



University of St Andrews  
*Scotland's first university – 1413*



Exchanges and  
Study Abroad

# Why St Andrews?

The University of St Andrews is a **highly ranked** institution steeped in tradition and with a **global outlook**, offering students a **flexible degree structure** in a **historic, safe and welcoming** setting.



# 11 years

in the **top 100** of the  
QS World University Rankings

Students from **more than 120**  
territories worldwide

**First** in UK for  
**student satisfaction**  
National Student Survey 2023



**58%**  
Students  
from  
the UK

**42%**  
International  
students

over  
**8,000**  
Undergraduate  
students

# Studying at St Andrews



## What can I study?

### Faculty of Arts

Arabic  
Art History  
Chinese Studies  
Classics  
Comparative Literature  
English  
Film Studies  
French  
German  
History  
International Relations  
Italian  
Persian  
Russian  
Social Anthropology  
Spanish

### Faculty of Divinity

Divinity

### Faculty of Science

Biology  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Earth & Environmental Sciences  
Neuroscience  
Physics & Astronomy

### Cross-Faculty (Arts and Science)

Economics  
Geography  
Management  
Mathematics  
Philosophy  
Psychology  
Statistics  
Sustainable Development

### St Andrews Summer Study

Our Summer Study programme offers international undergraduate students the opportunity to spend 3-6 weeks studying for credit at the University of St Andrews. Experience the academic rigour and quintessential feel of St Andrews, and Scotland, first-hand. See page 14.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects)

### Faculties

Our academic Schools are organised into Faculties, as shown on page 2. Exchanges and Study Abroad students apply to the Faculty which most suits your requirements:

- Arts
- Divinity
- Science

Non-graduating students cannot study in the Faculty of Medicine.

### Exchange students

If you wish to attend St Andrews on a subject-specific exchange programme, you **may be permitted** to take additional courses in other subjects.

### Modules and credits

You will take around **60 St Andrews credits** per semester (30 ECTS\*) or **120 credits** per academic year (60 ECTS\*).

\*ECTS = *European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System*

Exchanges and Study Abroad students can take a **combination** of modules from across the three Faculties provided the timetables do not clash.

### Pre-requisites:

Although many of our 1000-level modules are suitable for beginners, some modules, especially in the sciences, **require several years** of background study at high school. In addition, if you wish to study Honours-level modules (3000 & 4000 levels) you should ensure that **you have the requisite background knowledge** – for most subjects this means prior study at university level.

The Module Catalogue will give you more in-depth information about each module:

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/modules](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/modules)

### Semester dates

Our semester dates are available online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/semester-dates](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/semester-dates)

Semester 1:	Semester 2:
September to December Exams – December	Late January to May (includes two-week Spring vacation) Exams – April and May

### Teaching

Teaching at St Andrews may be very different to what you are used to at your home institution. At St Andrews, and depending on the level of module you take, you will participate in:

- traditional lectures
- tutorials
- seminars
- lab work
- one-to-one discussions
- and **unsupervised independent study** (allowing you to research your subjects in greater depth)

### Assessment

Assessment varies across the Schools, but is usually in the form of **assessed coursework** and end of semester **exams**.

### Credit transfer

St Andrews programmes are **credit rated** which allows you to transfer your credits to your home institution. You should check with your home institution for further information about the conversion of St Andrews credits and grades.

### Join us for postgraduate study

The University of St Andrews offers a variety of **postgraduate qualifications**, which range from one to four years. More information on all available programmes can be found online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects)

# How do I apply?

## Exchange programmes

The University of St Andrews has a number of **European** and **international** exchange partners. To attend St Andrews as an exchange student, your home institution must **nominate** you.

## International Study Abroad Programme

We welcome applications to our International Study Abroad Programme from **international students** who wish to study abroad at St Andrews for a **semester** or **academic year**. All students admitted to the International Study Abroad Programme are liable to pay the advertised programme fee.

### Entry requirements

Entry to the University of St Andrews is **highly competitive** and our entry requirements reflect this. We are looking for well-rounded students who are global thinkers, proactive and above all high academic achievers.

Applicants are expected to have a **strong overall average grade**. Please check our website for up to date entry requirements.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/applying/entry-requirements](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/applying/entry-requirements)

### How to apply

Further information about how to apply to St Andrews, including the supporting documents required and our **international study abroad application form** can be found online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/applying/how-to-apply](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/applying/how-to-apply)

Exchange students will be sent the link to our Exchange application system directly after nomination by their home institution.

### Deadlines

- 15 April** – First Semester and Full Year entry
- 31 October** – Second Semester entry

### English language requirement

Applicants from non-English speaking countries must **demonstrate** evidence of English language proficiency at the time of application.

Our **minimum requirements** and the types of proficiency tests we accept are listed here: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry/language-requirements](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry/language-requirements)

Students who meet the minimum English language entry requirement, and who would like to **boost their English language skills**, should consider attending a pre-sessional English language course: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/short-courses/pre-sessional](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/short-courses/pre-sessional)



Entrance to College Halls

# From application to St Andrews student

## Your application journey

### Application

Once submitted through the St Andrews portal, your application will be reviewed by the University.



### Registration

Once you have met all conditions and you've accepted an unconditional offer, you are asked to declare any criminal convictions. After this, your St Andrews account will be created and visa letters will be issued, if required.



### Accommodation

When fully registered, you will be able to apply for a place in one of the University's Halls of Residence.



### Pre-Advising

Submit your provisional module choices to the University.



### Matriculation

Complete mandatory checks and training modules and finalise your course choices with your Adviser of Studies. You are then a fully matriculated student at the University of St Andrews.



# What is life in St Andrews like?

The size of St Andrews naturally gives the town and University a community feel. You can get involved in a huge range of activities, traditions, sports and student societies.

Our **Students' Association** – usually called *The Union* – is home to events every week, student representation and over 180 student clubs and societies. These **societies** are all student-run and cover everything from academic subjects to baking, Harry Potter and yoga, with almost everything in between. There are also societies where students bring the culture and traditions of their home country to St Andrews.

We have a long history of **music, drama** and the **performing arts** at St Andrews, with students putting on performances of both classic and modern works. Productions give you the opportunity to act, write, produce or even direct your own show. We also have our own performing arts festival, *On The Rocks*, each year as well as sending shows to the Fringe festival in Edinburgh.

We have our own orchestra and other classical groups, a cappella groups, choirs and more, with rehearsal rooms and lessons available. Or you can enjoy live music like the weekly sessions in the Union café.

Our students' creative talents are also on show through our student **newspapers, radio** and **film production**, offering you the chance to do everything from host your own radio show to getting involved with student journalism.

As you might expect from a university that is over 600 years old we have a number of **traditions** that are unique to St Andrews that you can take part in. These include our famous shaving foam fight, running into the sea at dawn on 1 May and wearing gowns on formal occasions.

Many of our students take part in **sport** whilst at St Andrews. Whether you want to be part of a competitive team, take part in local leagues or just stay fit, there are options for you in our newly redeveloped sports centre.

- More than 50 sports on offer.
- Compete socially or up to national level in SSS and BUCS (Student Sport Scotland and British Universities and College Sport).
- Twelve Performance sports that have additional coaching, sport science interventions and greater access to facilities.
- Redeveloped sports facilities – we have just completed a £14 million redevelopment of the Sports Centre.
- 130-station gym.



Raisin Monday – foam fight



Students' Association



May Dip



Sports Club Captains

# What are the fees?

## Exchange Programme

No tuition or programme fee will be charged by St Andrews.

## International Study Abroad Programme:

### 2023-2024

**Semester** – £10,010  
**Academic Year** – £20,020

Information on university accommodation fees and how to apply can be found on our website, [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/before](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/before)

## Living expenses

(as stipulated by UK Immigration)  
£1,023 per month or £9,207 per academic year.

Please visit the UK Government website for further information and up-to-date costs, [www.gov.uk/student-visa/money](http://www.gov.uk/student-visa/money)

Please check the following website for information about living costs in St Andrews: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/money](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/money)

## Visas

If you are an international student who will study in the UK for **longer** than six months, you will require a Student Visa.

If you are an international student who will study in the UK for **less** than six months, you can enter the UK as a Standard Visitor.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/before](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/before)

*“When I got to St Andrews, it was love at first sight. I was able to take classes that interested me and saw many of the works I learnt about in Art History while I was travelling. I would also recommend doing the Pier Walk at least once.”*

## Olivia

Johns Hopkins University, USA

# Interdisciplinary themes

When choosing which modules you wish to study at St Andrews, you might want to consider those that form our interdisciplinary themes. These are groups of modules which showcase some of the University's most distinctive subjects.

