Meet Us

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www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/meet-us
Welcome to St Andrews

As Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews, I am so pleased that you are interested in joining the St Andrews community as a postgraduate student.

The University of St Andrews welcomes postgraduate students from across the UK and the world, and our University Strategy celebrates the strength this diversity creates. We recognise that postgraduates are a very distinctive group of people. If you join us you will be part of a cohort of 2,165 postgraduate students, studying in one of our four Faculties of Arts, Divinity, Medicine, and Science.

This prospectus offers you a wealth of information on life as a postgraduate student in St Andrews. You can also read about our Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Studies which offers a range of taught postgraduate programmes that reach across traditional subject boundaries.

Postgraduate students on all our taught programmes must pack a lot of new learning into a short time. We do our utmost to support you with induction events at the start of the academic year, as well as encouragement throughout your time here.

Postgraduate research students undertake their project or dissertation and find an ‘academic home’ in a School, which also provides discipline-specific training. This is complemented by a wide range of workshops, seminars, online resources, and conferences which are offered centrally.

All postgraduate students are also members of St Leonard’s Postgraduate College, an intellectual and social community which will help you to foster intellectual endeavour, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a sense of shared creativity.

You will see that St Andrews is a brilliant and inspiring place to study. The University combines the medieval with the modern, the Scottish, the British, and the international. We have global reach but are of a size and shape to provide individual attention to everyone who chooses to study here. We have an outstanding record for teaching, research and delivering a world-leading student experience.

Great universities never stand still and if you want to find out more about our direction of travel, you can read our University Strategy online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/about/governance/university-strategy

We hope you will want to join us as one of our students, and one of our future alumni.

Professor Dame Sally Mapstone FRSE
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Why St Andrews?

St Andrews is about learning, research and people. Your postgraduate studies are unique to you – whether you choose a Masters programme or a research-based degree, to study in St Andrews or learn remotely. We are here to help nurture your interests, build upon your knowledge, help you develop and grow intellectually. Studying with us will challenge you. It will make you question, shape and refine what you already know, as well as introducing you to other aspects of the subject with which you may be less familiar but are curious to learn more. With the support and community of St Andrews, you can change, challenge and develop your future.

Studying for a postgraduate degree allows for both personal and professional growth. Whether you are looking to enhance your skills and experiences to make you more competitive in the global workplace, take the next step towards working in research and academia, or further explore a subject that you are deeply passionate about, St Andrews can provide these opportunities. Our postgraduate programmes give you the chance to explore your subject area further, and work towards a qualification highly sought after by employers around the world.

You will also have access to our established network of alumni, specialised employability workshops and extracurricular support, alongside award-winning teaching from leading academics. St Andrews is a global research hub. Throughout the year academics from disciplines across the University, and beyond, deliver a wide range of talks, lectures and seminars that are open to you. Topics are varied and can focus on the global impact of St Andrews’ research as well as the specialisms of visiting speakers. Your classes will be enhanced by the latest research produced by your lecturers, allowing you to benefit from current developments, techniques and thought in your subject. Throughout your programme you will develop the ability to think critically and engage with multiple perspectives and viewpoints. Ideas and concepts are discussed in an open platform with both your peers and teachers, and you will be encouraged to take these ideas beyond the classroom to investigate them independently.

Internationally diverse and welcoming, the postgraduate community at St Andrews will support you while you realise your potential, explore your field and expand your horizons.

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St Salvator’s Quadrangle

“I have made wonderful new friends, attended stimulating lectures and seminars and become part of a thriving international postgraduate community.”

Molly (Somerset, England)
Programmes for career enhancement and development

A postgraduate taught (Masters) degree is a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge, your skills, and gain an advantage for your chosen career. Your degree will involve intensive study, but also provide you with an invaluable array of development opportunities.

At St Andrews, the dynamic postgraduate community offers a vibrant academic environment. Your Masters degree will introduce you to people from around the world, allowing you to make lasting connections with both your peers and academic staff. Students come to enhance their knowledge, gain a qualification and leave with networks and experiences that last a lifetime. Our teaching methods, and opportunities for extracurricular skills development all contribute to the high quality of your degree and your future prospects.

Where will your Masters degree take you?
Our postgraduates have gone onto a wide variety of careers around the world: from technology giants to setting up their own businesses, working with national governments or international NGOs, global banks or consultancy firms, journalism or activism, and everything in between. Find out where graduates in your subject are now: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-future/destinations

From the start of your studies, you will have access to our dedicated Careers Centre as well as continuing support from the Centre for Educational Enhancement and Development (CEED). You can also choose to participate on our MSkills programme for your continuing professional development.

These programmes are comprehensive and designed to boost your transferable skills and increase your employability. Through workshops, lectures, online resources, mentoring schemes and networking events, you can be confident that you will leave St Andrews as a highly desirable candidate in either your chosen profession or your academic career.

You will gain sought-after specialist skills as well as a deep understanding of your field. You will quickly find yourself at the forefront of your subject through your interaction with academics who are research active in their fields and who, in many cases will have written the books you are reading. Studying a Masters at St Andrews sets you on the path towards making a positive change in the world, and by the very nature of our teaching methods, you will gain the practical ability and knowledge to do exactly that.

Entrepreneurial St Andrews
If you have ambitions to start your own company, you will be supported throughout your programme and beyond. We encourage students’ entrepreneurial ambitions with skills development, coaching and advice. Our global alumni network provides access to a variety of recent and experienced business owners from around the world. An entrepreneurial mindset is woven throughout many of our programmes and is a key pillar of our University Strategy.

