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The definitive guide for international students
Where We Are

The University of St Andrews is set in the stunning, mediaeval coastal town of St Andrews, situated on the east coast of Scotland just north of Edinburgh. Steeped in history, we offer an unrivalled student experience in a thriving, close-knit community which will set the scene for the rest of your life. St Andrews is approximately two square miles in area with University buildings interspersed throughout. The town really is our campus.

There are regular flights to both London and international destinations from Edinburgh (one hour away) and Glasgow (two hours away).

www.travelinescotland.com

For updated information on travel to St Andrews please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/about/visiting

People

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*October 2015

St Andrews has been an eye-opening and holistic experience, both academically and otherwise. The structure of the curriculum allows you to explore your academic strengths and weaknesses, helping you refine the subject you truly wish to study.

Shaik – Current student Singapore, MA (Hons) International Relations and Economics
At St Andrews we offer a four-year Honours degree pathway as standard which is different from the English system. We have four Faculties – Arts, Divinity, Medicine and Science. You may choose the Faculty in which you want to study based upon your qualifications and interests. Please note, in the Faculty of Arts the degree is called a Master of Arts (MA) which is equivalent to a Bachelor of Arts (BA).

Students are admitted to a specific degree programme within one of our four Faculties. This provides breadth and flexibility as you can drop and pick up subjects over the first two years, allowing you to settle on your chosen degree path at the end of Year 2. Students in all Faculties (except Medicine) will begin by taking three subjects in Year 1.

Example degree structure

MA (Master of Arts) Honours

- Year 1 subjects: [A, B, C]
- Year 2 subjects: [A, B, C] or D
- Year 3 subjects: A
- Year 4 subjects: A

BSc (Bachelor of Science) Honours

- Year 1 subjects: [A, B, C]
- Year 2 subjects: [A, B]
- Year 3 subjects: A
- Year 4 subjects: A

For more information on different degree routes in each of our Faculties (Arts, Science, Divinity and Medicine), please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/options/routes/honours

Studying Medicine at St Andrews

The degree pathway for Medicine is different from other programmes. For further information applicants should refer to: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/medicine

BA International Honours programme

This unique programme allows students to spend two years in St Andrews and two years in Williamsburg, Virginia. Graduates become alumni of both St Andrews and the College of William & Mary. This opportunity is only available for candidates wishing to study Economics, English, History or International Relations. For more details, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/options/routes/wm

Junior Semester and Year Abroad

St Andrews offers exciting opportunities for university students who want to come and study with us for a semester or year. For more information on these opportunities, please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad

Summer School for high school students

Each summer international high school students who have completed the tenth grade have a fantastic opportunity to come and study with us at St Andrews for between two and four weeks. We are looking for students who have around a B+ average on a high school transcript. For more information on our Creative Writing, Scottish Studies and Science summer programmes, please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/non-degree/summer/programmes

For information on our Medicine, Science (for users of English as an additional language) and university preparation courses, please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/summerschools
Undergraduate admission to the University of St Andrews is highly competitive and our entrance requirements reflect this. We are looking for well-rounded students who are global thinkers, proactive and above all high academic achievers.

We accept qualifications from a range of countries; for full details of entrance requirements, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/entrance-requirements

English language requirements
If your first language is not English you will be required to provide evidence of your English language proficiency. For more details please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/entry

For entrance requirements to the School of Medicine please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/medicine

Reference
One academic reference is required.

Personal Statement
This is an opportunity to outline your reasons for applying for the choice of subject(s) and your potential to succeed.

Application
You may only use one method of application: Direct Entry, UCAS or Common Application.

Direct Entry – International students have the opportunity to apply directly to the University of St Andrews provided you are not applying to any other UK university. For more details, please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/direct

UCAS – International students applying to more than one UK institution must use UCAS. For more details, please visit: www.ucas.com

Common Application – International students have the opportunity to apply through the Common Application if St Andrews is the only UK institution to which they are applying, or the other UK institutions are members of the Common Application. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/common-application

Submitting your application
We use rolling admission and the application route used will not affect your chance of entry. You should apply when you are ready.

