

Education and Sport

UNDERGRADUATE
OPPORTUNITIES

Undergraduate degree
programme information

www.ed.ac.uk



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH
Moray House School of
Education and Sport

Welcome to Moray House School of Education and Sport at the University of Edinburgh

Moray House School of Education and Sport is the leading School of its kind in Scotland. It has been making major contributions in research and applied theory worldwide for nearly 200 years. In that time, our staff, students and alumni have influenced, improved and transformed learning and teaching in the UK and beyond.

Moray House has a proud and strong tradition of initial teacher education, sports science and management, outdoor and environmental education and digital scholarship. Our future-oriented, interdisciplinary and social justice approach ensures our students are transformative educators and practitioners committed to changing the lives of children, young people and communities for the better.



You will be joining a thriving student community based in the heart of Edinburgh and taught by enthusiastic staff committed to excellence, creativity and pushing boundaries.

Professor Richard Andrews,
Head of Moray House School of Education and Sport

Coronavirus update: April 2020

We intend to begin the 2020-21 academic year as usual in September. This brochure reflects these intentions. We will let you know of any changes, and confirm start dates in our pre-arrival communications.

Why study at Edinburgh?

- **Study in an exciting and rewarding environment.** Staff are internationally renowned for their research in the professions of teaching, education leadership, community education, outdoor education, sport and recreation management and sport and exercise science and for the education of undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- **We are ranked first in Scotland** for both education and sport-related research power (THE Overall Ranking REF 2014).
- **We are ranked top 5 in the UK for Education** by QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019.
- **We received an 'Excellent' satisfaction rating.** 100% for the quality of the course BA Childhood Practice. 96% for the quality of the course BSc (Hons) Applied Sports Science (Unistats 2017). 93% for the quality of the course for MA (Hons) Physical Education (Unistats 2018).
- **Professionally accredited programmes.** MA Primary Education with Gaelic and MA Physical Education are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland. BA Childhood Practice is accredited by the Scottish Social Services Council.
- **Endorsed by the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES).** BSc Applied Sport Science programme.
- **Teacher Education placement opportunities.** Teacher Education students have placement opportunities in Scotland which will provide a real life understanding of teaching as a career.
- **We are the largest provider of teacher education in PE in the UK,** allowing students to work and learn with tutors who are engaged in conducting and publishing research that is of international significance.
- **Primary Education with Gaelic (Fluent & Learners)** has been developed to help meet the national shortage of Gaelic teachers and enhance professional capacity of future teachers. Students on the Learners pathway benefit from an immersion experience at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Skye.
- **We have one of the largest groupings of research students in education and sports-related studies in the UK.** We are committed to developing research-led teaching within a culture that values contributions to wider sustainable and socially responsible development in Scotland, the UK and globally and which promotes education, health, economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing.

Welcome to Moray House School of Education and Sport at the University of Edinburgh

Moray House School of Education and Sport is the leading School of its kind in Scotland. It has been making major contributions in research and applied theory worldwide for nearly 200 years. In that time, our staff, students and alumni have influenced, improved and transformed learning and teaching in the UK and beyond.

Moray House has a proud and strong tradition of initial teacher education, sports science and management, outdoor and environmental education and digital scholarship. Our future-oriented,

interdisciplinary and social justice approach ensures our students are transformative educators and practitioners committed to changing the lives of children, young people and communities for the better.

You will be joining a thriving student community based in the heart of Edinburgh and taught by enthusiastic staff committed to excellence, creativity and pushing boundaries.

We look forward to welcoming and working with you in September.

Professor Rowena Arshad OBE
Head of the Moray House School of Education and Sport

Why study at Edinburgh?

