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6. Cross references to similar programmes that might also interest you.

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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 in several arts and humanities subjects in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016.

As the University’s largest college, we host more than 22,400 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 career lies 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 of 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 by 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 use this to make projections affects economic decision-making at all levels. Accountancy is one of the fastest-growing areas of business activity. Financial accountants report on the performance of an organisation, while management accountants provide financial information to help with planning and strategy.

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. This offers you a broad-based programme with the flexibility to change direction and specialise through your option course choices.

Our staff have a world-leading reputation as prominent researchers in the accounting discipline. Our teaching is therefore based on the most recent research findings and literature. This helps ensure that our graduates are attractive to prospective employers. Our programmes provide an excellent foundation for those hoping to gain a professional accounting qualification and can also prepare you for careers in finance and other sectors.

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.

Review

As part of the Programme Pathways Project (undertaken by the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences), our programmes are currently under review. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information given here is accurate, we anticipate that some of our programmes may be modified or changed. Please check online for the latest information.

Study abroad

Our Business School exchange programme offers exciting opportunities to study abroad in Year 3 at one of our partner universities in Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Canada or the USA. You may also study abroad through the University’s international exchange programme. To participate in an exchange programme, you will require a strong academic performance in Year 1.

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

Accountancy graduates can train to become a qualified accountant through a traineeship with an accountant 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.

Programmes

MA (Hons)

Accounting & Business NN14
Accounting & Finance NN43

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
Why choose Arabic & Persian at the University of Edinburgh?

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.

In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, our Arabic & 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 & 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.

Study abroad

Arabic students can choose between at least two countries in the Arabic-speaking world for their study abroad. Persian students will study abroad in a Persian-speaking country.

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 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.

You may also be interested in

Islamic Studies & Middle Eastern Studies

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Why choose Archaeology at the University of Edinburgh?

Edinburgh is a renowned centre for the study of archaeology - some of the world's most prominent archaeological scholars have studied and taught here. This ensures we have a wealth of knowledge and expertise to share with you, as well as substantial collections of skeletal remains and artefacts which you’ll be able to handle, draw and learn from, including artefacts from the Indus Valley, the Near East, Egypt and Europe.

Edinburgh offers a wide range of resources and professional expertise, giving you access to key national archaeological institutions such as National Museums Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland. The city is also home to many national commercial archaeology companies, with possible opportunities for fieldwork and work experience. Edinburgh itself is home to many archaeological sites dating back to the Mesolithic period.

There are opportunities to take part in excavation and archaeological survey fieldwork in the UK and Europe. Through our close partnerships with museums, archives and heritage organisations, you may also have the opportunity to gain practical experience of working in a range of other professional contexts.

Introducing Archaeology

Archaeology investigates the human past using material remains such as artefacts and excavated sites to reconstruct the economic, social and cultural life of early societies. At Edinburgh we have a rich tradition of archaeological teaching and research, specialising in European prehistory, the early civilisations of the Mediterranean and the Near East and Egypt.

You will be introduced to standard and innovative archaeological techniques and the practice and theory of archaeology. This will include the study of science-based archaeology, the study of animal and human bones and digital applications. You can choose to specialise by geographical area or period and to become involved in practical research or applied archaeology, for example through fieldwork.

Joint honours

Archaeology can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with history, architectural history, Celtic, geography, Scottish ethnology or social anthropology.

Additional costs

In Year 1 you are expected to participate in an archaeological fieldwork project. Normally, the minimum requirement is three weeks of field experience.

Archaeological projects often charge a participation fee. We are able to make a contribution towards your mandatory fieldwork but the overall cost to you will depend on the type of work chosen and where it takes place (many of our projects are conducted abroad). In later years, you may opt to undertake additional practical archaeological work in the vacations following Years 2 and 3.

Career opportunities

With an archaeology qualification from the University of Edinburgh, you will gain practical, social, intellectual and theoretical skills. You will become familiar with a range of disciplines, enabling you to demonstrate intellectual flexibility and the ability to quickly adapt to new situations. You’ll learn to think logically through developing sound research and analytical skills and you’ll be able to compile and critically evaluate evidence in order to formulate and present an argument coherently.

Through fieldwork, you’ll develop a range of practical archaeological skills that will enable you to appreciate more fully our human environment and its role in the contemporary world.

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. Our graduates are also well-rounded people with a range of transferable skills that will give you the opportunity to pursue a broad range of careers, for example, in business, management, teaching, journalism, the police and the civil service.

You may also be interested in

History & Archaeology

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Ancient History & Classical Archaeology

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Classical Archaeology & Greek/Latin

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You may also be interested in

Programmes

MA (Hons)

Ancient Mediterranean Civilisations VV41

Archaeology V400

Archaeology & Ancient History V1A

Archaeology & Social Anthropology VL46

For applications

Grades required:

SQA Highers ABBB.

A Levels ABB

IB 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

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/30

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

www.ed.ac.uk/ug/30

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You may also be interested in

Programmes

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

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Why choose Architecture or Architectural History & Heritage at the University of Edinburgh?

We are one of the UK’s largest schools of architecture and landscape architecture with a respected international profile. We regularly host acclaimed visiting scholars, practitioners and critics. Our students achieve high levels of recognition and success, contributing to shaping the constructed environment through design, research, ideas, policy and architectural practice.

As a place of outstanding architectural interest and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, Edinburgh offers the perfect setting to study the historic built environment.

Our exclusive MA (Hons) Architectural History & Heritage programme is the only programme of its type in the UK.

With fascinating geological, ecological, rural, post-industrial, cultural and urban design phenomena and sites nearby, you have fertile ground to study and work with. Our programmes support you to develop rigorous, responsive and imaginative approaches to contemporary architectural, urban and landscape practices.

Introducing Architecture and Architectural History & Heritage

Architecture is more than technical, environmental or historic expertise. Studying and practising architecture has the potential to shape culture, aspiration and community, to deepen our experience of the modern world and to imagine our futures.

In Architecture you will learn from leading architectural practitioners and researchers through architectural design exploration and proposition, and thematic approaches to briefs and sites, informed by theoretical and practical knowledge.

Our Architectural History & Heritage programme offers an unrivalled breadth of study in the historic built environment. It places the history of architecture, fine art, and heritage management within the context of urbanism and the cultural history of cities. You will learn about different architectures of the past, the relationship of buildings and urban environments to the societies that produce them, and techniques for recording and preserving historic structures and urban fabric.

Accreditation

All architecture students are admitted to the MA (Hons) Architecture programme. At the end of Year 2 you will have a choice of pathways enabling accelerated progress or the development of wider academic interests – either our three-year BA or our four-year MA (Hons), including a variant of the MA (Hons) with an exchange year abroad. Both have ARB prescription and full Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) validation.

Joint honours

Architecture can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with structural engineering. Architectural history can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with history of art, social history or archaeology.

Placements

MA Architecture includes a credited practice work period in semester two of Year 3.

Study abroad

There are options for working and studying abroad in the honours years of our MA (Hons) programmes. The integrated practice period in Architecture allows for practice abroad. We also offer international exchanges with Erasmus partner institutions in Year 3 and an Architectural History & Heritage exchange with the University of Virginia.

Additional costs

Architecture students will need to purchase specialist equipment, such as a drawing board and laptop, as well as pay for drawing and model-making materials and printing costs. Self-funded field trips are undertaken as part of the programme. If accepted for entry, you will be sent a letter outlining specific estimated costs for the forthcoming academic year.

Career opportunities

Architecture students gain excellent skills in design, spatial awareness, problem-solving and project-based production, which combine into a strong and adaptable skill set. The BA and MA Architecture programmes offer routes into the architecture profession and graduates typically continue their studies to qualify as architects working in private practice, local and national government or large commercial organisations both in the UK and overseas. Architectural History graduates can have careers in conservation, land management, heritage or historical consultancy.

"From an architecture student’s point of view, Edinburgh is one of the most inspiring and engaging cityscapes. It promotes an active learning environment while offering the most varied and brilliant student activities.”

Andre Kong
MA (Hons) Architecture graduate

You may also be interested in Landscape Architecture
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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
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Programmes

MA (Hons) Architectural History & Heritage VV41
Architectural History & Archaeology VVH4
BA – 3 years/MA (Hons) Architecture K100

Year by year...

Year 1

In Architecture, you will learn about the building blocks of architectural design. You will work on projects that look at architectural elements and assembly in different contexts. At the same time you will be taught the fundamentals of technology and environment, art practices and architectural history.

Architectural History & Heritage begins with an introductory course covering the development of the built environment from earliest times to the present. You will also take relevant options in history, archaeology, and history of art, or any other course in the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences that suits your programme and timetable.

Year 2

Architecture works toward integrating your developing design skills into more complex urban contexts. The year includes a field trip to a European city where design projects are situated. You will continue to apply your knowledge of technology and environment to your design work and will learn about cultures of the city. You will also take an option course that allows you to broaden your learning in subjects across the University. At the end of Year 2, you can select whether you wish to take the three-year BA or four-year MA (Hons).

Architectural History & Heritage broadens out to consider the city as a social and cultural phenomenon. You will learn about techniques and practices concerning heritage management and conservation and take option courses from across the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences.

Year 3

In Architecture, you will study design and its cultural, theoretical and technical contexts. You will develop your interests via studio options in the Exploitation and synthesis design courses. The MA (Hons) includes an integrated practice period where you study via distance learning as you gain professional experience. In Architectural History & Heritage you will study Texts & Theories in Western Architecture and specialist options in the history of architecture. You will undertake a specialist building archaeology course and a placement providing first-hand experience of conservation in practice.

Year 4

In Architecture, you will work in a thematic architectural design studio, study logistics, take a specialist design or humanities option and complete a dissertation and portfolio. In Architectural History & Heritage you will choose specialist courses and complete a research dissertation.
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 2017. 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 art 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.

All programmes
We are at the forefront of introducing option courses that provide a breadth and depth of subject choice. We recognise your desire to immerse yourself in your discipline but believe your learning is enhanced if you are exposed to a wider range of methods and knowledge beyond the confines of the studio. In Years 1 and 2 your choice of option courses will allow you to construct a suite of courses that reflect your interests and enhance your main study.

In addition, a visual culture strand provides a multidisciplinary context for study across all our programmes except Fine Art. You will engage in a critical and practical dialogue with the work of your peers and gain an understanding of the nature of today’s diverse visual cultures.

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 expanded notions 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.

Work can also be realised through practices such as printmaking, artists’ books, installation, digital media and photography. In the studio you will identify, reflect on and develop your personal, visual vocabulary through the languages of painting.

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
Our sculpture programme supports the development of material and critical awareness through approaches pertinent to the expanded field. Our purpose-built studios are both working studios and exhibition spaces. The technical staff and equipment in our workshops and foundry provide excellent support for working in wood, metal, mould-making, casting and carving. We also have facilities for working with sound, digital imaging and video editing. We believe there is real value in working as part of a community with a dynamic, creative shared energy and our programme thrives on generating this atmosphere.

Year by year...

Year 1
You will work on an independent project, which you choose from one of the two options available to you. You will develop a personal understanding of artistic practice, a body of work that reflects your interests and expresses your ideas in a unique way.

Year 2
You will focus on the development of your ideas through a range of media, considering both technical and conceptual questions. You will be encouraged to extend and question your practice, and develop a broad understanding of the history of art, while working in the studios alongside other art students in a challenging practice-based environment.

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

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’re assigned a different tutor each year who gets to know your work really well. Rather than pushing work in a particular direction, they are perceptive and listen to what you are interested in.”

Melanie Dutton
BA (Hons) Intermedia Art graduate

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/58
Why choose Business at the University of Edinburgh?

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

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.

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

Introducing Business

The main focus of our business programmes is on the management of organisations. They examine the theories and methods behind management and explore the relationships between people, organisations and their environment with an international perspective.

You will study organisational policies, strategic planning, management, finance, marketing, HR 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.

Review

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Joint honours

Business can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with accounting, economics, psychology, or a European language.

Study abroad

Our exchange programme offers exciting opportunities to study abroad in Year 3 at one of our partner universities in Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Canada, the USA or across Europe. Exchange opportunities with European business schools are through the Erasmus programme. You may also study abroad through the University’s international exchange programme. If you are on an MA International Business programme you will spend Year 3 on a business school exchange. To take part in an exchange programme you will need a strong academic performance in your first year.

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 your 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.

You may also be interested in

Accounting

Economics

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

www.ed.ac.uk/ug/12

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Study abroad?

Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:

SQA Highers

AAA to ABB.

A Levels

N1R7 N1T2 N1R3

International Business with French

N1R1 N1T1

International Business with Arabic

N1T6

Finance & Business

NN13 N100

Management

N1N2

Business with Marketing

N1N5

Business with Strategic Economics

N1L1

Finance & Business

N112

International Business

N120

International Business with Arabic

N1T6

International Business with Chinese

N1T1

International Business with French

N1R2

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

You may also be interested in

Accounting

Economics

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

www.ed.ac.uk/ug/12

for the benefits of studying here

for applications and admissions

The Business School is great at organising events for meeting employers and networking opportunities. It has been great at providing me with the skills that I need for future employment.”

Lauren Bennett

MA (Hons) Business Management graduate
Celtic

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 have previously won the Best Department category in the Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards.

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.

Study abroad

There are opportunities for you to study abroad through Erasmus and the University’s International Exchange Programme.

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.

Programmes

MA (Hons)
Celtic QS50
Celtic & Archaeology QS51
Celtic & English Language QS52
Celtic & English Literature QS53
Celtic & French QS54
Celtic & German QS55
Celtic & Linguistics QS56
Celtic & Scandinavian Studies QS57
Celtic & Scottish History QS58
Celtic & Scottish Literature QS59

Why you might be interested in Celtic

Celtic & Scottish Literature
Celtic & Scottish History
Celtic & Scandinavian Studies
Celtic & Linguistics
Celtic & German
Celtic & French
Celtic & English Language
Celtic & Archaeology
Celtic & Archaeology

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/31
Chinese Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

At a glance

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Study abroad?
Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers
ABB to ABB
A Levels
AAB to ABB
IB
36 points (grades 665 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/27

Programmes

MA (Hons)
Chinese T100
Chinese & Economics T111
Chinese & French BR31
Chinese & German BR32
Chinese & History TV11
Chinese & Italian TR13
Chinese & Linguistics TQ11
Chinese & Russian Studies BR37
Chinese & Spanish BR34

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 and Taiwan.

