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FE-HE Pathways



Kickstart your journey to higher education



Most positive students in the UK (*National Student Survey 2023*)

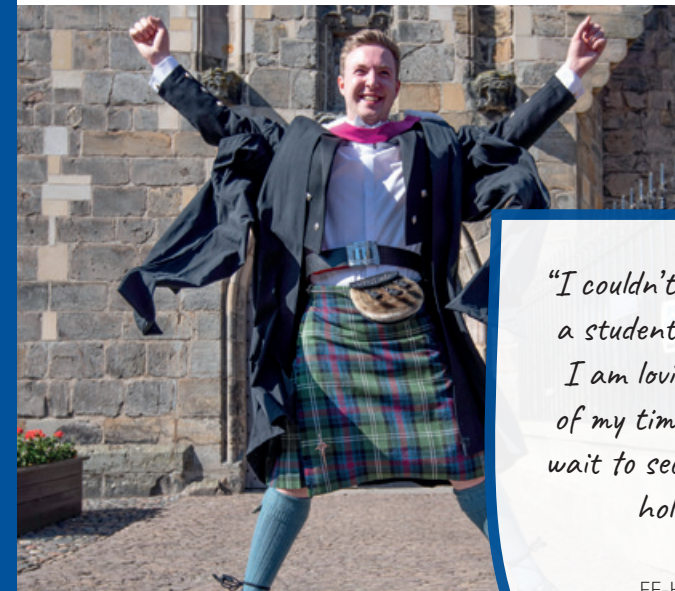


St Andrews is ranked top in the UK
(*Guardian University Guide 2024* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*)



Typical FE-HE Pathways requirements include:

- **SWAP: AAA Profile**
- **HNC: B in graded units**
- **SQA Highers: BBBB**



"I couldn't be prouder to be a student at St Andrews; I am loving every minute of my time here and can't wait to see what the future holds for me"

Katie

FE-HE Graduate
MA (Hons) Ancient History 2022



St Andrews by the numbers

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Net zero
by 2035

20,000
approximate town population

8,388 
undergraduate students


1/10 
Scottish students
are from Fife

180+
student societies

89% 
of research classed as
world-leading

55+
sports to play

2,045
students receive
scholarship funding
(2021/22)

96% 
of graduates in work or further
study within 15 months

Supported Pathways to St Andrews

The University of St Andrews is committed to achieving a diverse and vibrant student community made up of the best and brightest students, regardless of the route they have taken to access higher education. We recognise that diversity comes not only through nationality, but also from a wide range of backgrounds, experience and educational paths.

Our FE-HE Pathways provide supported entry into degree-level study at St Andrews. This includes pre-arrival and transitional support to ensure you have the best possible start at St Andrews and go on to achieve your full potential.

FE-HE Pathway to Arts

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This pathway programme allows you to choose from a wide range of degree routes available in the Faculty of Arts.

FE-HE Pathway to Science

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This pathway programme allows you to choose from a wide range of degree routes available in the Faculty of Science.

Life in St Andrews

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Find out more about our student experience, societies and sports clubs.



FE-HE Pathways to Arts or Science

What are the FE-HE Pathways to Arts or Science?

The FE-HE Pathways to Arts or Science provide supported entry routes into degree level study at St Andrews. The pathways provide flexibility and additional support for the first two years of study.

Who can apply?

Typically, candidates for FE-HE Pathways are those who have not progressed to higher education at school leaving age and are applying from further education colleges.

Priority will be given to those who fulfil any of the contextual admissions criteria:

- live in an area of deprivation as defined by the Scottish Government as SIMD20
- attend a low progression school
- are care experienced as defined by their local authority
- are a registered young carer
- are currently studying at a further education college
- have family or caring commitments which limit their higher education choices.

Structure and progression

FE-HE Pathways students can study a wide range of subjects in our Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science (for both Faculties, some subjects require previous subject knowledge). As with all St Andrews students, they will study up to three subjects in their first and second years. **Information about the range of subjects is available online.**

Provided that students of the FE-HE Pathways meet the academic requirements in their second year (just like every other student), they will be transferred onto their chosen named Honours degree route. Pathway students will be treated as any other first year student, they will attend the same classes and have a traditional first year experience with the addition of extra support built into the programme.

Entry requirements

Offers will be determined on individual applications and the course being studied. In addition to academic requirements, contextual admissions information and access markers such as SIMD20 will be taken into consideration.

An example of academic entry requirement for the FE-HE Pathway to Arts could be:

- HNC Social Sciences – pass and B in Graded Unit
- SWAP – AAA profile
- Highers – typically BBBB

An example of academic entry requirement for the FE-HE Pathway to Science could be:

- HNC Applied Sciences – pass and B in Graded Unit
- SWAP Access to Sciences – AAA profile
- Highers – typically BBBB (to include relevant science subjects).

Applicants under serious consideration for this route will be required to attend an informal meeting with the Access Manager and a member of academic staff to discuss their application in more detail.

How can I apply?

Applications should be made through UCAS before the UCAS deadline of the last Wednesday of January in the year of entry, using one of the following codes:

FE-HE Pathway to Arts UCAS code: Y002
FE-HE Pathway to Science UCAS code: CFG1

Applicants should ensure their personal statement focuses on the main subject that they are interested in studying.