- **Study in an exciting and rewarding environment.** Staff are internationally renowned for their research in the professions of teaching, education leadership, community education, outdoor education, sport and recreation management and sport and exercise science and for the education of undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- **We are ranked first in Scotland** for both education and sport-related research power (THE Overall Ranking REF 2014).
- **We are ranked top 5 in the UK for Education** by QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019.
- **We received an 'Excellent' satisfaction rating.** 100% for the quality of the course BA Childhood Practice. 96% for the quality of the course BSc (Hons) Applied Sports Science (Unistats 2017). 93% for the quality of the course for MA (Hons) Physical Education (Unistats 2018).
- **Professionally accredited programmes.** MA Primary Education with Gaelic and MA Physical Education are accredited by the General Teaching Council for Scotland. BA Childhood Practice is accredited by the Scottish Social Services Council.
- **Endorsed by the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES).** BSc Applied Sport Science programme.
- **Teacher Education placement opportunities.** Teacher Education students have placement opportunities in Scotland which will provide a real life understanding of teaching as a career.
- **We are the largest provider of teacher education in PE in the UK,** allowing students to work and learn with tutors who are engaged in conducting and publishing research that is of international significance.
- **Primary Education with Gaelic (Fluent & Learners)** has been developed to help meet the national shortage of Gaelic teachers and enhance professional capacity of future teachers. Students on the Learners pathway benefit from an immersion experience at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Skye.
- **We have one of the largest groupings of research students in education and sports-related studies in the UK.** We are committed to developing research-led teaching within a culture that values contributions to wider sustainable and socially responsible development in Scotland, the UK and globally and which promotes education, health, economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing.

Our Degree Programmes

Single Honours

4 year degree programme	BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science UCAS code: C610 with study abroad options
	MA (Hons) Physical Education UCAS code: XC61 with placement MA (Hons) Primary Education with Gaelic (Fluent Speakers) UCAS code: 3T59
	BSc (Hons) Sport and Recreation Management UCAS code: N230 with placement and study abroad options
5 year degree programme	MA (Hons) Primary Education with Gaelic (Learners) UCAS code: 3R67

Bachelor of Arts

3 year degree programme	BA Childhood Practice (part-time)
-------------------------	-----------------------------------



Introduction to your degree programme

Awards

BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science
BA Childhood Practice
MA (Hons) Physical Education
MA (Hons) Primary Education with Gaelic
BSc (Hons) Sport and Recreation Management

Location

Moray House School of Education and Sport

Awarding body

The University of Edinburgh

Duration

4 years full-time for Honours degrees
5 years full-time for Honours degrees (Primary Education with Gaelic (Learners))
3 years part-time at the University of Edinburgh (BA Childhood Practice)

Academic year

There are 2 semesters: September to December and January to May

Timetables

Usually available after consultation with your Personal Tutor and option course selection in week 1, semester 1

Benefits of a 4-year degree

As a Scottish university, Edinburgh offers a flexible four-year honours degree programme.

In years one and two, you can study subjects outside your key discipline, before specialising in years three and four. This allows you to develop a breadth as well as a depth of knowledge, expanding your academic range and enhancing your student experience.

The four-year degree also offers the opportunity to study abroad, even for non-language learners in your third year.

Your final 'honours' years three and four allow you to focus on your subject in depth, and the final year dissertation – comprising a piece of original research represents the culmination of your degree and the demonstration of your abilities as an independent scholar.

The added experience and intellectual depth acquired over four years is widely recognised and greatly valued by employers.

Option courses

There are a range of optional courses available. Your choice might be based on enhancing or complementing your degree. It's a good idea to consider which courses you might be interested in before you arrive.

In Welcome Week, the Academic Fair is a chance to see all the courses on offer and discuss them in more depth. Your Personal Tutor can advise on choices when you meet early in semester one.

Detailed degree programme content

BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science

This programme 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: Exercise Physiology, Biomechanics, Sports Psychology, and Skills Acquisition.

Year 1

You will study the key disciplines of sport and exercise science including core courses in Sport Physiology, Skill Acquisition, Biomechanics and Sport Psychology. You will be able to select from a broad range of option courses available from across the University, for example, Biological Sciences and Psychology.

Year 2

You will continue and consolidate your learning from Year 1 with the addition of courses in Sport Biochemistry, Applied Anatomy and Research Methods. All courses contain both lectures and laboratory practical time each week.

