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Gateway Programmes



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*)



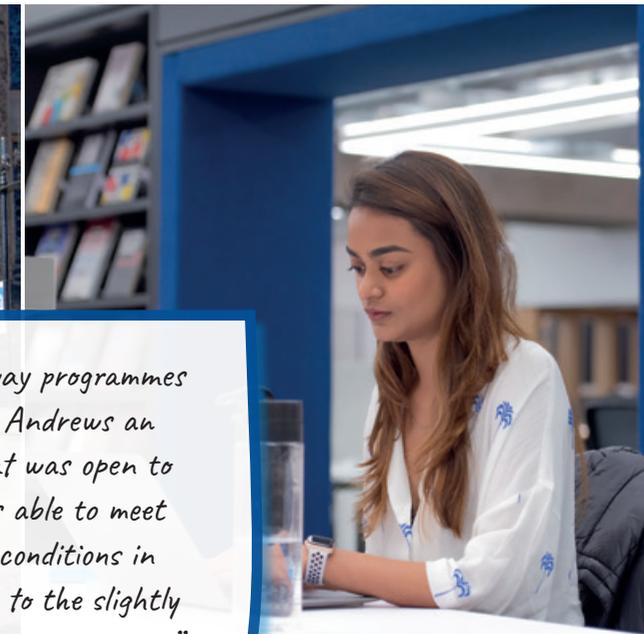
Gateway offers begin at BBBB



"The Gateway programmes made St Andrews an option that was open to me. I was able to meet my offer conditions in S6 thanks to the slightly lower entry requirements"

Josh

4th year Modern History and Social Anthropology Student



St Andrews by the numbers

Gateway 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. We recognise that diversity comes not only through nationality, but also from a wide range of backgrounds, experience and educational paths.

Our Gateway programmes provide additional support throughout the first year of study, including pre-arrival and transitional support to ensure that you have the best possible start at Andrews, and go on to achieve your full potential.

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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

Gateway to Arts

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Students on the Gateway to Arts programme enter the first year of undergraduate study with a specific Honours route in mind. You will study modules relevant for your chosen route.

Gateway to Science

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Gateway to Medicine

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The Gateway to Medicine programme gives students who have completed S5 or S6 the opportunity to study for one year in the Faculty of Science at first-year undergraduate level. Students who successfully achieve all requirements of this programme will progress into the first year of our medical degree.

Gateway to Arts and Science programmes

What are the Gateway to Arts and Science programmes?

The Gateway to Arts and Gateway to Science programmes offer first-year entry to a wide range of our honours programmes with additional pastoral and academic support.

Who can apply?

Typically, candidates for Gateway programmes are those who have narrowly missed our minimum entry requirements and meet some, if not all, of the contextual criteria below:

- live in Scotland 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.

Applicants under serious consideration for this route will be required to attend an informal interview with a member of our Admissions team and a member of academic staff to discuss their application in more detail.

Structure and progression

Gateway to Arts or Science students can study a wide range of subjects in our Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science*. Like students on other programmes, Gateway students will study up to three subjects in their first and second years.

Information about the range of subjects is available online.

Provided that students on the Gateway programme meet the academic requirements in their second year (just like every other student), they will progress into the third year of their chosen Honours degree route. Gateway 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.

*Some subjects require previous subject knowledge

Entry requirements

Minimum grades are BBBB at Higher which should include the standard Faculty entry requirements. This must include any subject specific requirements for the degree you intend to study. These can be taken over more than one sitting or include a combination of Highers or Advanced Highers.

Applicants will be considered for a place on the Gateway to Arts or Gateway to Science programme if they have not obtained the required grades to study their chosen subject at St Andrews but we see that they have the potential to do well.

Individual applications are considered based on contextual admissions information as well as academic performance. These factors determine whether an offer will be made, and specifically what it will be.

Gateway to Arts UCAS code: Y003

Gateway to Sciences UCAS code: CFG2

[Find out more about Gateway programmes](#)



Additional support

Gateway 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 students always know where to go when they need advice, whether it be for academic or personal reasons. Students are allocated an Adviser of Studies who will ensure that they select the correct modules, and that they have as many course options available to them as possible. They will also be given additional subject tutoring from senior students to support their academic studies as part of the package of support offered by the University.

Scholarships and funding

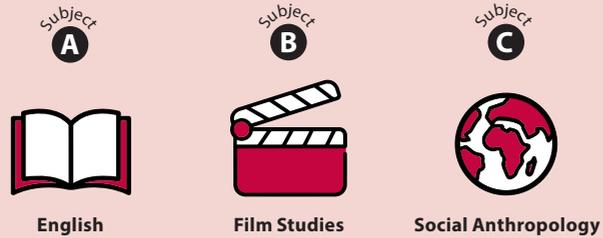
Gateway students are encouraged to apply to the range of scholarships offered by the University. Students will also be eligible for their tuition fees to be paid by SAAS.