Graduate training scheme
While studying for your degree you can get involved with our Professional Skills Curriculum (PSC), which is endorsed by the Institute of Leadership and Management. This programme helps to equip you with essential skills to boost your employability, focusing on the skills your future employers’ value most.
Programmes for careers in research and academia

Whether you are looking for a research Masters programme, a PhD or a step in between, our programmes will put you in control, helping you make an impact on the latest research and innovation in your field.

Our research is considerable for a university of our size. According to the latest UK Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, more than 88% of research carried out by the University of St Andrews is world-leading or internationally excellent.

St Andrews offers you an intensive research environment, which is a vital step in your journey to a career in research and academia. Pursuing a specialism is a fulfilling path to undertake, and our research degrees are fully supervised and integrated into the research interests of our academic staff. At St Andrews you will be contributing to the ground-breaking research we produce and making a significant contribution to the development of your academic field. Our international reputation is not only reflective of the quality of our education, from day one you will also be involved with leading researchers and the ongoing active research into your subject.

We are internationally recognised for our research specialisms and the University supports a variety of world-class, often cross-discipline or cross-institutional, research centres and institutes. The impact of our research has led to changes or improvements in local and global policy and law, health and welfare, the economy, culture, technology and the environment. Our online research portal highlights the work in each of our academic Schools from the local to the global, showcasing our work across disciplines with research impact, public engagement, stories and blogs. It also gives you case studies and examples of current active areas of research, as well as a list of our research centres and institutes to help you in the decision as to which area you want to specialise for your degree.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/research

Skills development

While on any of our postgraduate research programmes, you will have access to a range of research skills development and training opportunities, which are designed to help you maximise the most of your postgraduate experience. They range from skills sessions that increase your research capabilities to employability workshops and online resources. These support and development opportunities are available to all research students through the University’s GRADskills programme. There are also additional opportunities within academic Schools, providing specialist skills training, as well as information and support for doctoral students who will be teaching undergraduates.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/pgstudents/stleonards/training/research

Graduate destinations

Our research graduates go on to further studies and academic positions around the world or a range of professions outside of academia. Destinations of graduates from your subject can be explored online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-future/destinations
From Masters programmes to distance-learning certificates, postgraduate study will provide you with an invaluable opportunity to expand your academic expertise and continue your professional development.

Whether you are looking to gain a full Masters degree or a Postgraduate Certificate, study in St Andrews or online, full time or part time, there are many options for you.

Our taught degrees are more specialised than you will have experienced at undergraduate level, and you will quickly find yourself more integrated with the academic staff. Programmes have a substantial taught element with additional emphasis on independent research and, where relevant, practical work.

Your degree is usually completed by an extended dissertation or project which is supervised. Although challenging, it will demonstrate your research skills and scholarly expertise.

Master of Letters (MLitt)

The Master of Letters degree is a postgraduate degree awarded by universities like St Andrews, where the Master of Arts is traditionally awarded as an undergraduate qualification.

Lasting for one full year, two-thirds of your degree will be taught modules and the remaining third comprises a dissertation, normally completed in the final months of the programme.

Master of Science (MSc)

The Master of Science programmes are offered in science subjects or those with a practical component.

MSc programmes involve two semesters of taught modules and independent research, plus an extended project or dissertation where you can further explore a topic of your choosing.

Enter a new subject area

There are options for you to embark on postgraduate study in a brand-new discipline. Management, Philosophy, Psychology and the Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Studies provide opportunities to study a completely new subject without prior experience. The MLitt in Management is designed specifically for those without business or management experience. The Graduate School offers programmes in a wide variety of areas that have no subject specific entry requirements.

The Conversion in Philosophy Graduate Diploma provides you with the skills to progress on to a full Masters programme. The Psychology conversion programme leads to an MSc qualification.

Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates

Some programmes also offer the option of a Postgraduate Diploma (the taught component of an MLitt or MSc) or a Postgraduate Certificate (half of the taught component of an MLitt or MSc). These programmes would suit someone looking to develop their skills but not undertake the final project or dissertation of a Masters programme.

Distance learning and part-time study

Many of our taught postgraduate degrees can be taken either as one-year full time, or part time over two years to accommodate your needs. You can additionally enrol as a distance learner on many of our degrees, including our comprehensive TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) programmes.
Research programmes involve periods of **intense research** and independent study. At St Andrews, your degree will be supervised by an expert in your field of study, and your research will contribute to the development of academic understanding.

Whatever your chosen discipline, you will find yourself closely integrated with teaching staff, giving you plenty of opportunities to network with top scholars at both St Andrews and other universities. Your research will be supervised by leading academics, and you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and resources needed to help you achieve your ambitions.

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
This research degree usually takes three-and-a-half to four years of full-time study. The qualification is achieved upon submission and defence of a substantial thesis of original research. You will be supported by a dedicated supervisor throughout your studies.

**Master of Research (MRes)**

**Master of Science by Research (MSc(Res))**

**Master of Studies by Research (MSt(Res))**
If your intention is to progress onto a research programme, St Andrews offers several Master of Research degrees. These are designed to provide advanced training in research techniques and skills through a year-long project. By the end of the year, you will be confident and qualified to progress onto a research career.

**Master of Philosophy (MPhil)**
This is a stepping stone between Masters and doctoral level degrees and takes two years to complete. The first year of the programme comprises taught classes with the second year being dedicated to further guided research and writing a thesis.

**The Engineering Doctorate (EngD)**
This is a four-year degree programme with a strong industry focus. A substantial amount of time is spent on research, usually on a placement with a sponsor company, with other taught elements of the programme delivered at St Andrews.