You can also select further option courses available from across the University.

Year 3

The four key sport and exercise science disciplines continue plus advanced research methods and applied project work.

You will start to specialise with performance sport or physical activity for health options, such as Applying Sport Science; Sports Nutrition; Physical Activity, Exercise, Fitness & Health; Psychology of Physical Activity; and Workplace Attachment.

You will have the opportunity to study abroad during Year 3 through the University's Erasmus and international exchange programmes.

Year 4

You will study two of the four key sport science disciplines and two options. Options include Sport & Exercise Medicine; Exercise Prescription for Rehabilitation; Environmental Physiology and a Research Attachment with an external organisation.

You will also complete an honours dissertation in Sport Science or Physical Activity for Health. Outstanding dissertations are often disseminated to the wider scientific community in national and international conferences and journal articles.

BA Childhood Practice

This high-quality part-time degree programme is aimed at those wishing to mix study with work. This programme prepares you for a management role within the childcare sector. It examines issues of childhood, including education studies, health education, child/family development and social policy.

You will begin with direct entry into Year 2 of a 4-year programme, meaning you will complete 3 years' study at Edinburgh.

Year 2

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

Year 3

You will study 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 Research Project.

Alumni profile

“I feel that I have been brought into a partnership with teaching staff in order to create relevant and current content for the BA Childhood Practice. Specific and useful feedback on my essays has enabled me to get straight A's this semester. Staff on the programme practice what they preach regarding reflective practice. I have seen midterm feedback that I have given being addressed before the end of that term. I see lessons being learnt year on year and changes being made to the course so as to deliver the most beneficial and life-changing programme possible.”

Iain Cameron,
BA Childhood Practice 2017



Biomechanical analysis of the golf swing

BSc (Hons) Sport and Recreation Management

Sport is a rapidly expanding global business and our unique Sport and Recreation Management programme is highly regarded by the sports industry. It prepares you for a career in the sport and recreation industry.

Year 1

You will take two compulsory courses: Sport Management and Sport and Society. These programmes will cover: principles of management and application of concepts and theories to sport case studies, human resources, organisation behaviour and team management.

You will also have access to option courses offered elsewhere in the University. For example, Introduction to Business is offered by the Business School and is considered an option course.

Year 2

You will take two compulsory courses: Operations Management; and Marketing, Sponsorship and Event Management. You will also undertake an eight-week research-based placement within a local, national or international sports organisation.

You will develop skills in presentations, report writing, and use of case study approaches, and develop an understanding of how management works in the real world of sport.

You will again have access to other courses offered elsewhere in the University as options. For example, Social Anthropology is offered by the School of Social and Political Science.

Year 3

You will take compulsory courses including: Sport Development; Sociology of Sport; Sport and Communication; Strategic Sport and Recreation Management. In addition, you will also undertake an advanced research methods course.

It is possible to study abroad in Year 3 in the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, and in a number of European universities.

Year 4

You will take compulsory courses including: Sport in a Global Context; Sport, Media and Society; Performance Indicators, Measurement and Management; and Social History of Sport in Scotland. You will also research and submit a dissertation report on a topic of your choice.

Alumni profile

“I graduated from the Sport and Recreation Management (BSc) programme in 2016 after four excellent years at the University of Edinburgh. In my four years of study at Moray House, I was able to develop my understanding of sport as an industry that is growing globally. My time on the programme provided me with the opportunity to develop a much deeper understanding of the world of sport and I was able to develop new skills that I now use every day in my career.

One of the best parts of the programme is the strong student-staff relationship - working with students, lecturers and staff made learning enjoyable and supported our development throughout our time in Edinburgh. I worked as Communications and Sponsorship Manager at basketballscotland and was also involved in the 2018 Commonwealth Games on Australia's Gold Coast, working as Team Scotland's Digital Content Lead. I have been able to travel the world while working in sport and believe that the Sport and Recreation Management programme is one of the reasons I have been able to do this.