I studied hard at university and built up a strong academic record which proved to my employer that I have the technical aptitude and work ethic to be an actuary. My actuarial internship enhanced my understanding of what actuaries do and provided me with valuable experiences to draw upon in my interviews. The sport I played at university and my work experience in retail acted as evidence of my ability to get on with others and function as part of a team.

Tom – (MSc Mathematics and Statistics (2009)) Executive, Ernst & Young LLP
Fees and Funding

Annual tuition fees for overseas students (2016-2017)
Faculty of Arts, Divinity & Science: £17,890
Faculty of Medicine: £25,200

Accommodation fees per year: £5,544
(Based upon shared occupancy and catered for 2015-2016)

Estimated total cost per student per annum – tuition + shared / catered accommodation
Faculty of Arts, Divinity and Science: £23,434
Faculty of Medicine: £30,744

For information on current tuition and accommodation fees, please see:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding

Applicants should also consider their living expenses. For further information please visit:
http://international.studentcalculator.org

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Student domicile
If you are unsure whether you will be classified as Overseas or Home/EU please fill in our online Fee Status Questionnaire: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/study/forms/ug/fee-status-classification-questionnaire.pdf

Scholarships and funding
We offer a small number of scholarships for overseas fee paying students who will be studying at St Andrews for an undergraduate degree. The scholarships will be awarded as a tuition fee reduction for each year of the student’s undergraduate studies and will be awarded broadly on the basis of financial need and academic merit. These scholarships are only available for students who are entering into the first year of study.

For details on these and other awards please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/scholarships

Accommodation award
You can apply for financial support for your University accommodation fees. The award (for 2016 entry) is £3,000 per annum for the first two years of study and is means-tested, based on financial need.

Pre-degree

Pre-sessional courses
Our two-week and four-week pre-sessional courses offer international students a flying start to their university career. With an emphasis on academic writing and the use of sources, they ensure you are well-prepared for the kinds of assignments required on our degree programmes. You will attend an interesting series of lectures on a range of topics and develop strategies for successful note-taking. You will participate in seminars, work in groups and receive personalised feedback on your writing and presentations. There are also plenty of opportunities for socialising, including Scottish ceilidh dancing and visits to places of interest nearby.
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/presessional

Foundation programmes
If you are an overseas student with a school-leaving qualification that does not allow direct application to undergraduate programmes, we offer foundation programmes in the sciences and humanities with both September and January start dates.
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation

St Andrews is the top choice for my students in Europe. Latin American students feel comfortable and confident with the small learning environment, individualised student support, and the wide variety of clubs and societies. The warm and welcoming students and staff at St Andrews make it the most popular UK university for Nido graduates.

Ian Lally– World University Counsellor, International School Nido de Aguilas, Santiago, Chile
Graduate Prospects

Your future
We recognise that academic success is only half the story. In an increasingly competitive graduate market, we understand the importance of equipping you with the skills to capitalise on your first-rate education and successfully market yourself to graduate employers.

Careers Centre
We provide you with a comprehensive range of services to help you make well-informed and timely decisions about your future. These include:

• Personalised consultation and one to one careers advice.
• Workshops led by Careers and employers on topics such as making successful applications, interview and presentation skills.
• An extensive website of resources.

The Careers Centre webpages include useful information for international students, subject relevant career paths, and the ability to network with our extensive alumni. For this, and much more, please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers

In such a tight-knit community, our students develop exceptional team working skills through activities such as group projects, volunteering programmes and clubs and societies. St Andrews students have other skills that are vital to employers such as their enthusiasm and initiative. Our degree structure and curriculum enables students to think independently. Our diverse community gives our students a global network of contacts and provides them with an acute awareness of the world in which we live.

Student Life

St Andrews’ student life is a vibrant melting pot of:

• 150 clubs and societies.
• 60 sports clubs (at both Club and Varsity level).
• Music opportunities.
• Religious and faith-based organisations.
• Socialising in restaurants, bars and coffee shops.

