Introduction from the
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Professor Dame Sally Mapstone DBE FRSE

The University of St Andrews is one of the most inspiring places in the world to study. I am delighted to welcome you to this very special community.

St Andrews is Scotland’s first university and has been welcoming scholars for more than 600 years. As you settle in, you will find out about the many traditions we cherish, from academic families to the pier walk. We are equally a university that is forward-looking and our plans are detailed in the University Strategy 2022-27 (www.st-andrews.ac.uk/about/governance/university-strategy).

Your journey may have started in Scotland, elsewhere in the UK, or overseas, but each of you is very welcome here in Fife where you are joining a wonderfully diverse academic body, bringing together staff and students from nearly 150 countries. And you are at the start of another exciting journey – your academic journey, during which you will explore your chosen subjects, try out new ideas, and challenge yourself intellectually. Our university motto is ‘Ever to Excel’, and I hope that you will accept that challenge and strive to do your best in all aspects of your undergraduate life.

While you are with us, you may have the opportunity to study abroad, gain experience of the world of work as an intern, or get involved in one of hundreds of student societies. All of these activities can enhance your St Andrews experience and help to prepare you for your future.

Your time at St Andrews will be characterised by a world-leading education and by belonging to a community of scholars and students who challenge and support one another in equal measure. Belonging to such a community is immensely enriching; you will meet people who will become friends for the rest of your life, and you will study subjects that change the way you think about the world.

Your Orientation Week Guide contains a programme of events that will help you settle in and find your way around as a new member of our community. I hope you have a wonderful time, and welcome once more to the St Andrews family.

Professor Dame Sally Mapstone DBE FRSE
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Welcome from the

Assistant Vice Principal &
Dean of Learning and Teaching

I welcome you very warmly to the University of St Andrews.

At St Andrews, we regard ourselves as a community of scholars – students and staff working together to advance knowledge and understanding. We actively encourage critical thinking about the problems each discipline addresses, in full view of the benefits that working across disciplines can bring.

As Dean of Learning & Teaching, I require the highest standards of academic behaviour both of my colleagues and of our students, and I expect even the newest members of the University to take this responsibility seriously.

I hope that, during your studies, you will share our passion for learning and commitment to intellectual rigour. I am confident that, when you complete your degree, you will have developed a level of excellence worthy of one of the best universities in the world.

I hope St Andrews will challenge you! You will certainly find that you need to work intensively and thoughtfully to do your best, while enjoying all that student life in our vibrant community has to offer in your free time.

Your lecturers and tutors – who are world-class scholars – will of course help and guide you, and I anticipate that you will experience St Andrews as a friendly, collegial and supportive place in which to work. Ultimately, however, responsibility for your own progress rests with you. You must approach your studies purposefully, with confidence, energy and ambition, right from the start. You must treat your time in St Andrews with respect: we expect you to accept the obligation to set yourself high academic standards – and to meet them.

You can be sure that our entire community will take pleasure in your success.

There may well come times when you experience difficulties that could affect your studies. This is nothing to be ashamed of and I encourage you to share these difficulties with my colleagues and with me, so we can support you. So please communicate with us and make use of the help that is available throughout the University at the earliest opportunity. This may be through your Advisor of Studies within your School or through our excellent colleagues within Student Services.

I wish you a fruitful and enjoyable time in your studies and the greatest happiness in your personal development at St Andrews. I welcome you at the start of what we hope will be the most rewarding years of your life so far.
Welcome to the University of St Andrews!
St Andrews is an exceptionally vibrant and dynamic community where the fusion of university and town is closer than most. I'm sure this exciting blend will provide you with intrigue, entertainment, and causes to apply yourself to.

The University is both world-class and steeped in tradition, all of which makes the St Andrews’ experience unique. A truly international community, students are known for applying themselves to local, national, and world issues alike, which makes me ever prouder to represent you as Rector. As Rector I bring your views and opinions to University Court alongside the Rector’s Assessor, Stella Maris, and preside at Court meetings – the body that oversees the management of the University. My seat on Court provides an opportunity to open doors and release logjams. My team of passionate and committed students, who form the Rector’s Committee, exists to aid me in undertaking research, working with the plethora of amazing student groups and Student Officers, and ensure your views are heard. Getting involved in the Rector’s Committee is just one of the many opportunities available for you to become involved with student representation in your time at St Andrews.