The programme encourages you to develop, challenge and learn at every stage and is a great course for anyone with a passion for pursuing a career in sport.”

Cameron McLay, Communications and Sponsorship Manager at basketballscotland
BSc (Hons) Sport and Recreation Management



Teacher Education

MA (Hons) Physical Education

Moray House School of Education and Sport is the largest provider of teacher education in PE in the UK, allowing students to work and learn with tutors who are engaged in conducting and publishing research that is of international significance.

You will be based in the University's Institute for Sport, Physical Education and Health Sciences in Moray House, which offers excellent academic and sports facilities including sport science laboratories, gymnasias, several sports halls and a dance studio. Holyrood Park is a short walk away and some of our practical sessions take place with Arthur's Seat providing a wonderful backdrop.

Year 1

You will study physical education, educational studies and applied sport and exercise science. In addition, you will participate in a range of practical activities, where the emphasis is on applying your knowledge as a developing teacher.

There will be a focus on curriculum and pedagogy, particularly related to the Primary School. Throughout the year you will undertake school visits, building towards the block placement in a primary school.

Year 2

This year concentrates on the broad general education of Year 1-3 in a secondary school. You will have the opportunity to develop a number of teaching approaches across a range of activities related to the secondary school curriculum.

You will also study aesthetics, sport psychology, skill acquisition and the sociocultural perspectives of physical education. Your placement will be in a secondary school.

Year 3

The year begins with an extended placement in a secondary school and you will take an educational studies course and a physical education course which will make productive links about the nature of educational practice and issues related to national qualifications. You will draw on the courses taken in Years 1 and 2 to select a disciplinary perspective to inform your professional practice.

Year 4

The Physical Education Curriculum and Pedagogy course will enable you to focus on the future direction for physical education and your capacity to engage in its development. You will have the opportunity to develop a disciplinary perspective and engage in a major independent study on an area of professional interest. The final placement happens in the spring.

In addition, you will select an option course from a suite of courses within the School of Education and Sport.



Alumni profile

“I completed a BEd Degree in Physical Education in 2016 at the Moray House School of Education and Sport. Over the course of my 4 year undergraduate programme, I was able to pursue in-depth study and analysis of Physical Education and Education on a broader scale, whilst developing my teaching practice in order to gain my provisional registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

During my time at Moray House, I was able to complete 4 school placements across a variety of Primary and Secondary schools in Scotland. Each placement enabled me to gain valuable teaching experience within my subject and to develop a wider appreciation of Scottish Education. When not on placement, time was spent studying a wide variety of perspectives on Physical Education. This enabled me to learn in areas such as Skill Acquisition and Sociocultural theory.

As a Primary PE Teacher, my time at the University proved invaluable. It has not only given me the experience and tools with which to deliver quality Physical Education, but has provided me with such a broad perspective on Physical Education (and Education) that I am constantly able to improve, develop and expand my practice to meet the needs of my pupils and schools.”

Stewart Ferns, PE Teacher
BEd Physical Education

Teacher Education

MA (Hons) Primary Education with Gaelic

Moray House School of Education and Sport offers two pathways in Primary Education with Gaelic: Learners and Fluent Speakers. Both routes qualify students to teach in the Gaelic- or English-medium sector. These innovative programmes have been developed to help meet the national shortage of Gaelic teachers and to enhance the professional capacity of future teachers.

Both programmes include two key features unique to the University of Edinburgh: a year-long placement at a Gaelic-medium Primary school, and dedicated courses on bilingualism and bilingual education with a focus on Gaelic in Scotland.

MA (Hons) Primary Education with Gaelic (Learners)

Students on this five-year programme do not need to have any previous knowledge of Gaelic when they begin their studies as the language skills required to teach through the medium of Gaelic will be developed during the programme.

Years 1&2

You will study primary studies, educational studies, Gaelic and linguistics, including placements in schools.

Year 3

You will spend a year at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye, focusing on developing your Gaelic. Here you will complete An Cùrsa Comais, an intensive language learning course designed for intermediate level learners whose aim is to become fluent in Gaelic.

