



**NEXT
GEN**
EDUCATION

**EDUCATION,
CHILDHOOD
AND TEACHING**

WELCOME TO EDUCATION, CHILDHOOD AND TEACHING

If you're looking to have a long, successful and rewarding career working with children or young people, then studying at Staffordshire University's Institute of Education could be the perfect fit for you.

Our education courses are ideal if you want to become a teacher or specialise in education across a range of ages and sectors. As a student, you'll also have access to fantastic facilities, including our £4.4 million Woodlands Day Nursery and Forest School.

You'll become part of our Institute of Education community, gaining experience through strong links with schools and organisations. Our academics are also active in research, so you'll benefit from up-to-date expertise.

Take the Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status degree and go straight into a job as a primary teacher when you graduate.

Through an Early Childhood Studies degree, you'll become an early years specialist. With Education Studies, you can work across a wide range of ages. You can also opt for a specialist pathway – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Mental Health and Wellbeing, or Education for our Sustainable World.

DISCOVER OUR
EDUCATION
COURSES





WHY CHOOSE **STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?**

TOP 10
FOR STUDENT
SATISFACTION*

(National Student Survey 2022)

£4.4M
WOODLANDS
DAY NURSERY
AND FOREST
SCHOOL

SPECIALIST PATHWAYS

PRACTICAL WORK PLACEMENTS

13TH
FOR ACADEMIC
SUPPORT*

(National Student Survey 2022)*

16TH
FOR TEACHING
QUALITY*

(National Student Survey 2022)*

**JOIN OUR INSTITUTE OF
EDUCATION COMMUNITY**

*In Education related courses



Staffordshire University nature reserve



Student trip to Prague

WHY CHOOSE STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?

At the Institute of Education, we're on a mission to champion education from "pre-school to professor".

It means you'll get far more than just a degree with us – you'll have access to our wide range of expertise across the education sector. Our work includes teacher training and professional development, research projects and bespoke support for schools.

And through our new £4.4 million Woodlands Day Nursery and Forest School, we have become a model for early years practice and outdoor learning. You could be using these amazing facilities as part of your course.

We also work with a network of schools and colleges across the region, including Staffordshire University Academies Trust. You'll build up plenty of practical experience and confidence through placements and will graduate work-ready.

If you take our Primary Education With Qualified Teacher Status degree, you'll be able to go straight into a teaching career in a school.

We also offer degrees in Early Childhood Studies and Education Studies, which you can tailor to suit your interests. Optional pathways include special educational needs and disabilities, mental health and wellbeing, and education for our sustainable world.

The Institute of Education can support you at every stage of your professional journey, from qualifying as a teacher or in another child-related specialism through to leadership. We are also working across the University on evidence-based ways to improve teaching through our Staffordshire Centre of Learning and Pedagogic Practice (SCoLPP).

Our vision is to become home to world-class academics, researchers and practitioners.

I really enjoyed being able to **go on placements** in a variety of settings and getting a feel for the **career opportunities to follow after graduating.**



AMY WITTON

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

The teaching on the QTS course takes a **student-centred approach** as the lecturers ensure that **all the content is relevant** and supports our time in placement.



BETHAN LONGSHAW

PRIMARY EDUCATION WITH QTS

MEET THE EXPERTS



DR JIM PUGH

DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Jim has a hands-on background in teaching and management in the compulsory school sector and in further and higher education. In addition to being the Director of the Institute of Education, Jim works both nationally and internationally in supporting partner institutions to develop educational leadership and management, and in teaching and student experience. His research interests include school culture, leadership, management and workforce remodelling.



AMANDA TAYLER

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES COURSE LEADER

Amanda started at the University in 2015 and is currently teaching across all levels and awards on the education programmes. She is a member of the Staffordshire Early Years Professional Network and has a masters in Early Childhood Studies. Her research has focused on children's language and communication challenges and the remediation of these difficulties. She is currently looking at transitions and the complexities of friendship in pre-school and reception-aged children.



