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International collaboration
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TOP 50
We’re consistently ranked one of the top 50 universities in the world. We’re 18th in the 2019 QS World University Rankings.

4TH
We’re ranked fourth in the UK for research power, based on the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.*

83%
The majority of our research – 83 per cent – is considered world leading or internationally excellent.*

TOP 100
We are ranked in the top 10 in the UK and in the top 100 in the world for the employability of our graduates.†

£373m
In 2016/17 we won £373 million in competitive research grants.

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We are associated with 24 Nobel Prize winners.

13TH
We’re ranked 13th in the world’s most international universities.‡ Since 2010, we have taught students from 82 per cent of the world’s countries.
Taught programmes

The School of Social & Political Science offers a range of taught postgraduate study options including professional training, online learning, and masters programmes designed to take your career to the next level, or prepare you for academic research.

Most of our programmes are offered either as a full master of science (MSc) or as a postgraduate certificate (PgCert). However, we also offer a master of social work (MWS).

We have an intellectually vibrant community at postgraduate level and attract a diverse body of students from across the world. Providing a meeting place for cultures and perspectives is a valuable part of the taught postgraduate experience that we offer.

Many of our taught postgraduate programmes have a very interdisciplinary nature, with subject areas from across the School and the University coming together to provide a postgraduate learning experience that is unique and unrivalled.

Our taught postgraduate programmes are grouped into themes that reflect our expertise across key areas, as well as the demand for highly qualified graduates in these areas:

- Global Health Policy (pages 4-5)
- International Development (pages 6-8)
- Politics & International Relations (pages 9-12)
- Science, Technology & Innovation Studies (pages 13-14)
- Social Anthropology (pages 14-15)
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- Social & Public Policy (pages 16-18)
- Social Work (page 19)
- Sociology (pages 20-21)

Global Health Policy

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/384

Global Health Policy

PgCert 12-24 mths PT

Programme description

This programme will develop your understanding of, and critical engagement with, key challenges in health policy. Both state and non-state actors grapple with how best to promote the health of communities and populations, including the most effective strategies for preventing disease, ensuring efficient and high quality health care, and reducing health inequalities. These challenges extend beyond the traditional domain of the health sector, requiring engagement with economic and social policy and a range of non-state actors, including third sector organisations, commercial interests and international agencies.

The programme is designed for individuals interested in a wide range of health-related roles, including government and international agencies, health advocacy, health administration and health care delivery, consultancies, advisory roles, the commercial sector, and health-related research. There is scope for you to specialise in either health systems or health inequalities, or to follow a broad policy stream.

Health systems is ideal for those seeking work in health care policy, planning or management, in the public or private sectors. Health inequalities is ideal for those seeking to engage with health disparities between and within countries, particularly those relating to inequalities in social class, geography, gender and power. It is particularly suited to those interested in working in policy advocacy, research or teaching.

Situated within our Global Public Health Unit, the programme reaches across traditional boundaries, linking policy analysis, public health, social science, economics, sociology, medicine and epidemiology.

Programme structure

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

Entry requirements

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

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Health Policy

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

Programme description

This programme will develop your understanding of, and critical engagement with, key challenges in health policy. Both state and non-state actors grapple with how best to promote the health of communities and populations, including the most effective strategies for preventing disease, ensuring efficient and high quality health care, and reducing health inequalities. These challenges extend beyond the traditional domain of the health sector, requiring engagement with economic and social policy and a range of non-state actors, including third sector organisations, commercial interests and international agencies.

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

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Programme description
This programme offers you a unique chance to develop regional expertise with a focus on the theory and practice of international development.

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

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

Programme structure
Our compulsory courses ground you in the theory and practice of international development in Africa. You will also have the opportunity to take four courses from a diverse range of modules, on subjects including African politics, human rights, justice, displacement and migration, sustainability, science and technology, business, and education. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. We also offer you the chance to complete a placement-based dissertation, giving you the opportunity to apply your academic knowledge to a real-world issue.

Career opportunities
This programme offers you a unique opportunity to acquire a combination of interdisciplinary, regional expertise with a critical understanding of international development theory and practice. With this grounding, many of our students have gone on to work in development for charities, government agencies, international organisations, think tanks and government bodies, giving you the experience you need to follow the path you desire.

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

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Programme structure
You will study three courses over nine months. The courses are taught using a range of innovative interactive teaching methods. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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

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

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English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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See also...
You may also be interested in PgCert Global Development Challenges, offered by the School of Social & Political Science, PgCert Global Environment Challenges, offered by the School of GeoSciences, or PgCert Global Health Challenges, offered by the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request
International Development programmes (continued)

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International Development
MSc 24-36 mths PT
PgDip 24 mths PT

Programme description
This programme engages critically with international development thinking and practice, and more broadly with processes of social, political and economic transformation throughout the global south. It is designed to suit the needs of both recent graduates of various disciplines, and professionals with two to five, or more, years’ experience who want to shift careers, upgrade their academic qualifications, or take a year out to reflect critically on their work. Although most students will move on after one year to development-related jobs, some may use the programme as a pathway into our PhD in International Development (see page 28).
We realise the importance of offering practical experiences to complement our critical and historical approaches in the classroom. An integral part of the programme – and one of our advantages compared to other masters programmes in international development – is placement-based dissertations. These consist of eight weeks of on-location research with a host organisation, followed by an eight week period during which you can write your dissertation and submit your work. These placements are available throughout the year, both in the UK and internationally.

