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English Language Summer School at the University of Stirling, Scotland



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Welcome to Scotland



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A Welcome Message from



Kerry Bryson
Director of Development and External Affairs

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the English Language Summer School at the University of Stirling. The University is ranked as one of the top universities in the world under 50 years and I am certain you will be impressed not only by the stunning location but also by the multicultural learning environment. Our award winning campus - one of the finest in Europe, located in a historic estate has an 18th Century Castle, a loch and a 9 hole golf course.

We hope you will have a rewarding and enjoyable summer at the University of Stirling and hope that you will take the opportunity to experience the best of Scottish culture.



Maria Cid Castilla
Internationalisation Manager (English Language Provision)

The University offers a wide range of English Language programmes and has an established reputation for welcoming international students throughout the summer months. Staff at the International Office are here to support you from your arrival at the airport in Scotland to the farewell at the end of the English Language Summer School.

I am certain that you will have a successful and unforgettable time in Scotland this summer and I look forward to personally welcoming you to the University of Stirling!



About the University

The University of Stirling is a wonderful place in which to study. Above all we have an excellent reputation for research, teaching and the learning opportunities we provide. Ideally placed in the heart of Scotland, the University also offers a caring, friendly community for international students on one of the finest campuses in Europe.

To take a look at our brief virtual tour of the university please visit: www.stir.ac.uk/tour/

For a 360 degree tour of the campus go to: www.stir.ac.uk/campus-life/campus-tour/360-panoramas/accommodation/

THE LIBRARY

Our modern, well-equipped library is located in the Andrew Miller Building in the centre of the Stirling campus. <http://www.is.stir.ac.uk/tour/>

The Library has a variety of study facilities including Group Study Rooms (which are bookable by students); Individual study desks; open study areas and study desks with PCs.

In addition to our library, students have access to PCs throughout the Stirling campus for online access and online resources can be accessed off-campus through the University Portal.



ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying within the "Student Residences" area. The majority of rooms in residences are standard single study bedrooms, with an average size of approximately 10 square metres. The majority of standard single study bedrooms contain a wash hand basin in the room, with shared shower and toilet facilities located nearby.

Each single study bedroom has a bed with mattress, duvet and pillow with covers, heater, chair, desk, lamp, mirror, storage for books and clothing and electric power points.

All bedrooms in Residences are equipped with network points which allow students to access the University network, the cost of which is included in the rental price. Computers connected to these sockets have access to all of the computing resources on the main Stirling campus, including filestore, email and print facilities. To access the internet from individual bedrooms within the University accommodation you need to have CampusNet installed on your device and ensure that your device has an up-to-date anti-virus software installed. An Ethernet cable will also be required as Wi-Fi is not available in residences .

KITCHEN FACILITIES

Hall kitchens are typically shared and are equipped with cooker, fridge, microwave and electric kettle. Cutlery, crockery and kitchenware are also available.

HOUSEKEEPING

There are launderette facilities available for student use both on and off campus. The responsibility for keeping study bedrooms, shared kitchens/sitting areas and bathrooms tidy rests with the occupants. University cleaning staff regularly visit all Residences to assist with this process.

STUDENT ID

You will be issued with a University of Stirling ID account card. You will need your ID card for a number of things including:

- using sport facilities
- entering the library and taking out books
- when you buy a bus pass

You will be able to get other discounts with your ID card: local and national transport, most retail outlets, cinema, bowling, clubs and at some local restaurants and takeaways so be sure to keep this safe during your stay in Stirling.

AIRTHREY PARK MEDICAL CENTRE

If you need to see a doctor while you are here, you can go to the Airthrey Park Medical Centre which is located on campus just a short one minute walk or so from the residences.

If you have to use the medical practice you will be asked to register as a Temporary Patient and you will need your Stirling Student ID card.

Costs: legislation related to access to National Health Service (NHS) medical care recently changed in Scotland for students studying a programme of less than 11 weeks and students are required to pay £30 for a doctor's appointment and £10 for a prescription.

If you have an emergency, all treatment in such situations will be free according to the basic statutes of the NHS – as it would be for a tourist. The ambulance to hospital, however, may not be free.

LEISURE FACILITIES

To use the facilities you will have to use your University of Stirling Student ID card.