Year 4

You will undertake a year-long school placement in a Gaelic-medium primary school where you will experience a range of school stages and develop the professional skills required for provisional registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

You will also study primary studies and educational studies (with a Gaelic-medium focus) during the year.

Year 5

You will study primary studies, educational studies (including a dissertation) and Theory and Pedagogy of Immersion and Bilingual Education.

In addition, you will select an option course from a suite of courses within the School of Education and Sport.

MA Urram Foghlam Bunsgoil le Gàidhlig (Luchd-ionnsachaidh)

Fiosrachadh mun cheum

Bliadhna 1

Educational Studies 1A
Educational Studies 1B
Gaelic 1A or Gaelic 1B
Primary Literacies 1
Primary Studies 1

Bliadhna 2

Gaelic 2A or Gaelic 2B
Linguistics and English Language 1A
Linguistics and the Gaelic Language
Mathematics in Primary Education
Primary Studies 2

Bliadhna 3

An Cùrsa Comais (Sabhal Mòr Ostaig)

Bliadhna 4

Education and Gaelic in Scotland
Primary Studies 3 (Gaelic)
Professional Experience & Practice (Gaelic-medium education)

Bliadhna 5

Child bilingualism, Language and Cognition
Educational Studies 4 (Dissertation course)
Primary Literacies 2
Theory and Pedagogy of Bilingual and Immersion Education
An option course from the range of Education Honours courses



MA (Hons) Primary Education with Gaelic (Fluent Speakers)

This is a four-year degree which requires students to have obtained a Higher in Gàidhlig or Gaelic.

Years 1&2

You will study primary studies, educational studies, Gaelic and linguistics including placements in schools.

Year 3

You will undertake a year-long school placement in a Gaelic-medium primary school where you will experience a range of school stages and work to develop the professional skills required for provisional registration with the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

In addition, you will study primary studies and educational studies (with a Gaelic-medium focus) during the year.

Year 4

You will study primary studies, educational studies (including a dissertation) and Theory and Pedagogy of Immersion and Bilingual Education.

You will select an option course from a suite of courses within the School of Education and Sport.

Na bhios tu ag ionnsachadh

Bliadhna 1 & 2

Nì thu cùrsaichean ann an eòlas foghlam bun-sgoile, eòlas foghlaim, agus Gàidhlig agus cànanachas. Tha cùrsaichean foghlam na bun-sgoile a' gabhail a-steach greisean gnìomhachais ann an sgoiltean.

Bliadhna 3

Nì thu greis gnìomhachais fad bliadhna ann am bun-sgoil tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig. Gheibh thu eòlas air measgachadh de dh'ìrean sgoile agus obrachaidh tu gus na sgilean agus comasan proifeiseanta a thogail a tha a dhìth airson a bhith air do chlàradh le Comhairle Choitcheann Teagaisg na h-Alba.

Nì thu cùrsaichean ann an eòlas foghlam na bun-sgoile agus eòlas foghlaim (le fòcas air foghlam tro mheadhan na Gàidhlig) tron bhliadhna.

Bliadhna 4

Nì thu cùrsaichean ann an eòlas foghlam na bun-sgoile, eòlas foghlaim (a' gabhail a-steach tràchdas) agus Teòrig agus Oide-eòlas ann am Foghlam Bogaidh is Dà-chànanach.

Taghaidh tu cùrsa roghainneil bho na cùrsaichean a tha rim faighinn ann an Sgoil an Fhoghlaim. Tha cùrsaichean foghlam na bun-sgoile a' gabhail a-steach greisean gnìomhachais ann an sgoiltean.



Teaching

Support

When you arrive, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor who can offer assistance and advice throughout your academic journey including advice on choosing your option courses.