The full list of interdisciplinary modules are available to view online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/studies/what-will-i-study/interdisciplinary](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/studies/what-will-i-study/interdisciplinary)

## Unique to St Andrews

St Andrews is one of the UK's leading research institutions and that infuses all of our teaching. This theme highlights modules that stem from our key areas of research. Some suggested module choices:

**Biology – Molecular Virology:** Viruses as a group remain a continuing threat to human and animal welfare. This module will look at aspects of RNA virus host interactions.

**Spanish – Post-1975 Writing in Spain:** The aim of the module is the close study of a selection of literary texts produced in the post-Franco period. These narratives can be seen as part of a process of the gradual 'normalisation', Europeanisation, and universalisation of Spanish cultural creations.

**Biology – Foraging in Marine Mammals:** This module will provide primarily seminar and practical-based analysis of the life-history requirements of foraging in marine mammals, constraints on finding food, adaptations for feeding in the marine environment and optimal foraging theory.

**Mathematics & Statistics – Solar Theory:** The object of this module is to describe the basic dynamic processes at work in the Sun, a subject which is being enlivened by dramatic new results from space missions.

**History – From Cradle to Grave: Living and Dying in Early Modern England, c.1500-1800:** Explores life and death in England during a period of profound social, political, economic, religious and legal change.

## Sustainability

Sustainability is a key interdisciplinary research interest at St Andrews. This theme highlights the wealth of expertise offered in this area. Some suggested module choices:

**Biology – Ecosystems and Conservation:** This module will examine how ecosystems function and how they provide services for humans. The module will consider examples of natural systems being altered by man to demonstrate how ecosystems function and the consequences of change.

**Geography – A World in Crisis?:** Contemporary global problems such as pollution, biodiversity loss and population growth are critical issues for the planet's future and demonstrate the interdependence of social and environmental systems. This module unpacks the complexity of these challenges by analysing different manifestations of 'a world in crisis'.

**Management – Sustainable Development and Management:** This module examines the origin of the concept of sustainable development in public policy discourses with particular focus on the implications this concept has for the operation of business organisations.

**Biology – Fisheries Research:** This module will provide an introduction to the utilisation of fish stocks in a sustainable way. It will focus on how the status of these stocks can be assessed, the problems associated with determining catch limits, and how advice from fisheries scientists is communicated to managers.



## Scotland

Are you interested in studying something with a distinct Scottish flavour during your semester or year in St Andrews? This theme highlights modules in Arts and Science that deal with some aspect of Scottish culture, history or geography. Some suggested module choices:

**Divinity – The Early and Mediaeval Church: History, Beliefs and Practices:** This module will explore key themes in the organisation, practice and beliefs of the early and medieval church, focusing mostly on the period from the first to the ninth centuries.

**English – The Country and the City in Scottish Literature:** What and where is Scotland? How have the cities and the countryside of Scotland been created over the last 200 years? By exploring Scottish novels – and poetry – from the early 19th century to the present day we examine the literary construction and deconstruction of Scotland through depictions of its rural and urban spaces.

**Earth Sciences – Dynamic Earth: Magma, Minerals and Metamorphism:** focuses on the geology and geochemistry of the solid Earth and high-temperature processes in the Earth's interior.

**Music – Scottish Music:** The module explores a wide range of music in Scotland, examining Highland and Lowland folk music and more recent pop music as well as classical music composed from the medieval era onwards. In doing so, it aims to build up an understanding of the relationship between Scottish music and the society in which it is produced.

**Social Anthropology – Ethnographic Encounters:** This module explores the emergence of fieldwork practice in social anthropology and considers the social, methodological and theoretical relations produced through ethnography. The module follows a narrative of preparing, conducting and analysing a fieldwork project.

## Science for Arts Majors

We know many visiting Arts students are eager to expand their academic horizons and study science at St Andrews. This theme brings together science modules that are suitable for students with diverse academic backgrounds. Some suggested module choices:

**Biology – Biology 1:** Introduction to molecular and cellular biology covers cell diversity and the origins of life, cellular structures and fundamental processes. Throughout the module the lecture material is complemented by practical classes where biological laboratory techniques are taught and practiced.