Membership includes access to:

- the swimming pool
- sport and fitness classes : www.stir.ac.uk/sports-centre/classes/
- our state of the art gym
- sports hall
- squash courts
- reduced rate indoor cycling classes
- the strength and conditioning centre
- the athletics track
- the tennis courts
- the nine-hole golf course (for a small fee)

For other facilities available <http://www.stir.ac.uk/sports-centre/facilities/>

EVERYTHING ELSE YOU NEED IS ON CAMPUS

As well as the academic and Sport facilities, the campus also boasts:

- Cinema and theatre, in macrobert arts centre
- Restaurants and coffee bars: <http://stir.ac.uk/6c>
- Small shopping mall with bank, travel agent, pharmacy, bookstore, newsagent and supermarket.

Home away from home

Studying abroad opens your eyes

Nine-hole Golf Centre

Rugby Pitches

Airthrey Castle

Library, Shops, Bank, Catering,
Cinema and Theatre

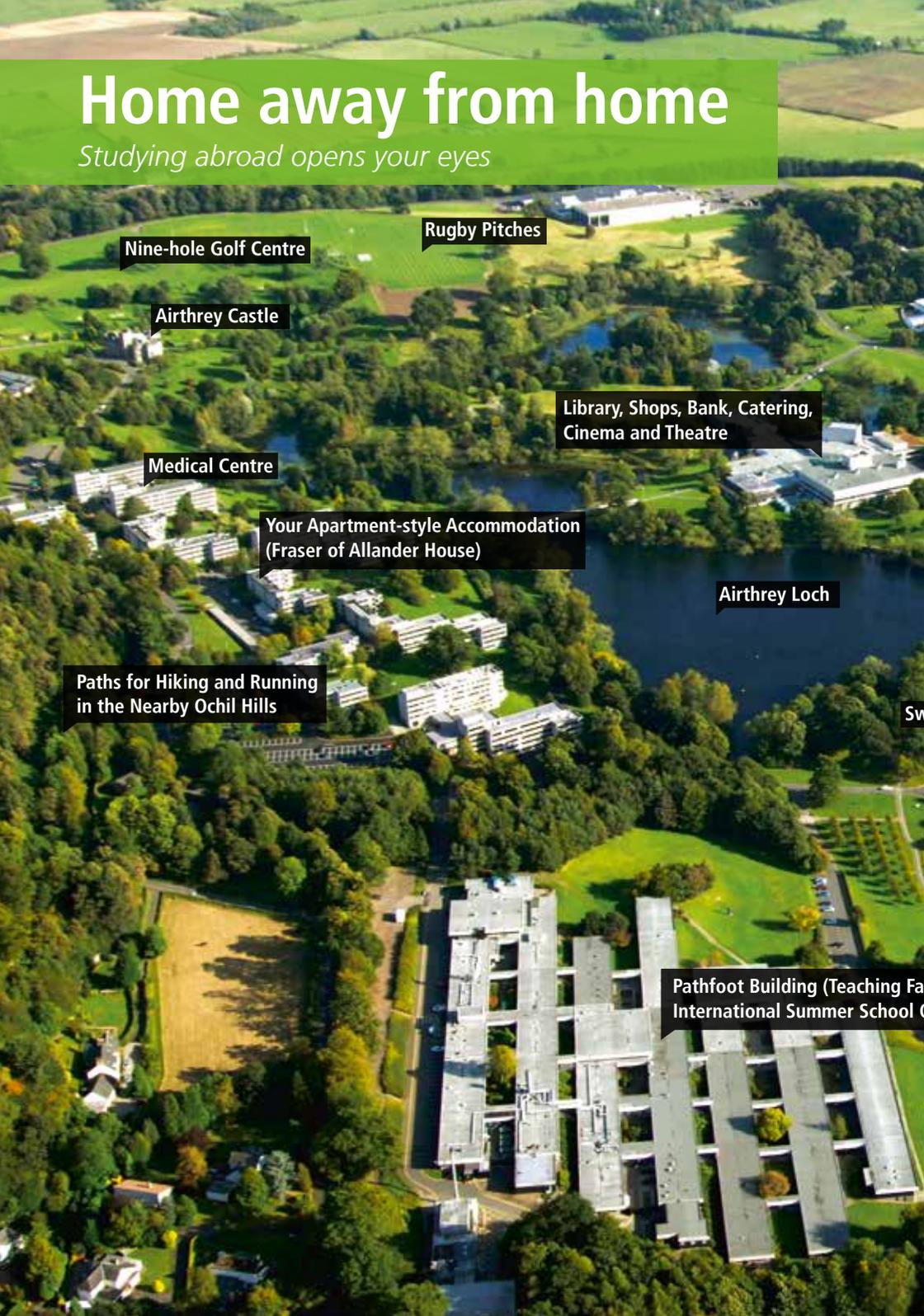
Medical Centre

Your Apartment-style Accommodation
(Fraser of Allander House)