With over 600 years of history, St Andrews offers a wide range of traditions that students are encouraged to be involved in, for example:

• Academic Family – first year students are adopted by third year students.
• Raisin Monday – first year students dress up in costumes and then have a huge foam fight!
• May Dip – jumping into the sea on 1 May when the sun comes up.
• Ball culture – wearing formal dress and dancing the night away.

Accommodation
The University has around 4,000 study bed spaces in halls of residence which all vary in size, architecture, atmosphere and tradition.

We guarantee University managed accommodation to every entrant undergraduate student provided they apply for their housing between 1 April - 30 June in their year of entry.

You can choose from a range of accommodation options. We cannot always guarantee your first selection but you will be allocated one of your four choices. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/accommodation

In recent years our graduates have secured jobs for organisations including: Deloitte, Google, IBM, JP Morgan, Accenture, PwC, Sotheby’s, Allen & Overy LLP, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Procter & Gamble, IBM, GE, Shell, Thomson Reuters, GSK

Charities Campaign
In 2014-2015 the Charities Campaign raised a phenomenal £100,000 for good causes

Undergraduate hall population: 97% of entrants, 22% of returners
What You Can Study

Overall, we offer approximately 68 subjects and a total of over 600 degree combinations.

Details of all our programmes, including Single and Joint Honours degrees taught in each Faculty, are available at:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/prospectus

Below is a full listing of our academic Schools and Departments some of which contain multiple subjects.

**Faculty of Arts**
- Art History
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- English
- Film Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Modern Languages
- Social Anthropology

**Faculty of Science**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth & Environmental Sciences
- Neuroscience
- Physics & Astronomy

**Faculty of Divinity**
- Divinity

**Faculty of Medicine**
- Medicine

**Cross-Faculty**
- Economics
- Geography
- Management
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Sustainable Development

Please come and visit us!
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/meet-us
Curriculum Development
As a research intensive institution, the University ensures that its teaching references the research interests of its staff, which may change from time to time. As a result, programmes are regularly reviewed with the aim of enhancing students’ learning experience. Our approach to course revision is described at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/teaching-and-learning/policies/course-revision-protocol.pdf

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Entrance requirements
National Senior Certificate (NSC) holders are expected to obtain an overall average of 80%, with 80% (or 7) across at least five subjects and 80% (or 7) in subjects relating to the degree or pre-requisite subjects. Applicants must also meet the entrance requirements set by the relevant Faculty for their programme of study.

Applicants do not require A-Levels for admittance degrees in the Faculties of Arts, Divinity and Science.

For full details please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/entrance-requirements/south-africa

Entrance requirements to the School of Medicine
The South African NSC is not sufficient for entry to Medicine. Strong applicants (minimum AAAAB in leaving certificate to include Chemistry (at Grade A), English, Mathematics and Biology) may be considered if study is supplemented with A-Levels, or a further year of science study such as first year of Bachelor of Science degree or a Foundation programme. Physical Science is not acceptable in lieu of a full Chemistry course but a full Chemistry module at undergraduate level would be acceptable. Life Science is acceptable in lieu of Biology.

For more information please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/medicine

Foundation programme for Medicine
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UCAS – International students applying to more than one UK institution must use UCAS. The deadline for applications from all international students is 30 June in the year of entry. For more details, please visit: www.ucas.com
Visas and English language requirements
In order to obtain a visa, UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) requires all South African students to have passed a ‘SELT’ – a Secure English Language Test. This is entirely separate from any English language proficiency qualification that may be required for academic entry. Students studying at an English medium school or who have achieved an A grade in English at a non-English medium school are not required to take any further testing beyond the SELT; all other students will be required to take an English test accepted by the University, such as IELTS. For more details please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/entry

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Faculty of Medicine: £30,744 / R722,570

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Foreign exchange as of 11 December 2015, 1 GBP = 23.50 ZAR.

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Scholarships and funding
University opportunities: International Undergraduate Scholarship. For details please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/scholarships

Ever since I arrived in St Andrews I knew it was the right place for me – the cultural diversity, the rigorous yet flexible approach to academic work and the beauty and historical feel of the town itself have made my time here very special. I feel like I will not only leave with a top class degree from a top university, but also with friends and memories to last me a lifetime.

Savannah – Johannesburg
(Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences)