

## Features

- Gain an up-to-date qualification online, at your desktop
- Access the latest thinking on mountain issues
- Develop key scientific and policy skills
- Flexible learning options – from single module to full degree
- The opportunity to leave with a recognised qualification after successfully completing each level of the course

## Career opportunities

- Management positions in the public sector
- Non-governmental organisations
- Conservation bodies
- Research
- Environmental consultants

## Study mode

- Part-time
- Online, with tutor support by email and phone and access to extensive online library resources
- Mandatory induction, usually at Perth College UHI

## Course available

The course starts in September each year

[www.uhi.ac.uk](http://www.uhi.ac.uk)

[www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/mountainstudies](http://www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/mountainstudies)

## Entry requirements

Normally, an ordinary or Honours undergraduate degree, a Postgraduate Diploma, or a professional qualification. Applicants who have an ordinary undergraduate degree, relevant work experience and/or vocational qualifications may also apply. Please contact us if you have any queries about eligibility.

## Where you can study this course

Online. The course is available to students across Europe, subject to confirmation of English language competence.

## How to apply

For an application form or to find out more please contact the Centre for Mountain Studies, Perth College UHI.

Email [info.cms@perth.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:info.cms@perth.uhi.ac.uk) or call +44 (0) 1738 877761



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# MSc Managing Sustainable Mountain Development



University-level study in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland



Thinking of university?  
**Think UHI.**

## What is special about this course?

The MSc Managing Sustainable Mountain Development is an online, part-time inter-disciplinary course with exit awards at Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, and MSc levels.

The course offers you advanced theory and practice to give you a clear understanding of the complex issues of mountain areas. You will engage with aspects of practice common to many disciplines and situations, and apply your newly acquired skills to your areas of expertise and interest.

Individual modules deal with social, environmental, economic, and professional development issues in mountain areas.

The course has unique international recognition as an activity of the UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development, based at the Centre for Mountain Studies, Perth College UHI.

“For most of my career, I have lived near or in mountains. This course is the only Masters course on mountain issues in the UK, and as it is online, you can study anywhere. Until starting to teach this course, my main focus had always been research and consultancy, so I have brought a lot of real-life experience to the course.”

Professor Martin Price,  
Course Leader Perth College UHI



## Course structure

It usually takes at least three years part-time to achieve the MSc. You are required to complete 60 credits (usually four modules) for each of the first two levels of the course, learning through a combination of online materials, discussion boards, independent study and, in some cases, group work. For the MSc you will undertake independent research on a theme of your own choice, and submit a dissertation in your final year. You can sign up for individual stand-alone modules if you are unable to commit to a full course, and these modules can count towards your continuing professional development.

### Level 1

Environmental and social issues in mountain areas  
Sustainable development  
Policy frameworks and analysis  
Developing communities

Qualification gained at this point:  
**PgCert Managing Sustainable Mountain Development**

### Level 2

Biodiversity management  
Developing potential through placement  
Environmental assessment  
Field studies  
Human ecology in rural areas  
Geographical information systems  
Information society and rural development  
Local economic development  
Research methods and techniques  
Sustainable tourism and interpretation  
Water management

Qualification gained at this point:  
**PgDip Managing Sustainable Mountain Development**

### Level 3

Dissertation

Qualification gained at this point:  
**MSc Managing Sustainable Mountain Development**