNCH.ed – backing your bright ideas

We have one of the most entrepreneurial student bodies in the UK. We have helped launch almost 100 new businesses in the last three years, ranging from language tuition to robotics companies.

LAUNCH.ed, our award-winning programme for student entrepreneurs, embodies our strong enterprise culture. It brings together a range of support services, working with hundreds of students each year to assess their ideas, develop business skills and help start their businesses.

The unique LAUNCH.ed service is free, confidential, and available to any Edinburgh student for the duration of their studies and for up to two years after graduation. It aims to help you distinguish yourself in a competitive job market and create real entrepreneurial opportunities: www.LAUNCH.ed.ac.uk

* Latest Emerging Global Employability University Rankings

I’d recommend students get involved with LAUNCH.ed. They offer practical support to make your business a reality. My sound design software, Dehumaniser, is now used by industry professionals, including Hollywood film studios.”

Orfeas Boteas
MSc Sound Design graduate
Orfeas used LAUNCH.ed to support the development of his company Krotos Ltd: www.dehumaniser.com

“The Edinburgh Award allowed me to discover my strengths and weaknesses, link lessons learnt and use the qualities I have honed to better myself.”

Bernadine Chua
4th year BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences
(Physiology)
Applications and admissions

We aim to give you the clearest advice possible about the application process and our requirements. The information provided on the next four pages offers an overview for anyone considering applying to the University. If you decide to apply, we advise you to check the more detailed information we provide online, including specific entry requirements for each individual programme.

How to apply:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply
Entry requirements overview:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

Check programme-specific entry requirements:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

How to apply
All applications to the University for full-time study are made online through UCAS. This includes applications from international students outside the UK.

You can choose up to five different programmes or universities on your application. If you are applying to study medicine or veterinary medicine, up to four choices can be used for these subjects. Your fifth choice should be used for an alternative, back-up subject.

Your school or college will normally have access to UCAS Apply and be able to support you through the process. If you are applying independently, UCAS can provide further advice on how to apply. See: www.ucas.com

When to apply
Applications for entry in September 2017 can be submitted from 1 September 2016. To ensure your application is considered you should apply by the relevant deadline.

• 15 October 2016 – deadline for all applications for medicine and veterinary medicine.
• 15 January 2017 – deadline for all other UK and EU applicants.
• 30 June 2017 – deadline for all other international applicants. We advise international applicants to apply by 15 January but will accept applications until 30 June.

How we process applications
Each of our colleges has its own admissions team. This means that while the University has an overarching admissions policy, it is the responsibility of our colleges to decide which applicants will be made an offer of a place.

Applications received by the relevant UCAS deadline will receive full and equal consideration. We aim to inform you of our decision on your application as quickly as possible. Provided you have applied by the October or January deadline, you can expect to receive our decision by the end of March.

Applications received after the relevant deadlines will be considered on an individual basis at the discretion of the University. As demand for many of our programmes is high, we cannot guarantee that late applications will be considered.

How we select students
At least two professional admissions staff review every application against our agreed criteria. Applicants who have met, or are predicted to meet, our entry requirements are entered into the selection process. This includes consideration of your academic qualifications, the information contained in your personal statement and reference, and any other data and information considered in our approach to contextual admissions (see page 149).

Entry requirements and offer making
Our entry requirements are set at the academic standard we require you, either:
• to have already achieved, to be considered for an unconditional offer of a place of study; or
• to be capable of achieving, to be considered for a conditional offer of a place of study.

The subject pages in this prospectus give you an overview of the grade requirements that apply to all the programmes in that subject for applicants with Scottish Highers or Advanced Highers, A Levels or an International Baccalaureate.

Because it is only possible to show the specific subjects and grades required for entry to individual programmes by looking at the detailed entry requirements online before you apply.

We also welcome applications from students with other UK qualifications as well as a wide range of qualifications from around the world. These entry requirements are available online.

Typical to minimum grades
Our entry requirements are normally expressed with an upper and lower grade level, for example A** to ABB for SQA Highers and AAA to ABB for A Levels. This shows our typical (upper level) entry requirement, for example AAAA for SQA Highers, and our minimum (lower level) entry requirement, for example ABBB.

Our minimum entry requirements are set at a level that ensures applicants have the skills and knowledge to successfully complete their programme. All applicants who meet or are predicted to meet our minimum entry requirements, progress to the selection process. However, competition for most of our programmes is high and applications generally exceed the number of places available so not all applicants who enter the selection process can be made an offer.

Therefore, applicants who are made an offer of a place can normally expect to be required to achieve the typical entry requirement. This is because there is a limited number of offers we can make, and offers are normally made to the highest qualified applicants. Where this may not be the case, and you may receive an offer at the minimum entry requirement, is:
• if the numbers of applications and places available are broadly equal;
• if you are an international applicant for a subject other than medicine; or
• if you are eligible to receive a contextual offer.