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 or Taiwan where you will develop your language skills and experience the countries’ 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, or on a competitive basis, for students studying in China.

Joint honours

Chinese can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with history of art or 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.

You may also be interested in
International Business with Chinese
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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/27
Classics

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 forefront of their disciplines.

We offer a particularly wide range of areas of study within classics, with specialisms across ancient history, Greek and Latin, and classical archaeology, and a chronological range extending from archaic Greece through to late antiquity, Byzantium and the medieval world.

Greek and Latin language and literature are taught at all levels, whether you have studied them before or not. Alternatively, you can study ancient history, classical art and archaeology, and classical literature without learning an ancient language.

Introducing Classics
Classics will introduce you to the history, cultures, languages and literatures of some of the world’s most important civilisations. Whether you are interested in the archaeology of the Roman empire, the art of ancient Athens, the drama of Euripides, the epics of Homer and Virgil, or the history of Greece, Rome and Byzantium, you will be able to find a programme suited to your interests and ambitions.

Programmes
MA (Hons)
Ancient & Medieval History V190
Ancient History V110
Ancient History & Classical Archaeology V171
Ancient History & Greek V172
Ancient History & Latin V174
Classical & Middle East Studies QT86
Classical Archaeology & Greek QV84
Classical Archaeology & Latin QV46
Classical Studies Q810
Classics Q800
Classics & English Language QQ83
Classics & Linguistics QQ81
Greek Studies Q700
Latin Studies Q600

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 cultures that the Greeks and Romans came into contact with, of the Greek and Latin-speaking civilisations that followed them, and of the reception of classical heritage in the modern world. You will learn from our range of expert teaching staff, who are drawn from many European countries and maintain 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 learn 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 selection of courses in classics and related disciplines. In Years 1 and 2 you can also choose option courses from subjects as diverse as astronomy, law, criminology, and modern languages, subject to availability and to timetabling restrictions.

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, archaeology, divinity, English or Scottish literature, French, German, history, Italian, philosophy, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies or Spanish.

Career opportunities
You’ll gain practical, intellectual and theoretical skills that are highly valued by employers. You’ll gain rigorous mental training in a range of disciplines, enabling you to demonstrate intellectual flexibility and the ability to adapt to new situations and to learn new skills.

By working with distant sources and inconclusive evidence, you’ll learn to think logically and to develop sound research and analytical skills. You’ll learn how to make links between what you already know and what you still need to find out. You’ll be taught how to compile and critically evaluate evidence in order to formulate and present an argument coherently.

Classics graduates have gone on to pursue a range of career paths. Previous graduates now work in journalism, museums, teaching, IT, publishing, the armed forces, the legal profession and the civil service.

Year by year…

Ancient History
Year 1
You will complete four survey courses on the history and culture of the Greek and Roman worlds from archaic Greece to the later Roman empire. You will also choose two options, usually from outside classics.
Year 2
Your curriculum includes two thematically organised courses in ancient history, two further courses which should follow on from those passed in Year 1, and a further two courses from a wide range of options.
Year 3
You will select four ancient history honours courses, and two further courses from ancient history, classical art/archaeology, classical literature in translation or beginners’/intermediate language courses.
Year 4
You will study two ancient history honours courses, two courses in any of ancient history, classical art/archaeology, classical literature in translation or beginners’/intermediate language, and you will write a double-weighted dissertation on a topic of your choice in classics.

Classics
Year 1
You will take two courses from beginners’ or advanced intermediate Greek, and two courses from beginners’ or advanced intermediate Latin. You will also choose two courses from a range of options.
Year 2
You will take two advanced courses in each of Latin and Greek. Additionally, you will choose two courses from a broad range of options.
Year 3
You will take two courses in Greek and Latin Language, as well as three further Greek and Latin honours courses. The remaining course may be taken from honours courses in ancient history, classical art/archaeology, classical literature in translation, Greek or Latin.
Year 4
You will write a double-weighted dissertation on a topic of your choice in classics. You will also take two Greek and two Latin honours courses.

You may also be interested in
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Archaeology & Ancient History
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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/34

Dylan Bage
MA (Hons) Classics graduate

“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.”

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Study abroad?
Yes
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.

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.

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

MA (Hons) Cognitive Science graduate

You may also be interested in

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Psychology Page 72
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Philosophy Page 68

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 and a course on the structure of language, 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.

Years 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.
Design at the University of Edinburgh

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.

Programmes

BA (Hons) Animation W615

You will be introduced to the theoretical and fundamental practical methods of design through a number of compulsory courses in your chosen subject. You will also be able to take option courses from across the wider University.

Year 1
You will be introduced to the theoretical and fundamental practical methods of design through a number of compulsory courses in your chosen subject. You will also be able to take option courses from across the wider University.

Year 2
Through compulsory courses in your subject and options chosen from across the wider College you will focus on the development of your work through interdisciplinary collaborations and design projects, that will develop your design methods.

Year 3
In your compulsory courses you will undertake a series of externally focused projects, including competitions, exhibitions and industry collaborations. We also offer opportunities for exchange programmes and internship depending on your subject.

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.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/59
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 desks, staffed by our best students, offer help and support when you need it most.

Introducing Economics

There has never been a more exciting time to study economics. The ongoing consequences of the last economic crisis 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 in demand by national and international organisations.

Joint honours

Economics can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with a range of subjects, including business, Chinese and social policy.

Additional costs

There are required textbooks that you will use in your Year 1 and 2 courses.

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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Programmes

MA (Hons)
Economics L100
Economics & Accounting LN14
Economics & Economic History LV13
Economics & Mathematics LG11
Economics & Politics LL12
Economics & Sociology LL13
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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAAAA to ABBB.
A Levels A*AA to ABB.
IB 43 points (grades 776 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

For LG11 (Economics & Mathematics)
the minimum grades for Highers are AABB
and for A Levels A*AA to ABB.

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/17

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/17

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Education

Why choose Education at the University of Edinburgh?
Moray 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 University Rankings by Subject 2016 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 exercise research, and in the UK top five and top 10 respectively.

Introducing 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 clear commitment to social justice. On all 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 teacher education programmes provide an excellent foundation for a career in teaching and are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCSC). Upon graduation, UK students will be guaranteed a one-year teaching induction post in a Scottish School:
www.gtcs.org.uk

Our MA (Hon) Physical Education teacher education programme is unique within the UK in preparing you to teach physical education to pupils across the 3-18 age range. Our MA (Hon) Primary Education with Gaelic programmes prepare you to teach the full range of the pre-school curriculum for children through the medium of Gaelic, as well as in English.

Community education
Our programmes include adult education and community and youth work. All approved by the Community Learning and Development Standards Council for Scotland.

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

Additional costs
All of our programmes offer field trips or work-based placements. You may incur residential costs on field trips and travel costs on placement. All successful applicants must join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme, which will currently cost you £1859. For MA (Hon) Physical Education, you will require approximately £366 of clothing for practical sessions and placements.

Advice for applicants
Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Higher ABB to AAAAA.
A Levels ABB.
IB 36 points (grades 665 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

Additional requirements
An interview. Successful applicants will also be required to join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme.

Please note
This indicates the overall standard required. However, we consider all applications.

Study abroad?
No

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/14

Year by year...

Childhood practice
This work-based programme is for students with 120 Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) Credits at level 7/B, or equivalent, working in a relevant childcare environment. You enter directly into Year 2.
Year 2
You will study Children and Childhood, 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 undertake 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 & 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 Gaelic
Year 1
You study 40 credits of each of primary studies, educational studies and Gaelic. Some courses include placements in schools.
Year 2
You study 40 credits of each of primary studies, Gaelic and humanities. Primary education courses include placements in schools.
Year 3 (Earners)
You will spend a year at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye, focusing on developing your Gaelic. You will complete An Cùrsa Dhàlraigh and develop professional values of trust, respect, integrity, and a clear commitment to social justice.
Year 4 (Fluent)/Year 5 (Learners)
You undertake a year-long school placement which includes extensive experience of both Gaelic and English-medium primary education. You will experience a range of school stages and develop professional skills and abilities to prepare for your induction year. You will also study 20 credits each of primary studies and Gaelic in Scotland coming back in to the University on specific weeks for classes.

Career opportunities
You may go on to teach your chosen age group or subject, pursue leadership roles within your school or go on to postgraduate study. Opportunities also exist in community learning and development in public and voluntary sectors, adult education, youth work, and childcare management.

Programmes
BA – 3 years
Childhood Practice
BA (Hon) Community Education X320
MA (Hon) – 4 years
Physical Education XC61
Primary Education with Gaelic (Fluent) X169
Primary Education with Gaelic (Learners) X367

Teacher education
Our teacher education programmes provide an excellent foundation for a career in teaching and are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland (GTCSC). Upon graduation, UK students will be guaranteed a one-year teaching induction post in a Scottish School:
www.gtcs.org.uk

Our MA (Hon) Primary Education with Gaelic programmes prepare you to teach the full range of the pre-school curriculum for children through the medium of Gaelic, as well as in English.

Please note
It is important that applicants for teacher education programmes 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
We offer primary and secondary teacher education for graduates via a one year Professional Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) – please apply through UCAS – and a two year MSc Transformative Teaching & Learning. Please visit:
www.ed.ac.uk/education
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 the language has changed in the course of its history.

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.

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.

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 spoken and written English, and at the patterns of linguistic change as it has occurred in and beyond the UK.

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.

Study abroad

There are opportunities to study abroad in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America through the Erasmus scheme and the University’s international exchange programme.

Programmes

MA (Hons)

- English Language Q302
- English Language & Literature Q300

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:

- SQA Highers: AAAB–ABB
- A Levels: AAB to ABB
- IB: 36 points (grades 665 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/43

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

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You may also be interested in

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Year by year...

Year 1

You will take our carefully designed introductory course, which introduces principles of theoretical linguistics.

You will study how we learn language, regional and social variations generally and of English in particular, and communication methods. If you are studying a joint honours you will also take courses from your other subject.

Year 2

You will take four further semester-long courses (two in the case of some joint honours programmes) looking at linguistic theory and research techniques, the structure of spoken and written English, and at the patterns of linguistic change as it has occurred in and beyond the UK.

Year 3

You can start to specialise and choose the topics that interest you most. Courses available at this level include Reading Old English, Dialects of Britain and Ireland, Global Englishes, English Word Formation, History of Scots and many more.

Year 4

You will continue to choose specialist modules according to your interests. You will also take a specialised research training course before starting your honours dissertation, regarded by many as the most valuable experience of their undergraduate studies.

“My programme is not only equipping me with skills that I can use for my future career, but also with the tools and attributes to look at the bigger picture.”

Bryan Tan

3rd year MA (Hons) English Language & Literature
English Literature & Scottish Literature

At a glance

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. Several creative writing magazines are produced from within English literature and our student newspaper has developed good contacts with the Edinburgh and Glasgow press.

The study of English literature includes 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, French, German, history of art, Italian, philosophy, Portuguese, religious studies, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies, Scottish ethnology or Spanish.

In addition, English literature can be studied with English language. 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.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/32

Programmes

MA (Hons) English & Scottish Literature QQ32
English Literature Q306
English Literature & Classics QQ38
English Literature & History QV41
Scottish Literature Q531
Scottish Literature & Classics QQ48
Scottish Literature & History QQ77
Scottish Literature & Scottish History QV22

You may also be interested in

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Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAAAA-AAAAA† to ABBB.
A Levels 766 to 777 at HL 666 to 777 at HL
IB 33 points (grades 776 at HL)-39 points (grades 666 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/32

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 and 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.

"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
3rd year MA (Hons) English Language & Literature

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

Why choose French at the University of Edinburgh?

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 by Subject 2016, modern languages at Edinburgh was rated 4th in the UK and 17th 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.

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 Francais d’Ecosse 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 effectively in 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 courses 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 expert teaching staff offer you a very supportive learning environment. In addition to our 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.

You will be able to join the French theatre group or the debating group and to take part in the French Film Club. We have close links with the French Institute in Edinburgh. We organise joint events throughout the year, such as the Journée de la Francophonie and guest speakers.

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, ISIT (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. 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 and Switzerland, 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

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ugj44

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French & Social Policy

French & Scandinavian Studies

French & Russian Studies

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French & Politics

French cultural scene, including an active French theatre society and French film screenings and festivals.

Year by year…

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Year 2

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 courses 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 expert teaching staff offer you a very supportive learning environment. In addition to our 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.

You will be able to join the French theatre group or the debating group and to take part in the French Film Club. We have close links with the French Institute in Edinburgh. We organise joint events throughout the year, such as the Journée de la Francophonie and guest speakers.

Study abroad

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Additional costs

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German

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Programmes
MA (Hons) German R220
German & Business RN21
German & Classics QR82
German & English Language QR32
German & English Literature RQ23
German & History RV21
German & History of Art RV23
German & Italian RR23
German & Linguistics RQ21
German & Philosophy RV25
German & Politics RL22
German & Portuguese RR25
German & Russian Studies RR27
German & Scandinavian Studies RR26
German & Scottish Literature RQ25
German & Social Policy RL24
German & Spanish RR24

Why choose German at the University of Edinburgh?
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 by Subject 2016, modern languages at Edinburgh was rated 4th in the UK and 17th 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.

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

Study abroad

Year 1 will be your year abroad. You will spend time studying, teaching or working in a German-speaking country.

The University currently has Erasmus exchange programmes with universities in Berlin, Augsburg, Heidelberg, Essen, Tubingen, Freiburg, Leipzig, Mainz and Vienna.

If you are studying more than one language you will divide your time abroad between two countries.

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.

“There is a great atmosphere in the German section and the teaching staff are very friendly and approachable. Language skills are a great asset on your CV when applying for jobs.”

Laura Little
MA (Hons) German graduate

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 culture component that focuses on themes such as epic theatre, comedy and social criticism, textual scholarship, poetry after Auschwitz, 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, and society.

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

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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 option course in community engagement, opening up a pathway to new abilities, work experience and community-based learning.

