



## Centre for Lifelong Learning – [www.strath.ac.uk/cll](http://www.strath.ac.uk/cll)

The University of Strathclyde is a leading provider of knowledge transfer, offering a vast array of continuing professional development opportunities. The Centre for Lifelong Learning makes a significant contribution to this important area of activity with a range of part-time and distance learning courses, some of which lead to postgraduate level awards sponsored by the Faculty of Education. The Centre also has a portfolio of shorter credit and non-credit courses running in the daytime and evening throughout the year.

The Centre for Lifelong Learning has a robust administrative infrastructure in place to support its growing portfolio

and it engages a range of academic staff and external practitioners to present many of its leading edge programmes.

Increasingly, provision is accessible online, enabling participants to study from home or work with minimum disruption to the working day.

Where courses are campus based, the University has been progressively upgrading its learning environment to meet the needs of specific professional groups.

For full details of our courses visit our website or phone +44 (0)141 548 2132.

### Fees 2010-11

**PgCert:** £2,300 for UK and EU students and £3,200 for overseas students.

**PgDip:** £2,300 for UK and EU students and £3,200 for overseas students.

**MSc:** £920 for UK and EU students and £2,800 for overseas students.

### Fees 2011-12

These are currently under review.

#### did you know?

**Students resident in Scotland may be eligible for an ILA payment of £500 towards a course. Visit [www.ilascotland.org.uk](http://www.ilascotland.org.uk)**

More information and downloadable timetables are available at

[www.strath.ac.uk/genealogy](http://www.strath.ac.uk/genealogy)

The University of Strathclyde is a charitable body, registered in Scotland, number SC015263.

### Entry Requirements

Normally a degree or similar evidence of study skills is required and non-standard educational or professional qualifications will be considered. There may be a requirement to demonstrate prior expertise or learning in genealogy or a related field.

The course assumes computer access at home and familiarity with the use of computers in genealogy. Students will need to subscribe to or pay for certain external online databases and services.

### Applications

Early application is advised as numbers may be limited on these courses. Application packs are available at: [www.strath.ac.uk/genealogy](http://www.strath.ac.uk/genealogy)

Entry to the Postgraduate Diploma requires successful completion of the Postgraduate Certificate. Entry to the MSc requires successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma.

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# Get Qualified in Genealogy BY ONLINE STUDY

## MSc/PgDip/PgCert GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

### Genealogy, Family History, Records and Archives, Heraldry

Genealogy is a fast-growing profession. There are many good credit, non-credit and informal courses available, but those who wish to take the subject to a specialised level require higher education, training and professional accreditation.

The University of Strathclyde offers intensive, practitioner-led postgraduate university awards in Genealogical Studies. These are intended

for those with an existing interest and some experience in genealogy and related subjects who wish to study the field in more detail and possibly use it in their careers.

The Postgraduate Certificate leads on to the Postgraduate Diploma, with the possibility of a professional credential from the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA), and on to an MSc by thesis.



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the University of Strathclyde's  
Postgraduate Courses in  
Genealogical Studies



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## About the Courses

The Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma concentrate not only on the sources available to Genealogists and Family Historians, but also the knowledge, skills, techniques and practicalities of operating as a professional genealogist in a variety of settings, including the social, legal and historical context.

The courses are aimed at existing or intending professional Genealogists and those who wish to be recognised as such. It will also appeal to those who are interested in:

- developing, evaluating or refreshing their expertise in Genealogy, Family History, Heraldry, Palaeography, etc
- advancing their academic and professional achievement in these subjects
- gaining a deeper, more critical understanding of the field, its literature and professional practice
- providing expert knowledge and advisory capacity to employers and members of the public, such as in Family History and Local Studies Centres
- achieving a professional accreditation through the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA)

**Not just for those living in the UK, but a valuable experience for anyone with an interest in history and genealogy worldwide...**

**Karen (Connecticut, USA)**

**I have been researching my family history for ten years and thought I knew nearly all there was to know, but this course opened my eyes to just how much I didn't know.**

**Virginia (Fife)**

## Is this for you?

The courses are particularly appropriate for those in the following professions:

- Archivists
- Lawyers and Paralegals
- Geographers
- Land Agents
- Historians
- Librarians
- Museum Staff
- Records Agents

The Postgraduate Certificate deals mainly, but not exclusively, with British subject matter.