**The Professional Doctorate (DProf)**
This programme is of variable length and is obtained while in full-time employment by the submission of a portfolio of work representing an outstanding level of professional practice development.

**Master of Fine Arts (MFA)**
This two-year programme is run by the School of English’s Creative Writing research group. In your first year you will be taught through technical seminars, workshops and individual tuition. In the second year you will produce a substantial body of work under the supervision of a leading academic.

**Further support**
St Andrews is a member of Vitae, the global leader in the professional development of researchers. You will gain free access to Vitae’s Researcher Development Framework, which helps you to identify strengths and areas for your personal and professional development. [www.vitae.ac.uk](http://www.vitae.ac.uk)

We also encourage you to attend conferences in your field of interest, providing you with a fantastic opportunity to expand your network. The University can provide travel bursaries to support you. You will also have the opportunity to present your research at our regular Postgraduate X-Change seminars which allow our students to present and discuss their work in a supportive environment.
International students

The postgraduate community in St Andrews is truly international. Across the University, our students and staff come from more than 170 countries and territories, giving us a globally engaged perspective.

Support for international students
Our Student Services team is dedicated to assisting our international students with the transition to living in the UK. As well as easy to access support through the central team, there are international advisers who can give more specific advice. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/support/international-students

Academic English Pre-sessional Courses
The University offers academic literacy and English language courses leading into your degree programme. These are specifically designed to help you develop and extend your ability to use English effectively in the context of your academic discipline. We introduce you to the University’s facilities, including the Library and Student Services, and you will experience social and cultural life at St Andrews early so you can start your degree with confidence. All postgraduate students who use English as an additional language can apply for the four-week course, while the ten-week course is reserved for taught postgraduate students whose offers are conditional on providing evidence of English language ability. Both the four- and ten-week pre-sessional courses can be used to satisfy the English language elements of a conditional offer to study in selected Schools at St Andrews. Application information and entry requirements for these programmes can be found online. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/short-courses/pre-sessional

The ten-week course develops your academic English language skills, including presentation and writing skills. There are lectures and seminars across a range of subject areas which help you improve your listening, note-taking and speaking skills. You will also become used to different lecturing styles and gain confidence in this new teaching environment. The four-week course provides a focus on developing the academic language and the English language skills you will need. Learning the conventions of essay writing, planning, structuring, drafting and using sources critically is a key component of the course, and one-to-one feedback helps you to develop your abilities. Lectures and seminars delivered by staff from various Schools in the University allow you to build on your listening, note-taking and speaking skills.

Academic English Service
This free service runs throughout the year for all those who use English as a second or additional language. The Academic English Service offers workshops on critical thinking, academic writing, grammar, listening, pronunciation and speaking, as well as one-to-one tutorials. If you are a Masters student, you may also receive support with assignment writing as part of some of your modules. The Academic English Service supports doctoral researchers by offering regular one-to-one tuition on building your research communication skills, including writing your thesis, conference abstracts and papers for publication. We also support students in the development of presentation skills. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/aes

“’The academic atmosphere, community, traditions, and town make it a wonderful place to live and study.”

Grace (New Hampshire, USA)
Life in St Andrews

“St Andrews is not just a special place because of its world-leading academics and beautiful surroundings, but because of the exceptional student experience. From a strong and diverse community, exciting student activities and plentiful postgraduate study facilities, St Andrews has it all.”

Zaine Mansuralli, Postgraduate President
Welcoming and internationally diverse, being a part of our postgraduate community at St Andrews opens up many opportunities. Life in St Andrews is varied and flexible to suit your lifestyle and, as a postgraduate student you can get involved with as many societies, sports clubs, academic talks and events as you wish.

Postgraduate community
The Postgraduate Society and St Leonard’s Postgraduate College form the heart of our postgraduate community at St Andrews. The social side of postgraduate student life is organised by the Postgraduate Society, who run a range of events and gatherings throughout the year to let you meet and network with other students. The Society also organises regular trips out of St Andrews that allow you to explore other parts of Scotland.

Academic talks and lectures
Throughout the year there is a wide range of talks, lectures and seminars which are open for you to join, featuring guest speakers and academics from across the University and beyond. Topics vary across the year, focusing on the global impact of St Andrews’ research and the various specialisms of visiting speakers.

The town
St Andrews is a truly special Scottish coastal town. Measuring approximately two miles end-to-end, and combining its medieval and contemporary features, St Andrews has a fascinating history and offers a unique combination of ancient and modern, local and global with a distinctly cosmopolitan air. Our location on the east coast of Fife also means we have some beautiful beaches, fresh air and easy access to many outdoor spaces. The town is also well connected to the rest of the UK and beyond, with easy transport links via the town’s bus station and nearby train station at Leuchars.

The Students’ Association
At St Andrews, you will have access to all of the facilities, events and support the Students’ Association offers, including a late-opening café and theatre space. You will automatically become a member of the Association with more than 20 subcommittees, which cover a range of activities, such as volunteering, charity fundraising, performing arts, On the Rocks (the UK’s largest student-run arts festival), music, radio, debating and more. There are subcommittees for BAME, LGBT+, disabled, and lifelong learners, as well as the Postgraduate Society. You can join any of the almost 200 student societies for different faiths, cultures, interests and hobbies.

The Students’ Association independently represents all students at the University, with six elected Sabbatical Officers and several Postgraduate Officers whose remits cover everything from wellbeing to student development and events. Democratically elected Class Representatives are supported by the Postgraduate Academic Convenor and the full-time Director of Education.