Programme structure
You will complete a total of six courses over two semesters stretching from September to early summer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. Two are compulsory, one on the historical evolution and paradigm shifts in politics and theories of development, the other on contemporary issues and institutions of relevance to development policy and practice. The other four courses are options. They may be chosen across the University, drawing on the expertise of faculty members within political and social science and beyond, including business, law, geosciences, and other areas belonging to the Global Development Academy. The courses range from traditional development theory and policy to advanced understanding of the contemporary world, concentrating on the particular challenges facing the world, and the different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives (from politics, international relations, sociology and economics) used to explain them.

Career opportunities
Whether you plan to work or continue working with communities, charities, businesses, policy-makers or researchers, this programme is your stepping stone to a critically engaged and research-informed career. Past students of our online programmes in this area have gone on to secure jobs in government and diplomacy, top international organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), policy-making, research (including PhD programs), and the private sector in Europe, Africa, America, Asia and the Pacific.

The programme brings together a strong core curriculum and the flexibility to develop your individual interests towards specialist expertise. With its combination of practitioners’ and researchers’ courses, including a research dissertation, it is perfectly suited to both policy/practice and research-oriented students.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry). English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Politics & International Relations programmes

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Global Environment, Politics & Society
MSc 1 yr FT (2 yrs PT available for UK/EU students)

Programme description
This is a truly interdisciplinary programme, combining environmental politics, ethics and international sociology. It provides a social science-based, practice-oriented understanding of global environmental challenges and solutions. Understanding issues such as climate change, sustainable development and biodiversity requires knowledge about the political, moral and societal dimensions of environmental problems and solutions. This programme will provide you with knowledge and analytical tools to address questions such as:
• Are meaningful environmental agreements possible in a system of sovereign states?
• Is the environment more than an economic resource for human exploitation?
• How can groups, individuals or institutions take action on environmental issues?
• What is the effect of such mobilisation?

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

Programme structure
Teaching methods will include seminars, group work, lectures, presentations and practical, independent study. You will be assessed through coursework, seminar assessment and presentations. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. You will also undertake a supervised research dissertation, or may apply to complete a project-based report with an NGO, government department, political party, or business over the spring and summer.

Career opportunities
You will acquire an advanced, multidisciplinary understanding of the major contemporary environmental challenges facing the world, and the different disciplinary and theoretical perspectives (from politics, international relations, sociology and economics) used to explain them. You will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to assess competing claims and make informed judgments about current global environmental problems and possible solutions. Such knowledge and skills are sought after by a wide range of public and private employers in the fields of environmental policy, consultancy and advocacy. Recent graduates are now working in environmental policy and politics roles for organisations such as the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Toonashing Institute, Friends of the Earth, and local government.

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry) in social science, humanities or environmental science, or relevant work experience in the environmental field. English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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International & European Politics (including European Practitioner Pathway)

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/303

Programme description
Developed in response to the enormous political challenges facing changing societies in Europe and beyond, this programme offers an advanced understanding of the contemporary world, concentrating on international relations, European studies and comparative and regional studies.
You’ll explore in depth key theories, issues and controversies, and have the opportunity to pursue interdisciplinary studies and develop your interests in a large and intellectually stimulating community. Guest lectures and various seminar series will make an important contribution to your academic programme, bringing prominent international scholars and practitioners to Edinburgh to present current research and perspectives.

Programme structure
Teaching will be by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, after which you will work towards an independently-researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. In the second semester you will have the choice to embark on the European Practitioner Pathway (conditional on performance in semester 1 coursework). This will allow you to do a six to eight week work-based project and write a practice-related report on your work placement as an alternative to the classic dissertation.
A highlight of the academic year is our study trip to Brussels, when we visit multiple international organisations and meet with practitioners, including those in our vibrant Edinburgh University Brussels Society.

Career opportunities
A UK 2:1 honours degree or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry) in social science, humanities or environmental science, or relevant work experience in the environmental field. English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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International Political Theory

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

Programme description
This programme aims to equip you with the intellectual skills to analyse contemporary international affairs from a philosophically informed perspective, with a particular focus on their ethical dimensions. In the new and rapidly expanding field of international political theory, issues that relate to justice, rights, political obligation and forms of government have grown beyond their nation-state context, and now need to be examined in light of increasing global integration. This political philosophy programme looks at these international issues with a particular focus on their ethical dimensions, examining the rights and wrongs of international affairs and their global political and economic consequences. As well as delving into the history of political thought, you'll be examining the issues of today, with particular emphasis on normative political theory, learning to analyse contemporary international affairs from a philosophically informed perspective.

Programme structure
Teaching will be by lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses, after which you will work towards an independently researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. With the agreement of the Programme Director, you may select option courses from elsewhere within the University.

Career opportunities
This programme will give you the theoretical foundation for further study and a career in academic teaching and research. Alternatively, you may apply your learning to a career relating to international political policy. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as KPMG and Deloitte. The transferrable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

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

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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See also...
Some of the School of Social & Political Science's taught programmes listed here are closely related to those in other Schools and Colleges, particularly Edinburgh Law School.