As a psychotherapist and women’s rights activist, I can’t help but think about the truly enormous global challenges we are currently facing. The war in Ukraine is still ongoing, and the summer has brought with it immediate and unprecedented manifestations of climate change that will only intensify. The United States has overturned Roe v. Wade, a catastrophic setback for reproductive rights and the rights of women and marginalised groups. Now, more than ever, is the time to fight for our future, and the St Andrews community is a great place to start. Amongst the world’s turmoil, it is also absolutely essential to take care of yourself and your wellbeing. I urge you to show compassion and find kindness in all that you do, both to others and yourself. As we look towards the issues we, as a community, and you, as a generation, need to face it is important to not lose hope. At the time of writing this, I have just returned from Sierra Leone where the government is moving to decriminalise abortion - a small victory that gives us hope to continue advocating for our rights and the future we need and deserve. I hope you can find and nurture this same hope, both at St Andrews and beyond.

During my final academic year as Rector I will be your advocate and continue to work with you all to create a diverse, inclusive, and intersectional space for you all to flourish as scholars of this prestigious university. Your drive and passion excites me daily and I hope to meet you all soon. Welcome to St Andrews and the best of luck with the start of your academic journey!

Dr Leyla Hussein
Student Services

Student Services includes many of the centralised front-facing administrative and support services that you may access long before you arrive, as well as during your time in St Andrews. We also organise Orientation Week, so we shall be helping your transition into the University. Our Advice and Support Centre (the ASC) is there for you throughout the rest of your student journey, providing a one-stop shop and information centre for queries, guidance and any concerns you might have. You can find the ASC at 79 North Street, or email us at theasc@st-andrews.ac.uk.

We have a large staff of dedicated and friendly professionals – usually based in the Eden Court building on The Scores and offering virtual appointments. We can help you with financial, academic, disability, counselling and all other personal matters. At night, in the evenings and at weekends, wardens in University residences. (also part of the Student Services team) will organise social activities, ensure hall rules are followed, and be your point of call for out of hours assistance.

Your role as a student is multi-faceted. Whilst studying, you’ll also be a friend, a flatmate, a tenant and a townsperson, and you will be given opportunities to try new activities and have new experiences. In return your “Student Experience” will reward you with rich and long-lasting memories. Along the way, it is perfectly natural to meet barriers or difficulties and when that happens, if you need help, contact the ASC. We will find the most appropriate person to understand your concerns, and together you can tackle the issue. Overcoming challenges will become part of your development and will shape your life beyond University. Don’t feel lost – ask our experienced staff!

Finally, give us your feedback – tell us what you would like to see changed. This University is a community, so we really want your help to develop it into a place you’ll be happy to hand on to the next generation in four years’ time.

Dr Lara Meischke
Director of Student Services
Students’ Association

The St Andrews Students’ Association (aka the Union) works to support students through three broad categories: Representation, Activities and Spaces. We are the central hub for student groups, activities, and events; always aiming to make your University experience as amazing as it can possibly be! Your Union exists to support you through your studies, share opportunities, and help you celebrate your achievements.

The majority of what we do is run by students, for students. Every penny you spend in the Union goes straight back into funding all the amazing projects our students create.

We have over 150 affiliated societies for you to join, and we also run 23 subcommittees (like a super-society where every student is automatically a member)! Our subcommittees range from On the Rocks – the largest student run arts festival; to the Charities Campaign – raising approximately £80,000 for charities in a normal year; and groups like the BAME and Disabled Students’ Networks, Saints LGBT+, and Lifers – who represent and run events for our diverse student communities.

We support a wide team of student representatives, working on issues like equality, welfare, activities, sustainability, and education. We work closely with the Faculty Presidents, School Presidents, and Language Convenors to channel feedback to the Proctor’s Office and other key University staff. We train and support over 350 Class Representatives, who help to ensure the quality of your educational experience in St Andrews. If you are interested in getting involved, run to become a Class Rep in Week 1 of Semester 1!