Contextual admissions and offer making
We recognise that not all applicants have equal opportunities to demonstrate their potential with their school-leaver qualifications. For this reason, we use data on the overall academic performance of individual schools and colleges, and about the relative deprivation of areas throughout the UK, as well as other information. This helps us identify applicants whose academic grades may not be a true reflection of their potential. This is known as contextualised admissions as it enables admissions staff to consider the achievements of applicants, relative to the context of where they live in the UK and the school they attend, during the selection process. Even for programmes in high demand, some applicants may therefore receive an offer at the minimum.

Your personal statement
While your academic qualifications determine whether you enter the selection process, it is your personal statement, reference, and any relevant contextual data, that are all considered within the selection process.

When considering your personal statement we look for evidence of motivation, commitment and readiness to study your chosen subject at higher education level. It is therefore vital that you demonstrate a strong interest in, and preparedness for, the programme you apply to.

If you are applying for a professional or vocational programme, you should demonstrate a clear understanding of the profession. This is normally supported by evidence of appropriate work experience, volunteering, or work shadowing, although we do recognise that not all students have equal access to such opportunities.

Additional requirements for specific programmes
Interviews
Applicants to programmes in teacher education (including community education), nursing, oral health sciences and veterinary medicine, as well as graduate and mature applicants to medicine, may be invited to an interview as part of the selection process. We do not interview for entry to any other programmes.

Portfolios for art or design
Applicants to art, design and fine art programmes will be asked to submit a digital mini-portfolio. Assessment of the mini-portfolio will form part of the selection process. Applicants applying to enter Year 2 of our programmes, who pass the first stage of selection, will be invited to bring a full portfolio to an applicant day.
Applications and admissions (continued)

Admissions test for entry to medicine
If you are applying to study medicine, you must sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) in the summer before you submit your UCAS application, or apply for an exemption code from the UKCAT consortium.

English language entry requirements
Unless a higher level is specified in the programme-specific entry requirements online, our minimum entry requirement for all programmes includes a pass in English at the following grades (or equivalent):
- SQA National 5 grade C
- GCSE grade C
- IB Standard Level grade 4.
If English is not your first language we accept the following tests:
- IELTS
- TOEFL-IBT
- IGCSE
- Cambridge CAE
- Cambridge CPE
- Pearson Test of English
- Trinity ISE.

Part-time study
You can study part-time on the following programmes:
- BA Childhood Practice
- Bachelor of Divinity (BD)
- MA Religious Studies.

You should apply directly to the University to study part time, not via UCAS. For further advice, please contact the College of Humanities & Social Science.

International applicants
International applicants will find detailed entry requirements, including English language requirements, online. We offer students from countries whose school-leaving qualifications are not comparable to our minimum entry requirements the following opportunities:
- International Foundation Programme – a one-year, full-time programme in the College of Humanities & Social Science in which you develop academic skills and English language proficiency. If successful, you will be eligible for entry to many of our four-year honours degree programmes. Further information is available online.
- Global Select Pathway Programme – allows you to study the first year of an undergraduate programme in biological sciences, chemistry, engineering, mathematics or physics, with additional support. This enables you to reach the required standards in English and fill any gaps in your knowledge, to enable you to progress successfully to second year of the normal programme. Applications are made through UCAS. Further information is available online.

Mature applicants
We welcome applications from applicants who are returning to study after a break of at least three years in their formal education. We expect adult returners to have undertaken recent academic study. Some of the qualifications we consider for entry include:
- approved access programmes such as the Scottish Widening Access Programme (SWAP);
- the Credit for Entry Programme, run by our Office of Lifelong Learning;
- Open University credits;
- Higher National qualifications;
- foundation programmes; and
- other qualifications, such as SQA Highers or A levels.

Disabled applicants
If you have a disability, health condition, or specific learning difficulty, we encourage you to declare this on your UCAS application. Your application will go through the selection process and be assessed on the same basis as all other applications. However, making us aware of your disability allows us to begin considering your support needs at the earliest stage.

If you declare a disability and are made an offer of a place of study, you are encouraged to contact our Student Disability Service as early as possible to ensure that we can make any necessary arrangements for the start of your studies. Alternatively, applicants attending one of our post-offer visit days can arrange to speak to the Student Disability Service.