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### International Relations of the Middle East with Advanced Arabic

**MSc 2 yrs FT**

**Programme description**
This programme offers you intensive language teaching to develop advanced Arabic proficiency, including a period spent in the Arab world, along with a theoretical and empirical understanding of the international relations of the Middle East.

You will use the Arabic language both as a means of communication and a research tool, to conduct interviews, read the local press, and explore Middle Eastern culture in a way not available to non-Arabic speakers.

This programme is only suitable if you have a level of Arabic language proficiency on entry. If you have not previously studied Arabic language, we recommend MSc International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic.

**Programme structure**
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study followed by an independently-researched dissertation. You will complete four compulsory courses and two option courses, as well as a programme of intensive Arabic language studies that will involve oral and written exams. You may also take language courses in Persian and Turkish, although these will not count towards your qualification.

**Career opportunities**
The specialist knowledge you acquire through this programme will equip you for any career relating to international relations, particularly of the Middle East, either in academia (after further study) or with an international institution. Your Arabic language skills will be invaluable in many contexts including academia, media and the NGO sector.

In addition, the transferable skills you gain in areas such as communication and research will give you an edge in the employment market, whatever your eventual career.

**Entry requirements**
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry). You should also have Arabic language skills at a level between CEF B1 and C1 to be a good fit in the relevant classes. We will assess you from how you arrive in Edinburgh. If you have any queries about language levels, please contact the Programme Director.

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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### Making Use of Digital Research

**PgCert 12-24 mths PT**

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

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

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

**Programme structure**
The programme is designed as a carefully thought-through progression from practical skills to a more critical understanding, through a comprehensive overview of available applications of digital research. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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### Management of Bioeconomy, Innovation & Governance

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

**Programme description**
This programme responds to the rapid growth in the global bioeconomy by providing the core knowledge and skills needed to compete in a rapidly-evolving, highly skilled workforce. It is an innovative and dynamic postgraduate qualification designed to meet the increasing demand for skilled people in the growing global bioeconomy.

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

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

Graduates from this programme will excel in strategic thinking that brings together scientific expertise and innovation solutions to problems relating to innovation and firm strategy, policy and regulation, collaborative research and development (R&D) models, and governance and intellectual property.

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

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

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

**English language requirements**
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**Fees and funding**
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Taught masters programmes

Science, Technology & Innovation

Studies programmes (continued)

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Social Anthropology

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

Programme description

This programme studies health, illness and healing from a cross-cultural perspective. With a focus on the understanding of health, illness and medicine in a globalised world, this programme allows you to engage with contemporary debates about known and emerging diseases, and explore both traditional forms of healing and modern medical technologies. You'll examine key questions in current medical anthropology from the perspective of both medical and social sciences, and address relevant issues, such as the way encounters between patients and professional healers are negotiated in varied cultural settings; the importance of political, economic and historical analysis to an understanding of the body; and the health-related effects of globalisation.

Intended for a diverse range of students, this distinctive and interdisciplinary programme will complement your background in anthropology or health sciences. This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Health Academy and the Global Development Academy, which support and develop global interdisciplinary research, teaching and partnership links.

Programme structure

Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, and you will produce essays and assessed coursework. The programme works in close collaboration with the Global Public Health Unit and other subjects in the School of Social & Political Science. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

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

Entry requirements

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

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social Research

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

Programme description

This programme is designed to provide a firm grounding in the theory, philosophy and methods of social research, as well as opportunities to develop an area of substantive interest within the social sciences. It combines compulsory training in a combination of quantitative and qualitative social research skills with the essentials of research design; you'll graduate with an in-depth understanding of the key issues, approaches and techniques of research in the social sciences, and the ability to conduct quality social research of value to the public, policymakers, professionals, and the academic community.

Practical application of your skills is also a priority, and you will have the option to complete a placement-based dissertation. Our programme has been uniquely chosen within the School for the Student Awards Agency for Scotland’s (SAAS) Postgraduate Loans (Scotland and EU) scheme. Recognised as research training by the Economic and Social Research Council, the programme is also eligible for the Open Societies Foundation grant scheme.

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete three compulsory courses, two option courses then work towards an independently-researched dissertation. Courses range from those offering an overview of theories and theorists to those examining specific issues such as kinship, gender, development and religion. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

This programme will equip you to gain employment in the public, voluntary and private sectors, or it can be used as the basis of doctoral research, potentially leading to an academic career. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as Alzheimer’s Scotland, the BBC, the Scottish Government and the Nuffield Trust.

Entry requirements

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

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Social & Political Science

Programmes

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Social Research

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

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

Programme description

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

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

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

Programme structure

The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete four compulsory courses and two option courses then work towards an independently-researched dissertation. Courses range from those offering an overview of theories and theorists to those examining specific issues such as kinship, gender, development and religion. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

This is a flexible and comprehensive qualification that will make you a sought-after researcher with strong quantitative and qualitative research skills. This programme will equip you to gain employment in the public, voluntary and private sectors, or it can be used as the basis of doctoral research, potentially leading to an academic career. You will also develop a range of highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field. Recent graduates are now working for employers such as Alzheimer’s Scotland, the BBC, the Scottish Government, HMI Education and NHS Scotland.

