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Pre-Masters

The 6-month Pre-Masters programme provides a direct route to a wide variety of Master's programmes at the University of Stirling. You will improve your English language skills, develop the necessary study and research skills and become accustomed to living and studying in the UK in advance of your postgraduate degree.

WHAT IS THE PRE-MASTERS

The 6-month Pre-Masters programme will develop your English language skill to the level required for entry to your degree. You will also develop the necessary research and study skills - benefitting from the opportunity to undertake a research project in the area you intend to focus on in your university dissertation.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This programme is for you, if:

- you have an undergraduate degree in a relevant subject, but narrowly missed the academic admissions criteria for postgraduate study
- you want to improve your academic English, as well as develop the necessary study skills before beginning your postgraduate programme
- you want to undertake an extended research project to help to develop your research proposal- with the opportunity to enhance your understanding of research methodologies, data collection, analysis of statistical data and conducting a literature review
- you feel you would benefit from a longer settling-in period in the UK

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Academic Skills and ICT for Postgraduate Study (20 credits)

In this module you are supported in developing the skills necessary for studying at graduate level. You will also consolidate core Information Communication Technology skills. Topics covered include: an introduction to conducting research; how to choose your topic and narrowing your focus; developing aims and objectives; finding sources and using them to construct and develop arguments to support your research; and referencing.



▲ University of Stirling campus



▲ University library

English for Graduate Study (20 credits)

The four key skill areas of reading, writing, listening and speaking are covered. The module develops overall academic skills, including the ability to write effectively for academic purposes using a variety of tasks, and the ability to use and synthesise source materials efficiently. You will also be prepared to participate in academic seminars and discussions, with topics from the social sciences forming the basis of creative, academic discussion and autonomy in learning.

Empirical Enquiry and Critical Thought (20 credits)

This module helps you understand the relationship of theoretical models to empirical studies, the ways in which primary supporting data is collected and analysed and the philosophical grounds of rationalism and empiricism. You will learn to examine the reliability of sources, and distinguish between good and poor reasoning. This will include some work in elementary formal logic, touching upon key fallacies and their detection. Group discussion and written assessments will allow students to develop skills in analysis, critical thinking, debating and essay writing.

Extended Project and Research Skills (20 credits)

This module will draw upon research methods required at the postgraduate level, and will focus on your proposed subject area for study. An adviser will give guidance on the content of the project. English language support will also be given.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed to determine whether you have met the University's English requirements before progressing to your degree programmes.

Methods of assessment include:

- written texts
- extended essays
- listening tests
- presentations
- research project

PROGRESSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Assuming you have met the academic entry requirements for your chosen degree, successful completion of the Pre-Masters programme offers a recognised route to the University of Stirling. If you have not already applied to the University, during the programme you will receive advice and support with your university application.

Key facts

Start date

January and April

Programme dates

January start

Mon 09 Jan 2017-Fri 24 Mar 2017

Mon 03 Apr 2017-Fri 09 Jun 2017

April start

Mon 03 Apr 2017-Fri 09 Jun 2017

Mon 19 Jun 2017-Fri 25 Aug 2017

Programme length

2 terms or approximately 6 months

Class hours

20 hours per week

Academic entry requirements

Pass in an undergraduate degree or Diploma (3-5 years) with high grades.

English requirements

Pre-Masters: IELTS 6.0 (with minimum of 5.0 in writing) or equivalent

If you're coming to the UK to study a course that is no longer than six months, a Short-term Study Visa (STSV) may be more appropriate for you than applying for a Student Tier 4 visa. For a STSV, INTO is able to accept a wider range of English language qualifications as evidence that you meet the minimum requirements of the programme. If you have any questions, our experienced team will be able to help you. Email your questions to: SELT.Help@intoglobal.com

Award

Successful completion of Pre-Masters programme leads to a certificate being awarded at SCQF Level 10 from the University of Stirling.

Validating body

University of Stirling

Tuition fee

£9,330

The tuition fee does not include:

- enrolment fee: £150 (charged upon confirmation)
- text books: £240

Further guidance

For further guidance please check with the INTO Admissions Office or your education counsellor.



Find out more:
www.intostudy.com/stirling

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