After you apply
After you apply, we will send you information about logging in to the University’s MyEd website, which we will use to communicate with you about your application and which you can use to upload any supporting documentation. It is important that you also log in to UCAS Track regularly to check the progress of your application, and to note deadlines for responding to any offers you are made. If you receive an offer from us, you may be invited to attend a post offer visit day. These typically take place between January and April. You will have the opportunity to meet academic staff from your chosen subject area, see the facilities and attend general information sessions. You may also be invited to attend one of our information events in the spring. These are held across the UK, around the world and online.

Terms and Conditions of Admissions
Successful study at the University stems from a partnership between the University and our students. Underpinning this partnership is a set of supportive regulations, policies and procedures that form the student contract, and include our Terms and Conditions of Admissions.

If you decide to apply to the University and are offered a place of study, please read our Terms and Conditions of Admissions online, before accepting our offer. You will find information relating to your offer, your rights as an applicant, what you can expect from the University, and what we expect of you. There are contact details within the Terms and Conditions should you have any questions.

Further information
For further information, please go online:
- How to apply: www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply
- Entry requirements overview: www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/entry-requirements
- Check programme-specific entry requirements: www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

Frequently Asked Questions
(FAQs)
Answers to an extensive range of FAQs are provided online. If your question is not covered by our FAQs, you can submit a short enquiry form and we will respond directly to you.

UCAS
UCAS can advise you on the process of applying and tracking your application: www.ucas.com/apply
Alternatively, call 0371 468 0468 from the UK, or +44 330 3330 230 from outside the UK.

Did you know?
Our high-quality, innovative teaching means that 80 per cent of our graduates leave the University with a 1st or 2:1 award.

Contacts
College admissions teams
If we are unable to help you online, our College admissions teams are happy to advise you about admission to specific programmes:
- Humanities & Social Science: hssug@ed.ac.uk
- Medicine & Veterinary Medicine: medug@ed.ac.uk
- Dental School: dtsug@ed.ac.uk
- Oral Health Sciences: oralug@ed.ac.uk
- Veterinary Medicine: vetug@ed.ac.uk
- Science & Engineering: sciengra@ed.ac.uk

Student Recruitment & Admissions
If you have a general enquiry about applying to the University, or an enquiry about several programmes in different colleges, please contact: sra.enquiries@ed.ac.uk

International Office
If you are an international student with specific questions about our entry requirements, tuition fees, funding or immigration, please contact: enquiries.international@ed.ac.uk

Student Disability Service
If you have a disability, health condition or specific learning difficulty and have questions about studying here, please contact: disability.service@ed.ac.uk
Find out for yourself what it’s like to live and study in Edinburgh...

We offer a range of opportunities to visit the University, before and after you apply, to help you find out more about studying and living in Edinburgh.

Open Days
Everyone is welcome at our Open Days – prospective students, their families, teachers and careers advisers. Open Days provide the opportunity to:
• attend subject-specific talks
• speak to current students and staff
• explore the University
• view facilities.

Guided and self-guided tours
We offer guided tours for students and their families who are unable to attend an Open Day. These are student-led tours. Our Student Ambassadors will guide you around the Central Area of the University and answer general queries.

You can also visit the University at a time that suits you – we have self-guided tour materials available on our website. If you have any specific requirements, please contact Student Recruitment & Admissions: sra.enquiries@ed.ac.uk

Post-offer visits
In most subjects, if we make you an offer you will usually be invited to a post-offer visit. There you will be able to spend time at your prospective school and speak at length with students and staff.

Open Days in 2016
Friday 17 June
Saturday 24 September
Saturday 8 October

Visit us

Contact us

If you have questions about entry requirements or programme information, please contact:

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The University of Edinburgh
33 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9JS
Tel: +44 (0)131 650 4360
Email sra.enquiries@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment

International students, please contact:
The International Office
The University of Edinburgh
33 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9JS
Tel: +44 (0)131 650 4286

Finance
For questions about fees, funding, bursaries and scholarships, please contact:

Scholarships & Student Funding Services
The University of Edinburgh, Old College South Bridge, Edinburgh EH8 9JL
Tel: +44 (0)131 651 4070
Fax: +44 (0)131 650 8223
Email fees@ed.ac.uk
Scholarships
Email scholarships@ed.ac.uk
Financial aid
Email financial.aid@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding

Support
For questions about support for disabilities, please contact:

Student Disability Service
The University of Edinburgh, Third Floor Main Library, George Square
Edinburgh EH8 9LL
Tel: +44 (0)131 650 6828
Email disability.service@ed.ac.uk
www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service

Visitors
If you’re visiting Edinburgh and want to find out more about the University, drop in to our Visitor Centre:

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The University of Edinburgh
2 Charles Street, Edinburgh EH8 9AD
Tel: +44 (0)131 650 2252
Email communications.office@ed.ac.uk

If you can’t find the number you want, please call our main number or visit our website:
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