Additional support

FE-HE Pathways students will have a dedicated point of contact within our Admissions team. This contact will provide the advice and support needed for a smooth transition to university and ensure that you always know where to go when you need advice, whether it be for academic or personal reasons. You are allocated an Adviser of Studies who will ensure that you have as many course options available to you as possible. You will also be given the opportunity to attend additional subject tutoring from senior students to support your academic studies as part of the package of support offered by the University.

Scholarships and funding

FE-HE Pathways students are encouraged to apply to the range of scholarships offered by the University. Students will also be eligible for their tuition fees to be paid for by SAAS (Student Awards Agency for Scotland).

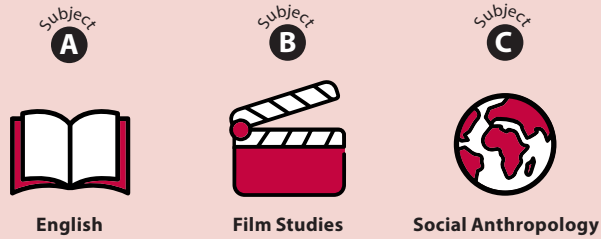
[Find out more about FE-HE Pathways](#)



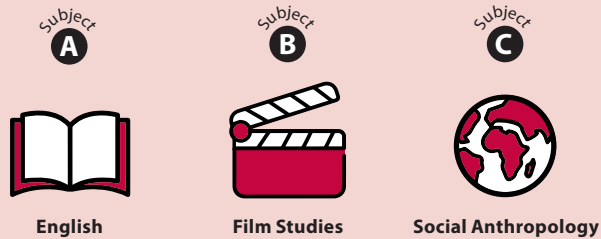
Typical structure of the FE-HE Pathway to Arts programme

This diagram shows an example of a student entering the FE-HE Pathway to Arts programme intending to move to Honours in English. This student chose a Joint Honours route, they could, however, have taken Single Honours in any one of the three subjects or a joint combination.

1st year



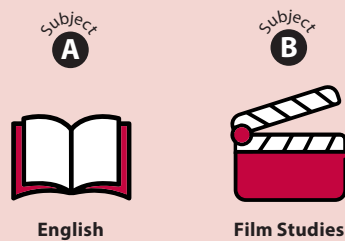
2nd year



3rd year

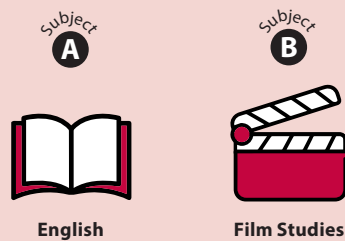
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MA(Hons)



4th year

..... MA(Hons)

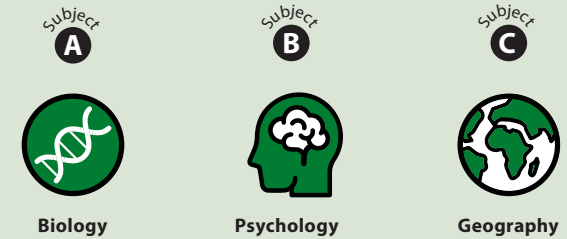


*As long as appropriate grades are achieved in all three subjects the options are: Single Honours in English, Film Studies or Social Anthropology or Joint Honours in English-Social Anthropology, Film Studies-Social Anthropology or as illustrated English-Social Anthropology.

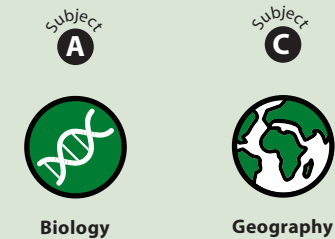
Typical structure of the FE-HE Pathway to Science programme

This diagram shows an example of a student entering the FE-HE Pathway to Science programme intending to move to Honours in Biology. This student chose to change Honours subject completely and graduate with a Geography degree, however, they could have chosen to take one of the degree routes within Biology.

1st year



2nd year



3rd year

..... Various choices to progress to Single or Joint Honours

BSc(Hons)



4th year

..... BSc(Hons)



Life at St Andrews

St Andrews offers you an unforgettable student experience. You will find more than you would ever expect from a town of our size. The University is packed full of sports clubs, societies, events and traditions. Whether you have existing activities you want to continue or explore whole new areas, you will always find something to get involved in.

Societies

- Over 180 clubs and societies across a huge range of interests, causes and cultures.
- The University also has 'super-societies' covering areas such as charity fundraising, debating, LGBT+, theatre, music, radio, film and volunteering to which all students have access.

[Explore the full range of societies and activities](#)

Sports

- More than 50 sports at all levels
- Sports centre facilities: gym, strength and conditioning suite, technical climbing wall, all-weather pitches, a four-court indoor tennis centre and an eight-court indoor sport arena.
- The chance to compete at inter-hall, national and international sports competitions

[Learn more about Saints Sport](#)



Get in touch

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**Find out more about our
FE-HE Pathways and how to
take your next steps.**



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