Airthrey Loch

Paths for Hiking and Running
in the Nearby Ochil Hills

Pathfoot Building (Teaching Faculty
International Summer School Centre)



National
Wallace Monument

University of Stirling
Innovation Park

Stirling Management Centre

Cottrell Building (Teaching and
Student Support Facilities)

Sports Centre

Kayaking Dock

Swimming Pool

Facilities and
Office)

Main
Entrance

City of Stirling

Stirling City Centre

Five minutes by bus or car.
15 minutes by bicycle.
Less than an hour to
Edinburgh or Glasgow
International airports.

The City of Stirling

Stirling city is a thrilling mix of the old and the new. Known as the 'Heart of Scotland', it's cosmopolitan, student-friendly and a lively place to be. It's one of the UK's most attractive places to live, capturing the historic and contemporary in a unique atmosphere. Here are some of the key things you'll probably want to know...

YOUR NEW SURROUNDINGS

Our Stirling campus is in a stunning setting. Beautiful, inspiring, safe and modern. It's easy to get around and there's nowhere else like it in the UK.

HOW BIG IS STIRLING?

We think it's the perfect size. The population's around 40,000 – 20 percent of whom are students. This makes Stirling big enough to offer a full 'city experience': shopping, café culture, performing arts and nightlife. Yet it's still compact enough to retain a warm community feel.

HOW FAR IS IT FROM CAMPUS?

Stirling city centre is just two miles from the campus – less than 10 minutes by bus.

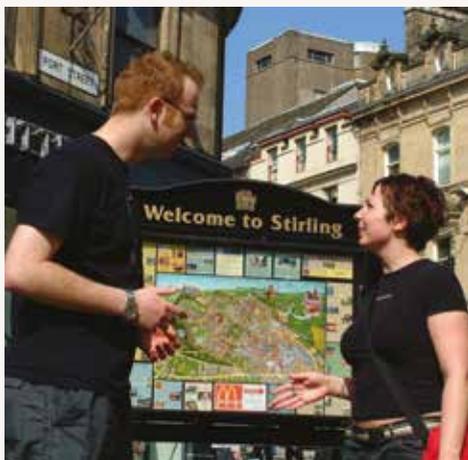
WHAT CAN I DO?

Stirling combines the charm of an historic destination with the buzz of a contemporary city. There's truly something for everyone, much of it aimed directly at students. You'll soon learn that Stirling is linked to two of Scotland's historic heroes: William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. Along with a dramatic medieval castle, these give it a magical aura. Stirling's history blends perfectly with a thriving modern soul. The city lights up at night, and many pubs, clubs and bars gear themselves towards students, with themed nights and DJs. Traditional pubs provide quieter alternatives, with open fires, real ale and folk music. Culturally, Stirling Castle is an established concert and arts venue and is the focal point of the city's annual Hogmanay

(New Year's Eve) celebrations. The Tolbooth building is another busy focus for performing arts and other events. The city's a major tourist destination, something reflected in the wide choice of cuisine at the numerous restaurants, bistros and cafés. There's everything from pub grub to fine dining, with Italian, Indian, Chinese, Thai and Mexican all well represented. And you can pop into nearby Bridge of Allan for delis, bakeries and a classic fish 'n' chip shop.

WHAT ELSE IS NEARBY?

Nestling where the Scottish highlands and lowlands meet, it's no surprise that Stirling is known as 'the Heart of Scotland'. On your doorstep is the peace and tranquillity of unspoiled mountains, lochs and shores – perfect for outdoor activities such as walking, canoeing, mountain biking and sailing. As the geographical heart of Scotland, Stirling naturally has superb links to the rest of the country and beyond. In particular, both Edinburgh and Glasgow are less than an hour away by road or train.



