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About St Andrews

The University of St Andrews is a world top 100 university (*QS University World Rankings 2023*), ranked first in the UK according to the *Guardian University Guide 2023*. St Andrews is also the highest ranked Scottish university in *The Times and The Sunday Times University Guide 2023* and the *Complete University Guide 2023*.

St Andrews is a leading university with a world-class reputation for academic excellence and student satisfaction; it is also a unique place to study and live. Welcoming hundreds of international students each year, the coastal Scottish town of St Andrews is compact –

just two square miles – and the University's buildings are spread throughout the oldest and newest parts of town, making the town and University interconnected and highly cosmopolitan.

About our International Foundation programmes

International Foundation programmes (IFPs) at the University of St Andrews are International Pathway courses that enable students to meet the demands of a degree programme in the UK, and at St Andrews in particular. The programmes combine academic subjects with English language development and the skill set required for successful undergraduate study.

Our International Foundation students:

- are 'overseas' for fees purposes.
- have a high school qualification (or mixed curriculum) not recognised for degree entry.
- typically use English as an additional language.

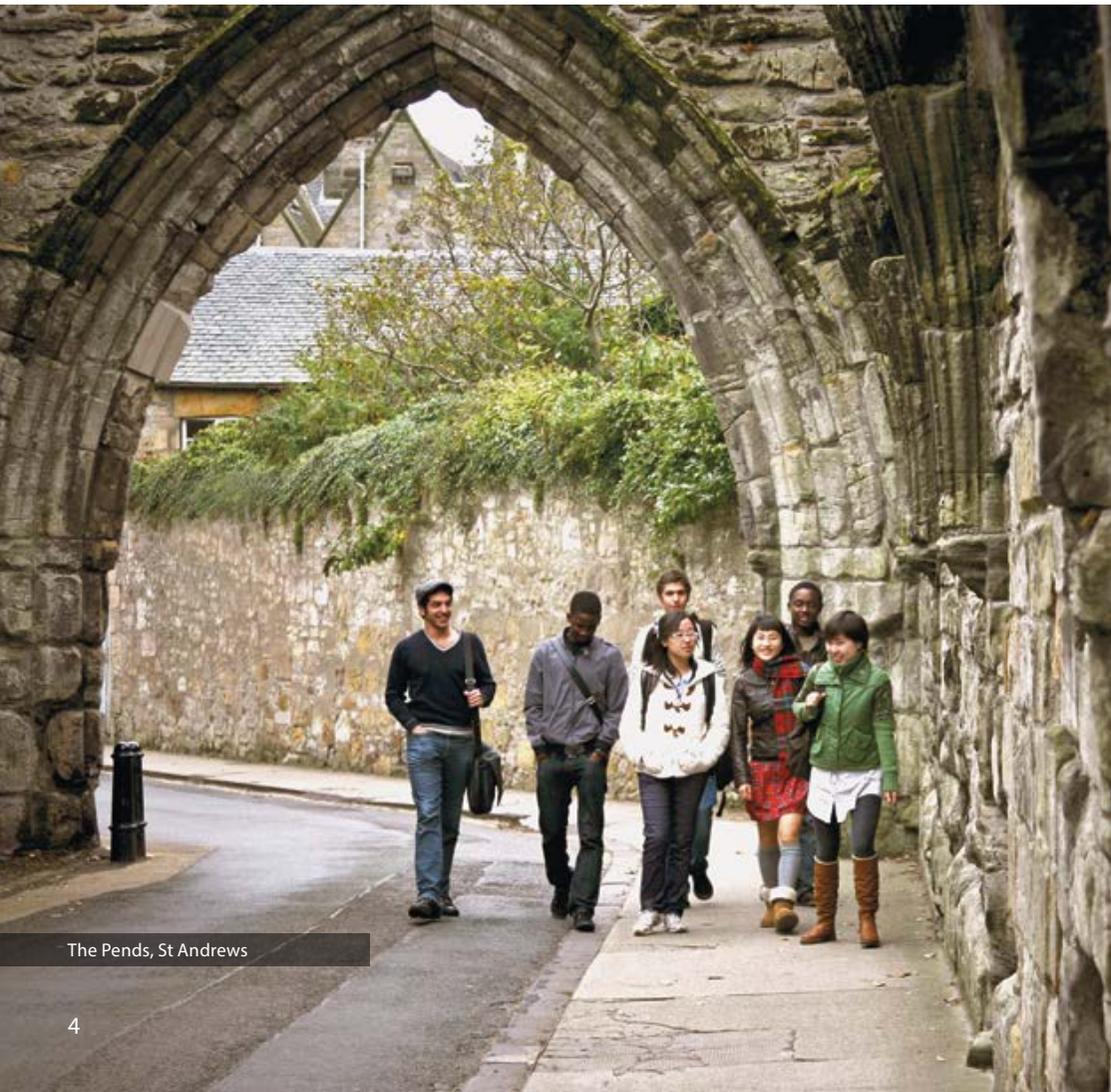
To check your eligibility for International Foundation programmes at St Andrews, please email ifp@st-andrews.ac.uk.