The Postgraduate Diploma takes the Certificate subjects further and also addresses overseas sources. There is a strong emphasis on developing the appropriate research, analytical, recording and reporting skills.

The MSc is by thesis on a suitably academic topic agreed with the course team.

On completion of the Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma, students should have a suitable portfolio to submit to various certification boards and other bodies in the UK and abroad. The Diploma is accepted by AGRA for membership application.

## Course Details and Assessment

All delivery is online, using the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). This includes discussion, mail and other collaborative tools. Learning will be at an individual pace within each session, with the sessions scheduled so that each student is at the same stage.

### Postgraduate Certificate

The Postgraduate Certificate is delivered in 11 sessions (approximately every two weeks) from October to June, culminating in the presentation in July of a Project of 3,000 words or equivalent. Students complete substantial study and set work on their own, guided by the Course Tutors.

In addition to the Project, there are smaller assignments to complete as the outcome of particular lectures or sessions, plus three main assessments – an Ancestor Study, a Descendant Study and an exercise in Palaeography which involves transcribing, understanding and extracting relevant information from real documents (wills, testaments, sasines, charters, etc).

### Curriculum and Assignments

- *Genealogy and Heraldry* – an introduction to the main sources of information (BMD, census and census substitutes, OPRs, ecclesiastical, land, occupational and other records, national and local archives). Heraldry and heraldic art in Scotland and England.

- *Family and Social History* – history as it applies to genealogy; home, local, oral and written sources; heredity and inheritance; surnames; demography; migration records; wills and testaments; peerage, etc.
- *Records and Archives, Law and Language* – using GROS, TNA, LDS and other local and national archives; newspapers and photographic repositories; ecclesiastical, land and inheritance law; Scots and English law; palaeography and old documents; digitisation.
- *Methodologies and Practice* – as well as integrating aspects of the subjects above, this unit provides practical skills in IT, record keeping, analysis of evidence, and professional ethics, standards and practice.

### Postgraduate Diploma

The Postgraduate Diploma runs in seven sessions from October to June (approximately monthly). A 5,000-word Dissertation, or equivalent, is submitted in July and there are smaller assignments along the way, plus an ongoing module in Methods of Professional Enquiry.

**Theory, combined with practical exercises allowed me to develop my genealogical expertise in areas outside those I was already familiar with. Thanks to the Tutors the course was well worth the money! I'm now looking forward to the Diploma.**

**Jeanette (London)**

## Curriculum and Assignments

- *Genealogy and Heraldry* – a Family Study
- Family and Social History – study of a house, building, village, registration district
- *Records and Archives, Law and Language* – a number of transcription of Palaeographic exercises
- *Methodologies and Practice* – Methods of Enquiry submission plus Dissertation

### MSc

This runs from October, with the Thesis submitted the following June. There is tutor guidance on academic writing, study and research skills.

### Optional Study Visits

There will be optional visits to major archives and repositories in Edinburgh, Glasgow and London (subject to availability).



*Heraldry is a crucial element in genealogical research*

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burgi, virtute ac vigore Dispensationis Dominorum Concilij et Sessonis tam penes locum quam  
penes seriatim tempus vacantiarum tempus concess, septimo die mensis Novembris Anno  
Domini millesimo septingentesimo quadragesimo sexto, coram discretis viris Thoma Graeme  
et Francisco Gibb diobus et quatuor Clavigeris Ordinarijs coram die: Dominis, vicecomilibus  
in hac parte vicecomitatus de Edinburgh, intra Constabulariam de Haddington, specialiter con-  
stitutis, per Commissionem S. D. N. Regis sub Testimonio sui Magni Sigilli, ad effectum sub-  
scrip: direc: per hos honorabiles probos et fideles homines patria subscrip: viz: Alexandrum ha-  
-milton de Innerwick Armigerum, Cancellarium, Magistrum Alexandrum home Advocatum  
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Signeto Regio, Magistrum Joannem M: Scarline Scribam Signeto Regio, Magistrum Andream  
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*Students are taught the skills of reading and interpreting older documents and palaeography*