Traditions
As you might expect from an ancient university, there are a number of traditions throughout the year that help to make the St Andrews experience unique. Whether taking part in Raisin Weekend or the May Dip, traditions are a way of celebrating our students throughout history, often with a contemporary and fun twist.
Study facilities

As a postgraduate student, you will have access to a range of libraries, facilities and study areas throughout the University. This includes research rooms and dedicated spaces in academic Schools, letting you find a study environment that suits you.

There are many library and study spaces around the University, including busy modern social spaces, for example in the Students’ Association, or characterful historic buildings.

The Main Library, in the town centre, is the largest of the University libraries with long opening hours and access to a wide range of resources, including plenty of computers. There are newly designed and refurbished spaces specifically created for postgraduate students, silent areas for study, group study rooms and space for collaboration as well as a café.

The University libraries
• Offer study space and access to resources in several different buildings both in town and on the North Haugh.
• Provide access to over one million print volumes and a vast array of digital resources, including online journals and many thousands of ebooks.
• Provide expert one-to-one support from specialist Academic Liaison Librarians.
• Provide help and training on finding information.
• Have an inter-library loan service and supports the SCONUL Access Scheme to allow use of participating local and national academic libraries.

Dedicated postgraduate study spaces and resources
Each academic School has resources tailored to the specific needs of its postgraduate students, whether this is access to materials, laboratories or software. These will vary by subject area, but should you have any specialist requirements your academic School will be happy to help you.

In the centre of town you can use St Mary’s College Library (including the historic King James Library), with collections for Divinity and Medieval History. Located in St Mary’s Quadrangle, the King James is claimed to be the oldest library reading room in Scotland.

On the North Haugh the J F Allen Library (Physics & Astronomy building) and the Dr Ettie Stewart Steele Reading Room (Purdie building) both provide study facilities as well as books and journals for science subjects. The Library at the Gateway provides study spaces and a range of seating options.

Postgraduate students, together with academic staff, have exclusive use of the Thomson Reading Room within the Richardson Research Library at Martyrs Kirk, which includes a space where University collections can be studied.

The University’s collections include artworks, museum objects, rare books, manuscripts, archives and photographs, all of which are accessible to students.

A dedicated drop-in postgraduate study space in the Old Burgh School is part of the University’s St Leonard’s Postgraduate College, where postgraduate events and training take place. This space provides regular opportunities for you to interact with other postgraduates in your community.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library
Twitter: @StAndrewsUniLib
Facebook: @StAndrewsUniversityLibrary
Instagram: @StAndrewsUniLib
Accommodation

There is a range of accommodation options specifically designed to meet the needs of postgraduate students. All postgraduates can apply for University accommodation.

Key information
- Applications open on 1 March each year.
- You can apply for University accommodation once you have accepted your offer (and made the pre-payment, if required).
- Apply as early as possible, postgraduate accommodation is limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Taught postgraduate students who normally live outside of the UK and submit their application by 30 June in the year of entry will be given priority access to accommodation.
- There are options for couples and families.

Halls of residence
There are a number of halls of residence for postgraduate students. Some of these are exclusively for postgraduate students, while others share a site and some facilities with undergraduate students. The halls are spread across the town and offer a range of options in order to best meet your needs. These include catered or self-catered, en suite rooms or shared facilities, and studio apartments. The details of all our accommodation options can be found online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/halls/postgraduate-halls

Private accommodation
Many students consider renting privately either in St Andrews or the surrounding area. StudentPad is the University’s student accommodation search engine, which allows you to find accommodation in or near St Andrews. It lists properties that are available to rent directly from landlords. www.standrewsstudentpad.co.uk

The Students’ Association also provides advice and support for students renting privately. www.yourunion.net/helphub/accommodation

Students with disabilities
The University offers appropriate support to disabled students and those with limiting long-term illness. To enable us to work with you to help meet your individual requirements, please include on your accommodation application form details of the support you need.

We understand that disability is not always visible or related to physical impairments. Student Services and Wardennial teams can also provide additional support. We have various adapted rooms and encourage you to visit us for the chance to see the accommodation facilities and speak to Student Accommodation Services before accepting a place of residence.

Support
Postgraduates living in David Russell Apartments, Fife Park and Powell Hall can access support from the onsite Wardennial team. The team provides out-of-hours support, as well as links to daytime services. They are the first point of contact if a health crisis occurs, or you are experiencing other difficulties.

Postgraduates living in other University residences or private accommodation can access out of hours support via the Student Services Response Team who are on-call overnight and during the weekend.

Contact
More information about accommodation can be found online or by contacting Student Accommodation Services.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation
accommodation@st-andrews.ac.uk
+44 (0)1334 462510
Support and wellbeing

The network of support facilities available to all students at St Andrews ensures that help is on hand should you need it.

Student Services provides a range of support services, including:

- The Advice and Support Centre (the ASC), an information centre for students
- Disabilities team
- Wellbeing advice
- Counselling and mental health support
- International and immigration advice
- Advice on money and finances
- Advice on academic issues
- Health Hub
- Wardens and residential support for students in University residences.

The ASC
Staff at the ASC (Advice and Support Centre) are happy to answer any question, from paying bills to obtaining an academic transcript, seeking advice on visas, looking for help with a personal issue, or any other student matter. The team can also help you book appointments with a Student Services’ adviser for further support and advice.

Postgraduate Advisers
Our dedicated Postgraduate Advisers are also available to help you throughout your time studying with us. Progress reviews, relationships with supervisors and peers, managing wellbeing, and motivation and goal setting can all present challenges. Whether your concern is academic or personal in nature, the Postgraduate Advisers can offer support, guidance, access to resources, and further referrals to relevant services when required.