St Andrews from St Salvador's Tower

International Foundation programmes

International Foundation programmes at St Andrews prepare high-achieving international students for the demands of an undergraduate degree at St Andrews or another UK university. The programmes offer both September and January entry dates and deliver modules in a range of academic subjects, providing routes onto a wide variety of degree programmes.



The Pends, St Andrews

Why study foundation at St Andrews?

Our class sizes are small – typically a maximum of 16 students – and we monitor the progress of our students closely, providing individual support and guidance, including regular meetings with a personal tutor.

Students typically have 16-18 hours of contact time each week and we teach through a mixture of lectures, seminars, tutorials and classes. Students on the Science and Medical Sciences programmes will also have practicals including laboratories.

After the International Foundation programme

Students who successfully complete their International Foundation programme are guaranteed a place on an undergraduate course at St Andrews, although Medicine students must meet additional criteria.

Arts subjects

Business – Management, Economics and Finance (International Year Zero) September and January entry

This business-orientated programme facilitates the transition from high school to the first year of undergraduate study through a unique blend of communication skills and academic skills integrated with business-related topics. Students can progress onto a range of degrees including Management, Economics, and Financial Economics.

Social Sciences and Humanities (International Year Zero) September and January entry

This programme will introduce you to some of the underlying political, philosophical and cultural ideas which underpin many of the Arts subjects you can study at St Andrews. Students will be equipped with the intellectual and linguistic skills appropriate to the demands of degrees such as Psychology, History, International Relations, and Philosophy.



“The programme is highly focused on skills, which are useful in order to be able to study at the University as an undergraduate. These skills include essay writing skills, time management, citation and references, research skills, etc. From personal experience, these skills have never been taught in my school in Dubai (at least not as deeply). And many of my friends feel the same way. The IFP helped to smooth the transition between the curriculums in our home countries and the curriculum of the University.”

Adyl (Dubai, UAE)

Science subjects

Science (International Year One)

September entry

This integrated foundation and first year programme enables students to progress directly onto the second year (Y2) of their degree. It also offers students a guarantee of fixed fees over their four years of study.

Depending on your intended degree, you will study subjects such as molecular and cellular biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and statistics, Earth sciences, geography, computer science, and psychology.

Medicine

Medical Sciences

(International Pre-Med)

September entry

(Extended International Pre-Med)

September and January entry

We have three Medical Sciences programmes designed to prepare you for success in our Medicine degree. Eligibility is based on a range of criteria, including English language proficiency and academic qualification, and you can learn more about the entry requirements for each programme page online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/ifp

Our interactive teaching and learning experiences will help you understand what it means to study medicine and to be a doctor. Central to the Medical Sciences programmes is an ethos of co-operation and collaboration amongst the students. This is achieved through group work and projects in the context of a supportive environment for personal and academic growth.