DR MIKE BURNITT

PRIMARY EDUCATION COURSE LEADER

Following years in industry, Dr Mike Burnitt returned to higher education to become course leader for Primary Education with QTS. Mike completed his ITT in 1992 and has over 30 years' experience in primary education, working as a class teacher in Key Stages 1 and 2. He also has extensive experience of senior leadership within a variety of primary schools working within differing socio-economic circumstances.



ALYSON JOLLEY

EDUCATION STUDIES COURSE LEADER

Alyson Jolley joined Staffordshire University in 2017. Before coming to the university, Alyson worked in FE and teacher/staff education for a number of years. Her research interests are transitions at university, social mobility and engagement and the potential of initiatives in citizen science.



OUR COURSES

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Early Childhood Studies	BA (Hons)	L590	104-112	3
Education Studies	BA (Hons)	X300	104-112	3
Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status	BA (Hons)	X112	112-120	3



Outdoor learning

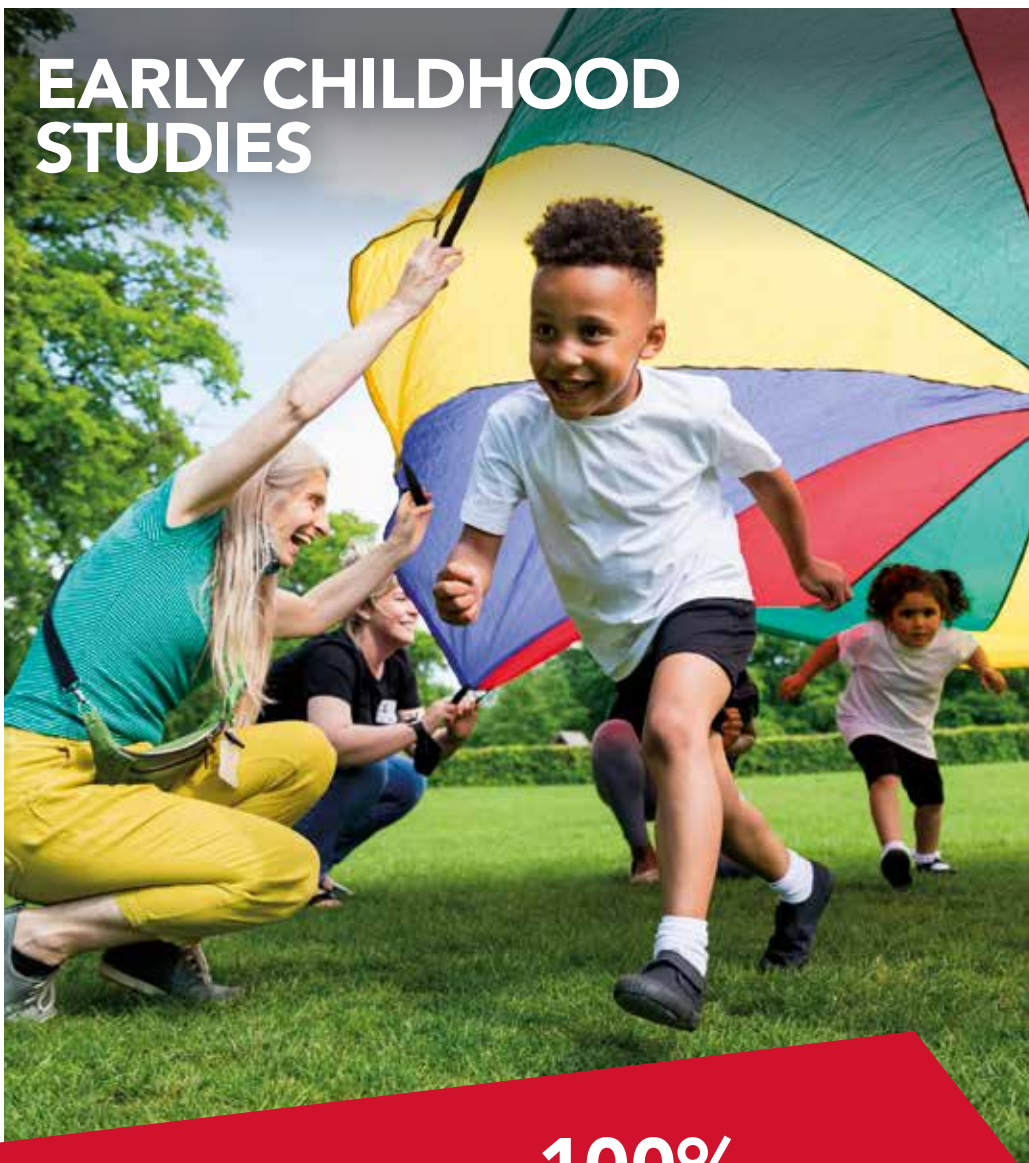
The staff at the schools **always made sure they were available** and taught me how to be a professional.