Entry requirements

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

English language requirements

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Medical Anthropology

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

Programme description

This programme examines the social, political and cultural dimensions of health, illness and healing in a cross-cultural perspective. With a focus on the understanding of health, illness and medicine in a globalised world, this programme allows you to engage with contemporary debates about known and emerging diseases, and explore both traditional forms of healing and modern medical technologies. You will examine key questions in current medical anthropology from the perspective of both medical and social sciences, and address relevant issues, such as the way encounters between patients and professional healers are negotiated in varied cultural settings; the importance of political, economic and historical analysis to an understanding of the body; and the health-related effects of globalisation.

Intended for a diverse range of students, this distinctive and interdisciplinary programme will complement your background in anthropology or health sciences. This programme is affiliated with the University’s Global Health Academy and the Global Development Academy, which support and develop global interdisciplinary research, teaching and partnership links.

Programme structure

Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, and you will produce essays and assessed coursework. The programme works in close collaboration with the Global Public Health Unit and other subjects in the School of Social & Political Science. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

Career opportunities

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

Entry requirements

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

English language requirements

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Fees and funding

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Fees and funding

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Social & Public Policy programmes

Comparative Public Policy

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

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

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

Programme structure
Teaching combines lectures, seminars and tutorials, plus a combination of essays and assessed coursework. You will complete three compulsory courses and three option courses. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. In addition, you will undertake research training in a variety of methodological problems and research techniques, and complete an independently researched dissertation. You can undertake a standard dissertation or produce a placement-based dissertation which can be undertaken in the UK or abroad. For more details on placement-based dissertations see page 38.

Career opportunities
Highly relevant to anyone who works, or intends to work, in policy-relevant professions, this programme will develop highly transferable skills, such as communication and project management, which can be applied to roles in any field.

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

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

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

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/prospectus-request
Social Work programmes

Advanced Professional Studies (Mental Health Officer Award)

PgCert 1 yr FT (UK/EU students only)

Programme description
This programme is for qualified social workers wishing to practise as mental health officers (MHOs). It has been designed by, and is delivered in partnership with, 12 local authorities in the east of Scotland. It focuses upon the role of the MHO in relation to relevant Scottish legislation. In addition to the taught elements, students undertake two periods of assessed MHO practice. Under Section 32(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, local authorities have a statutory duty to appoint and provide training for MHOs to undertake mandatory MHO responsibilities, enshrined in legislation: mainly the 2003 Act, but also the Adults with Incapacity Act 2000 and the Criminal Proceedings Act 1995. Our primary aim is to provide the required MHO qualification in partnership with the East of Scotland MHO Award Partnership.

Programme structure
The programme comprises 12 taught days and eight days of online learning over two semesters. You will also undertake two periods of assessed MHO practice (32 days each), organised and supported by your employing local authority. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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

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

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Master of Social Work 21 mths FT

Programme description
This programme offers you a professional qualification recognised by the Scottish Social Services Council and the Health and Care Professions Council UK, and eligibility for registration as a social worker. You’ll gain a fundamental understanding of the theory and practice that underpins all work in the field, splitting your time between theoretical learning on campus and practical work in various social work practice learning environments.

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

Programme structure
You will study over two years, with periods of practice learning in both years. You will complete six courses in your first year and two in your second year, at the end of which you will complete your dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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

Entry requirements
A UK 2:1 honours degree, or its international equivalent (www.ed.ac.uk/international/graduate-entry), is preferred. Applicants holding or predicted less than a 2:1 degree (or equivalent) with additional qualifications and/or substantial relevant experience may also be considered.

You must be able to demonstrate knowledge and experience of social work and a sound motivation to train as a social worker through a period of paid or voluntary work in a social care/social work setting or any settings that allowed you to work with people in need. You will normally have at least six months of work experience at the time of applying.

We may also consider your application if you have other voluntary or work experience and can demonstrate an ability to transfer your learning and experience, and to manage complex relationships in personal or work contexts. You must be able to demonstrate this in your personal statement.

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Sociology programmes

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/936

Digital Society

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

Programme description
This programme will provide you with a rigorous introduction to the sociological study of digital society and digital culture. It will introduce you to the theoretical and methodological issues that arise when sociologists investigate the increasing prevalence of digital technology, digital infrastructure, and data production, capture, and analysis in everyday life. It will also allow you to study the social conditions (economic, political, and cultural) that give rise to such technologies and their circuits of power. You may study specialised topics including the sociological analysis of digital technology and new forms of data on the fields of contemporary culture, work and labour, leisure, health, education, government and law, and finance. Primarily intended for those with some background in the social sciences, the programme is also suitable for anyone who wants to understand and learn to study, analyse, and critique digital technologies and the complex ways in which they shape society, social institutions and culture.

Programme structure
The programme combines seminar teaching with individual research supervision by leading researchers in the emerging field of digital sociology. Compulsory courses provide a sociological perspective and prepare you for your independent dissertation research. Four further option courses can address digital media, social and cultural theory, and research training needs as you prefer. The dissertation, a piece of self-designed research with supervisory support, allows you to put your personal stamp on your studies.