Introducing Health, Science & Society

We live in a global age of increasing life expectancy but chronic health conditions are rising and infectious disease is showing no signs of disappearing. This programme will help you to understand the social dimensions of health and illness, preparing you to contribute to improving the lives of people on this planet.

Drawing upon a range of disciplinary perspectives, you will address three broad themes: societies and communities; individuals, personhood and experience; and healthcare, social care and professional development. You will explore this important field of human experience across diverse social contexts, applied to real-world settings.

You will examine how social, political and economic organisation contribute to health and illness and to the distribution of these across societies, communities and social groups. You will also look at culture and language and how these influence the ways in which people experience health and illness.

Integral to your learning will be the concept of care and its delivery and the development of critical understandings of the contributions individuals, communities and policy-makers make to health outcomes.

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/co-ordination. The programme provides a foundation for further professional career development or further study.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at

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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. Hispanic Studies at Edinburgh is, thanks to the diverse expertise of our staff and the rich Hispanic culture of Edinburgh, your gateway to an extraordinary range of culture, from medieval to contemporary and from poetry to popular film, from Europe, Latin America, and Africa, in small languages such as Basque as well as in the great world languages that are Spanish and Portuguese.

You will spend a year of your programme working or studying in the Iberian Peninsula or Latin America.

Introducing Hispanic Studies

The countries where Spanish and Portuguese are spoken have a fascinatingly rich and diverse culture. Our programmes and our enthusiastic, expert staff reflect this diversity through courses ranging from medieval poetry to contemporary film from Europe and Latin America.

We also offer courses in Catalan and Basque language, in addition to Portuguese and Spanish. Hispanic culture flourishes in Edinburgh, with a thriving Centre for Contemporary Latin American Studies, an annual Spanish film festival, and an annual student-led Spanish play.

Spanish

Studying Spanish at Edinburgh encompasses the study not only of the language but also of Hispanic culture and history. Our resources and our expertise will give you privileged access to all major areas of Hispanic language and culture, from Catalunya to Argentina and from Latin American indigenous film-making to Castilian ballads. Our dedicated staff (including many foreign language assistants) will ensure a supportive learning environment for your studies.

Portuguese

Portuguese is one of the world's most important languages, spoken across Europe, in Brazil and in Africa. Study at the University encompasses learning about the fascinating literatures and cultures of these countries, as well as the language.

Study abroad

In Year 3 you will spend time in Spain, Portugal or Latin America. The University currently has exchanges with universities in Almeria, Barcelona (Autònoma), Cáceres, Córdoba, Madrid (Complutense and Autònoma), Salamanca, Seville, Granada, Alcalá de Henares, Málaga, Valladolid, Buenos Aires (San Andrés), Chile (Pontificia Universidad Católica), México (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), Puebla (Universidad de las Américas), São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro (Pontificia Universidad Católica), Coimbra, and Lisbon.

Additional costs

The normal residence 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.

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Career opportunities

The employment statistics for our graduates are impressive, as is the range of careers they go into. Hispanic Studies provides you with communication and analytical skills that are valued by a variety of employers. Some of our graduates choose to apply the languages they have learned for teaching, translation or research; more of them apply their skills to journalism, the civil service, business management, publishing, or law (after completing further qualifications), or indeed any career that requires disciplined and imaginative thinking.

Hispanic Studies student

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

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Programmes

MA (Hons) Economic History V300
History V100
History & Archaeology VV1K
History & Classics VQ18
History & History of Art VV13
History & Politics LV21
History & Scottish History VV12

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Career opportunities

At Edinburgh our courses cover a wide range of different periods, from early medieval history to the contemporary world. Geographically, we explore the history of Britain, Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia.

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.

Whatever path you choose, you’ll be able to deepen your exploration of subject areas that you have studied previously and will have the opportunity to explore something completely new.

Joint honours

History can be studied as part of a joint honours programme with Arabic, archaeology, Chinese, classics, economics, English or Scottish literature, French, German, Italian, law, politics, Portuguese, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies or Spanish. 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.

Year by year...

Year 1

History courses you take in Year 1 are broad survey courses that will emphasise processes and patterns within wide chronological and geographical frameworks, designed to prepare you for more specialised study in Years 3 and 4. You will also take a skills course that engages with broader questions about the nature of history as an academic discipline and the methods and skills required for historical research. The chronology, geography and themes you cover will depend on the programme you study. You will also choose from a wide range of option courses.

Year 2

You will continue to study a range of histories, deepening your knowledge of particular geographical regions, chronological periods, and themes. Courses currently cover various periods and themes in American, Asian, African, European, British, and Scottish history, although what you will study will vary depending on your chosen programme. You will also study a further skills course and choose from a wide range of option courses.

Year 3

You will study additional skills courses that reflect on history as a discipline and introduce you to the practice of historical research. You will also choose from a range of specialist courses, allowing you either to focus on a specific aspect of history or to continue with a broad curriculum. The courses on offer are diverse and vary each year but current courses cover many different subjects such as the French Revolution, the Third Reich, gender in the Middle Ages, the American Civil War, and Chinese economic history since the Opium Wars.

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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.

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.

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.

Edinburgh is a historic city where the earliest human habitation is traced back to a Mesolithic campsite dated c.8500 BCE. You will walk the cobbled streets that have been home to famous historical figures including Mary Queen of Scots, Adam Smith, Alexander Graham Bell and Robert Louis Stevenson.

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History of Art

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Programmes

MA (Hons)
History of Art V350
History of Art & Architectural History V360
History of Art & Chinese Studies TV13
History of Art & English Literature VQ33
History of Art & History of Music VV33
History of Art & Scottish Literature VQ35

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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. You will also have access to Edinburgh’s renowned art galleries and museums.

Study abroad

There are opportunities to study abroad in Europe and North America and you can complete gallery placements during your third year.

Placements

In Year 3, if you do not go abroad, you will have the option of pursuing three forms of independent project: the critical portfolio, which explores the role of art critic and art criticism; the analytical project, which focuses on a specific object, theory or text; or a work placement, which involves a supervised position within Edinburgh’s many museums, galleries, special collections and heritage management institutions.

Joint honours

History of art can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with a language or teaching, after additional training, you may be able to choose one option course from another subject area.

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.

“I have loved 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 course from another subject area.

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.
Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/52

“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. Depending on your programme, you will also take courses in Islamic history, the religion of Islam, and Middle Eastern cultures as well as courses from other subject areas.

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, Islamic and Middle Eastern Cultures and two option courses of their choice. Students of Middle Eastern studies take Modern Middle Eastern History, and two option courses 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.
Italian

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A Levels AAA-AAB to ABB.
IB 39 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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Programmes

MA (Hons)
Italian K310
Italian & Business RN31
Italian & Classics QR33
Italian & English Language QR33
Italian & English Literature KQ43
Italian & History RV31
Italian & History of Art RV33
Italian & Linguistics RJ31
Italian & Philosophy RV35
Italian & Politics RL23
Italian & Portuguese RR35
Italian & Russian Studies RRH7
Italian & Scandinavian Studies RK36
Italian & Scottish Literature RQ39
Italian & Social Policy RL34
Italian & Spanish RR34

Why choose Italian at the University of Edinburgh?

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 by Subject 2016, modern languages at Edinburgh was rated 4th in the UK and 17th 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.

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.

Study abroad

You will spend Year 3 in Italy.

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.

Career opportunities

As a graduate of Italian, your employment prospects will be very good. You will have a remarkable range of career options available to you. Previous graduates have gone into careers as varied as publishing, banking, journalism, IT and teaching. Some are working for international aid organisations or within the European Commission, the diplomatic service and the United Nations. There are also opportunities to continue studying in the UK, Italy or the US.

“...”

Niamh Keenan
MA (Hons) Italian & English Literature graduate

Year by year...

Year 1
You will study the foundations of the Italian language, both written and spoken. You will also take courses on Italian history, literature and cinema.

Year 2
You will develop your mastery of the Italian language, in preparation for the year abroad. The Italian literature, history and culture that you will study spans from the Middle Ages to contemporary Italy.

Year 3
You will spend your third year abroad, either studying at a university or working in an approved placement.

Year 4
Your final year will combine advanced language courses with a choice of option courses that will give you access to the full range of Italian culture, from Dante to modern cinema and avant-garde literature.
Japanese Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

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 both previously winning Best Course in the Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards.

Introducing Japanese

Over the past 150 years Japan has experienced change at breakneck pace, but has nevertheless retained its fascinating cultural heritage. At Edinburgh you will receive the linguistic and academic training 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, international relations, economics, religion, art, cinema, literature and philosophy.

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 3 or 4, although most students do spend their third year in Japan studying business courses delivered in English.

Study abroad

You will study abroad in Year 3.

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.

Programmes

MA (Hons)

Japanese T210
Japanese & Linguistics TQ21

International Business with Japanese

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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 and investment, law, or go into publishing or management consultancy.

“...the 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

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You will study abroad in Year 3.

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You may also be interested in

International Business with Japanese

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Landscape Architecture

Why choose Landscape Architecture at the University of Edinburgh?

We are one of the UK’s largest schools of architecture and landscape architecture with a respected international profile. We regularly host acclaimed visiting scholars, practitioners and critics. Our students go on to achieve high levels of recognition and success and they regularly win the Landscape Institute’s Student Portfolio Prize and Student Dissertation Prize.

With fascinating geological, ecological, rural, post-industrial, cultural and urban design phenomena and sites in close reach, you have fertile ground to study and work with. You will have access to significant designed landscapes of all types, from the garden to the region, such as Ian Hamilton Finlay’s Little Sparta and Scotland’s many historic landscape sites.

Introducing Landscape Architecture

Landscape architecture is a creative discipline that focuses on intervention in the landscape through imaginative design, strategic thinking and scientific precision. It analyses, represents, reclaims, reinvents and constructs landscapes as places with meaning. It is positioned at the interface between art and design, and the physical, natural and social sciences.

Our programme is committed to educating designers who are creative, inventive, intelligent, rigorous and ethical in their practice as both students and professionals. Our staff are also designers, makers and theorists who engage with landscapes that are local and global in their ongoing research and practice.

Our programme is structured in three interconnected strands: design, theory and techniques. We have a unique relationship with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, where you will learn about plants and horticulture from world-leading researchers and scientists. You will have the opportunity to take up practical placement opportunities worldwide. We also offer exchange opportunities with renowned landscape architecture institutions in Europe and Australia.

Study abroad

You can study abroad by taking advantage of exchange opportunities in Year 3. We have exchange partners in Australia and throughout Europe under the Erasmus programme. In semester 2 of Year 3, you’ll have the opportunity to take up practical placements in the UK and worldwide.

Placements

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

Additional costs

You will need to purchase specialist equipment such as a laptop and pay for drawing and model-making materials. You will also have to pay printing costs. Self-funded fieldwork and study tours are undertaken as part of the programme.

Accreditation

We are in the process of submitting documentation to the Landscape Institute for their next Accreditation Meeting to be held in January 2017. The Landscape Institute have confirmed that the programme is likely to receive Candidate Accreditation status at this meeting. This is the usual accreditation outcome in advance of the first graduating cohort of the programme.

Full programme accreditation is usually awarded at this point and retrospectively applied to all students. We are also in the process of developing a three-year BA programme which will enable accelerated progress or development, and may be selected by students towards the end of Year 2.

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Architectural History & Heritage

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Why choose Law at the University of Edinburgh?
Edinburgh Law School has been educating and training some of the world’s finest legal minds for more than 300 years. We 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 2017) and you will be taught by staff who are leaders in their field, in a School renowned for its international and interdisciplinary outlook.

Studying in Scotland’s capital, you will be at the heart of Edinburgh’s legal centre, with the highest courts in Scotland a five-minute walk away, and will have access to some of the best academic law materials in Europe in our law library.

Introducing Law
Our Law School has a strong international reputation for research and our teaching staff offer expertise across a wide range of legal fields. There is a vibrant law student community which organises many social, careers and other law-related events.

Programmes
LLB – 2 years
Law (Graduate Entry) M115

LLB – 4 years
Law (Ordinary & Honours) M114
Law & Accountancy NN14
Law & Business MN11
Law & Celtic MQ15
Law & Economics ML11
Law & French MR11
Law & German MR12
Law & History MV11
Law & International Relations ML1F
Law & Politics ML12
Law & Social Anthropology ML16
Law & Social Policy ML14
Law & Sociology ML13
Law & Spanish MR14

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.

Some of our programmes require a year of study abroad. For other students, study abroad is an option.

Careers
After graduating, you can progress to the professional level in Scotland by completing the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice, followed by a traineeship with a legal firm, to qualify as an advocate. You can then opt to go to the Bar, to qualify as an advocate.

There are also opportunities for Scottish-qualified lawyers to practise in other jurisdictions, including other member states of the European Union.

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Law (Ordinary & Honours)

Year 1
You will be introduced to general legal principles and legal techniques and will study compulsory courses including Scottish Legal System, Critical Legal Thinking, Contract Law and European Union law.

Some of our programmes require a degree of language ability as you will be taught in the language of the host country. This includes France, Germany, Spain and Chile. However, we also operate several exchanges in Europe (including Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands), North America (the USA and Canada) and the Far East (Singapore and Hong Kong), where your study abroad will be taught in English.

Joint honours
Law is offered with a range of other subjects. If you intend to proceed to qualification as a lawyer in Scotland, please contact the School to check if your chosen joint honours programme allows you to cover all required fields for progression.

Career opportunities
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Programmes
MA (Hons)
Linguistics Q100
Linguistics & English Language Q031
Linguistics & Social Anthropology Q116

Why choose Linguistics at the University of Edinburgh?
We are ranked third in the world by the QS World
University Rankings by Subject 2016 and fifth in the
UK by the Complete University Guide 2017.
In the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014,
our linguistics research was rated best in the UK.
We achieve high student satisfaction. Students find
the course intellectually stimulating and describe 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.

Career opportunities
A linguistics qualification is a good foundation for professions such
as speech therapy or adult literacy, or for teaching English as a foreign
language. Linguistics graduates work in a wide range of different fields
such as journalism, international relations, translation, marketing, and
social research. Recent graduates have taken up funded places in MSc
programmes or have found employment in speech technology research.