We want to help with every aspect of student life. Our Advocacy Service provides free, independent, confidential, and non-directive advice to students having a problem at university. This includes academic alerts, appeals, complaints, and non-academic discipline cases. They can also help students with issues they might be having in private accommodation, like flat viewing, leases, and disputes with your landlord.

As well as representing, funding, and helping our students we put on some pretty great events too, from weekly club nights to all-building parties! We have three bars, a diner, one club, a fully equipped performance stage and two coffee shops, not to mention lots of spaces for student groups to meet as well as rooms to revise!

Your Sabbatical Officers are here to represent your interests, so don’t hesitate to contact them directly if you have any questions or concerns. You can also keep up to date with all our latest news by following us on social media:

Instagram: @standrewsunion
Facebook: @standrewsunion and @yourunionevents
Twitter: @standrewsunion

Visit yourunion.net to find out more.
Students’ Association

Sabbatical Officers

**Association President – Barry Will (president@st-andrews.ac.uk)**

The Association President is the official spokesperson for the Student Union, and Barry represents the students of St Andrews to the University. Within the Students’ Association, he is the highest-level officer leading on accommodation, sustainability, and widening access issues. He supports officers and subcommittees working in these areas, as well as those who maintain our connections with alumni and the St Andrews community and lead our representative council.

He also lobbies the University for funding Union initiatives and services and ensure that our internal strategy and direction match your priorities. On the University-side, he has a spot on some high-level decision-making groups, including the University Court and its subcommittees.

You can follow him at @barry.will or @yourassociationpresident on Instagram.

**Director of Education – Cam S. Brown (doed@st-andrews.ac.uk)**

The Director of Education, or DoEd for short, is the top student representative for learning, teaching, and research affairs at the University.

Within the Students’ Association, the DoEd leads the undergraduate and postgraduate academic representation systems.

Cam supports and directs the 500+ volunteers (like School Presidents or PG Reps) on initiatives to improve the learning and research experience.

In sum, the DoEd leads the Academic Representation system and champions students’ educational priorities on the University’s top decision-making groups.

You can follow him at @sta.educom on Instagram.
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Sabbatical Officers

**Director of Wellbeing and Equality – Caitlin Ridgeway**
*(dowell@st-andrews.ac.uk)*

The Director of Wellbeing & Equality (or DoWell for short) is the lead student representative on student welfare and equality, diversity, and inclusion.

Within the Students’ Association, she works on projects which aim to support student welfare and make the University a safer and more equitable place to live and study.

Caitlin supports your student representatives who work on wellbeing and equality issues, like the Wellbeing Subcommittee and Saints LGBT+.

The DoWell position exists to make St Andrews a safer, more inclusive, and more equitable place to live and study.

You can follow her at @stadowell on Instagram.

**Director of Events and Services – Lucy Brook**
*(does@st-andrews.ac.uk)*

The Director of Events and Services, or DoES for short, leads the Union’s entertainment schedule from Fresher’s Week all the way to Grad Ball.

Within the Students’ Association, Lucy will lead on the design and delivery of our event programme and provide input on our commercial services ensuring the student bodies needs and wants are at the centre of all commercial decisions.

She supports our Entertainment Committee (often called ENTS) as well as the STAR radio team, the Music Fund, the Mermaids Performing Arts Committee, and On the Rocks, our annual Arts Festival.

Think of your DoES as the lead on events, nightlife, and spaces within the Student Union.

Find out what’s on at StAndrewsUnion on Instagram or yourunionevents on Facebook.
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**Director of Student Development and Activities – Sam Gorman**
*(dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk)*

The Director of Student Development and Activities, or DoSDA for short, supports societies and extra-curricular opportunities.

Within the Students’ Association, Sam leads on volunteering, awards, funding, employability, fundraising, and supporting a variety of other student-run activities.

He is the top-level representative responsible for student-run societies.

We have over 150 societies at St Andrews, and alongside the Societies Officer, Sam provides guidance on affiliation, funding, and hosting events.

He also helps connect societies to the student body through events like Freshers Fayre.

**Athletic Union President – Fiona Waddell**
*(aupres@st-andrews.ac.uk)*

The Athletic Union President is in charge of all student sport at the University.

Fiona supports over 50 sports clubs at the University with opportunities to get involved in anything from tennis to archery to surfing.

