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.
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

Semester dates
Our semester dates are available online:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/semester-dates

Semester 1:
September to December
Exams – December

Semester 2:
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

What can I study?

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

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
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

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

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

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

Entrance to College Halls

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### From application to St Andrews student

#### Your application journey

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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.
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/

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

Please check the following website for information about living costs in St Andrews: 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/

“... 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

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.
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:

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: 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.

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:

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
studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk

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

For the latest information on modules see:
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 extracurricular 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
St Andrews sits on the east coast of Scotland, about an hour north of Edinburgh. The town has a population of just over 20,000 – half of which are students or University staff – creating an open and welcoming community with a global outlook.

Steeped in tradition, St Andrews balances its history with a thriving contemporary culture and state-of-the-art facilities. This offers you an unrivalled student experience in a stunning location that will give you memories that last a lifetime. The town is approximately two square miles, with the University spread throughout – making town and University inseparable.

Our nearest city is Dundee, about 25 minutes away by bus. Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Highlands are all easily accessible too.

St Andrews is well connected. Our closest major airport is in Edinburgh. From here you can fly to destinations across the UK and Europe, as well as direct flights to the USA, Canada and hubs in the Middle East. London is approximately six hours away by train.