Year by year...
Year 1
You will take four introductory courses, which introduces
you to the principles of theoretical linguistics. You will also study the way we
learn language, the regional and social
variations of language in general, and of the English language in particular,
and methods of communication. If you are studying English language as part of
a joint honours programme you will also
take courses from your other subject area.

Year 2
You will take ten further semester-long
courses (two in the case of some joint
honours programmes) looking at linguistic
theory and research techniques, the
structure of spoken and written English
and other languages, and at the evolution
of language and the patterns of linguistic
change as it has occurred in and beyond
the UK.

Year 3
You will study compulsory courses and
choose from a range of advanced
linguistics courses such as Child
Bilingualism, Origins and Evolution of
Language, Speech Production and
Perception and Pragmatics. If you are
studying a joint honours in linguistics with
a language you will spend your third year
studying or working abroad.

Year 4
In your fourth year you will continue
to choose specialist courses according
to your interests. You will also take a
specialised research training course
before starting your honours dissertation,
regarded by many as the most formative
experience of their undergraduate studies.

Further information and programme-specific
entry requirements at
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“It’s brilliant how
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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’s Reid 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) programme 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 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 or education, or for further advanced study. Graduates will be ready for careers in recording, broadcast media or the commercial music industries, or might develop a career as an artist, teacher or programmer. The transferrable 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.

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, Harmony and Music Criticism, 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 study Music and Ideas, exploring music theory, history in its cultural contexts from the medieval to the modern, and Analysis. You will also deepen your study and practice of Composition, Style Studies and Performance and Keyboard Skills.

**Year 3**
You will take Research Methods in Music, and will be free to specialise in areas of music that most interest you, with some restriction to ensure breadth. You can select options in composition (both creative and in historical styles), performance and studio-based courses, a wide variety of specialist history topics, music psychology, acoustics and music in the community. You may also take up to 40 credits in courses outside of music, in either Year 3 or 4.

**Year 4**
You will select courses that build on your third year and undertake one or more of a range of subjects: a portfolio of compositions, a dissertation, or an edition.

**MA (Hons) Music**

**Year 1**
You will study analysis (ways of Listening), performance (intercultural Musical Performance), and cultural studies (Instruments, Music and Technology). Performance skills are taught in practical workshops in areas such as North Indian music and contemporary improvisation.

**Year 2**
Cultural studies continue including psychology of music or the history and practice of music festivals. Alternatively you may study a foundation in digital music (Theory & Practice of Music Technology), or, if you have an A in Higher or A Level Music, pursue music history and analysis options. You will choose options from music and other subject areas.

**Year 3**
You will be introduced to programming and to creative music technology, and will deepen your composition and mathematics skills. You will also have the opportunity to take additional courses in music and to take up to 40 credits in an outside subject.

**Year 4**
You will expand your knowledge of computer programming, acoustics and creative music technology with compulsory courses in Musical Applications of Fourier Theory and Digital Signal Processing, Computer Programming for Music Technology and Algorithmic Composition and Signal Processing. You will also have the opportunity to focus on areas of music composition and history that interest you and to take additional music technology courses. You may also take up to 40 credits in courses outside of Music, in either Year 3 or 4.

**BMus (Hons) Music Technology**

**Year 1**
You will take a range of courses across music technology, music, physics, and mathematics. These include Sound Recording, Music and Technologies, Listening and Musical Information, Informational Style Studies, Music Analysis, Musical Acoustics, and Mathematics for Music Technology.

**Year 2**
You will study the interaction between music and other arts, such as film, animation and installation and participate in collaborations.

**Year 3**
You will study additional music courses or an outside subject, and receive a bursary for tuition in up to two instruments.

**Year 4**
You will complete a dissertation or major performance or installation (Environmental Music), or study advanced options. You can select specialist music options and courses from other subject areas.

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Career opportunities

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“``I really enjoyed my time at Edinburgh because of the flexibility of the degree. It enabled me to study a variety of courses that didn’t limit me to a specific discipline. The staff provided excellent feedback and were always keen to offer more support.”``

Victoria Carmichael  
BMus (Hons) Music graduate
Why choose Nursing Studies at the University of Edinburgh?

We are consistently ranked among the best in the UK for nursing (first in the Guardian University Guide 2017). 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 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 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 healthcare 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.

Study abroad

There are opportunities to complete an elective placement abroad in Year 3. We also ran a semester-long exchange with an Australian university for the first time in 2016.

Placements

Clinical practice placements are provided by NHS Lothian and NHS Borders. You should expect to be placed across these two health boards during your programme. You will work with a trained mentor on placement.

Additional costs

Expenses for travel to and from clinical placements can be reclaimed 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.

In Year 3 there is an opportunity to undertake a single semester exchange with La Trobe University, Australia, for which you will be liable for visa, immunisation, travel and living costs. You will also undertake an elective clinical placement, either abroad or elsewhere in the UK. All visa, immunisation, travel and living costs associated with this placement will be borne by you.

Nursing studies students are required to join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAB to ABB.
A Levels AAB to ABB.
IB 36 points (grades 665 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

Additional requirements

An interview. Successful applicants will also be required to join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme.

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/13

Programmes

BN (Hons)
Nursing Studies 8700

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

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.

Year by year...

| Year 1 | The first two years provide an introduction to nursing care and theory, and to the sociological and psychological aspects of healthcare. You will study the compulsory courses Life Sciences (anatomy-and physiology-based), Healthy Communities (investigating the impact of society on health), Professionalism and Evidence and Research. You will also choose two options courses from subjects across the University. You will gain clinical experience in your first year through community and medical ward placements. |
| Year 2 | As well as progressing your study of life sciences in Nursing Care and Decision Making, Healthy Communities, Professionalism and Evidence and Research, you will also study Mental Health and Wellbeing. Your placements build on the Year 1 experience with a further community placement, mental health placement and surgical or outpatient experience. |
| Year 3 | You will continue to deepen your study of Professionalism and Evidence and Research, as well as studying Management of Transitions, which focuses on care of the older person and Cultural Diversity and Care: Immersion Experience which includes the elective clinical placement. You will also choose two honours option courses. Clinical experience includes care of the older person and a clinical experience linked to one of your honours options. You will also organise a clinical placement either in the UK or abroad. |
| Year 4 | You will choose a further two honours options, study Professionalism 4 and complete your dissertation. Your clinical practice will include an honours linked placement and a 12-week placement consolidating your clinical competence. |

Ruth Barker
BN (Hons) Nursing Studies graduate

“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.”
Philosophy

Why choose Philosophy at the University of Edinburgh?

We were ranked 21st in the world for philosophy in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 and among the top 20 universities in the UK for philosophy by the Guardian University Guide 2017.

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 allows you to think about some of the great philosophical questions 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 illuminates the 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.

You may also be interested in

Classics

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Linguistics

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Theology & Religious Studies

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Programmes

MA (Hons)

Philosophy V500

Philosophy & Economics V651

Philosophy & English Language VQ03

Philosophy & English Literature VQ53

Philosophy & Greek QV75

Philosophy & Linguistics VQ51

Philosophy & Mathematics VC51

Philosophy & Politics V512

Philosophy & Psychology VC58

Philosophy & Scottish Literature VQ55

You will take two courses:

Year 1

Morality and Value

Knowledge and Reality

Themes in Epistemology

Philosophy of Time

Year 2

Theories of Existence

Philosophy of Science

Responsibility

Philosophy of Mind

Year 3

Ancient

Medieval

Modern

Year 4

You will start to specialise. You will choose six courses from a range linked to our areas of expertise. These include: Philosophy of Time; Free Will and Moral Responsibility; Metaphysics of Mind; Themes in Epistemology; and Ancient Theories of Existence.

Career opportunities

You will study Creat: From Plato to the Enlightenment, Morality and Value and Logic 1. These courses introduce you to key topics in the history of philosophy, morality and ethics, and the nature of argument. You can also choose to take Philosophy of Science 1, which looks at the basic assumptions of science.

You will take two courses: Mind, Matter and Language and Knowledge and Reality. You can also choose to take courses in other subjects, such as sociology and politics, that cover topics related to philosophy.

You will choose another four to six courses from the wide variety available. You will also complete either an independent dissertation or a coursework dissertation via two extended essays on topics of your choice.

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

Philosophy

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Philosophy
Politics & International Relations

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants
Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAAAAA to ABBB.
A Levels 36 points (grades 776 at HL)-40 points (grades 766 at HL)-40 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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Programmes
MA (Hons) International Relations L250
International Relations & International Law L249
International Relations with Quantitative Methods 2W3A
Politics L200
Politics & Economic and Social History 1V23
Politics with Quantitative Methods 8M9D

If you are interested in studying quantitative methods, you may also be interested in:
Government, Policy & Society/Social Policy with Quantitative Methods Page 84
Sociology with Quantitative Methods Page 88

Politics/International Relations with Quantitative Methods (QM)

Studying these programmes could prepare you for a variety of exciting and well-remunerated careers. You will be offered a work placement with 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 these programmes will have a CV that stands out.

Jointhonours
You can also choose to study politics as part of a joint honours programme with one of the following subjects: Arabic, economics, economic and social history, French, geography, German, history, Italian, law, Persian, philosophy, Portuguese, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies, social anthropology, social policy, sociology or Spanish.

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 staff offer 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.

Politics

Year 3
You will choose courses from a wide range of politics and international relations options, and complete an honours dissertation on a topic of your choice.

Study abroad
There are opportunities to study abroad in your third year through the Erasmus programme or the University’s international exchange programme.

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.

“Programme is empowering me with the knowledge and skills to confront political and social problems such as gender, income, and educational inequality. It is placing me in a position which will allow me to make real change.”

Nellis Peters Williams 4th year MA (Hons) Politics & International Relations
Psychology

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Study abroad: Yes.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
- SQA Highers: AAAB to ABBB.
- A Levels: A/A to BBB.
- IB: 38 points (grades 666 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

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Programmes

BSc (Hons)
Psychology C800
MA (Hons)
Psychology C801
Psychology & Business CN81
Psychology & Economics C281
Psychology & Linguistics C081

You may also be interested in:
- Cognitive Science (Humanities)
- Linguistics
- Philosophy & Psychology
- Sociology & Psychology

Introducing Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind, brain, and behaviour. It focuses on building and testing theories to help 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.

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 ranked 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. This includes labs in Years 1 and 2, 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.

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 will be able to 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 pre-honours courses from the College of Science & Engineering.

Although the BSc typically suits students with a stronger science background, psychology itself is typically 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. You can devise your study abroad with our Year Abroad advisers and with advice from your Personal Tutor and Edinburgh Global, the University's international office.

Joint honours

Psychology can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with business, economics, linguistics, philosophy, or sociology. It can also be studied as part of our cognitive science (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 will continue to study core areas of psychology, along with clinical psychology. You will practise and develop your professional and study skills, such as literature searching, report writing and ethical awareness. You will also complete a year-long, intensive grounding in research methods and statistics to prepare you for Year 3.

Year 3

You will take an advanced tutorial course to help you critically analyse psychology research papers. To support your research work, you will complete further specialist courses in research methods and statistics, and practise qualitative as well as quantitative research methods. You will choose advanced courses in psychology, expanding upon and combining the core areas required for British Psychological Society accreditation, and complete research work in small groups.

Year 4

Alongside a small group tutorial course and a major, original research dissertation, you will undertake further advanced psychology courses. These courses are research-led and will allow you to learn about cutting edge topics across the range of psychology sub-disciplines.

Year by year...

Year 1

Through lectures and tutorials, you will complete a general introduction to psychology, covering cognitive neuroscience, developmental psychology, the psychology of memory and perception, individual differences, language and thinking, and social psychology. You will also discover basic concepts in research methods and statistics, and you will have a practical introduction to laboratory-based psychology research.

Year 2

You will continue to study core areas of psychology, along with clinical psychology. You will practise and develop your professional and study skills, such as literature searching, report writing and ethical awareness. You will also complete a year-long, intensive grounding in research methods and statistics to prepare you for Year 3.

Year 3

You will take an advanced tutorial course to help you critically analyse psychology research papers. To support your research work, you will complete further specialist courses in research methods and statistics, and practise qualitative as well as quantitative research methods. You will choose advanced courses in psychology, expanding upon and combining the core areas required for British Psychological Society accreditation, and complete research work in small groups.

Year 4

Alongside a small group tutorial course and a major, original research dissertation, you will undertake further advanced psychology courses. These courses are research-led and will allow you to learn about cutting edge topics across the range of psychology sub-disciplines.

“Psychology is all about understanding people. As well as developing logical and methodological skills, studying psychology helps you learn what can drive, inspire, and motivate people.”

Stephen Jones

4th year MA (Hons) Psychology
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 by Subject 2016, modern languages at Edinburgh was rated 4th in the UK and 17th 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 rich and thorough command and appreciation of Russian language, literature and culture. In addition to acquiring solid language skills, you will study Russian literature, film and media, Russian language culture 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.

You will also have access to Russian television and to a rich Russian film collection.

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. Previous placements in Russia have included Moscow, St. Petersburg and Kazan.

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, academia, publishing, translation and law.

Programmes

MA (Hons)

Russian Studies R700
Russian Studies & Business R711
Russian Studies & Classics R708
Russian Studies & English Language R837
Russian Studies & English Literature R703
Russian Studies & History R711
Russian Studies & History of Art R703
Russian Studies & Linguistics R711
Russian Studies & Philosophy R751
Russian Studies & Politics R727
Russian Studies & Politics in Russia R74
Russian Studies & Scandinavian Studies R76
Russian Studies & Scandinavian Studies R76
Russian Studies & Social Science R74
Russian Studies & Spanish R74

MA (Hons) Russian Studies and English Literature MA (Hons) Russian Studies and Classical Studies MA (Hons) Russian Studies and Politics

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

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SQA Highers AAAA-ABB1 to ABBB.
A Levels A1B to ABB
B 39 points (grade 666 at HL) 36 points (grade 665 at HL) 34 points (grade 665 at HL) 30 points (grade 665 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/48

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

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Year by year...

Year 1
If you have no previous knowledge of Russian you will take 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 in St Petersburg, Moscow or Riga.