As the lead of the Athletic Union, Fiona represents sport presidents’, committees’, and members’ interests to the University, and work with the Saints Sport team on areas like events, facilities, safety, media and competitions.

Sports Clubs can go to her to discuss their fixtures, finances, travel, publicity, development, community engagement, and more.

If you’re looking to get involved in sport, swing by the Fresher’s Fayre at the sports centre in Fresher’s week to meet all our 52 sports clubs, and find the club that’s right for you.
Academic Advising

The event in the Gateway Building is for undergraduate students in their sub-honours (first and second) years in the Arts and Divinity Faculties, together with science students whose Advisers are within the Schools of Economics & Finance and Management. All other science students and all students in their Honours (third, fourth and fifth) years should make appointments in their individual School(s). Please be sure to have considered your options prior to attending.

Important Information – Please Read
During Orientation Week you will discuss your module choices with your Adviser of Studies. Your Adviser of Studies can also offer advice on degree programmes and pathways to Honours, and will be able to direct you to the appropriate staff to help you deal with non-academic matters.

In order to get the most from your meeting with your Adviser of Studies, it is important that you have done some initial research and thinking about your module choices prior to your meeting during Orientation Week. Further details of degree programmes and modules, including compulsory modules, can be found by searching or browsing the online module catalogue (www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/modules). Additional information is also available on School webpages. If you are a full-time student, you should normally take 60 credits per semester.

If you haven’t already entered details of the modules you wish to take into the online Advising facility (pre-advising), you should do so prior to your meeting with your Adviser of Studies. If necessary, your initial choices can be changed after discussion. You should be aware that some modules (e.g. 1000-level International Relations, Film Studies, Economics) frequently experience high demand, and as such enrolment may be restricted.

It is possible to change your mind about your module choices, up to the deadline of 1pm on Monday 18 September. To request a change, you need to contact your Adviser of Studies. Subsequently, you can contact your Adviser of Studies throughout the year with questions about degree programmes, module choices and changes. For further information about Academic Advising please visit www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/academic/academic-advising.
Matriculation

Matriculation is the process of registering as a student with the University and is compulsory for all students. It should be completed by Monday of Week 1 (11 September). Undergraduate and taught postgraduates who have not completed matriculation by Friday of week 1 will begin to receive warnings under the Failure to Matriculate policy. Research students who have not completed matriculation within a week of their official start date will receive these warnings.

The matriculation process

There are three main parts to matriculation:

1. **Online matriculation**: Students will be expected to complete the online part of matriculation through the portal, MySaint. Details on accessing MySaint will be emailed to you by the University.

2. **Advising**: This is where students meet their Adviser of Studies to discuss their module choices and have them approved. Advising takes place at the same time as Matriculation and students must attend in person. Medical students will have their modules entered automatically and will need to meet with their personal tutors instead.

3. **Matriculation event**: All entrant students and returning international students must attend in person to have the relevant document and other checks undertaken. Any students who encounter problems during online matriculation should also attend.

**Biometric Residence Permits (BRP)**

If you are an international student with a Student visa for 6 months or more, you must arrange to have your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) sent to the University, and are required to collect it when you arrive in St Andrews.

To collect your BRP you will need to bring your passport and your letter from the UKVI confirming that your visa application was successful, to our BRP distribution point. Dates and times are available in the Orientation App and on the Orientation webpages. For more information visit www.st-andrews.ac.uk and follow the link for Orientation.
The University’s Libraries are central to your life as a student, supporting you to access the materials you need for learning, including print and online, which can be accessed through online reading lists, and through searching the library’s collections and databases.

Our campus libraries offer a range of study spaces in town and on the North Haugh, and our expert staff are available to support you.

Our University Collections, which include rare books, manuscripts, archives, photography and museums objects, are open to all students; book a time to visit the Napier Reading Room: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library/special-collections/book-an-appointment/visiting-the-reading-room

For information about study spaces, reading lists, borrowing books, getting articles and all the other services and support available, take a look at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library

Check the Orientation module for some help and top tips!

Follow the Library on Instagram for info and updates: @standrewsunilib
We realise that IT is an important part of your university experience and we offer a wide range of services to ensure you ‘stay connected’ and have access to support should you need it.