TONI WEDGEWOOD

EDUCATION STUDENT

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES



100%
STUDENT SATISFACTION

National Student Survey 2022



Find out more
about the
course here



There are few more rewarding roles than helping children to develop new skills, grow socially and emotionally, and overcome challenges. You could become an early years specialist and make a difference to young lives with a degree in Early Childhood Studies. There's no better time to specialise in supporting children and their families.



WHY CHOOSE US...

- Fantastic university facilities, including our £4.4m Woodlands Day Nursery and Forest School.
- Develop specialist knowledge and skills with optional pathways in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Mental Health and Wellbeing or Education for our Sustainable World.
- Become an early years specialist, studying the 0 to 8 age range, with a particular focus on pre-school children. You'll use teaching techniques, play therapy and other practical approaches to put theory into action.
- Build experience across a range of placements, with an opportunity to spend a summer or a year abroad. Typical settings include day nurseries, pre-schools, reception classes, children's centres, and voluntary community groups.
- Become part of our Institute of Education community, working with real families and community groups alongside experienced professionals.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

You'll develop a deep understanding of the factors which affect children's learning, health and wellbeing. The course will also cover the leadership and management of early years settings, what childhood looks like around the world, and early years policy.

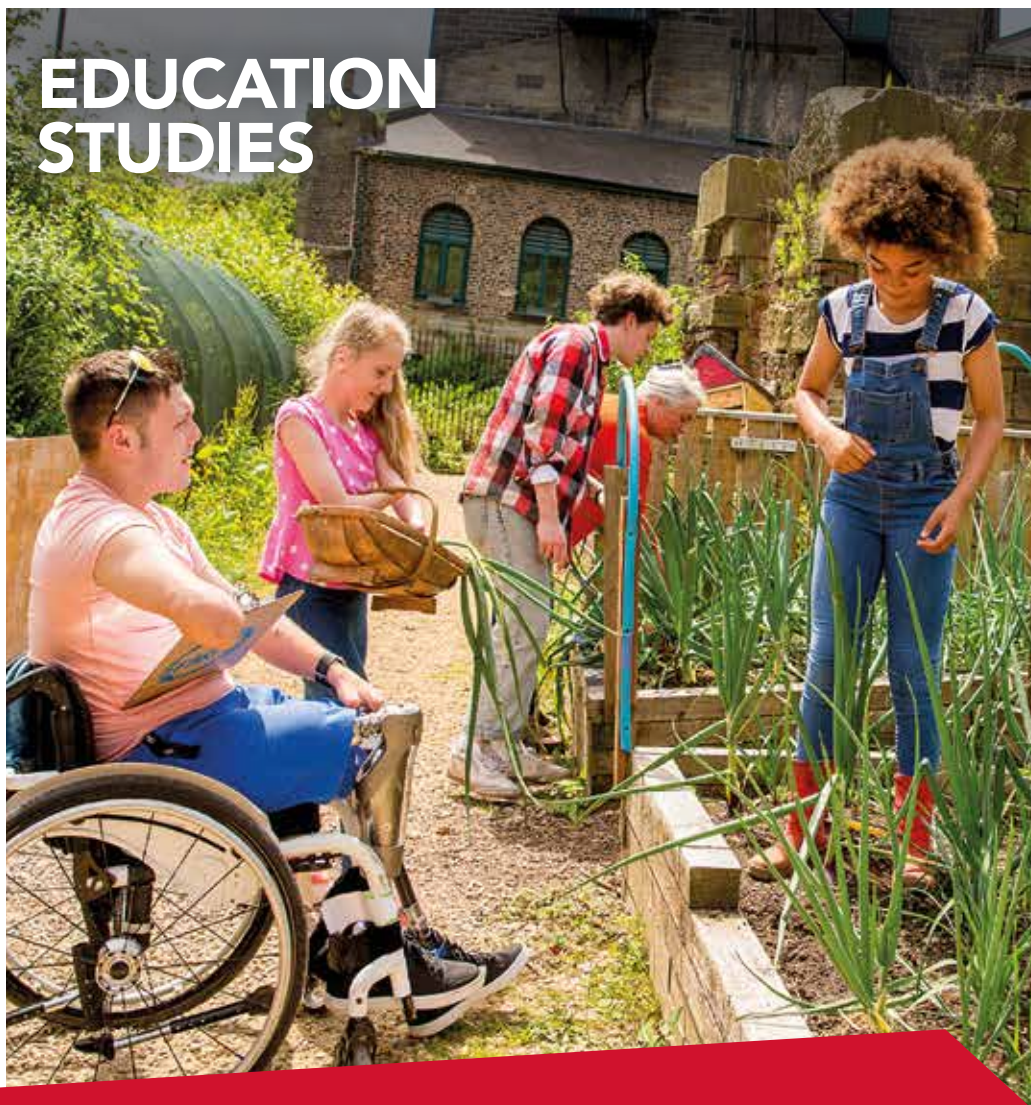
Module examples:

- Play and pedagogy with babies and young children
- Approaches to play therapy
- Children's voices
- Children, families and society
- Keeping children and young people safe in education

WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Popular career routes for our graduates include working in schools, nurseries, local authorities, health organisations and with charities. Many of our graduates have progressed onto postgraduate studies, including primary and early years teacher training. Others work as education welfare assistants, nursery managers or within social work teams.

EDUCATION STUDIES



Whether working in a school, family learning setting or in the community, you can play a vital role in helping people to succeed. Your future could involve coaching and mentoring others, helping children or adults who have special educational needs, championing reading or maths projects, supporting vulnerable teenagers, or running outdoor activities. The possibilities are endless.

TOP 10 FOR STUDENT SATISFACTION IN EDUCATION-RELATED COURSES

National Student Survey 2022



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- Develop specialist knowledge and skills with optional pathways in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), Mental Health and Wellbeing or Education for our Sustainable World.
- Work across age ranges – from early years to post-16. The broad nature of the course means you can keep your options open for future careers.
- Put your skills into practice and immerse yourself in a team, working alongside children or adults, with work-based learning opportunities. Practical work experience combines with academic study to help you develop the skills needed for a career in education.
- Become part of our Institute of Education community, gaining experience through strong links with schools and organisations.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

You'll develop knowledge and understanding of the factors that impact on learner's holistic development and educational outcomes. We'll support you every step of the way and help you nurture your passion for helping others to learn.