Career opportunities
You will be well positioned for a range of careers in the public, private, and third sectors, particularly digital research or digital media design and development. The programme is also suitable for those who wish to engage with digital technology and data in their own professional lives or on a wider scale as an activist, artist, manager, practitioner or policymaker. You may go on to undertake roles in social media analysis, internet research, journalism, education, or law and government. The programme also offers progression to a PhD in social research and you will gain highly transferable skills in research, communication, and project management applicable to roles in many fields.

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

English language requirements
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Nationalism Studies

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

Programme description
This is an interdisciplinary programme designed to give you an understanding of nationalism that is broad in scope and theoretically informed, while also tailored to your specific interests within the field. Here in Edinburgh we have a unique perspective on the study of nationalism. The recently established national-level democratic institutions, along with the independence debate, give you a first-hand view of the cultural, historical and political background of nationalism. This programme also addresses the conflict and oppression that can be engendered through nationalism, and the global changes that can be brought about by national identities, ideologies and interests. You’ll gain a comprehensive knowledge of the central concepts and major theories of nationalism, and identify key issues and problems through comparative and case study approaches.

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

Programme structure
The programme will be delivered through lectures, seminars, group work and guided independent study. You will complete two compulsory courses and four option courses then work towards an independently-researched dissertation. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available.

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

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

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Sociology & Global Change

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

Programme description
This programme provides core teaching in the ideas and approaches of sociology as applied to understanding social order and social change globally and internationally. It explores the local impacts of global processes, and global impacts of local processes. This programme will give you a good understanding of global processes of social change, and allow you to explore topics of personal interest in depth, both through coursework and in a supervised dissertation project. It will appeal to those concerned about some of the key social problems and dynamics of our day, providing a thorough grounding in approaches to social research on global issues.

It presents sociology as the study of a dynamic and globalising world, dealing with issues such as sustainable development, migration, refugees and displacement, global families and the transformation of intimacy, global financial markets, China, India, Latin America, human rights, citizenship and national identity, digital and global popular cultures, global inequality, and religious and cultural change.

You will become part of a community led by international experts working on globally involved topics, in one of the UK’s best departments for research and teaching. In the last Research Excellence Framework the University of Edinburgh’s sociology research was ranked first in the UK for research power (Research Fortnight, REF 2014), with 83 per cent of our work rated world leading or internationally excellent.

Programme structure
You will take compulsory courses that give you a sociological perspective and prepare you for independent dissertation research. Your four further option courses can address global topics, social theory and research training needs as you prefer. Please visit the programme website for more detailed information on the courses typically available. The dissertation, a piece of self-designed research with supervisory support, allows you to put your personal stamp on your studies.

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

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

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Research at the School of Social & Political Science

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

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

- African Studies
- Global Health Policy
- International Development
- Politics & International Relations
- Science, Technology & Innovation Studies
- Medical Anthropology
- Social Anthropology
- Social Policy
- Sociology
- Socio-Cultural Studies
- South Asian Studies
- Social Work

Programme types

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

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

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

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

**Subjects and disciplines**
We support research in the following areas.

**Politics and international relations**
Research in politics and international relations explores the theory, practice and ethics of politics and governance. We cover a broad area of expertise, from local policy to global governance, political theory to empirical studies, constructivism to rational choice approaches. Much of our work focuses on the exciting challenges posed by new institutional settings: devolution, European integration, and multilateral cooperation. Empirical research is complemented by strong political theory, analysing issues of justice, rights and legitimacy in European and international relations. We also address challenges of governance in environmental, security, migration, health and finance policy. We specialise in the comparative politics of countries in Europe, Russia, Africa and North America.

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

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

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

**Social policy**
Research in social policy is organised in three groups. Work, Economy and Welfare explores the relationship between trends in modern welfare states, resource allocation and labour markets. Much of the work conducted is cross-national and/ or comparative in nature. The group was strongly involved in the EU Network of Excellence in Reconciling Work and Welfare. Our Policy and Governance group provides a social policy perspective to the University’s work on socio-legal studies, governance, devolution studies and public sector management, working in collaboration with colleagues in politics and sociology and also with Edinburgh Law School, University of Edinburgh Business School and the Institute of Governance. Our Families, Children and Welfare group explores aspects of family relationships, childhood and youth studies that can be applied to policy research and practice. This group has strong ties with the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships and the University-based Child and Youth Studies Network.

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

Although we conduct a large amount of our research in Scotland, reflecting our
Research opportunities

International policy community.

We have strong links with local, national and international high-quality research that has an impact and pursues research on all the major areas of research or policy. Security challenges have become multi-dimensional andcrosscutting, ranging from traditional security topics such as war and military alliances to new insecurities including human security, cyber security, environmental resource conflicts, pandemics, global terrorism, environmental crises, health threats, resource disruption and critical infrastructure breakdown. The multi-dimensional nature of security and insecurity demands the multi-disciplinary perspective that CeSeR provides.