We have and continue to make significant investment in our infrastructure to provide the best possible experience. This includes extensive wifi provision, Microsoft 365, a wide range of software applications and a seven days a week support service to ensure any issues are dealt with efficiently and effectively.

Follow IT Services on Twitter for the latest news and advice: @StAITServices

- Wireless access available in more than 95% of University buildings, including in all University halls of residence;
- Computer classrooms distributed throughout the University, with many open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- On-demand streaming of software from our University app store, Apps Anywhere.
- A wide variety of IT help can be found on our web pages, but if you have any IT problems, you can visit the IT Service Desk in the Main Library. You can also log and track your IT calls using IT Self Service.
- Your University email will be provided through Microsoft 365. This also includes Microsoft Teams, your calendar and other apps. All University students can install Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) on up to five of their personal devices too.
- We provide a secure printing, scanning and copying facility called UniPrint. We have over 60 UniPrint devices located across the University. You can send print jobs from your own laptop so there’s no need to bring your own printer.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/it-support
As a new student, it’s important to know that you can come to us about any career-related question and no matter how big or small, we’re here to help.

In fact, you don’t even need to know the question – let’s talk and we will explore the possibilities together.

In your own time please don’t hesitate to consider the below information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

- **Your Careers Management Team** are here to support you with all aspects of career planning and decision making, along with helping you to recognise and develop your employability skills. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/about/meet-the-team](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/about/meet-the-team)

- **Your Opportunities Team** work globally to connect you with alumni, employers, organisations and entrepreneurs in an informative and challenging way, to bust the myths around career paths and enable you to flourish. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/about/team/opportunities](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/about/team/opportunities)

- **Your CareerConnect Appointments** enable you to discover what you have to offer and what you want from a career, in addition to practical support in: writing CVs, establishing your online presence, completing applications, successful interviewing and exploring further study options. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-future/career-options/careers-advice](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-future/career-options/careers-advice)

- **Your CareerConnect Opportunities** [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/careerconnect](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/careerconnect)
  - Graduate Vacancies
  - Internships – globally, locally and on campus
  - Part time Work
  - Volunteering
  - Work Experiences and Shadowing
  - Events, Careers Fairs, Seminars and Workshops

- **Your Saint Connect**: An exclusive, global, online community for networking and career mentoring with alumni, whilst also keeping up to date with what’s happening in ‘the bubble’. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/saintconnect](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/saintconnect)

- **Saints Skills Spotlight Award**: Open to all students and awarded to those who participate in a mock recruitment process to analyse job/further study adverts to identify skills sought, identify examples demonstrating those skills and present examples in the most effective way. Further details are available at skillsspotlight@st-andrews.ac.uk
CEED

Centre for Educational Enhancement and Development

CEED offers a range of services and support for students.

Students can come to us for help with academic skills (e.g. essay writing, time management and note-taking) and mathematics and statistics support. There is information on the CEED website about how to book one-to-one appointments with our experienced tutors or find out about our other online services.

Students can develop their IT Skills through a range of online resources and can also study free of charge for a globally recognised IT qualification called the Microsoft Office Specialist Certificate.

Many Schools also take part in the Academic Skills Project, where postgraduate students run a series of co-curricular, subject-specific workshops for undergraduate students. You can find out more about which Schools are involved, and further details, via the CEED website: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/ceed

CEED also coordinates a range of activities under the heading of ‘enterprise and entrepreneurial education’ and these are for the entire student community; not just students interested in entrepreneurship as a career path. Opportunities include the chance to develop the enterprising mindset through credit-bearing modules (please see Vertically Integrated Project modules and ID2007: Enterprise and Creativity); the Summer Teams Enterprise programme which is a 6-week long development programme where students work with peers and academic staff on a real-life research project to develop their graduate attributes such as remote team-working, digital literacy and organisational skills; the St Andrews Research Internships Scheme where undergraduate students can work on academic research with faculty members, and Pecha Kucha – a visual storytelling event where students can practise public speaking and gain confidence in a supportive environment. A full list of development workshops powered by CEED can be viewed by cohort on the University’s Personal Development Management System: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/pdms

Finally, whilst studying at St Andrews, students can track their skill development against our twenty graduate attributes and build a unique skills profile to help them articulate their strengths to future employers. Students can engage with the graduate attributes and build their own skills profile via the graduate attribute portal: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/graduate-attributes
The new Laidlaw Music Centre provides state-of-the-art performance, rehearsal and recording facilities for students, staff and members of the public. These include one of the finest recital rooms in Scotland, three medium rehearsal rooms, 10 practice rooms and an electronic/amplified music and recording suite.

