Postgraduate Online Learning Open Days 2025

Fusion- for prospective online EFI students
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Join us to **Challenge. Create. Change**.

Study at Edinburgh Futures Institute

Interdisciplinary
Bringing arts, humanities and social sciences together with sciences, engineering and medicine to address complex global issues.

Participatory and porous
Inviting diverse groupings to bring their ways of working and thinking together. EFI extends this invitation to industry, the public and government.

Critical and research-led
Working on pressing social issues that require new ways of thinking. Mindful of the role of universities in confronting uncomfortable questions.

Future-facing
Embracing the non-traditional, the untried and the unexpected. EFI defines challenges and co-creates responses to build better futures.

Sustainable Futures

- Data, Inequality and Society
- Planetary Health
- Sustainable Lands and Cities
- Future Infrastructure, Sustainability and Climate Change

Creative Futures

- Service Management and Design
- Creative Industries
- Narrative Futures: Art, Data, Society
- Cultural Heritage Futures

Just Futures

- Data and AI Ethics
- Education Futures
- Future Governance

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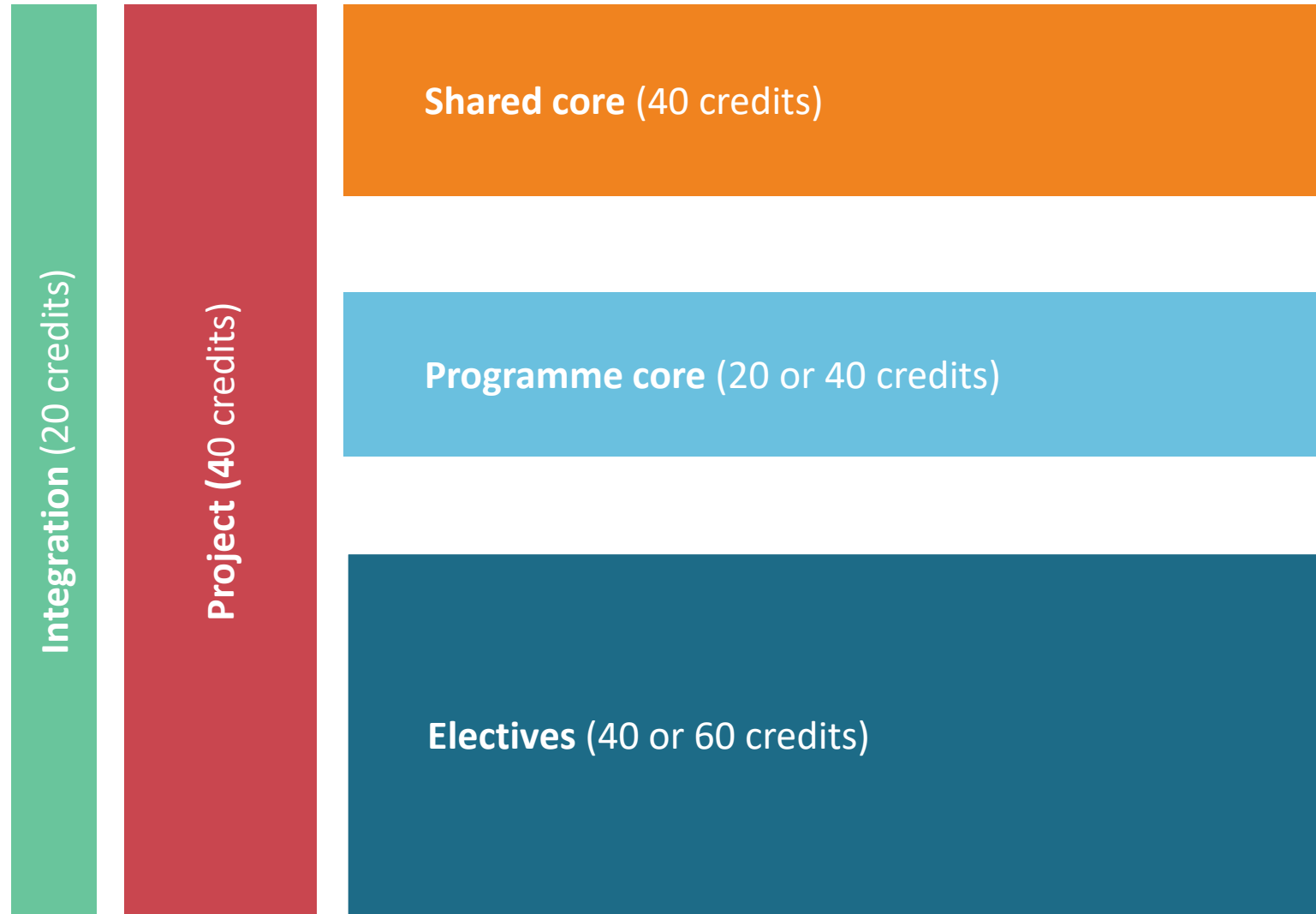
What's different about Education at EFI?