**Computer Science – Computer Science in Everyday Life:** This module introduces key ideas of computer science through examination of the working of devices and services which are part of modern everyday life, such as search engines, personal music players, mobile telephones and social networking sites.

**Earth Sciences – Planet Earth:** This module provides an introduction to Earth and environmental sciences. The bulk structure of the solid Earth and the dynamic hydrosphere and atmosphere will be covered from planetary to atomistic scales. Practical and transferable skills will be developed in tutorials and laboratory exercises and fieldwork will be introduced as two half-day excursions.

**Mathematics and Statistics – Introductory Mathematics:** This module is designed to give students a secure base in elementary calculus to allow them to tackle the mathematics needed in other sciences.

**Sustainable Development – Frameworks for Implementation:** This module includes frameworks based on governance and regulation as well as examining the role and importance of other approaches, including environmental economics, technological innovation, changing individual lifestyles, community-based enablement, and the principles of conservation science.

## Travel and Exploration

Studying abroad is a voyage of discovery! It will change the way you see the world, and expose you to new ideas and ways of life. This theme brings together modules that deal in some way with travel and exploration through the ages and today. Some suggested module choices:

**Earth Sciences – Dynamic Earth: The Earth System:** This module reflects an up-to-date approach to understanding of the behaviour of the solid Earth and its interaction with the atmosphere and biosphere and beyond.

**Earth Sciences – Field Methods in Geosciences:** This module is designed exclusively for non-graduating overseas undergraduate students seeking advanced training in geological field methods. It consists of hands-on experience honing observational and mapping skills by participating in highly focused residential and one-day excursions and associated laboratory classes.

**Social Anthropology – Ways of Thinking:** The module concentrates on the modes of thought and systems of belief of non-Western cultures and on the social significance of language in human communication in societies across the world and in more 'exotic' ones.

**Comparative Literature (Modern Languages) – Journeys:** This module introduces students to texts offering variants on the theme of 'Journeys'. Read in English translation, the texts are originally written in a range of languages, represent a number of different genres, and span a broad historical range.

**Spanish – Spanish Language and Texts 1:** The language part of the module promotes reading, writing, listening and speaking. There is formal grammar instruction and a programme of participative classroom activities, grammar instruction and CALL work. The texts component is designed to provide language in context and to widen the students' experience of Spanish and Spanish American life and culture through selected writing and film.

## Curriculum Development

Modules listed in all interdisciplinary themes are subject to change. For further details, please contact:  
**Global Office**  
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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](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/teaching-and-learning/policies/course-revision-protocol.pdf)

For the latest information on modules see:  
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/ug](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/ug)

# St Andrews Summer Study

The University of St Andrews offers a variety of credit bearing Summer Study courses for international undergraduates.

Spend between 3 and 6 weeks studying on our courses starting at 12 St Andrews credits (6 ECTS\*)

\**ECTS = European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System*

Subjects on offer include:

- Classics
- Chinese Studies
- Medicine
- Scottish History

Classroom-based study and fieldwork courses:

- History and Archaeology of Medieval Monasticism: Scotland and Ireland
- Geology Field Camp

## Teaching

Teaching at St Andrews may appear to be a bit different from your home institution. Depending on your course, teaching could include:

- Traditional lectures
- Seminars
- Lab work
- Fieldtrips and fieldwork
- Unsupervised independent study

## Assessment

Students will be required to complete course work. This may include essays, exams, and multiple-choice quizzes. Students will usually have a week after the end of the course to complete the work.

## Credit transfer

As our programmes are credit rated you may be allowed to transfer your credits back to your home institution. You should check with your home institution for more information about transfer and conversion of credits and grades.

## Housing

When in St Andrews students will stay in our Student Halls alongside other members of our Summer Study courses. When travelling for fieldwork students may stay in a hostels, hotels, or homestays, as arranged by the programme.

## Extracurricular programme

Students will be able to join a wide variety of extra-curricular events and field trips to enhance their studies and gain a true experience of Scotland.

## Application requirements

Our programmes usually require a 3.2 GPA and students to have completed at least one year of university level education before the start of the programme. Some courses have specific requirements which you can check on our website.

The full summer study programme will be published in fall/autumn, but you can head here to find out more and register your interest:

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/summer-study](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad/at-st-andrews/summer-study)





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