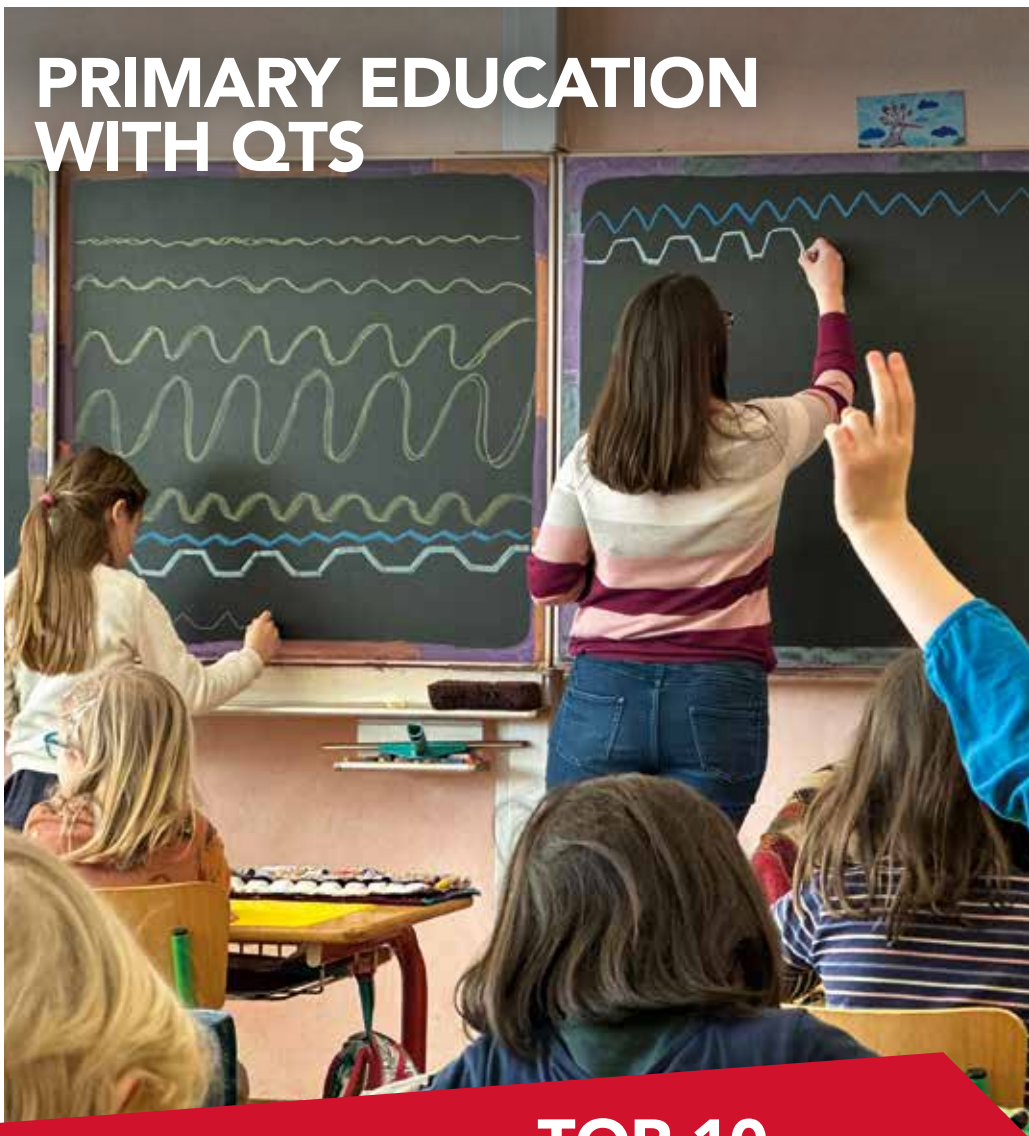
Module examples:

- Children, families and society
- Keeping children and young people safe in education
- The evolution of education
- Perspectives of learning and development
- Digital future of education

WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Many of our graduates enter teaching through PGCE or Schools Direct routes. Others work in specialist support roles in children's centres or schools and colleges, in educational administration and management, play work, learning support and more. Some progress to postgraduate study.

PRIMARY EDUCATION WITH QTS



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As a primary school teacher, you can have an impact on who and what children become. Through intensive training and academic study, you can go straight into your first job as a primary school teacher when you graduate. Choose a rewarding profession that makes a huge difference to young lives.



WHY CHOOSE US...

- Graduate as a primary school teacher with qualified teacher status (QTS) in just three years.
- Gain experience through placements in early years settings and schools, completing at least 133 days on placement by the end of your final year at university. As you progress into your final year of training, you will lead the class for most of the time.
- University sessions combine with school placements to put theory into practice. You'll learn through a combination of lectures, practical sessions, workshops and school-based placements.
- Become part of our Institute of Education community, learning from sector professionals with experience in a variety of education settings. You'll be supported by an academic mentor and the wider tutor team.
- Join guest lectures focused on the key elements connected to becoming an effective and inspirational primary teacher.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

During the course, you'll learn how to become an effective and inspirational primary teacher. We'll prepare you for your first teaching post, including detailed preparation for the application process and support with interview preparation.