You are guaranteed a place on the Medicine degree at St Andrews if you successfully pass the International Foundation programme and the additional School of Medicine criteria.

Check the current criteria online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/ifp/medical-sciences-september

In the first phase of your programme, you will focus on studying sciences as you build knowledge about Medicine. Later, you will work more independently on science for Medicine and we will encourage you to develop your professional communication skills.

Medical Sciences Programme	Duration	Semester 1 (Sept)	Semester 2 (Jan)	Semester 3 (Sept)	Semester 4 (Jan)	Sept
International Pre-Med (September entry)	1 academic year					
Extended International Pre-Med (January entry) Intensive Study	1.5 academic years					Start BSc Medicine
Extended International Pre-Med (September entry)	2 academic years					



"For me the whole experience of the IFP at St Andrews has been an adventure I have cherished, and I am pretty sure that the experience will have a huge impact on my future life. I find myself very lucky to have spent such an amazing time with wonderful teachers and students who were very supportive and a big joy to be around!"

Bohyun (Busan, South Korea)

Student experience

As well as International Foundation programmes, the University of St Andrews offers undergraduate, Masters and doctoral-level programmes, and we provide summer school courses that enable high-school students (16-18 years old) to experience life as a student at a top British university.

The University of St Andrews has more than 600 years of history, so student life is rich with traditions and extracurricular options that combine to offer a strong sense of community and an outstanding student experience.

In St Andrews you will find more than you would ever expect in a town of our size. There are at least 180 societies and sports clubs, opportunities to get involved in music and theatre, evening languages, volunteering and more. This, together with our internationally renowned teaching system, has resulted in St Andrews being named the UK's top mainstream university for student experience for the fourteenth time in the past 16 years. (National Student Survey 2022).

Studying at St Andrews offers you the opportunity to learn at one of the most extraordinary universities in the world.

Highly ranked across league tables and with a global outlook, St Andrews offers you a high quality, passionately taught education in a historic and welcoming setting.

To experience St Andrews for yourself before you apply for a place on a International Foundation programme, why not try a three-week taster of life as a student by enrolling on a Summer Academic Experience course?

Find out about our summer school courses at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/non-degree-courses/summer-courses/academic-experience

Learn more about the St Andrews student experience at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/why/experience

“Student life is a key part of your university experience here; it is a time to explore and have fun alongside your studies. There are hundreds of activities to engage with, so try something new and find your niche!”

Avery Kitchens, Director of Student Development and Activities, Students' Association



Music in Rector's Café



University climbing wall



May Dip



Rector's Café



Students' Association

Accommodation

We recommend that our students stay at **David Russell Apartments (DRA)** during their pre-degree programme. Being in one of the University's halls enables international students to make friends quickly and it enhances their learning and acculturation experience.

The DRA award-winning eco-friendly apartments are just a short walk from the International Education Institute and Faculty of Science buildings.

Every apartment has five study bedrooms, each with its own private shower and toilet, and a shared living space and fully equipped kitchen. There is high-speed internet and free telephone

access to all Schools and Departments within the University. DRA's Wardennial Team encourages a sense of community across all apartments and is the first point of contact for any problems as well offering support for students.

See more information about DRA at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/halls/dra

Fees and how to apply

Current programme fees can be found online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/foundation/fees

The tuition fee includes:

- Access to all University facilities
- A transfer from Edinburgh or Glasgow airport, or Leuchars train station, when you first arrive
- The use of course books, handouts and other course materials
- laboratory coats and dissection kits, as required.

Applications are online and direct to us and there is no application fee. If you send us your most recent transcript and a personal statement when you apply, we aim to give you a decision within two weeks. We make offers when we believe a student has the potential to succeed and we may invite you to an interview by Skype or telephone to find out more about you.

Applications for September entry are open from early October to late-July. For January entry, you can apply between early March and late-November.

Apply online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/foundation/apply



Kitchen in David Russell Apartments



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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/policy/academic-policies-curriculum-curriculum-at-st-andrews/curriculum-at-st-andrews.pdf

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