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

Europea Institute
Instituted in 1968, the Europea Institute is one of the longest-established specialist centres for advanced study of European integration. The Institute brings together world-class scholars on EU law, politics and policy, and supports a vibrant community of early-career research fellows and postgraduate research students. Our work straddles the School of Social & Political Science and Edinburgh Law School. The Institute is pre-eminent centre for the study of the European Union and enjoys close collaborations with leading research scholars in European Union studies and practitioners from across the world. The Europea Institute has been designated a “Centre of Excellence” by the European Commission in recognition of its high-quality research and teaching.

Global Development Academy
The Global Development Academy has been created to harness the University’s international teaching, research and partnerships to ensure Edinburgh plays a role in contributing solutions to world problems. Researchers at the School of Social & Political Science work at the heart of the Global Development Academy, teaching the majority of the Academy’s MSc programmes and supervising its PhD students, who typically work on interdisciplinary research projects.

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

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

With a distinctive focus on globalisation and expertise and research in science innovation in Africa, India and China, in addition to Europe and the US, our research outputs are used in decision-making, ongoing projects and academic agendas on life science and related issues. Innogen is engaged in projects with more than 100 institutions across 30 countries. Our research has influenced decision makers in industry, government and public bodies internationally, including: multinational companies, UK government departments, UK research councils, Innovate UK, international government agencies, and philanthropic and multilateral agencies.

Institute of International Cultural Relations
The Institute of International Cultural Relations (IICR) has its research focus on the role of culture, science and education in:

- the global political economy
- arts and sports
- the conduct of international relations
- international business
- digital communications and media

Direct engagement and partnership with external decision-maker, policy, and practitioner communities is a unique strength of IICR’s educational and research programmes, as is connecting internationally and inter-culturally real world communities.

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

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

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

African Studies

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/319

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

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

African Studies doctoral students will receive regular one-to-one thesis supervision from two supervisors with expertise in their research areas. As well as having access to a wide range of methodological courses and training resources in the School of Social & Political Science, you are encouraged to participate in the Centre’s weekly research seminar series, which features a wide range of influential scholars. A series of workshops are given throughout the academic year that help prepare you for various stages of the PhD and offer guidance on career choices. Recent graduates are now working for the Department for Work & Pensions, IHS Country Risk and Forecasting, and for universities worldwide.

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

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Fees and funding
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Global Health Policy

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/398 (PhD)
www.ed.ac.uk/pg/387 (MSc by Research)

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

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

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

Our research is organised around the following four intersecting themes, each of which is central to contemporary policy debates:

• Commercial sector and public health
• Health systems and global governance
• Social determinants of health and public policy
• Science, advocacy and health policy.

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

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

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

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

Kaitlin McCormick, from Ontario, Canada, PhD
Case study: Edinburgh’s research with impact

Mining and resource governance

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

Project background

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

Project results

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

Dr Spiegel’s research has changed attitudes towards artisanal mining.

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

www.ed.ac.uk/pg/850

International Development

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

Research environment

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

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

Support and training

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

Focused supervision in the International Development group is drawn from staff associated to the Centre of African Studies, Sociology, Social Anthropology, Social Policy, Politics and History. In the last Research Excellence Framework, the University’s research in the areas of politics and international studies, social work and social policy, sociology, and anthropology and development studies, was all ranked in the UK top 10 for either research power or research quality (Research Fortnight, REF 2014). In addition, staff from across the University provide expertise and training for our research students.

You will have the opportunity to attend the weekly seminar series, International Development Exchanges and Advanced Skills (IDEAS), which involves peer research presentations, guest speakers and discussion of key theoretical texts. As well as having access to a wide range of methodological courses, you will benefit from monthly workshops on academic and career development.

English language requirements

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Medical Anthropology

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

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

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

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

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

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

English language requirements
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Fees and funding
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Politics & International Relations

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

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

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

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

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

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Fees and funding
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Science & Technology Studies

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

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

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

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

Support and training
PhD students will usually follow out MSc by Research for their first year. This comprises specialist courses, as well as training in research methods. By the end of this year, you will have completed a full research proposal. You will join the lively research community and participate in regular seminars and workshops, and, if a PhD student, an annual retreat.

Frequent seminars and lectures by visiting scholars provide opportunities for contacts beyond the University.

Facilities
Research library and archive facilities in Edinburgh are outstanding. All research students are members of the Graduate School of Social & Political Science. The University of Edinburgh has an international reputation as a leading centre of research in science and technology studies (STS).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fees and funding
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Social Policy

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

Research environment
Our Social Policy group is one of the most respected in the UK and among the best for the quality of its teaching and research. We offer postgraduate supervision across the whole subject range, with particular expertise in comparative social policy, welfare reform, labour market policy, health policy, childhood studies, family policy and education policy. Many of our graduates use the programme as a foundation for their own future research or for an academic career.

Within social policy, we have the following active research groups:
• Global Public Health
• Policy and Governance
• Work, Economy and Welfare
• Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
• Discourse Analysis
• Social Network Analysis Project.

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

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

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Fees and funding
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Social Work

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

Research environment
Our social work researchers have excellent links with professional and social work services in statutory and voluntary sectors. The research interests of staff cover the full range of applied social services and theoretical issues in social work. In Scotland this includes criminal justice as well as children and families, vulnerable adults and community care. International and European perspectives are also part of academic staff interests. We have a strong commitment to knowledge exchange with practice and policy colleagues.