Learn more about undergraduate fees and funding

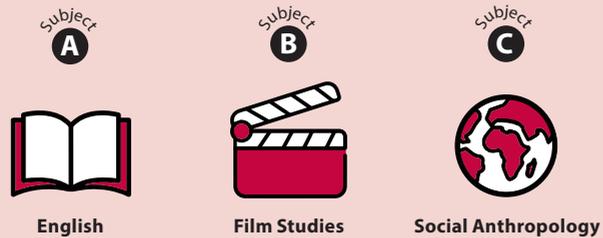
Typical structure of the Gateway to Arts programme

This diagram shows an example of a student entering the Gateway 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



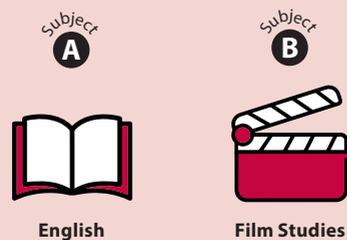
2nd year



3rd year

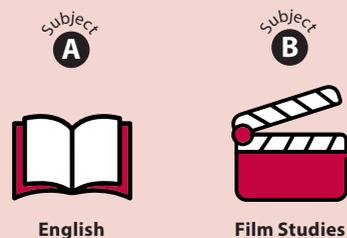
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MA(Hons)



4th year

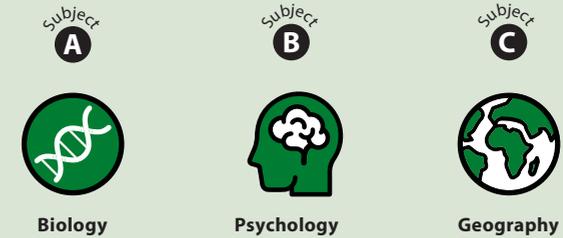
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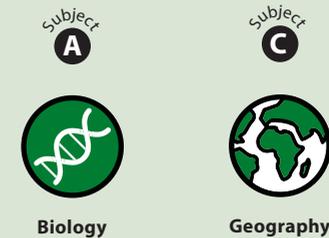
Typical structure of the Gateway to Science programme

This diagram shows an example of a student entering the Gateway to Science programme intending to move to Honours in Biology. This student chose to change their honours degree 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)



*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.

Gateway to Medicine

What is the Gateway to Medicine programme?

The Gateway to Medicine is a one-year full-time programme taught at the University of St Andrews in the Faculty of Science with contributions from staff in the Faculty of Medicine. Pupils can apply at the end of S5 or S6 if they narrowly missed out on the grades required to study Medicine. Those applying at the end of S5 will study on the Gateway to Medicine as an alternative to S6 in school.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for the Gateway to Medicine programme, an applicant must:

- Reside in Scotland
- Have just completed S5 or S6 at a Scottish school
- Be eligible for their tuition fees to be paid by SAAS
- Not have met, or are predicted not to meet, the minimum entry requirements for our medicine programmes at the University of St Andrews.

Applicants should also meet one of the following criteria:

- have engaged with a Reach project
- reside in an area of socio-economic disadvantage are being looked after (or have been looked after) as a result of a local authority order
- are a registered carer
- attend a school which has a low number of pupils who progress to higher education
- attend a school which has low attainment in relation to Highers and Advanced Highers.

Structure and progression

Gateway to Medicine students will study first-year modules in Biology and Chemistry plus one other module alongside other undergraduate students.

At the end of this year to progress to the full medical programme, students must have:

- passed all first year modules at grades specified at time of entry to the Gateway to Medicine programme
- achieved a suitable UCAT score
- achieved a pass in the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).

If all modules are passed but not at the grades specified at the time of entry, students can remain in the Faculty of Science with the opportunity to transfer to a BSc Honours programme where pre-requisites have been met.

Entry requirements

The entry requirements are as follows:

- BBBB in Scottish Highers which must include Chemistry and one other of Biology, Mathematics or Physics. These must be obtained in one sitting in S5.
- If Biology, English and Mathematics have not been passed at Higher each must have been passed at National 5 grade B.
- For S6 entry, BBBB at Higher in S5 and CC in S6 subjects at Higher or Advanced Higher.

Gateway to Medicine UCAS Code: LQV9

Find out more about
Gateway to Medicine



Additional support

There is a variety of support in place for students on our Gateway to Medicine programme:

- a designated support person from the Admissions team
- a designated Adviser of Studies
- support in preparing for the UCAT and MMI
- additional support modules which include tutoring in Biology and Chemistry as well as Medicine-specific content to help prepare for the transition to the first year of our medical degree.

Scholarships and funding

Scholarships for the Gateway to Medicine programme are available as well as the opportunity to apply for further support upon entry to a named degree programme.

Learn more about undergraduate fees and funding



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 course codes.

Gateway to Arts: Y003

Gateway to Science: CFG2

Gateway to Medicine: LQV9

Apply through the UCAS website

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



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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