Disability support
Within the Student Services team, there are disability and specific learning difficulties advisers. They can be contacted at any stage of the application process for information, advice or support by emailing disability@st-andrews.ac.uk. Applicants are encouraged to make their needs known on their application.

Wellbeing, counselling and mental health
If you find you need professional support to help you resolve difficulties, assistance is available through our counselling, mental health and wellbeing services.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/support/student

Health
There are two primary care medical practices in St Andrews with many years of experience working with the student community. In addition, the Student Health Hub staffed by University employees, is located with the medical practices and helps students access health advice quickly.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/advice/health

Chaplaincy and faith
The University Chaplain, Assistant Chaplain and a large team of Honorary Chaplains from different faiths and beliefs offer friendly, non-judgemental support to all students. The Chaplaincy offers worship in the University and looks after space which is available for prayer and meditation. The Chaplaincy also supports activities often specifically faith-focused, for international students, various student-led faith societies, and the wider University and town communities.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Family and childcare
If you are bringing your family to St Andrews and require information about available resources, including childcare provision and schooling in the area, please contact Student Services via the ASC.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/advice/family

Contact
More information about how the University will support you can be found online or by contacting Student Services.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studentservices
theasc@st-andrews.ac.uk
+44 (0)1334 462020
Sport

Whether you compete in a sport, play socially or want to get fit, there are more than 50 sports clubs, top-class facilities and professional fitness services available for you.

St Andrews students have access to top-class sports facilities including a 120-station gym, a dedicated strength and conditioning suite for performance athletes, a technical climbing wall, all-weather pitches, top quality grass pitches, a four-court indoor tennis centre, and an eight-court indoor sports arena.

Sports clubs
There are over 50 sports clubs at St Andrews, offering activities for all levels of ability or 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 students competing on an individual level. Most of our clubs also offer recreational activities, giving students an amazing opportunity to travel further afield, including experiencing the beauty of the Scottish Highlands.

Performance sport
The University recognises a number of teams as part of the Performance Programme, each benefiting from increased support and a dedicated sport-specific Director or Performance Coach. This support includes sport science interventions such as Strength and Conditioning and performance analysis, increased funding and greater access to training facilities.

High performance athletes
The University encourages individual sporting excellence by supporting talented athletes who are studying at St Andrews and competing at an elite level through the Scott Lang High Performance Athlete Awards.

Postgraduate sport scholarships
The Saints Sport-St Leonards College Masters Scholarships are open to international applicants on full-time, one-year MSc, MLitt and MRes degree programmes, across all subjects. Applications are welcome from student athletes competing at a high level within their sport and looking to extend their playing career, while continuing their studies at St Andrews. Talented golfers may also apply for a 600 Club Performance Golf Scholarship, the prestigious Arnold Palmer Scholarship or an R&A Bursary. For more information, please contact: sportscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk

Health and fitness
Saints Fitness offers a full range of services to all students including fitness consultations, personal training, and strength and conditioning support. Our varied exercise class programme runs all year and is tailored to suit all levels and abilities. With more than 40 classes per week including Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, HIIT, Spin and many more, our instructors are here to help you get the most out of your workout and improve your overall fitness.

Volunteering opportunities
Saints Sport provides many opportunities for students to get involved with coaching, officiating and volunteering within sport. Grants are available to help volunteers achieve additional training and qualifications whilst at St Andrews, enabling them to support the scale and variety of activity offered by our clubs, deliver extracurricular sporting activity to local children, and participate in international volunteering projects in Africa.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/sport
Applications for all of our postgraduate programmes are made directly through our online application system. Information about our programmes, entry requirements and the application process can be found on our website, or by contacting our Admissions team.

As part of your application, you will need to submit supporting documents and references. You should check the specific requirements for your programme on our website before you apply.

**www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects**

**Supporting documents and references**
An application to St Andrews is considered complete when copies of the following documents have been submitted:

- A copy of your CV/résumé.
- Evidence of your qualification(s) (for example, your degree certificate and transcript).
- References can be uploaded to your application or provide details of your referees who we can contact. Applicants remain responsible for ensuring that references are sent to us.

Some of our programmes require additional written work and proposals, you should check all the requirements of your intended programme on our website for full details. These can include:

- A sample of written academic work.
- A personal statement.
- A research proposal (research programmes).

Further information can be found online:

**www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/pg/apply**

**English language requirements**
If you are an international applicant, you may be asked to provide evidence of your English language ability. Full details of our English language requirements can be found online:

**www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry/language-requirements/postgraduate**

**Admissions Policy**
The University manages applications within the framework of our admissions policy, this can be found online.

**www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/policy**

**Questions?**
If you have any questions about making an application, please contact our Admissions team:

admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk
Taught programmes

Find your programme
Before making your application, you should look at all the taught programmes offered by the University.

The programmes available for 2023 entry can be found on pages 50-52. Full details can also be found online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects

Apply online
Applications for our taught programmes open early autumn for the next academic year. Deadlines for applications vary by programme, so please check each deadline carefully.

Your application will not be assessed until it is complete. This includes the submission of the required supporting documents and references. You can apply for a taught programme while still completing your current studies.

Decisions on applications
We aim to make a decision on applications within four to six weeks of submission. With some programmes, we wait until the closing date has passed to read all applications. In this case, it may take longer to communicate our decision.

The outcome of your application will be communicated to you by email. There are three decision types: Unconditional – all academic conditions for entry have been met; Conditional – you have not yet satisfied all the academic conditions for entry, the condition(s) you are still to meet will be detailed in your offer; Unsuccessful – we are unable to offer you a place.