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

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Fees and funding
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Socio-cultural Studies

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

Research environment
Socio-cultural studies attracts people with social science backgrounds who wish to work on interdisciplinary topics, and also those from an arts or humanities background who want to gain skills and experience in social research.

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

Indicative courses include:
• Documents of Life;
• Research Design;
• Analysing Qualitative Data;
• Researching Cultures;
• Explanation & Understanding in Social & Political Research; and
• Working with Self and Others in Qualitative Research: Theory and Practice.

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

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

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

Kaitlin McCormick, from Ontario, Canada, PhD

The University of Edinburgh Social & Political Science Postgraduate Opportunities 2019
South Asian Studies

**Research environment**

Sociology at Edinburgh is one of the premier research units in the UK. In the last Research Excellence Framework our sociology research was ranked first in the UK for research power (Research Fortnight, REF 2014). We have a longstanding commitment to original empirical and theoretical work on society, and to the production of cultural and scientific knowledge. Many of our graduates use the programme as a foundation for their own future research or for an academic career.

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

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

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**Sociology**

**Research opportunities**

**Key**

FT: Full time. PT: Part time.
About the School of Social & Political Science

The School of Social & Political Science provides an intellectually vibrant teaching and research environment, boasting an international community of more than 220 world-class academic staff and 800 postgraduate students.

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

The School is one of Europe’s leading lights for research in the social sciences. In the last Research Excellence Framework (REF), 77 per cent of our submitted research was rated world leading or internationally excellent and all of our assessed research units were ranked in the UK top 10 for either research power or research quality (Research Fortnight, REF 2014). Our research has recently attracted large grants from the Economic and Social Research Council, EU Framework Programmes and the Leverhulme Trust, among others.

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

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

The Graduate School

Our international and interdisciplinary approach cuts across traditional social science boundaries, bringing together outstanding teachers and researchers from across the University to inspire and challenge you.

We attract a diverse body of students from across the world, some continuing their studies straight after undergraduate degrees, others returning to study after a period of employment. Over the past five years more than half of our postgraduate students have come from outside the UK. Providing a meeting place for cultures and perspectives is a valuable part of the experience we offer here in the School of Social & Political Science.

Facilities and resources

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

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

All postgraduate students have 24-hour access to shared study spaces, networked printers, and lockers. Wi-fi is available across the School and the University.

Our later stage PhD students are provided with access to desks in a dedicated Graduate School study facility. PhD students can also benefit from a laptop loan for the duration of their studies.

The ground floor of Chrystal MacMillan Building includes a cafe and social space which is popular with students and staff alike.

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

Social and political capital

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

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

Collections of the University

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

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

Our Student Development Office offers you skills and employability training through workshops, interactive seminars and placement-based dissertation opportunities. Open to all students, it is the framework through which we connect you with the world beyond academia. Workshops and seminars

We run professional development and academic skills sessions in collaboration with professionals from the University and the public/private sector. These provide excellent opportunities to enhance your employability and build networks within a relevant field. We also provide financial and practical support to student-led initiatives including conferences, exhibitions and bespoke workshops.

The School of Social & Political Science Edinburgh Awards

We offer two awards designed to develop your professional competencies and foster academic engagement with the wider community. The awards, Professional Development and Professional Development Leaders, run throughout the academic year and feature a range of skills workshops and practical activities. Placement-based dissertations

On certain programmes you will be eligible to apply for a placement-based dissertation as part of your MSc. These enable you to link with external organisations to collect primary data for your dissertation. Placements last eight weeks (typically May-June) and may be in the UK or international. We will guide you throughout the placement process, from initial project scoping to on-placement support. More information: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/student_development

Institute for Academic Development

All postgraduate students can benefit from our Institute for Academic Development (IAD), which provides information, events and courses to develop the skills you will need throughout your studies and in the future. IAD events also offer the perfect opportunity to meet and network with other postgraduates from across the University.

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

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

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

Careers Service

Our Careers Service plays an essential part in your wider student experience at the University, offering a range of tailored careers and personal development guidance and support. We support you to recognise the wealth of possibilities ahead, while at university and after graduation, helping you explore new avenues, tap into your talents and build your employability with confidence and enthusiasm. We provide specialist support for postgraduate students. From exploring career options to making decisions, from CV writing to interview practice, from employment internships to graduate job and from careers fairs to postgraduate alumni events, we will help you prepare for the future.

We sustain and continually develop links with employers from all industries and employment sectors, from the world’s top recruiters to small enterprises based here in Edinburgh. Our employer team provides a programme of opportunities for you to meet employers on campus and virtually, and advertises a wide range of part-time and graduate jobs.

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

Platform One

Platform One is an online meeting place where members of the University community, past and present, can gather. It aims to provide a supportive environment where students, alumni, staff and volunteers can share knowledge and experiences. Together, we form a single community that meets on Platform One. Join us and find out more about the people and possibilities.