Year 2
You will continue to study Russian language and will also take a course on 19th- and 20th-century Russian literature. You will have the opportunity to take additional 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. 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 – Prose and Poetry in Style, developing your active Russian language skills, Translation and Text Analysis, developing your reception skills, and Oral. You will also take one or more option courses, specialising in Russian literature, Russian language and society, Russian media, 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.
Scandinavian Studies

Why choose Scandinavian Studies at the University of Edinburgh?

Edinburgh has one of the widest ranges of degree level courses and joint honours programmes in languages of any UK university. That creates a uniquely exciting and stimulating environment for language study. In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016, modern languages at Edinburgh was rated 4th in the UK and 17th 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. Edinburgh is the only university in Scotland and one of only two in the UK to offer full undergraduate programmes in Scandinavian languages and culture.

Introducing Scandinavian Studies

At Edinburgh, you will specialise in the modern language of either Denmark, Norway or Sweden, within the context of Scandinavian culture, past and present. Over the course of your programme, you will also gain an understanding of the other two languages.

You do not 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 specialist options focusing on Scandinavian cultural topics from the medieval to the modern, including Old Norse Studies, Viking Studies, History of the Scandinavian Novel, History of the Scandinavian Languages, Nynorsk, and 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

At the University of Edinburgh, all students on programmes in modern European languages, are required to spend at least 30 weeks of Year 3 in the country or countries where their chosen language(s) are spoken.

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.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required: SQA Higher: AAAABB to ABBB.

A Levels: AAB to ABB 1B 36 points (grades 666 at H) 36 points (grades 665 at H) to 34 points (grades 655 at H).

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/49

Scottish Ethnology

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

Grades required:
SQA Highers ABBB.
A Levels ABB.
IB 34 points (grades 655 at HL).
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/50

Programmes

MA (Hons)
Scottish Ethnology V910
Scottish Ethnology & Archaeology VV94
Scottish Ethnology & Celtic VQ95
Scottish Ethnology & English Language VQ93
Scottish Ethnology & English Literature VQ93
Scottish Ethnology & Scandinavian Studies VQ96
Scottish Ethnology & Scottish History VV92
Scottish Ethnology & Scottish Literature VQ92

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 previously voted Best Subject Area in the Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards.

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.

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.

Study abroad

There are opportunities to study abroad through Erasmus or the University’s international exchange programme.

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.

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.

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.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/55
Social Anthropology

Why choose Social Anthropology at the University of Edinburgh?

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.

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.

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, archaeology 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.

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.

Additional costs

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

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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.

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

- [International Relations/Politics with Quantitative Methods](#)
  
- [Sociology with Quantitative Methods](#)

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
This new 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 what influences their 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.

Joint honours
Social policy can also be studied as part of a joint honours programme with sociology, politics, law, economics, social & economic history, French, German, geography, Italian, Russian studies, Scandinavian studies, social anthropology or Spanish.

Career opportunities
Most social policy graduates move into careers in policy or research within government, voluntary organisations, pressure groups or commercial organisations. The programme also equips you with skills and knowledge that could be applied to careers in teaching or to the management and delivery of services, whether public or commercial. Some graduates have gone on to study for professional qualifications in housing management, social work or human resource management.

Advice for applicants
Typical to minimum grades required:
- SQA Highers AAA to AABB.
- A Levels AAB to BBB
- IB 39 points (grades 666 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

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Programmes

- MA (Hons) Government, Policy & Society L330
- 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 A16H

For more information and programme-specific entry requirements visit [www.ed.ac.uk/ug/22](http://www.ed.ac.uk/ug/22)

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.

Year 3
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 [Fundamental courses](#), which will equip you with analytical skills needed to engage with controversial policy issues in public debate. You will also study further compulsory courses appropriate to your programme and will select an option subject.
Social Work

At a glance

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Study abroad?
No

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required: SQA Highers ABB to ABBB, A Levels ABB, IB 36 points (grades 665 at HL) to 34 points (grades 655 at HL).

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Programmes

BSc (Hons) Social Work L500

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 to teaching and learning on this programme by practitioners and service users.

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.

It is a profession suited to creative, practical and resourceful individuals who enjoy working with people. You will combine ingenuity and optimism with honesty and realism in the face of the demanding situations which some service users experience. You should have a stable, well-integrated personality and you must be able to see beyond the immediate issues presented by service users, the general public and policy makers.

You will also require well-developed social and communication skills and a high degree of empathy.

The University started providing training for social workers in 1918 and we are well-recognised as a leading institution in social work training. We have previously played a major role advising on the future shape of social work services in Scotland, and contributed to reports that led to the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, which remains a core legislative basis for Scottish social work today.

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 upon 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.

Additional costs

All successful applicants must join Disclosure Scotland’s Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme, which will currently cost you £18–£59.

Placement

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

Accreditation

The BSc (Hons) 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.

Social workers contribute to the understanding of issues surrounding equality, justice, human rights and vulnerability.

“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 (Hons) Social Work graduate

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/20

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.

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Why choose Sociology at the University of Edinburgh?

We place a strong emphasis on practical sociology and provide training in research skills and supervise you through group and individual research projects. In the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016 we were placed in the top 20 in the world for the sixth 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.

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.

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

International Relations / Politics with Quantitative Methods

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Why choose Sport at the University of Edinburgh?
The University of Edinburgh is home to the Institute for Sport, Physical Education & Health Sciences. Our academic staff are involved in sport-related and health-related research and knowledge exchange activities, such as sport science support, advising government departments, providing analyses to media outlets, organising international conferences and engaging in international development initiatives.

Many of our students combine studying with successful sporting careers. Olympic gold medallist Sir Chris Hoy, former Scotland Rugby captain Kelly Brown and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Sarah Adlington studied here.

Our BSc (Hons) in Applied Sport Science is endorsed by the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES). This indicates quality and can facilitate professional accreditation.

Introducing Sport
We offer two separate sport-related programmes – BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science and BSc (Hons) Sport & Recreation Management.

Applied sport science involves the application of scientific principles to the promotion, maintenance and enhancement of sport- and exercise-related behaviours. Our programme is centred on four key disciplines: physiology, biomechanics, psychology, and skill acquisition.

Sport and recreation management prepares students for a career in the growing sport and recreation industry. In this interdisciplinary programme, the two main areas of study are the management and business of sport and the social and cultural significance of sport.

The University’s strong links with a number of major sports organisations will provide you with excellent placement opportunities.

In both our programmes you will develop an understanding of the factors that influence participation and performance in sport and exercise. In addition, you will learn the values and purposes of sport, exercise and physical activity in our changing world.

Placements
Students of applied sport science do not have a compulsory placement but will have the opportunity to undertake a workplace or research attachment in collaboration with a body external to the University, such as sportscotland.

Students of sport and recreation management have a compulsory placement course in Year 2 that provides an invaluable opportunity for work-based learning, enabling you to further your understanding of sport management in practice and enhance your employability. Placements have previously been with a wide range of organisations in the UK and Scotland, such as sport clubs, health and fitness clubs, football clubs (for example Manchester United), golf courses (for example Gleneagles), sports marketing and media companies (for example Sky Sports, IMG, the Scotsman), governing bodies of sport (for example sportscotland, Scottish Hockey, Scottish FA, Basketball Scotland, Rugby Football Union, Scottish Rugby Union), and local authority sports services, such as Edinburgh Leisure.

Additional costs
You may incur additional costs depending on the programme and courses and the type of research or placement you choose.

Study abroad
There are opportunities to study abroad during Year 3 through our international exchange programme. Depending on your programme, it is possible to study abroad in the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia and at a number of European universities.

Career opportunities
Some graduates enter sport-related careers; for example working for agencies such as national sporting bodies, local authorities, the health and fitness industry and media companies. Graduates also enter health-related careers, for example NHS-funded exercise and health initiatives. Others gain graduate entry in management and business or begin postgraduate training for careers in teaching or vocations such as physiotherapy and sports nutrition.

Programmes
BSc (Hons)
- Applied Sport Science C510
- Sport & Recreation Management N230

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/42

Advice for applicants
Typical to minimum grades required:
- SQS Higher: AABBB
- A Levels: 6 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/42

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Study abroad? Yes

“Tutors not only give us a broad understanding of the business, management and sociological aspects of sport but also hands-on, on the job experience to put what we have learnt into practice.”
Hugh Braidwood
2nd year BSc (Hons) Sports & Recreation Management
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, in relation to climate stability, biodiversity and renewal of natural resources, 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 and teaching; development and environment campaigning and NGO work; national, international, and local government; environmental politics; environmental auditing; corporate social responsibility; risk management; and sustainable citizenship.

Programmes

MA (Hons) Sustainable Development HL 23

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAAA to ABBB.
A Levels ABB.
IB 37 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/54

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Study abroad? Yes

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/54

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 semester 1, you will study issues of international development planning, policy, and aid. In semester 2 you will explore key topics and theories of sustainable development from an interdisciplinary perspective. 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 two compulsory courses. The first explores and appraises a range of actual and proposed methods of responding to sustainability challenges. The second is a fieldwork-based sustainable development course. You will choose honours level options in your main subject area, and study courses from other related disciplines, as well as receiving 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.

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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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, critical education that is attractive to employers. We offer a great deal of flexibility to explore your interests, study abroad and acquire intellectual and interpersonal skills for your CV.

Introducing Theology & Religious Studies

Theology is one of the oldest areas of academic study known to humanity, while religious studies has developed in the modern period. Both disciplines continue to be intellectually stimulating and relevant in helping us understand the role of religions, both ancient and modern, in the world around us.

Theology generally refers to the study of the Christian traditions from textual, historical and doctrinal perspectives. Religious studies refers to the comparative study of beliefs and practices in a variety of religious traditions and contexts and explores different theories of religion cross-culturally. Taken together, these courses cover a wide range of religious traditions, including Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and new religions, and the rejection of religion by atheists and humanists.

Religion influences, and is influenced by, most human endeavours and we encourage you to explore the dynamics between theology and religious studies and other disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. On our programmes you can choose to pursue your interests in a wide variety of subjects and you can combine breadth of knowledge with in-depth expertise. You will acquire critical and analytical skills and a broad education in argument and interpretation that will develop you intellectually and make you very attractive to employers.

Study abroad

There is a range of opportunities to spend time abroad. For shorter periods, these include summer programmes and work abroad. During Year 3, you will also have the opportunity to study abroad on exchange for a whole semester or an entire year at a wide selection of leading global universities. These include Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands and Dartmouth College, United States, with which we have an ongoing relationship. Going abroad expands your horizons and is great fun, as well as bringing academic and career benefits.

Career opportunities

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

Many of our students go on to study for postgraduate qualifications, including masters and doctorates.

Religious Studies

Year 1

You will study two compulsory religion courses, covering a range of contemporary international traditions, and also choose from a range of additional courses on particular religious traditions including Asian religions, Christianity and Islam. You can also choose courses from ancient history, history of art, classics, music, Scottish History, politics, social anthropology, social policy and sociology 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.

Year 3

You will choose advanced courses on one or more religious traditions and 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 supervised dissertation. 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.

Religious Studies & English/Scottish Literature (continued)

Year 1

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

Year 2

You will choose advanced courses from biblical studies, the history of Christianity, religious studies and theology and ethics. You will also have the option to choose courses from other University subject areas.

Year 3

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

Year 4

You will continue to choose advanced courses from biblical studies, the history of Christianity, religious studies and theology and ethics. You will also write a supervised dissertation on a subject of your choice.

Divinity

Year 1 & 2

You will choose from courses in biblical studies, the History of Christianity, and theology and ethics. In Year 2 you can also choose a course in religious studies.

Year 3

In Years 3 and 4 you will choose from a range of advanced level courses in biblical studies, the History of Christianity, and theology and ethics. You may choose to focus on one subject area in depth, or continue to study several subject areas. On the RD (V600), you may choose to graduate after Year 3 with an ordinary degree. On the MDV (V630) you will write your supervised dissertation and graduate at the end of Year 3 with a honours degree.

Year 4

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

Philosophy & Theology

Year 1 & 2

You will study courses in philosophy and choose further courses from theology and ethics, biblical studies, the history of Christianity, and religious studies. You can also choose courses from other University subject areas.

Year 3

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

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, with academic supervision.
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 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 a place of inspiration to study medicine or veterinary medicine.

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

The College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine

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Undergraduate veterinary admissions:
Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies Easter Bush Veterinary Campus Roslin EH25 9RG, UK Tel +44 (0)131 650 6178 Email vetug@ed.ac.uk www.ed.ac.uk/vet

New programme

We are developing a BSc (Hons) Agricultural Science programme, offered jointly with SRUC (Scotland’s Rural College), for 2018 entry. Tackling these global challenges requires a step-change in the scale and impact of education, research, and translation, and the University is already making a significant contribution. We’re investing £35 million in a new Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Security, based in the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, and our joint submission with SRUC in Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Science ranked top in the UK for research power in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014.

For further information: www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees
### Biomedical Sciences

#### Why choose Biomedical Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?

Some of the UK’s leading 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 and access to top-rated teaching and research expertise alongside a commitment to providing an excellent teaching and learning environment.

Edinburgh Medical School: Biomedical Sciences is part of the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, established in 1726 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 drive and guide improvements in medical practice. Our biomedical programmes have a common structure in Years 1 and 2 that provides a firm grounding in the knowledge, understanding and skills required for 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.

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**You may also be interested in**

**Pharmacology**

**Infectious Diseases**

**Neuroscience**

**Physiology**

**Reproductive Biology**

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at [www.ed.ac.uk/ug/1](http://www.ed.ac.uk/ug/1)
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.

We combine the expertise of our 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, physicochemical, clinical and social sciences that underlie contemporary healthcare.

Our programme develops healthcare-related themes with a particular emphasis on current medical research and its significance for advances in medical/clinical practice. Opportunity exists 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.

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, if shortlisted, will be interviewed alongside other shortlisted 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.

Study abroad
There is currently an opportunity for up to two students to study in Year 3 at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.

Year by year...

**Year 1**
You will take three compulsory courses: Medical Sciences 1; Medical Biology 1; and Molecules, Genes & Cells 1. You will also be expected to take at least one course in biomedical chemistry. You will choose other courses from a range of biomedical and non-biomedical courses. Medical Sciences 1 defines the unique identity of the programme, introducing a breadth of disciplines that integrate to contribute to our understanding of health and disease.