Module examples:

- Primary core curriculum
- Primary foundation curriculum
- Contemporary issues in primary education
- Professional studies – reflection and professional problem solving
- Inclusion and inclusive practice
- Safeguarding and child protection

WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Graduates with Qualified Teacher Status enjoy work in a range of educational roles and settings, receiving support within the Early Career Framework – a two-year package of structured training and professional development designed to help new teachers develop their practice, knowledge and working habits.



WORK PLACEMENTS

As an Education student at Staffordshire University you'll have access to a range of high-quality placements across early years settings, schools and other learning environments. You'll have the chance to establish lifelong networks and be supported by employers within the industry.

We work with numerous high performing early years settings and schools with the local area and in Birmingham, the Black Country, Shropshire, Manchester, Derbyshire and beyond, to give you real world experience and enable you to make informed decisions about your career direction.

Our work placements let you explore how you see yourself and your role within a professional working environment. You will

focus on how you work individually and in teams, and how you contribute to the aims, ethos and culture of the workplace. Students studying on our Primary Education degree will undertake placements in schools to develop their teaching and create links between theory and practice.

During your placement, you'll be supported by a work-based supervisor within the setting and receive feedback on your performance and contribution.

We also work with international university partners to provide placement and work experience opportunities abroad. Previous locations have included Holland, Spain and China.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL/VALIDATION

We're always striving to deliver the most current and relevant degrees, both by creating new courses and regularly reviewing our current offering.

Each time we make changes, the course goes through a rigorous approval process to ensure that it's the perfect fit for our students, employers and other relevant stakeholders.

Some of the courses inside this guide may be marked as 'subject to approval' or 'subject to validation', but don't worry, this just means some of the details of the course won't have been finalised yet. As soon as new courses are approved and validated, up-to-date information will be provided on the online course pages at www.staffs.ac.uk/courses

If you have been offered a place and there is a significant change to the course, or for any reason, the course doesn't run – we will contact you immediately and fully support you in finding the best suitable alternative.

At the time of printing in April 2023, the courses listed in this guide represent those we intend to offer for the 2023/2024 academic years. Very occasionally, however, we need to make changes to our courses, including their content and the way in which they are delivered. In some instances, courses can be discontinued or combined with other courses.

Reasons for withdrawing courses can include insufficient student numbers and courses not receiving the necessary accreditation or approval. Changes to course information may include operational and academic reasons.

If circumstances beyond our control mean we cannot provide particular educational services, all reasonable steps will be taken to minimise any disruption to those services. However, the University will have no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any prospect or student as a result.

As a prospective student of Staffordshire University, it's your responsibility to ensure you have fully reviewed up-to-date course information before you

apply, and that your chosen course fully meets your requirements. You should also check the course still meets your requirements before accepting an offer to study with us.

Student satisfaction scores have been provided by Unistats and are correct at the time of going to print. For more information, visit: discoveruni.gov.uk

If we discontinue a course or programme and you're not happy with the alternative offered, or if a programme is changed and you're not happy with the changes, you'll be given the opportunity to withdraw from the programme. Up-to-date course information can be found on our website (www.staffs.ac.uk), or by calling us on **01782 294400**.

If you're offered a place at Staffordshire University, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. If you become a student of Staffordshire University, you will enter a contract with us and be bound by our rules and regulations. These, too, may vary from time to time (www.staffs.ac.uk/rulesandregs).

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**IN THE UK FOR
QUALITY EDUCATION**

Sustainable Development Goal 4
THE Impact Rankings 2023

**TOP
10**

**FOR CAREER
PROSPECTS**

Whatuni Student Choice
Awards 2023

**TOP
20**

**FOR
FACILITIES**

Whatuni Student Choice
Awards 2023

**TOP
10**

**FOR SOCIAL
INCLUSION**

The Times and The Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2023

87%

**OF RESEARCH IMPACT
IS 'OUTSTANDING' OR
'VERY CONSIDERABLE'**

Research Excellence
Framework 2021

68%

**OF RESEARCH IS
'INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT'
OR 'WORLD LEADING'**

Research Excellence
Framework 2021

For more detailed information on courses
or studying at Staffordshire University visit:
www.staffs.ac.uk/undergraduate

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