More information: www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one

Back ing bright ideas

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

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

Teaching opportunities

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

Community

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

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

www.itainstnecessarilyso.squarespace.com

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

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

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

Naureen Akhter, MSc Social Anthropology
Applications and fees

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

When applying, you will set up an account, which lets you save your application and continue at another time. Full guidance on our application system can be found online: www.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/applying

General requirements

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

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

References

We do not require references for taught programmes. For applications to masters by research programmes, one reference is required. For applications to PhD programmes, two references are required. You should check the online requirements for your intended programme of study: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/applicants/application_requirements

Deadlines

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

English language requirements

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

- **International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic**: International Relations of the Middle East with Advanced Arabic; Public Policy; Master of Social Work
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.5 in each module).
  - TOEFL-iBT: total 100 (at least 23 in each module).
  - PTE(A): total 67 (at least 61 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
  - CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 176 in each module).
  - Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

- **All other programmes**
  - IELTS: total 7.0 (at least 6.0 in each module).
  - TOEFL-iBT: total 100 (at least 20 in each module).
  - PTE(A): total 67 (at least 56 in each of the Communicative Skills sections).
  - CAE and CPE: total 185 (at least 169 in each module).
  - Trinity ISE: ISE III (with a pass in all four components).

Please note:

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

Your English language certificate must be no more than three years old at the beginning of your programme, unless you are using an English language test such as IELTS in which case it must be no more than two years old.

- We also accept recent degree-level study that was taught and assessed in English in a majority English-speaking country (as defined by UK Visas & Immigration), or at a university in a non-majority English-speaking country which has specifically been approved by the University of Edinburgh’s Admissions Qualifications Group. A list of approved universities is published online. The award date must be no more than three years prior to the start date of the programme.
- We do not require you to take an English language test before you apply.

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

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

Tuition fees

The following table provides an overview of indicative fee levels for programmes commencing in 2019.

Please note:

- All PhD students starting full-time taught programmes of study lasting more than one year will be charged a fixed annual fee.
- All other students on full-time and part-time programmes of study lasting more than one year should be aware that annual tuition fees are subject to revision and are typically increased by approximately five per cent per annum. This annual increase should be taken into account when you are applying for a programme.
- In addition to tuition fees, your programme may be subject to an application fee and additional costs/programme costs may apply. Please check the latest programme information online.

**Asylum seeker tuition fee status and scholarship**

Information for applicants seeking asylum from within the United Kingdom, who wish to commence a programme of study at the University in 2019, is available online. This includes our tuition fee rates and scholarship opportunities: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/asylum

Tuition fees for EU students

EU students enrolling in the 2019/20 academic year will be admitted as Scottish/EU fee status students. Taught masters students will be eligible for the same tuition support as Scottish domiciled students from the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS).

For UK/EU students

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Except:

- International & European Politics, International Relations, International Relations of the Middle East 1-year FT £18,000
- International Relations of the Middle East with Arabic 2-years FT £17,500
- International & European Politics, International Relations, International Relations of the Middle East 2-years PT £10,800

Master of Social Work £10,700
All PhD 3-years FT £4,260
All PhD 6-years PT £2,710
MSc by Research 1-year FT £4,300
MSc by Research 2-years PT £4,150

Online Learning**

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For international students

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<td>MSc (Master of Social Work) 1-year FT £21,600</td>
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| MSc by Research 1-year FT     | £21,600             | **Figure shown is the 2018/19 fee level**

All other fees quoted are indicative of 2019/20 fee levels. Because these figures are indicative, it is important you check online before you apply and check the up-to-date fee level that will apply to your specific programme: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/tuition-fees/postgraduate

**Online learning programmes can be charged course-by-course.**
A large number of scholarships, loans and other funding schemes are available for your postgraduate studies. It is only possible to show a small selection in print.

To see the full range, please visit: www.ed.ac.uk/student-funding/postgraduate

**Funding**

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### Awards

- **Edinburgh Global Research Scholarships**
- **MasterCard Foundation Scholars Programme (Africa)**
- **Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research**: iraqiculturaltache.org.uk
- **Mexico**
- **Social & Political Science Postgraduate Opportunities 2019**
- **Postgraduate Doctoral Loans Wales**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) England**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Northern Ireland**
- **Postgraduate Loans (SAAS)**
- **Postgraduate Loans (USA)**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Chile**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Colombia**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Ecuador**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Iraq**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Mexico**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Pakistan**
- **Postgraduate Loans (PGL) Zambia**

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### Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh

- **Beit Trust**
- **Ecuador**
- **Erasmus+**
- **Marshall Scholarships (USA)**
- **Scotland and EU**
- **US Student Loans**
- **US Student Loans**

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### Key

- **Taught masters programmes**
- **Research councils**
- **Research programmes**
- **Scholarships**
- **Student Finance England**
- **Student Finance Northern Ireland**
- **Student Finance Scotland**
- **Student Finance Wales**

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### Loans available for study at the University of Edinburgh

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

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### Other sources of funding

- **Chevening Scholarships**
- **Commonwealth Scholarships**
- **Marshall Scholarships (USA)**
- **Scotland’s Saltire Scholarships**

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### Funding for online learning

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

You’ll find us in a recently refurbished building at the heart of the University’s Central Area, a stone’s throw from city attractions and University amenities, such as the Main Library and the Centre for Sport and Exercise.

Get in touch

Contact us
For more information about any of our postgraduate programmes or to contact potential supervisors, email pgadmissions.sps@ed.ac.uk or visit: www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool

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