Studying at Stirling

The University of Stirling offers a range of English language courses, including General English, Pre-sessional English, an English Language Summer School in August, and English plus Sport (for closed groups by special arrangement).

Our student body is international and multi-cultural, and students enjoy a friendly atmosphere, good staff/student ratios (maximum of 14 students per class) and a favourable study and leisure environment.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUMMER SCHOOL

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This 4-week General English Summer School aims at developing and improving fluency and giving practice in all four language skills: listening and speaking (with integrated pronunciation) plus reading and writing (with integrated grammar).

At the start of the course, students take a placement test, and are assigned to an appropriate level: Pre-Intermediate; Intermediate; Upper-Intermediate. A leading textbook at the relevant level constitutes the syllabus for each class.

Course book and materials are also provided.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Classes take place from 09:00 - 13:00 Monday to Friday. Beyond this, there is a social programme as outlined below.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME:

Upon arrival, students receive an orientation tour of the campus and of the city of Stirling.

Each week, two afternoon activities and one evening social event are organised. This include, sports activities; a guided walk; a movie, disco, and ceilidh; an afternoon visit to St Andrews.

Two all-day weekend excursions (to Edinburgh and Glasgow) and a weekend trip to Loch Ness are also part of the programme.



Travelling to Stirling City Centre

The University of Stirling is served by excellent bus links from Stirling city centre. Most bus services to the campus run from either outside Stirling's Railway Station or a two minute walk away, in Murray Place, making it possible to enjoy an easily integrated public transport journey to the campus.

Regular travellers to and from the University can also enjoy substantially discounted fares on First Group buses by purchasing a weekly FirstWeek ticket. FirstWeek ticket holders can enjoy unlimited travel within their designated travel zone over a period of seven days.

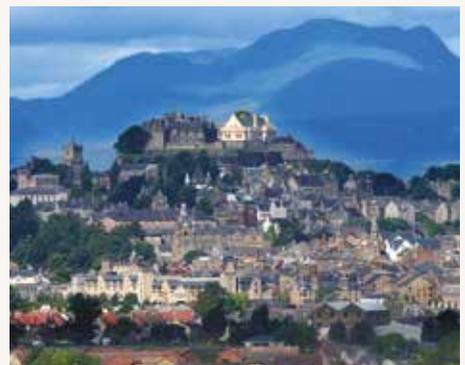
The cost of a weekly bus pass is £9 between campus and Stirling (£25 for 4 weeks). You can purchase a bus pass from the bus driver, with your Stirling ID card.

TIMETABLES

FirstBus operate the following services to the University – Unilink (UL), 53, 54, 58, 62 and 63.

For Timetables for these services please see link below:
http://www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/scotland_east/journey_planning/timetables/index.php?operator=25&page=1&redirect=no

This also includes details of the night service which operates on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

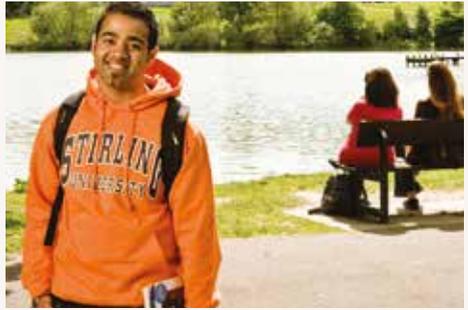


Personal Safety

Concierges ensure the security of the Halls of Residence and the safety of their students at all times of the day, while all flats are fitted with intercom systems.

The University's security team provide a 24 hours a day, 365 days a year service, operating from the Security Control Room at the entrance to the Cottrell Building. They can be contacted on the University's emergency number 2222 (from any internal telephone) or 01786 467999 from a mobile phone. The Stirling campus also has a Police Liaison Officer available Monday-Friday.

You can also contact Maria Cid at the International Office on 01786 467038.during office hours (Monday – Friday 9-5pm).



The Weekly Scottish Challenge!!

You will be issued with a University of Stirling email account.

Your email address will be your
<username>@students.stir.ac.uk
–Example: sfs00001@students.stir.ac.uk

Check your Stirling Account on Mondays to see what's on. Each Monday we'll suggest something new for you to try, a traditionally Scottish recipe, music or a dance.

We'll also regularly introduce you to some famous Scots and we will leave something Scottish for you to taste in your kitchen!



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