The Music Centre offers a warm welcome to all students interested in music of any genre, whether to play and learn, or just to listen. We are open to everyone, from absolute beginners to experienced musicians, whether you want to take lessons, play in groups, practise or to enjoy performances. We have a team of around 30 professional instrumental and vocal teachers, a wide range of instruments available to borrow and instrument lockers of various sizes for those who require them. There is a huge variety of performances including weekly lunchtime organ concerts (Tuesdays), and chamber/vocal concerts (Wednesdays) as well as regular evening performances. Membership of the Centre is open to all students, you can find more information below.

**Instrumental/Vocal Tuition and Scholarships**: If you would like to take one-to-one weekly lessons (whether as a beginner or as an experienced player or singer), please visit us in the Laidlaw Music Centre or email music@st-andrews.ac.uk. A number of instrumental, vocal/choral and chamber music scholarships are available and auditions for these are held during Orientation Week. All audition information can be found at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/music/students/auditions

**Ensembles/Groups**: We run a wide variety of ensembles, including an auditioned chamber orchestra and chamber ensembles, as well as non-auditioned guitar, saxophone, flute and clarinet groups. Auditions will take place in Orientation Week. Timetables for these auditions will be announced on our website: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/music/students/auditions

**Full membership**
- £105 (standard)
- £95 (concession/staff)
- £66 (student/child)
- £17 (lessons only, no use of facilities)

**Laidlaw Music Centre**
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music@st-andrews.ac.uk
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/music
Facebook: @UniversityofStAndrewsMusicCentre
Twitter: @StAndrewsMusicCentre
Inbound students
If you are attending St Andrews through an exchange or Study Abroad programme the Global Office team is here to provide you with an extra source of support. The team is the primary contact for all enquiries related to exchange and Study Abroad programmes and liaise with partner institutions and providers around the world. Whether you have a Study Abroad form that requires a signature, want to discuss your programme at St Andrews, or would like to get in touch with other exchange and Study Abroad students, the Global Office team is here to help!

Outbound students
If you are a St Andrews student interested in finding out more about Study Abroad programmes look out for our online information session during Orientation Week and we also hold an annual Study Abroad fair in October. It’s never too early to start thinking about applying for a Study Abroad opportunity. The Global Office team can help you identify your options and plan your application, and connect you with students who have already studied abroad, as well as those visiting from our partner institutions.

Contact us:
Global Office
01334 462245
studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad

You can book an appointment to speak with the Global Office team through our webpages:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/consultation-hours
Chaplains – people of different faiths and philosophies of life – are here to enhance your student life in all sorts of ways. Just get in touch to find out more.

Pastoral care (for all, regardless of faith or philosophy of life), in person and online:
- Confidential listening and support in your particular circumstances
- A safe place to explore questions of meaning, faith, sexuality or morality
- Hospital visiting

Thinking Allowed – discussion group for all on questions of faith and society (Semester 1) and the basics of the Christian faith (Semester 2).

International Students Bible Studies

Ministry Discernment Group – for those exploring ministry.

Grief Group – for those reflective on the experience of bereavement

Textual Reasoning – exploring revered texts together from different traditions.

Support for student faith societies:
- Buddhist, Christian, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim, Queer, Sikh
- Honorary Chaplains: Buddhist, Christian, Global, Humanist, Islamic, Jewish, Pagan
- Space for prayer and meditation, at Mansefield, 3 St Mary’s Place, and Agnes Blackadder Hall
- Interfaith Steering Group, organizing events to bring people of different faiths together

International Students Local Link Scheme
Putting students, for whom English is not their first language, in contact with local families.