**Year 2**
You will expand your knowledge in basic biomedical sciences and further develop an integrated approach to understanding the science that underpins medical practice. You will take three compulsory courses: Anatomy & Pathology 2; Biomedical Sciences 2; and Microorganisms, Infection & Immunity 2. You will also choose additional courses chosen from biomedical, biological or other disciplines across the University. Anatomy and Pathology 2 is a programme-specific course that introduces an integrated approach to the structure and function of the human body at different levels of organisation and develops key programme-specific healthcare themes.

**Year 3**
You will develop expert specialised knowledge in medical sciences that enables you to understand current research and to discuss critically its significance and implications. You will develop key skills in critical analysis, research and communication alongside increasing biomedical knowledge. You will study three compulsory courses: Health, Illness & Society 3; Clinical Biochemistry & Endocrinology 3; and Clinical Immunology & Haematology 3. You will then choose three option courses.

**Year 4**
You will have opportunities to actively engage in research, discuss and analyse high-profile issues, and reflect on and re-evaluate themes addressed in earlier years. You will study the other three compulsory courses: Medical Sciences 4 alongside two option courses that allow analysis of high profile contemporary issues in medical sciences. With individual supervisor support, you will complete a major research project that involves either original laboratory-based medical research, clinically related research or literature analysis-based research.
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**Year by year...**

**Year 1**
- You take courses that introduce the scientific, sociological and behavioural principles of medicine and place them in the context of patient care. You will meet with patients and their families through the Talking with Families and Health Needs of Older People courses. Working in small groups, you will investigate a healthcare issue of your choice.
- Year 2
- You will develop your practical, research and clinical skills, including history-taking and examination. You will develop your skills in medical informatics. You will work in small groups, taking part in clinical projects and spending time in general practice.
- Year 3
- All students will enter an honours programme to obtain a Bachelor of Medical Sciences honours degree.
- You will study a scientific discipline in depth, gaining research experience, and submit a dissertation.
- Year 4
- You will study all aspects of clinical medicine and healthcare delivery. Courses continue to cover biological and clinical sciences and you will develop your practical experience through placements in hospitals and general practice.
- Year 5
- You will move around a number of specialties, working on the wards and as part of a team. In addition to further clinical placements in a range of disciplines, you will complete an individual research project in partnership with a clinical tutor.
- Year 6
- You will consolidate your learning from previous years, working on an apprenticeship model to prepare for employment in the postgraduate Foundation Programme. There is an emphasis on developing practical skills and knowledge of general and acute medicine, emergency medicine, surgery, anaesthesiology and intensive care. You will have the opportunity to assist a junior doctor and, under supervision, undertake some of the duties of a Foundation Year 1 doctor, as well as the elective period, which is usually undertaken overseas.

**Placement**

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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**Programmes**

**MBChB (6 years)**

- [Medicine](#)

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

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**Advice for applicants**

**Grades required:**

- SQA Advanced Highers*
  - [BBB](#)
  - [A Levels](#)
  - [SQA Advanced Highers](#)
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**Additional requirements:**

- [UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)](#)
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**Study abroad**

You will have an opportunity to study abroad 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 will also be costs associated with travel to your clinical placements. An annual student Rิดicard from Lochmaben buses costs £468. We provide a travel subsidy for 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. Further information is available online.

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Why choose Oral Health Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?

This programme is the only four-year Oral Health Sciences honours programme 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 four areas: health and disease; clinical practice; personal and professional development; and preparation for practice. Our small class sizes provide a supportive learning environment and we offer a significant focus on practical skills, with clinical treatment of patients commencing in Year 1.

Your academic progress will be assessed through written examinations and assignments, either at the end of each semester or at the end of the year. Your clinical progress is continually assessed throughout the programme with objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs) and Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) being an integral part of the process.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities for oral health sciences graduates in the UK exist within the NHS, private practice, in research and in academia. On graduation, you must register with the General Dental Council prior to commencing employment.

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 you will begin treating patients in semester 2.

Year 2

Some of the 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. To enter Year 4, you must have successfully completed the first three years of the programme.

Year 4

You will develop your clinical skills 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 in each of the three main areas of your clinical activity: periodontal therapy, restorative care and paediatric dentistry. These assessments, in addition to your research project, are undertaken for your final examination.
Veterinary Medicine

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.

* Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) 2015

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 (EAEVE). 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 £52.5 a year, which we will proportionally subsidise in line with your year of study. In addition, extramural study (externships) 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 all but small portions 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 BSc (Hons) 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 UK universities or veterinary colleges, or in other parts of the University of Edinburgh, then return to complete your BVM&S. For exceptional candidates, there are also 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 Applied Animal Behaviour & Animal Welfare, 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.

Introducing the five-year programme

Programmes
BVM&S
5 years: Veterinary Medicine 1D100
Graduate Entry Programme – 4 years: Veterinary Medicine 1D102

More information:
www.ed.ac.uk/vet/studying

Career opportunities

Year by year...

5-year programme (September start)
Year 1
The Animal Body 1 & 2; Professional & Clinical Skills; Animal Life & Food Safety 1.
Year 2
The Animal Body 3 & 4; Professional & Clinical Skills 2; Animal Life & Food Safety 2; Student research component (foundation skills).
Year 3
Professional & Clinical Skills 3; Clinical Foundation Course; Veterinary Pathology; Integrated Clinical Course: Cat and Dog.
Year 4
Integrated Clinical Courses in Farm Animal, Equine and Exotics; Veterinary Public Health; Professional & Clinical Skills 4.
Year 5
Final year rotations (selected and core); Student research component.

4-year Graduate Entry Programme (GEP) (August start)
Year 1
The Animal Body (GEP); Animal Life & Food Safety (GEP).
Year 2
Professional & Clinical Skills 3; Clinical Foundation Course; Veterinary Pathology; Integrated Clinical Course: Cat and Dog.
Year 3
Integrated Clinical Courses in Farm Animal, Equine and Exotics; Veterinary Public Health; Professional & Clinical Skills 4.
Year 4
Final year rotations (selected and core); Student research component.

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

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
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“Veterinary Medicine is a unique discipline that spans the fields of biology and medicine, combining the study of animals with the treatment of their diseases.”

Samantha Miles
3rd year BVM&S Veterinary Medicine Graduate Entry Programme

The University of Edinburgh
Undergraduate Prospectus 2018 entry
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 more than 9,000 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.

Subject areas

110 Biological Sciences
112 Chemistry
114 Computer Science (Informatics)
116 Earth Sciences
118 Ecological & Environmental Sciences
120 Engineering
122 Geography
124 Mathematics
126 Physics & Astronomy

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 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 before you apply: Biological Sciences (Genetics), Biological Sciences (Evolutionary Biology), Biological Sciences (Ecology), Regeneration & Stem Cells, Biological Sciences (Development), Biological Sciences (Biotechnology), Biological Sciences (Biochemistry), Biological Sciences (Biochemistry), Biological Sciences with Management, and Biological Sciences (Molecular Biology). The School of Biological Sciences offers several programmes spanning the breadth of biology. On our BSc (Honours) 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 modern facilities. You will also be directly involved in research projects as part of your training. Most courses combine lectures, tutorials and practical or workshop 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.

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 currently lie. If you have no subject specialisation preference at this stage, choose Biological Sciences (C100). If you are interested in Biological Sciences with Management (C11V), please put this choice on your application to ensure you are enrolled on the relevant compulsory business courses. Regardless of application choice, you will have the flexibility to change programmes within Biological Sciences provided the required courses have been passed.

Programmes

- BSc (Honours) Biological Sciences
  - C100 Biological Sciences with Management
  - C179 Biological Sciences (Biotechnology)
  - C170 Biological Sciences (Cell Biology)
  - C130 Biological Sciences (Development, Regulation & Stem Cells)
  - C140 Biological Sciences (Ecology)
  - C180 Biological Sciences (Evolutionary Biology)
  - C182 Biological Sciences (Genetics)
  - C400 Biological Sciences (ImmunoSciences)
  - C500 Biological Sciences (Molecular Biology)
  - C720 Biological Sciences (Molecular Genetics)
  - C440 Biological Sciences (Plant Science)
  - C200 Biological Sciences (Zoology)

You may also be interested in Biomedical Sciences

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Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ugj63

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.

Our graduates go on into a range of careers. These include industry-based occupations. Some choose further study before entering successful academic or other career paths.

Specific destination information and the stories of a number of our graduates who have gone into a wide range of jobs in different sectors are available online.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:

- SQA Higher A to AABB
- A Levels AAA to ABB
- IB 37 points (grades 666 at HL) to 32 points (grades 555 at HL)

Second year entry:

- SQA Advanced Higher AAA
- A Levels 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/ugj63

Additional costs

You may incur additional costs of up to £150 for each year of the programme for purchasing books or other compulsory study material. Students taking courses leading to our programmes in ecology, plant science or zoology will incur additional costs for compulsory field courses. Currently, field course costs vary on average from £150 to £300 per course. You may be required to take more than one of these courses during your programme. Students on other programmes may opt to take these field courses. You will pay for the field courses in the year they are taken.

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 techniques and study modern biology subjects which span the breadth of the biological sciences. Students can take the opportunity to study abroad.

Year 2

You will begin to specialise in a specific biological sciences area. There are opportunities to study within areas such as molecular and cellular biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, genetics, ecology, evolution, and animal and plant biology. You can still choose courses from other areas of the University as your option course choices. At the end of Year 2, you will progress into your chosen biological subject specialisation which will lead to your honours programme of choice.

Year 3

You will concentrate in a chosen area of biology, choosing from our subject options: 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 can take the opportunity to study abroad.

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.

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 (Honours) Biological Sciences (Plant Science) graduate
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. Our five-year MChem programme provides a research project occupying the full final year. This may be undertaken in Edinburgh, in industry or at one of our partner universities around the world. It offers you an opportunity to devote yourself exclusively to applying the chemistry skills and knowledge you have developed and is ideal preparation for a career as a professional chemist or for a PhD.

Introducing Chemistry
Chemistry is the study of atoms, molecules and ions – their physical and chemical properties, their composition and structure, and their role and uses 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 accredited by both the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Institute of Physics.

Placements
A year-long placement in industry, either in the UK or overseas, or with one of our partner chemistry departments at a range of universities overseas, can be included as part of our MChem/MChemPhys programmes. These placements will form the final year of your programme and be largely comprised of research project work.

Those students who do not undertake one of these options will complete a final year research project in Edinburgh occupying the full year.

Study abroad
Overseas study in Europe, North America, Australia or Asia can be included as part of our MChem or MChemPhys programmes. This would form the final year of your programme and includes significant research project work.

Opportunities for study abroad currently include most European countries, the United States of America, Australia and several countries in Asia. Students hoping to study in Europe may need to select an appropriate language course as an option in Year 1 or 2. Some European placements may not be possible for Medicinal & Biological Chemistry or Chemical Physics.

Additional costs
You will need a white lab coat which, if you do not already have one, can be purchased on arrival, at a discount from normal retail prices, from the student Chemistry Society. You are also expected to purchase three core chemistry textbooks. Students on placement may incur travel costs.

However, most students on industrial placement will receive a salary or stipend from their host company.

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. Many 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
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.

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 20th in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016. 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.

Programmes

BSc (Hons)

Artificial Intelligence G700
Artificial Intelligence & Computer Science GC47
Artificial Intelligence & Mathematics G617
Cognitive Science G859
Computer Science G400
Computer Science & Management Science G813
Computer Science & Mathematics G141
Computer Science & Physics G413

BEng (Hons)

Artificial Intelligence & Software Engineering GG67
Artificial Intelligence with Management G702
Computer Science G401
Computer Science with Management G4N2
Software Engineering G400
Software Engineering with Management G6N2

MInf – 5 years
Informatics G900

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 ‘smarter’ 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.

Computer science

Computer science is concerned with understanding, designing, implementing and using computing systems, ranging in scale and complexity from the tiny components of a single processor to the globe-spanning internet. The core concepts of computing have their roots in mathematics and logic, such as what it means to compute, and what problems can or cannot be computed. It also concerns the practical techniques of programming computers to solve real and difficult problems, and there are many links to other subjects, from psychology (how humans interact with computers, how computers can be given human capabilities) to electronics (how to exploit digital circuitry and peak efficiency, the possibilities for parallel and quantum computing). This intellectually challenging subject underpins the core technologies of the 21st century, and can be a route to many different career paths.

Informatics

We offer an integrated programme taking you to a masters level qualification over five years. The first three years of the MInf are similar to our BSc and BEng programmes providing a firm foundation for advanced study in informatics. A diverse range of topics is covered including computer science, artificial intelligence, linguistics, cognitive science, neuroscience, psychology and biology. The final two years of study include a personal project. The final year offers access to a wide range of masters-level courses given by leaders in their chosen fields.

Software engineering

The study of software engineering will teach you how to write good software and give you the engineering skills needed to meet requirements such as reliability, maintainability, usability and cost-effectiveness. Our programme is directed towards the practical application of computing sciences, as computer systems grow in size and complexity.

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.

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.

The courses here not only prepare me for the professional aspect of my future career but also provide the crucial soft skills for success. I definitely feel the University of Edinburgh focuses on both, and in the right amounts.”

Tomas Langer
BSc (Hons) Computer Science graduate

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/9

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAA to AA.
A Levels AAA to AA.
IB 37 points (grades 666 at HL) to 32 points (grades 665 at HL).
Second year entry:
SQA Advanced Highers AAA to AA.
A Levels 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/9

Year by year...

Year 1
You will be introduced to the fundamental principles of computation and programming, and you will learn how information can be represented and processed in computer systems. For most of our programmes you will study mathematics courses in calculus and linear algebra, in addition to courses from a wide range of subjects across the University.

Year 2
You will cover topics in formal and natural language processing, algorithms and data structures, computer systems, software engineering, reasoning and agents. The particular combination of topics depends on your chosen programme. For most of our programmes you will also study discrete mathematics and probability, and select other courses of your choice.

Year 3
Your studies will become more focused, with a choice of up to eight courses specific to your programme, chosen from a range of around 20, together with individual practical work and a large-scale group project.