Next steps
After you have applied and been successfully offered a place you should consider:
- Accepting your offer (online)
- Accommodation (page 22)
- Finance options (page 32)
- Pre-sessional courses (page 15)
- Pre-payments (online)
- Visas and moving to the UK (online)

Questions?
Before you apply: admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk
After you apply: pgt.application@st-andrews.ac.uk

Research programmes

When to apply
There is no fixed deadline date on applying for the majority of research programmes, however some Schools do have specific deadlines by which an application has to be made in order to be considered for scholarships or funding opportunities. For more information, visit www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/research

Finding a supervisor
All prospective PhD, MSc(Res) or MSt(Res) students will work with an individual supervisor or supervisory team within a School, Centre or Institute. It is important that you look at staff research interests within the University and ensure that your project matches an existing area of research before you apply.

If you are unable to identify a possible supervisor, please contact the School directly, who will be happy to advise you of the most appropriate academic for your chosen research area.

Applicants for the MFA, MRes or MPhil programmes are not required to contact a possible supervisor before making an application.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects

Apply online
All applications for research programmes are made through the University website. Information on our entry requirements, required supporting documentation and research proposals can be found online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/research

Decisions on applications
Decision times on applications will vary depending on the programme and subject you are applying for.

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After you apply: pgr.application@st-andrews.ac.uk
Fees, funding and scholarships

Fees, funding opportunities and scholarships vary each year. The latest information is always available online.

Tuition fees vary depending on the programme you are studying and the fee status the University assesses you to be. Postgraduate programme fees and other information about postgraduate finance can be found online. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate

Financing your studies
There are many ways to finance your studies and the method you use is normally dependent on the type of programme you are applying for, as well as where you are from. Financial assistance usually comes from research councils, government agencies, trusts and scholarships. More information about how St Andrews can help support you and potential financing opportunities can be found online.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/financial-assistance

Many governments offer financial assistance for those applying to taught postgraduate programmes. In the UK, postgraduate loans are available through the national student funding bodies in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. More information can be found online.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/loans

Scholarships
St Andrews is committed to attracting the very best students to the University, regardless of their financial circumstances. The range of bursaries and scholarships available to both taught and research postgraduate students aim to help students support themselves during their studies.

A graduate discount of a 10% reduction on postgraduate research programme tuition fees is available for St Andrews students who have graduated from the university in the last three years, and those who have successfully completed a study abroad or exchange programme.

The Accommodation Award is aimed at reducing the cost of University or private accommodation. Open to all new postgraduate students, this award is based on financial need. More information can be found online.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/scholarships

Financial support available for research postgraduates is aimed at actively investing in the next generation of world-leading researchers. This ranges from individual grants, or a contribution towards the cost of tuition fees, to full tuition fee support with a maintenance stipend to cover living costs.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/scholarships/research-scholarships

Contact
Fees: fees@st-andrews.ac.uk
Scholarships: pgscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk
Art History
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/art-history

Teaching and research interests in Art History extend from the medieval to the modern periods, focusing on the major arts of painting, sculpture and architecture, but also encompassing applied arts, graphic arts and photography. Art History is taught in a relaxed but stimulating and friendly atmosphere. You will be part of an active and diverse postgraduate community, offering research seminars and occasional symposia.

- You will have access to a major Visual Resources Collection with over 150,000 images.
- Research centres include: the Museums, Galleries and Collections Institute, the Institute of Medieval Studies and the St Andrews Scottish Studies Centre.
- Research specialisms by our 27 academic staff include African art; Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-century Art; European and American Modernism; Islamic Art; Medieval and Renaissance Italy; Medieval Europe and the British Isles, including Scotland.
- Students may also apply to take part in exchange programmes at our partner institutions.

Art History taught programmes: Art History, History of Photography, Museum and Heritage Studies.

Astronomy
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/physics

St Andrews is internationally recognised for research in the areas of astronomy and astrophysics and this research complements and guides teaching at all levels.

- Access to the University Observatory and James Gregory Telescope allows you to gain hands-on experience and develop your observational expertise for your research projects.
- You may have the opportunity to take part in remote observing at the Teide Observatory in Tenerife, Spain.
- The University is a member of the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA), whose Graduate School provides two graduate level courses which are open to Astrophysics MSc students.
- There is extensive experimental infrastructure to support research in astronomy.
- Dynamic research in astronomy informs our teaching at all levels. Details of the current specialisms are online: astronomy.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/research

Astronomy taught programme: Astrophysics.

Biology
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/biology

Teaching spans the molecular biology of virus replication to the behaviour of animals in their natural habitats, and the functioning of entire ecosystems. Research is organised into three major interdisciplinary centres which encompass the full spectrum of research in biological sciences from investigations into the properties of individual molecules, and the behaviour of organisms to the dynamics of ecosystems. These deliver first-class research and teaching with a strong applied focus.

- Relevant staff specialisations include Behavioural Biology, Bioacoustics, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Conservation Policy with Management, Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Infection Biology, Marine Biology, Molecular Biology, Population Biology.
- Biology is taught by 70 academic and related staff and there are 85 postdoctoral researchers.
- The BioNetwork provides a great social and academic forum bringing together Masters and PhD students at different stages of their training.
- Many research students are actively involved in weekly research group meetings, sharing ideas, techniques and questions with staff, postdoctoral researchers and students with similar research interests.