Teaching and Learning Activities

Across the suite of undergraduate programmes in education and sport, teaching and learning activities consist of a variety of methods appropriate to the programme and may include:

- Lectures and Tutorials
- Problem based learning activities
- Practical workshops
- Peer group learning
- Professional Practice Placements
- Laboratory-based experimental work
- One to one meetings with personal tutors



Facilities

As a student at Moray House School of Education and Sport you will be based in the heart of Edinburgh, a stone's throw away from the University's central locations and city centre – not to mention the majestic Arthur's Seat which acts as an impressive backdrop to the Moray House campus.

In addition, the University is home to some of the best university sports and gym facilities in the UK. And as well as a vibrant student community the school offers an on-campus library, award-winning Levels Café nearby and first-class student support.

Careers

The Careers Service is here to inspire and empower you to be the best you can be and fully develop your potential. We support you to gain experience that will enhance your personal development and employability, alongside your academic studies. This support is available, and encouraged, from day one to enable you to make the most of your time at university.

Our services for Moray House School of Education and Sport students include:

- Link careers consultant offering tailored support within your programme
- Group sessions covering work experience, applications for placements, using LinkedIn to support your career and confident interviews
- Confidential 1:1 appointments both at Moray House and in the central area
- Regular newsletter highlighting jobs and relevant events
- Alumni showcase event where current students can hear from and chat to graduates
- Access to thousands of vacancies through our jobs portal, MyCareerHub
- Variety of careers events throughout the year including careers fairs, employer presentations, sector insight sessions and much more
- Comprehensive information and advice available 24/7 through our website www.ed.ac.uk/careers



Get ready for study

We've put together a list of resources to get you thinking about our subjects before you arrive:

BSc (Hons) Applied Sport Science

Check out the University's sport facilities
youtu.be/TWETOhqJxhk

Find out what it's like to work as a Sport Scientist with this day in a life video.

youtu.be/v9s0d5bazS0

BA Childhood Practice

A podcast by our Lecturer Dr Lynn McNair on key values in the Early Years:

www.ed.ac.uk/education/childhood-practice

A Briefing by Cara Blaisdell on Listening to Young Children in the Early Years:

edin.ac/2TFDdgS

'Babies', a documentary by Thomas Balmès (2010) Trailer:

youtu.be/vB36k0hGxDM

MA (Hons) Physical Education

On the Physical Education Research blog, University academics share important research findings and discuss their impact.

www.blogs.hss.ed.ac.uk/peresearch/

MA (Hons) Primary Education with Gaelic

A Great resource website for learning some Gaelic before you start:

www.learnghaelic.scot

For fluent speakers of Gaelic, this Gaelic-medium website is a good resource:

www.lasadh.co.uk

BSc (Hons) Sport and Recreation Management

Cool Runnings

This is an interesting film based on a Jamaica national bobsleigh team's debut at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Sociologically, this movie introduces you to race in sport, inequalities and lack of a level playing field.

Please note these resources are for interest only, your course academic reading lists will be available in September.

FAQs

Where do I find degrees listings and entry requirements?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/degrees

Where can I find out about accommodation?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/accommodation

Where do I find out about applying?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply

Where do I find out about my offer?

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/my-offer

Where do I apply and track my application?

www.UCAS.com

What financial support can I apply for?

www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding

Where do I find out about facilities and support services?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/facilities

Where can I find out about sports facilities?

www.ed.ac.uk/undergraduate/sport

Where can I find out more about transport in and around the city?

www.transportforedinburgh.com

What do your students think?

www.edin.ac/student-life

Where can I find out about the BA (Hons) Community Education?

This programme is currently under review with intention to relaunch in 2021.

www.ed.ac.uk/education/community-education-ba

Contact us

For further information about studying at the
Moray House School of Education and Sport:

studentsupport-education@ed.ac.uk

+44 (0)131 651 6134

For information on your application contact the
Undergraduate Admissions Office (Education):

CAHSS.UGAdmissions@ed.ac.uk

+44 (0)131 650 3565



Drawn to
EDINBURGH
by our world-class city

You are in good company. Our 25,000-strong undergraduate community call Edinburgh home. Learn more at www.ed.ac.uk