Christian worship (during term-time). All welcome.
University Service – St Salvator’s Chapel/online: Sunday 11am, followed by Communion and Pier Walk
Evensong – St Salvator’s Chapel; Wednesday and Sunday 5:30pm
Compline – St Leonard’s Chapel; Thursday 10pm
Orthodox – St Leonard’s Chapel: First, third and fourth (and fifth) Sunday of the month 10:30am
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy/chaplaincyandfaiths/orthodoxliturgies

Other services
Bell-ringers, Chapel Choirs, Chapel Readers, Chapel Ushers and Tech Team, Christmas Carol Services, Graduation Days, Memorial Services, Remembrance Day Service, and Weddings

The Chaplaincy Centre
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chaplaincy@st-andrews.ac.uk
www.facebook.com/mansefield
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy
www.instagram.com/usta.chaplaincy
What is AES?
The Academic English Service (AES) is based within the International Education Institute (IE). We work with students who are users of English as an additional language to help them communicate with confidence and success. We welcome undergraduate and postgraduate students of all language proficiencies.

We work with students on a wide range of areas, including:

- developing arguments in academic contexts
- structuring essays/dissertations effectively
- speaking and presentation skills
- improving pronunciation
- developing grammatical awareness

How do I access the service?
Self-enrol on the AES Moodle and book a tutorial to speak with an AES tutor: https://moody.st-andrews.ac.uk/moodle/course/view.php?id=241

Do I have to pay?
No. AES is a completely free service.

IE
Kinnessburn, Kennedy Gardens,
St Andrews, KY16 9DJ
academicenglish@st-andrews.ac.uk
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/aes

Testimonials
Here’s what our students say:

“IT made me a far more confident and competent user of English. The tutors are very friendly, approachable, encouraging and professional, focusing on your needs, so it’s less about making mistakes and more about empowering you.”

“I really love the teaching methods.”

“It’s specific to you, it’s tailored to you.”

“The tutorials have helped me immensely. I became much more aware of how I use language which is so important because as a scholar language is my main tool. I became much more confident, much more aware.”

“The tutors are very good at communicating and encouraging students.”
As a student at the University of St Andrews, a whole world of culture awaits you on your doorstep – whether you’re in St Andrews or not.

**Museums**
The Wardlaw Museum will play host to events, exhibitions and programmes to spark your curiosity and start conversations. The Bell Pettigrew Museum is a Natural History museum, and home to the Bell Pettigrew Sessions – laid-back, lo-fi gigs by student musicians in the town’s quirkiest venue.

We’ll also be bringing you programmes and events for you to get involved in online. You can volunteer with us to expand your horizons even further, in a way that suits you.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/museums
@MuseumsUniStA
museumlearning@st-andrews.ac.uk

**Music Centre**
The Music Centre hosts performances both in the Laidlaw Music Centre and in other venues in St Andrews. These include weekly organ recitals (Tuesdays) and chamber/vocal recitals (Wednesdays) as well as concerts by student and Music Centre ensembles. Many of these performances are also livestreamed on our Facebook and YouTube channels. For details of forthcoming concerts visit www.st-andrews.ac.uk/music or email music@st-andrews.ac.uk to receive the weekly e-newsletter.

The Music Centre offers various student volunteering opportunities from playing to hospital patients to assisting with our children’s choirs. For more information, email musicoutreach@st-andrews.ac.uk
Culture in St Andrews

The Byre Theatre
The Byre Theatre is a welcoming place where students can enjoy the varied and vibrant programme of professional touring theatre productions, University performances, events, and engagement opportunities as well as films and a variety of professional touring and popular local amateur productions. The Byre is used by various student societies and groups for events and the Studio Theatre houses a permanent residency of the student run Barron Theatre. There are dozens of ways to get involved, including volunteering with our Front of House team. You’ll receive lots of training and be able to see some performances for free!

www.byretheatre.com
@byretheatre
01334 475 000
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Libraries
The University’s Libraries provides access to film, literature, photography and more. There are various streaming platforms you can use – find these on our A-Z databases: https://libguides.st-andrews.ac.uk/A-Z. Find classic and modern literature available online using Library search: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library. Blogs about the University Collections look at the archives, photography, and rare books we hold, with information about the history of the University of St Andrews: http://special-collections.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk and https://museumblog.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk. We hold photography collections which include images from 1844 to contemporary documentary photographs: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library/special-collections/photographs.