Chemistry
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/chemistry

You will receive a fundamental and thorough training in Chemistry with cutting-edge research and support facilities. You will be able to specialise in areas including materials, catalysis, nanotechnology, chemical biology, computational chemistry and surface science. There are strong interdisciplinary links between chemistry and materials science, physics and biomolecular sciences.

- You will join a student population of around 140 research postgraduates and 80 postdoctoral researchers. Chemistry is taught by around 50 full-time academic and academic-related staff and supported by 60 technical staff. There are regular specialist seminars and colloquia by leading researchers from around the world.
- The key areas of research at present are Catalysis and Synthesis; Functional Materials; Chemistry/Biology Interface; Energy, Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry; Synthetic Chemistry and Chemical Dynamics.
- EaSI-CAT (incorporating an EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training) is a PhD programme co-ordinated by St Andrews with other universities, providing excellent teaching and research opportunities in all areas of catalysis.
- Chemistry graduates have gone on to chemical and pharmaceutical companies such as AstraZeneca, BP, Siemens, GSK, Pfizer.

Chemistry taught programmes: Catalysis, Chemical Science, Chemistry.
**Classics**

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/classics

Classics at St Andrews offers outstanding research by internationally renowned academics in Greek and Latin Literature, Ancient History, Art, Archaeology, Ancient Philosophy and Classical Reception. You will be taught by one of the largest concentrations of classicists in the UK whose research directly informs the material in taught programmes.

Whilst many postgraduate students are initially attracted by the international reputation of the programme, it is the active role that they play in the research community that stays with them.

- Language modules are available at different levels. You may choose to take a pair of modules at beginner level in Greek or Latin, or at intermediate level to consolidate your existing language skills. For advanced students, there are staff-led reading groups.
- Current concentrations of expertise include Classical, Hellenistic and Imperial Period Greek Literature; Platonic and Post-classical Philosophy; The Archaeology of Rome and the Roman Provinces; Roman Imperial Literature and History; Late Antiquity; Renaissance and later engagement with the Classics.

**Classics taught programme:** Classics.

**Comparative Literature**

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/comparative-literature

You will have the opportunity to work with academic staff specialising in Arabic, Chinese, French and Francophone, German, Italian, Persian, Russian and Hispanophone literatures and cultures, from the medieval period to the twenty-first century, as well as with translations and Anglophone materials.

Explore the transnational understanding of literature and culture, through a critical evaluation of theoretical approaches combined with the intensive study of an extremely broad range of texts and their relationship to other literatures.

Develop your ability to work comparatively across a range of national literatures, media, and historical periods and to think creatively about the theories and practices of the discipline.

- Key research interests include Affect Theory, Contemporary Theory and Literatures, Cultural Memory, Early Modern Studies, Interdisciplinarity, Medical Humanities, Migration Studies.
- Classes are delivered through a mixture of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Flexibility is built into the programme allowing you to specialise in your own areas of interest.
- As well as continuing to PhD study, recent graduates have also gone on to work in fields as diverse as financial services, recruitment consultancy, university administration, PR and communications.

**Comparative Literature taught programmes:** Comparative Literature, German and Comparative Literature. See also Modern Languages page 45.

**Computer Science**

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/computer-science

You will learn about cutting-edge developments in Computer Science and develop transferable skills to increase your employability. You will be taught by excellent staff, highly ranked for teaching and research, with an emphasis on personal and small group teaching. Join a cohort of around 90 taught postgraduate students using top class, purpose-built facilities with 24-hour access.

- Research specialisms include Artificial Intelligence, Computer Systems, Health Informatics, Human Computer Interaction, Programming Languages, Systems Engineering.
- Graduates are successful throughout the world as business analysts, systems architects and analysts, software developers, testers and verifiers, technical writers, IT trainers and user advisers, project managers. Employers visit on a regular basis, which provides a good opportunity for you to expand your network and ask questions about working in industry.

**Computer Science taught programmes:** Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Computing and Information Technology, Human Computer Interaction, Information Technology, Information Technology with Management, Software Engineering.

**Divinity**

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/divinity

You will receive advanced training in theological or biblical studies, developing your understanding and research skills and addressing questions of faith in the contemporary world. St Andrews has, since 1579, gathered one of the most outstanding communities of internationally-renowned scholars. There are currently 30 members of staff undertaking research in a wide range of specialisms and approximately 150 postgraduates. The close-knit community of academics and postgraduates provides a context in which to engage in stimulating theological explorations.

- Collaborations, liaisons and networks are a distinctive aspect of the way research has developed here. Scholars come together and share their discoveries on several fronts: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies; Early Jewish Studies; New Testament Studies; Church History; Contextual Theology (including religion and politics); History of Biblical Interpretation; Practical Theology; Systematic, Historical and Analytical Theology; Theology and the Arts.
- Postgraduate taught students routinely participate in doctoral research seminars and specially organised colloquia and conferences.

**Divinity taught programmes:** Analytic and Exegetical Theology, Bible and the Contemporary World, Biblical Languages and Literature, Sacred Music, Systematic and Historical Theology, Theology and the Arts.

**Music, Systematic and Historical Theology, Theology and the Arts.**
Earth and Environmental Sciences
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/earth-environmental-sciences

Study broad and important topics such as the pulse of past and current climate change, exploration of natural resources, origins of life, composition of oceans, rivers and atmospheres, evolution of the Earth and other terrestrial planets, and exploration for habitable planets.

- You will join a dynamic and research-intensive community with expertise in the fields of geology, geochemistry, mineralogy, economic geology and geophysics, underpinned by state-of-the-art laboratory facilities.
- The research combines fieldwork, laboratory and empirical analyses and modelling to gain insight into the geological, geochemical and biochemical processes that have shaped our planet and planetary neighbours.
- You may apply for a PhD studentship through the IAPETUS2 NERC Doctoral Training Partnership as well as St Andrews research scholarships.
- Graduates have gone on to work in the energy, natural resources and environmental sectors, as well as in the wider science and policy areas.