Year 4 & 5 for MInf
You will build a portfolio of between six and 10 specialised courses, chosen from a range of around 35 that match your particular interests. In this period you will undertake an individual research project and write a dissertation on your chosen topic.
Earth Sciences

At a glance

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Study abroad: Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
- SQA Highers: AAA to AAB
- A Levels: 37 to 32 points (grades 555 at HL)
- Second-year entry: SQA Advanced Highers: AAA to AAB
- A Levels: 38 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/7

Programmes

- BSc (Hons) Environmental Geoscience
- Geology
- Geology & Physical Geography
- Geosystems
- Geoscience
- Geophysics
- Meteorology
- EarthSciences – 5 years

- F600 Geology
- F640 Geology & Physical Geography
- MEarthSci – 5 years
- MEarthPhys – 5 years

- MGeosciences
- MPhysGeography
- MPhysGeology

- U946 Geology with Professional Placement
- U376 Geophysics
- U718 Geophysics & Meteorology
- U350 Geophysics & Geology

Why choose Earth Sciences at the University of Edinburgh?

Earth Sciences was rated ‘excellent’ in the most recent Teaching Quality Assessment, and ranked 22nd in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2016. 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.

Our programmes all have a strong practical element where your observational, analytical and quantitative skills are developed, including computer modelling and programming. Fieldwork is central to all our programmes and is an important part of building a sense of community during your studies. Destinations may include local iconic natural landmarks, such as geologist James Hutton’s unconformity at Siccar Point in East Berwickshire, and locations abroad, such as Jamaica, Spain and Cyprus.

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 geochronological cycles.

Geology

Understanding the formation and evolution of Planet Earth, how it has changed over billions of years and predicting what it will be like in future is at the core of our geology programmes. 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 understanding of the Earth system.

Geology & Physical Geography

Exploring the processes that shape the Earth, from its formation to the effects of glaciation on its surface. You will think about the Earth as a connected system, which is developed through the interaction of surface (ice, rivers and wind) and deep Earth processes such as plate tectonics and volcanism.

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 & Meteorology

Our geophysics programmes study the Earth’s system, including its atmosphere, 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, weather forecasting, 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 MEarthPhys programme follows BSc Geosciences 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 may spend up to 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.

Additional costs

We provide a 50 per cent subsidy for all students on core fieldwork courses. Other awards are also available for eligible students.

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 (including renewables) and resource companies, environmental consultancies and the financial sector, and many also find employment in the areas of environmental planning and regulation, geosimulation, science communication and education, and engineering. 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

Year by year…

Year 1

You will study your compulsory subjects and choose option courses either from related subjects (eg geology, geography, archaeology, astronomy, oceanography, environmental processes, meteorology and computer science) or from other Schools across 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 programmes also include trips to destinations further afield, which in the past have included the Lake District.

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 upon your programme and chosen subjects, there are various field trips around Scotland.

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, including residential courses that have previously been to north west Scotland and Spain. For students studying environmental geoscience, there has typically been a two-week residential trip to Jamaica focusing on terrestrial and marine processes of environmental/ ecological importance.

Year 4

You will continue with your specialised studies through compulsory and option earth sciences courses. Fieldwork possibilities may include residential trips to Cyprus, Germany or France, or within the UK, depending on your programme. In addition, you will complete your honours dissertation work with individual supervision. On programmes with a professional placement, you will spend Year 4 working in industry or with a professional organisation.

Year 5 (MEarthSci/MEarthPhys only)

You will complete high level courses and a dissertation in a subject area of your choice. The MEarthSci programme incorporates an additional element of student led field work whereas the MEarthPhys is currently focused on Iceland. All of our integrated masters programmes provide you with the opportunity to advance your research skills and gain a deeper understanding of your subject.
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 area(s) of ecology and environmental sciences that interests 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.

Year by year...

Year 1

You will be introduced to fundamental aspects of ecology through compulsory courses in Diversity and Community Ecology and Environmental Change. You will continue with compulsory ecology courses, including Ecological Analysis and Population and Community Ecology. You will also choose at least one of the courses in the areas of Animal Biology, Ecology and Environment, or continue with their studies. Many students choose courses such as Animal Diversity & Evolution, Behavioural Ecology, Evolution & Ecology of Plants, Geochemistry, and Quaternary Environmental Change. Alternatively, there are opportunities to spend Year 3 abroad through one of the University’s exchange programmes.

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 undertake a degree project. Most students use the University’s research facilities to gain experience in research. You can choose courses such as Animal Biology, The Green Planet, Oceanography and Environmental Chemistry.

Year 3

You will start the year with a week-long summer field course, which is currently held at the University’s outdoor centre on Loch Tay in the Scottish Highlands. You will continue with compulsory ecology courses, including Ecological Analysis and Population and Community Ecology. You will also choose one of the courses in the areas of Animal Diversity & Evolution, Behavioural Ecology, Evolution & Ecology of Plants, Geochemistry, and 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 residential field trip currently held in Arran, 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.

Additional costs

We provide a 50 per cent subsidy for all students on core fieldwork courses. Other awards are also available for eligible students.

Career opportunities

These programmes are particularly relevant for those seeking careers in 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.

“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 Faragigliano

4th 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 specializing.

Students on many of our programmes 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 wide 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 economic, 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.

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 discipline programmes offered by the School of Engineering. All programmes, except Structural Engineering with Architecture, are available through this route.

Sufficiently 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). An accredited programme is needed to complete the CEng educational base.

Our programmes are eligible for direct entry to Year 2.

Year by year...

Year 1

You will be expected to purchase your own protective clothing, with a typical cost of between £3 and £5 depending upon your programme.

Scholarships

Typical entry requirements: applicants' performance in their A Levels/IB/International Baccalaureate or equivalent. Please check online for details.

Career opportunities

Students on many of our programmes have the option of completing one more year for a BEng (Hons) or studying for a further two years for an MEng (Hons).
Geography

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 that may include destinations in Iceland, Turkey, Berlin, Cape Town, Wales and Scotland, as well as local day trips.

Introducing Geography

Geography is the study of the way the world works. As such, it is a uniquely diverse and integrative discipline that spans the natural and social sciences.

Geography can be studied as a natural science resulting in a BSc (Hons) award, or as a social science or humanities subject for the MA (Hons) award. As a natural science, geography focuses on the environment, examining such issues as landscape formation, natural hazards and climate change, and the evolution of these processes 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 recognised to be important, and both BSc and MA students may choose human geography or physical geography options or a combination of both.

Programmes

BSc (Hons)
Geography F800

MA (Hons)
Geography L700
Geography & Archaeology L747
Geography & Economics L771
Geography & Politics L772
Geography & Social Anthropology L776
Geography & Social Policy L774
Geography & Sociology L773
Geography with Environmental Studies L797

At a glance

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Study abroad? Yes

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:
SQA Highers AAA to AAB
A Levels AAA to AAB
IB 37 points (grades 666 at HL) to 32 points (grades 555 at HL)

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

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Additional costs

We provide a 50 per cent subsidy for all students on core fieldwork courses. Other awards are also available for eligible students.

Study abroad

You will have the opportunity to study the European exchange programme Erasmus in Year 3 or to study in Canada, the United States of America, Australia or New Zealand.

Career opportunities

Studying geography at Edinburgh prepares you for a range of careers, including scientific and humanities research, planning, surveying, environmental consultancy, conservation, energy, teaching, non-governmental organisation work and geospatial data analysis. A significant number of graduates also move on to careers such as finance, marketing and law, or go on to further postgraduate study and research.

Year by year...

Year 1
You will study the compulsory courses Human Geography and Physical Geography, which introduce key geographical ideas. They focus on global economic, social and environmental problems and change. You can also choose courses from other subjects, including the social sciences, humanities or arts.

Year 2
You will focus on the aspects of geography that interest you most, Compulsory courses Human Geography and Physical Geography, which introduce key geographical ideas. They focus on global economic, social and environmental problems and change. You can also choose courses from other subjects, including the social sciences, humanities or arts.

Year 3
You will focus on the aspects of geography that interest you most, Compulsory courses Human Geography and Physical Geography, which introduce key geographical ideas. They focus on global economic, social and environmental problems and change. You can also choose courses from other subjects, including the social sciences, humanities or arts.

Year 4
You will focus on your dissertation, which is a significant piece of original research. You will also have the opportunity to take optional courses in other subjects.

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at
www.ed.ac.uk/ug/8

“The flexibility of the programme was a massive draw for me. The option to pick courses and continue my other interests made the University really attractive.”

Evan Goss
1st year MA (Hons) Geography
Why choose Mathematics at the University of Edinburgh?

Our latest teaching review commended us for delivering a high quality teaching and learning experience, with clear support for students throughout their studies.

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 gravitational waves 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 and 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.

Advice for applicants

Typical to minimum grades required:

- SQA Highers: AAA to AAB.
- A Levels: A*AA to AAB.
- IB: 37 points (grades 666 at HL) to 32 points (grades 665 at HL).

Second-year entry:

- SQA Advanced Highers: AAA.
- A Levels: AAA.
- IB: 38 points (grades 766 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/6

Programmes

BSc (Hons)

Applied Mathematics G120
Mathematics G100
Mathematics & Biology G642
Mathematics & Business G011
Mathematics & Music G013
Mathematics & Physics G013
Mathematics & Statistics G013
Mathematics with Management G102

MA (Hons)

Mathematics G102

MMath (5 years) C101

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/6

Career opportunities

Our graduates have a range of careers open to them. The logical, analytical and practical problem-solving skills you will develop are sought by employers. Many recent graduates have been employed by large firms in the financial sector. Others have gone into fields including software engineering, logistics, education and civil service.

Additional costs

You should expect to purchase any necessary textbooks for some courses.

Year by year...

Year 1

You will take the compulsory courses Linear Algebra, Calculus and Proof & 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 MathsHub, our popular walk-in help centre, and from our Student Learning Adviser.

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, probability and analysis, and will be introduced to the abstract ideas of group theory. Other topics include 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 excellent grounding in advanced mathematics, preparing you for the options available later in your programme.

Year 4

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

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 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.

Introducing Physics & Astronomy

Physics is the study of matter and the 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.

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 particle physics, nuclear physics, condensed matter, fluids, optics, cosmology and astronomy.

Physics and music

This joint programme, in collaboration with the Reid 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 combines the study of physics with an introduction to meteorology. You will learn about atmospheric processes and the techniques used to study atmospheric physics, atmospheric dynamics 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 to this 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 into employment with a wide variety of organisations, including Google, the European Space Agency, the BBC and IBM. Physicists are sought after by sectors, including engineering, manufacturing, energy, finance, medicine and space industries.

A number of our graduates undertake further study or research.

Programmes

BSc (Hons)

Astrophysics F510
Computational Physics F443
Mathematical Physics F326
Physics F300
Physics & Meteorology F523
Physics with Meteorology F304
Theoretical Physics F302

MPHys – 5 years

Astrophysics F510
Computational Physics F443
Mathematical Physics F325
Physics F301
Physics with Meteorology F523
Physics with a Year Abroad F524
Theoretical Physics F350

You will learn the fundamental principles of physics and start to specialise as you progress through your programme. You will also have the opportunity to study abroad on the MPHys Physics with a Year Abroad programme or our Erasmus or international exchange schemes.

The core skills you learn, such as how to assemble data by experiment, study or calculation and how to draw conclusions from your observations, will prepare you for a range of careers or for further study and research.

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.

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.

The University of Edinburgh

Undergraduate Prospectus 2018 entry

Further information and programme-specific entry requirements at www.ed.ac.uk/ug/4

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 to this 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 into employment with a wide variety of organisations, including Google, the European Space Agency, the BBC and IBM. Physicists are sought after by sectors, including engineering, manufacturing, energy, finance, medicine and space industries.

A number of our graduates undertake further study or research.

Year by year...

Year 1

You will complete a number of introductory physics and maths courses. Physics courses present the pillars upon which subsequent material is based and develop your problem solving and study skills. Maths courses will include mathematical and problem solving skills in the context of algebra and calculus, with increasing emphasis on physical applications. On some programmes you will take further compulsory courses relating to your field of study, such as further mathematics courses if you are studying Mathematical Physics. 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. On most programmes, if you enter 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 are 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 research methods. Physics students will have access to an experimental laboratory, and astrophysics students will be introduced to practical astronomy. Computational physics students will 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 (MPHys only)

A substantial amount of study in Year 5 is based on project work, which you will typically complete in one of our research groups. You will also take a number of advanced 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.
“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

Edinburgh is regularly named one of the best places to live in Europe.
“I love living in Edinburgh. It is a beautiful city with so much going on. It’s a great place to be a student!”

Laura Falkiner-Rogers
MA (Hons) Classics
Named the UK’s second best student city, and twelfth in Europe, in the QS Best Student Cities 2016.

See what student life is like in Edinburgh

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/student-life
The benefits of studying at the University of Edinburgh

Learn from the best

Our world-class academics are leaders in their fields, conducting groundbreaking research that directly informs the teaching you receive.

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 adult somatic cell. We pioneered the first engineered Hepatitis B vaccine. We're here. Our scientists created Dolly the adult somatic cell. We pioneered the first engineered Hepatitis B vaccine. We're

Our outstanding research, which is highly ranked, underpins the teaching that directly informs the courses you study. Our researchers are leaders in their fields, contributing to the teaching you receive.

As an internationally renowned centre of academic excellence, we were ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the quality and breadth of our research, in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. We've forged collaborations with leading universities around the world.

Tabitha James
MA (Hons) Ancient & Medieval History

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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 probably 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 with and which 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. Our Veterinary Medicine BVMS, and MA Fine Art take five. In science and engineering we offer five-year, undergraduate, MChem, MChemPhys, MEng, 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 our programmes can be found online:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

Sample programme structure

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"Procter & Gamble are looking for a university that will give me the skills I can take into my career. Which, in turn, gives me transferable skills that I might not have allowed. This has given me the opportunity to study courses such as this, as well as internship opportunities in positions of responsibility and allow us to gain skills in areas we might not usually get the opportunity. Experiences such as this, as well as internship opportunities in the cultural city of Edinburgh, are all helping me consolidate skills that I might not learn through my programme length."