Instagram and Twitter: @standrewsunilib
Facebook: @StAndrewsUniversityLibrary
The Student Ambassador Scheme is a diverse programme that allows students to play a crucial role in the promotion of the University of St Andrews. Student Ambassadors are deployed across a range of student recruitment and outreach activities, building valuable skills such as team leadership, organisation and communication.

On Visiting Days, Ambassadors give tours, answer prospective students’ questions, and share their personal experience of student life in St Andrews.

Ambassadors also work on Widening Access projects which include everything from mentoring, to Summer Schools, to tutoring in nearby schools. As an ambassador, you could give local students their first taste of higher education on our Student Shadow Days. For many pupils, these experiences are what first inspire them to consider studying at university.

As representatives of the University, Student Ambassadors also work on a range of other projects including photoshoots, graduation ceremonies and TV interviews. Some Ambassadors choose to participate in just one aspect of the scheme, whilst others are highly involved across several areas.

Although all Ambassadors are volunteers at first, those who are enthusiastic and dedicated to their volunteering may be offered paid promotions with extra responsibilities and opportunities, giving a chance to develop key skills sought after by many employers.

Further details, including how to apply; can be found on our website: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/ambassadors
Saints Sport

Sport plays a significant part in student life at St Andrews. Whether you compete at national or international level, play socially or want to get fit, there are more than 50 sports clubs and sector-leading facilities waiting for you.

Following a major £14m redevelopment of the Sports Centre, the University now provides some of the best sports facilities in the country:

- Modern, spacious gym
- Eight-court arena
- Technical climbing wall
- Exercise and dance studio
- Dedicated strength and conditioning suite
- Four-court sports hall
- Four-court indoor tennis courts
- Grass and artificial pitches and courts

There are over 50 sports clubs at St Andrews, offering activities for all levels of ability and aspiration, whether that is competitive or recreational. Over 100 teams compete annually in British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS), Scottish Student Sport (SSS), local and national leagues and cup competitions, with many more students competing on an individual level.

Rather than the regular commitment required for training and competing, individual clubs together with Saints Sport run frequent, informal drop-in sessions where the emphasis is on having fun and participation.

The Saints Fitness programme offers various services, including over 40 exercise classes per week such as Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, group cycle and Barre Fit, as well as fitness consultations and personal training.

Student coaches have many opportunities to engage with sport-based volunteering, including working at local schools and clubs and even at international level on our annual trips to Zambia.

How to get involved
The annual Sports Fayre takes place during Orientation Week and gathers all the clubs in one place at the University Sports Centre. This offers the perfect chance to discover a new sport or pick-up one you’ve always wanted to try. Throughout the week, clubs run ‘Give it a Go’ sessions, giving you the opportunity to try a sport for the very first time.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/sport
@SaintsSport
Your voices!
Your votes!

Local and National Elections
All students with an address in Scotland can register to vote. You can do so online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

If you have recently moved address or changed your name, you will need to register again to be able to vote in the next election.

You can vote in a UK general election if you are:
- Registered to vote in the UK
- Over 18
- A British, Irish, or qualifying Commonwealth citizen

You can vote in Scottish parliamentary elections if you are:
- Registered to vote at an address in Scotland
- Over 16

You can vote in Scottish local elections if you are:
- Registered to vote at an address in Scotland
- Over 16

If you are a UK student, you can be registered to vote at both your home and term time address. You will be able to vote in both locations for local elections but can only vote in one location in national elections, such as UK Parliamentary general elections and Scottish Parliament elections.

University and Students’ Association Elections
Each year, the Students’ Association runs elections to elect your Class Representatives, School Presidents, and Students’ Association representatives. All students are eligible to vote, and it is an important opportunity to have your say on your university experience!

Throughout your time in St Andrews, you might also see some other elections, like the Rectors Election or Senior Lay Member Election. Both the Rector and the Senior Lay Member represent students at the University Court: the highest level of university governance!

Make sure to keep up to date with your emails and the Students’ Association’s social media to find out all about elections, as and when they happen! You can also head to www.yourunion.net/elections for more information.