- interdisciplinary programmes taught by leading academics from different Schools and disciplines

- equipping you with the critical, data and creative skills needed to navigate a rapidly-changing world

- you can study flexibly, please see degree finder for programme specific information and options

- we will help you apply leading-edge knowledge to live projects you care about

- we are proud of our ecosystem and the opportunities to connect you to our partners in the community, industry and government

Our MSc programme structure

Integration (20 credits)

Project (40 credits)

Shared core (40 credits)

Programme core (20 or 40 credits)

Electives (40 or 60 credits)

Our core courses

Futures Methods
Practical skills to apply cutting-edge futures and foresight methods and tools across diverse fields

Insights Through Data
Data science foundations, analytic and programming skills

or

Text Remix
Basic programming and creative skills

Representing Data
Programming and maker skills for data visualization and physicalisation

or

Building Near Futures
Futures methods and responses shared in a public-facing format

Ethical Data Futures
The ethical dimensions of contemporary data practices

Skill focused

Working in cross-disciplinary teams with students from other Futures Institute programmes, you will learn critical data skills, ethical awareness, creative thinking, and methods to address complex issues:
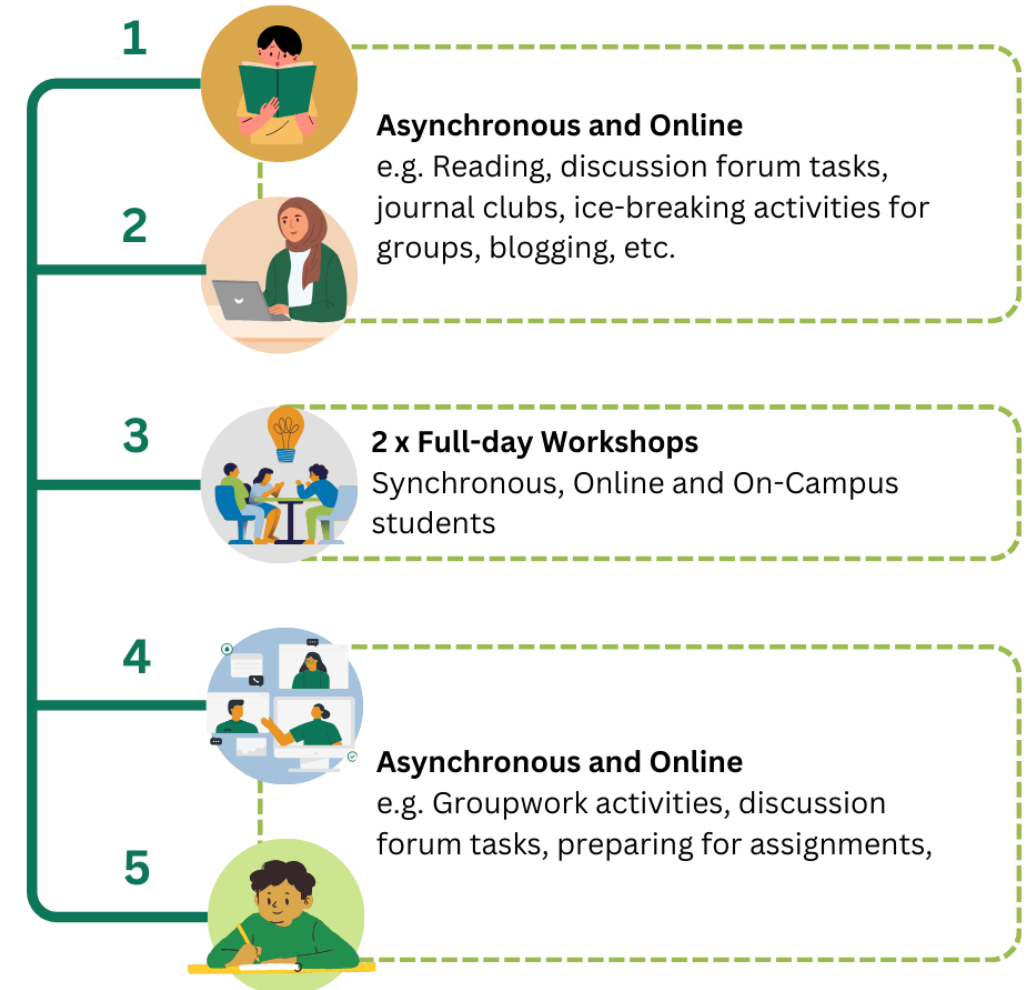
- collect, manage and analyse computational datasets
- use emerging methodologies for mapping and designing possible futures
- learn the fundamentals of data ethics
- learn how to use creative skills in the analysis and representation of data-informed and qualitative inquiry

Fusion teaching

- breaking down the online/on-campus distinction

- community-focused: bringing students from across the world together as a single cohort

- accessible: most courses are taught in five-week blocks, with online activities and a two day long intensive sessions (09:00-17:00 Edinburgh local time)

- connected: employers work with us on the design and teaching of our programmes and help support projects

Typical Elective Intensive Course Structure

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Asynchronous and Online
e.g. Reading, discussion forum tasks, journal clubs, ice-breaking activities for groups, blogging, etc.

3 **2 x Full-day Workshops**
Synchronous, Online and On-Campus students

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Asynchronous and Online
e.g. Groupwork activities, discussion forum tasks, preparing for assignments,

5

Fusion Class Tour

1.40 with videos — ThingLink

The student experience

- global and diverse cohort, on campus and online

- a very well supported experience with a dedicated student experience and support team

- events and networks to connect with each other

Questions?

- for further queries contact: **efi.education@ed.ac.uk**

- visit the EFI website: **https://efi.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate-study**

- search for '**Edinburgh Futures Institute**' on our degree finder: **https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees**

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