Coming to the University has been one of the defining moments of my life. The four-year programmes allow a great deal of flexibility and I have been able to fully explore my interests in different subjects. I applied to study French & Classics and took a linguistics option in first year, alongside other history courses, then economics in the second year. The two pre-honours years offered me the opportunity to study courses that weren't available at school, in particular, to explore periods of history to a greater extent. That led to my change in programme to Ancient & Medieval History. Since then I have been lucky enough to receive a scholarship to travel to Israel and Jordan to visit historical sites in the Middle East – trips I would not have been able to afford otherwise.

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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.

Learning resources

You’ll get generous, flexible access to our state-of-the-art library and IT resources and study spaces, helping you fit study in to your busy life.

• Our Main Library, in George Square, is one of the largest academic libraries in the world with more than 2,300 study spaces. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Other site libraries also have extensive opening hours, and our award-winning staff are available to help.

• In total, our Main Library, site libraries and library storage facilities hold in excess of 3.4 million printed volumes, providing access to 622,000 electronic books, 84,000 electronic journals and 300 licensed databases.

• 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 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 staffed by a team that has won national recognition.

• 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 Centre for Open Learning and our 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 Welcome 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 £32 million development at our Easter Bush campus to create a European centre of excellence in animal services and food security.

We offer more than 1,000 international 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 400 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, more than 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 programme. 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.

A world of destinations

Erasmus exchanges

Austria
Belgium
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Lithuania
Latvia
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Spain
Sweden
Turkey

International exchanges

Argentina
Australia
Austria
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Hong Kong
India
Japan
Malaysia
Mexico
New Zealand
Russia
Singapore
South Korea
Switzerland
Thailand
United States

Expand your horizons

“It’s a cliché but I really did have the best year of my life out there. I’d sign up for another year away in a heartbeat.”

Emma Kennedy

MA (Hon) German. Emma spent a year at the Free University of Berlin.

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 options. Credit achievement will not count towards your programme. There are a variety of funding options available. There is a huge range of flexibility and choice to fit around your programme.

A world of destinations

Erasmus exchanges

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Belgium
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Lithuania
Latvia
Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Spain
Sweden
Turkey

International exchanges

Argentina
Australia
Austria
Brazil
Canada
Chile
China
Hong Kong
India
Japan
Malaysia
Mexico
New Zealand
Russia
Singapore
South Korea
Switzerland
Thailand
United States

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www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/go-abroad
Personal support

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
• pay an active part in the University community; and
• 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 helpdesks, information points, academic families, buddy-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

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk

Edinburgh University Students’ Association works on behalf of students to ensure you have the best possible experience during your time at Edinburgh. The Students’ Association offers a wide range of services, including health and wellbeing advice through the Advice Place.

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We awarded more than £9 million in undergraduate financial support in 2016/17 and Edinburgh is ranked in the UK’s top 25 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 - The annual tuition fee for undergraduates from the Rest of the UK is reviewed on an annual basis. The fee for new entrants in 2017/18 was set at £9,250. Increases are subject to Government guidance and regulation and will normally reflect the impact of inflation. You will receive a non-means-tested, government-funded loan to pay for your fees. Loan repayments don’t start until you’re earning £17,495 (Northern Ireland) or £21,000 (England and Wales).

Students from the rest of the EU – Tuition fee charges for 2018/19 entry EU students have not been confirmed and will depend on the timing and terms of the UK’s exit from the European Union. For up to date information on fees for EU students: www.ed.ac.uk/eu/news

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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/student-funding/fees

Living 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. You can apply to your regional funding body (see below) for loans, bursaries or grants to assist with living costs.

Part of your loan entitlement, and all non-repayable bursaries and grants, will be means-tested:

• Students from Scotland: www.sas.gov.uk
• Students from England: www.gov.uk/student-finance
• Students from Wales: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk
• Students from Northern Ireland: www.studentfinanceni.co.uk

Financial support

We offer one of the most generous financial support packages in the UK for students from 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.

Support available includes:

University of Edinburgh Scholarships 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 Scholarships are awarded to undergraduates who receive a Young Students’ Bursary or Independent Students’ Bursary from SAAS.

Access awards

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.

Lloyds Scholarships comprises 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.

Merit-based scholarships

MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program – A number of scholarships for applicants who are residents and citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country will be available for eligible undergraduate programmes. The scholarships cover full tuition fees and expenses for accommodation and maintenance, for African scholars with few educational opportunities.

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.

Deutsche Post DHL Undergraduate Scholarships provide £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.

*Notawerest student living index 2016

Finance made simple

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A home away from home

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.

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;
- secure bike storage; and
- laundry facilities.

You will also have access to the Residence Life team, Residents’ Assistants and Wardens who live with you in your accommodation. They offer a full range of events and activities to help you both settle in to life in Edinburgh and create a supportive and inclusive community in which to live.

Catered accommodation

Pollock Halls provides catered accommodation for around 2,000 students. You will typically live in a single study-bedroom, more than half of which have en suite facilities, with shared common rooms. 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. These include our accommodation at Blackfriars Street, Deaconess, Murano, Shrubhill, and at our new residence Salisbury Court, currently under development on St Leonards Street, which is overlooked by Edinburgh’s famous Salisbury Crags.

Our accommodation*

01 Blackfriars Street
02 College Wynd
03 Darroch Court
04 Deaconess
05 East Newington Place
06 Fraser Court
07 Hermit’s Croft
08 Kincard’s Court
09 Murano
10 New Arthur Place
11 Nicolson Street
12 Pollock Halls (catered)
13 Robertson’s Close
14 Salisbury Court
15 Sciennes
16 Shrubhill
17 South Clerk Street
18 South College Street
19 Warrender Park Crescent
20 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.

We have buildings at several sites around the city:

21 Central Area/George Square: Most of our schools are located in the city centre.
22 Edinburgh College of Art (ECA): The ECA main building is close to George Square.
23 New College (School of Divinity): This striking city landmark overlooks Princes Street.
24 Holyrood (Moray House School of Education): Close to the Royal Mile and Scottish Parliament.
25 The King’s Buildings: Most science and engineering subjects are taught here. Ten-minute bus ride from the city centre.
26 Little France/Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh: Medical School: Four miles from the city centre.
27 Easter Bush/Roslin Institute: Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies: Six miles south of the Central Area.

See what life is like in University accommodation. Watch our video:

www.ed.ac.uk/maps

My story: Yivani Ndizana

MA (Hons) Economics with Finance

Yivani is a resident at Pollock Halls where the University has catered accommodation for around 2,000 students.

I live at Chancellor’s Court, within walking distance of all the necessary locations for me. It’s just 15 minutes from George Square, a similar distance to the University’s gym and it’s within five minutes of Nicholson Street’s local shops and facilities. Chancellor’s Court was my first choice of residence and being here is proving a great experience. There are friendly staff to help us with any problems: it’s a picturesque location being so close to Holyrood Park and Arthur’s Seat, and there are great food options. Being from South Africa, having the Residence Life team on hand has made the transition to Edinburgh both easy and enjoyable. The support of these still youthful but more experienced students ensures a great sense of community and belonging. As a direct result of all this, I am happy to call this wonderful city my new home.

Whether a recreational gym-user or a performance athlete going for gold, our world-class sports facilities and coaches cater for you.

In 2015/16 we were ranked third in the UK for sport by British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS). We offer a wide range of world-class sport, fitness and performance facilities.

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 at 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 Firbush Outdoor Centre located on the stunning 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 90 weekly exercise classes; and
- world-class gyms, fitness challenges and sports participation events.

Our 10 gyms include our newly refurbished spin studio, Velo-city, the Katherine Grainger Rowing Gym and a 102-station cardiovascular gym, complete with network fitness. There is an extensive, high-quality provision for free and fixed weights, including an underground vault with top of the range equipment and the unique MyGym area for body conditioning.

Our expert instructors and personal trainers will guide, support and encourage you.

“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.”
Corrie Scott
MChem (Honours) Chemistry graduate and Commonwealth Games bronze medalist

“if i hadn’t gone to Edinburgh i’d never have taken up rowing. i’d never have had the life i’m currently living”
Katherine Grainger
Olympic champion rower and Edinburgh law graduate

See why we are one of the UK’s leading universities for sport.
Watch our video: www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/sport

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 in rowing, swimming, hockey, women’s fencing, archery, orienteering, rugby and women’s basketball. These are led by dedicated performance coaches, with specialist conditioning, medical and advisory back-up. This allows our teams to compete at the highest level in national leagues and in British and Scottish universities championships. A further 20 team performance sports and participants on our Individual Performance Programme also benefit from designated sports-specific support, including access to our world-class training and competition facilities. These facilities are 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 2015.

Students on our Individual Performance Programme 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 sport 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.

All University of Edinburgh students are automatically made members of our Students’ Association, which works on your behalf to ensure you have the best possible experience during your time here.

The Students’ Association supports more than 290 student-led societies and volunteering groups, from the Aberdeen FC Supporters Club to the Harry Potter and the Zoological societies. It also offers student representation, free impartial and confidential welfare advice, peer-led learning support and award-winning food and drink across four venues.

There are hundreds of events in Welcome Week and throughout the year, from language cafes to silent discos and food fairs.

Teviot Row House, opened in 1889, is the oldest purpose-built students’ union in the world and sits in the University’s Central Area next to the unique domed venue Potterrow. Recent multimillion-pound redevelopments include study, social, meeting and events spaces alongside retail, bar and catering outlets at King’s Central Area next to the unique domed venue Potterrow.

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The benefits of studying at the University of Edinburgh
Helping shape your career

Six months after graduating, 90 per cent of our students are in employment or postgraduate study.

This compares with an average across UK universities of 89 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 to help you fulfil your career ambitions. We offer:

• an online careers portal with vacancy advertisements for work while you study and after graduation;
• networking opportunities with employers, from top multinationals to local SMEs;
• a comprehensive website with information and advice to support 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; and
• bespoke UK and overseas internships.

Development opportunities

Our online database helps you access and benefit from the wide range of development opportunities here at Edinburgh and build your unique set of Graduate Attributes:

www.ed.ac.uk/graduate-attributes

The Edinburgh University Students’ Association also offers a comprehensive volunteering service:

www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/volunteering

We're ranked 32nd in the world and 7th in the UK 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. Our Graduate Attributes describe the skills and mindsets that will set you apart: www.ed.ac.uk/graduate-attributes

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;
• summer placements with third sector organisations for current students;
• part-time internships for PhD students; and
• an online careers portal with vacancy searches, applications and interviews;

Our paid internships are supported by and developed with our global network of employers.

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The Edinburgh Award

The activities you pursue alongside your studies, such as running a sports club, part-time work on campus, providing peer support or volunteering in the community, can prove rewarding in many ways, including broadening and enhancing your skills and employability.

The Edinburgh Award recognises your involvement in a wide range of co- and extra-curricular activities, and the skills and attributes you demonstrate.

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/edinburgh-award

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

“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 Krostos Ltd: www.dehumaniser.com

Did you know?

More than 9,000 vacancies were advertised with our Careers Service in 2015/16.

My story:

Robin Nelson
MEng (Hons) Civil & Environmental Engineering

Our support helped Robin to find both an internship and a career.

Having come to university curious about how the world worked but not entirely sure what that might mean vocationally, the Careers Service proved instrumental in helping me explore new avenues and later in securing my current job.

They have helped me to reflect and develop the skills and personal attributes I have that could be attractive to future employers.

Initially, as I applied for internships in the civil engineering industry, they offered advice on how to hone my CV and cover letters. They supported me through the application process and helped me gain a place on the Saltire Scholarship programme – a world-class internship programme.

After graduation, as I pursued other interests, they helped me make an informed decision on career opportunities that exist outside the industry my programme traditionally lends itself to. This included opportunities to meet recent graduates from Baillie Gifford at an employer-led presentation and preparing and giving me invaluable feedback ahead of the interview process.

Whether it’s not really knowing what you’d like to do or needing advice, support and confidence to secure your dream job, the Careers Service can help you take the first step.

“We the Careers Service proved instrumental in securing my current job.”

The Edinburgh Award

“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/entry-requirements
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 2018 can be submitted from 1 September 2017. To ensure your application is considered you should apply by the October or January deadline.

15 October 2017 – deadline for all applications for medicine and veterinary medicine.
15 January 2018 – deadline for all other UK and EU applicants.
30 June 2018 – 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 to 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 an overview in print, please check 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 AAAA to ABBB for SQA Highers and AAA to ABB for A Levels. This shows our typical (upper level) entry requirement, for example AAAAA for SQA Highers, and our minimum (lower level) entry requirement, for example ABBB.

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, it:

• 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. You can check your eligibility for a contextual offer at the minimum online. See: www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/admissions-advice

Your personal statement
While your academic qualifications determine whether you enter the selection process, it is not academic qualifications alone that determine whether you will be made an offer of a place. Your academic qualifications, personal statement, reference, and any relevant contextual data, 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 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.

Check programme-specific entry requirements:
www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees
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 or grade 4
- IB Standard Level grade 5.

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.

We also accept some qualifications taught in English from specific countries. Please check the full details online.

Direct entry to second year
You can apply to enter the second year of many of our science, engineering and art and design programmes. For all other programmes, applications for second year entry are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Deferred entry and gap years
Please contact the relevant college admissions team to check whether we will consider a deferred application. In some cases you may be advised to apply for immediate entry while on your year out. Applications to veterinary medicine, and from international students applying for medicine, will not be considered for deferred entry – you must apply during your year out.

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 Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences.

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 opportunity:

- International Foundation Programme – a one-year, full-time programme in the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences 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 programmes. Further information is available online.

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.

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 Wider Access Programme (SWAP);
- the Credit for Entry Programme, run by our Centre for Open Learning;
- Open University credits;
- Higher National qualifications;
- foundation programmes; and
- other qualifications, such as SQA Higher or A levels.

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. This typically takes 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/entryrequirements
- 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

Alternatively, call 0371 468 0468 from the UK, or +44 330 3330 230 from outside the 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

Edinburgh Global
If you are an international student with specific questions about our entry requirements, tuition fees, funding or immigration, please contact: global.enquiries@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

The University of Edinburgh Undergraduate Prospectus 2018 entry
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 our 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 2017

Friday 9 June
Saturday 23 September
Saturday 7 October
See for yourself:
Open Days 2017 –
9 June, 23 September, 7 October
www.ed.ac.uk/opendays