Earth and Environmental Sciences taught programmes: Geochemistry, Strategic Earth Resources.

Economics and Finance
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/economics

Economics is a social science that is concerned with the optimal allocation of scarce resources, especially the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. Finance is the study of creating and managing investments and funds. The available courses provide structured explorations of key concepts, methods of analysis and techniques in economics and finance.

- The courses enhance your analytical and decision-making abilities through training in problem solving, specifically through the use of quantitative and model-based methods of analysis.
- Regular seminars and workshops bring you into contact with a community of more than 35 academics who have research strengths in Applied Economics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Finance.
- The emphasis on smaller group teaching allows a high level of interaction between students and teachers, encouraging a warm and friendly learning environment. There are guest lecturer seminar series and you may attend international events, broadening your interests and enabling exploration of the widest application of economic theories.
- Recent graduates work across the world in areas such as academia, banking, commerce, government, industry and insurance.


English
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/english

You can study creative writing or English, Scottish and American literature, including courses in prose, verse, drama and film. The programmes will challenge you to consider the ideas, human values and history behind a broad variety of texts.

- You will join a vibrant postgraduate community of more than 120 student from around the globe, and over 30 permanent members of staff with a range of backgrounds and specialisms.
- St Andrews has one of the highest concentrations of medievalists in the UK, united by the St Andrews Institute of Medieval Studies (SAIMS).
- Creative Writing and Playwriting/Screenwriting classes are taught by highly regarded novelists, poets and playwrights. There are strong links with the University-managed, award-winning Byre Theatre.
- Distinguished visiting academics and creative writers lead seminars, lectures and workshops as part of the regular research events.

English taught programmes: Creative Writing; Medieval English; Modern and Contemporary Literature and Culture; Playwriting and Screenwriting; Romantic and Victorian Studies; Shakespeare and Renaissance Literary Culture; Women, Writing and Gender.

Film Studies
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/film-studies

You will examine the forms and histories of film in all their artistic, documentary and non-theatrical variants, from silent cinema to virtual reality and will cover a range of topics including stardom and activism, as well as numerous genres and filmmakers.

- You will join a multicultural community with strong international academic experience. This cosmopolitan environment allows you to become familiar with cross-cultural issues and to develop personal contacts across Europe, Asia and North America – an important factor in your future specialist development.
- There is a vibrant film culture: from student-led filmmaking marathons and screening series to visits from world-renowned filmmakers and collaborators with international film festivals; you will have numerous opportunities to contribute to a community of cinephiles and film artists.
- Research specialisms by leading staff members include Activism and Advocacy, Documentary, Experimental and Avant-garde Cinemas, Global Film Cultures (archives, cinephilia, film festivals, film industries), Film Genres and Stars, Film History (including early cinema), Film Sound and Technologies, Media Theory and History, Non-entertainment Film, Performance, Television, Streaming and Digital Media.

Film Studies taught programmes: Film Studies, IMACS: International Master in Audiovisual and Cinema Studies.
History
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/history](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/history)

You will experience a broad range of expertise in many historic periods and areas, from Scotland to Byzantium, the Americas, Russia, the Middle East and South Asia. Thematic interests include Environmental History, Religious History, Urban History, Nationalism and Transnationalism, Historiography and Intellectual History.

- History is taught by around 50 staff, who offer personalised attention across a varied portfolio of research expertise.
- Strong commitment to providing skills training to enhance the individual strengths and employability of our graduates.
- Students have numerous opportunities to hear and meet top scholars from across the globe through a series of vibrant seminars.
- Language bursaries may enable students to gain language skills in the summer before starting their postgraduate study.
- All History postgraduates receive financial assistance annually specifically to subsidise research expenses.

History taught programmes: Early Modern and Reformation History; Environmental History; Global Social and Political Thought; Intellectual History; Iranian Studies; Legal and Constitutional Studies; Medieval History; Middle Eastern History; Modern History; The Book. History and Techniques of Analysis; Transnational, Global and Spatial History.

Interdisciplinary studies
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/interdisciplinary](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/interdisciplinary)

Interdisciplinary Masters degrees allow you to learn across traditional subject boundaries by engaging with various theoretical and methodological approaches within the humanities and social and physical sciences. This will enable you to broaden your learning and develop the ability to approach questions from different disciplinary perspectives. The emphasis of interdisciplinary degrees is on the development and application of practical skills in order to deepen your subject knowledge, solve problems creatively and with originality, and develop your understanding of research methodologies.

- You will be taught by experts from different disciplines across the University.
- Workshops and training materials will help you develop the broader personal and professional skills to succeed in your degree and enhance your employability.

Interdisciplinary studies taught programmes: Data-Intensive Analysis, Gender Studies, Global Social and Political Thought, Health Data Science, Information Technology with Management, Intellectual History, Legal and Constitutional Studies, Medieval Studies, Museum and Heritage Studies, Sustainable Development.

International Relations
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/international-relations](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/international-relations)

While studying International Relations you will deepen your understanding of diplomatic history, international law, political theory, political economy and political science in order to provide theoretical perspectives to explain conflict and co-operation in the wider world.

- You will interact with many world-renowned scholars whose wide-ranging expertise and research specialisms include International Institutions and Law; International Security; International Theory; Peace and Conflict; Regional Studies including East Asia, the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia and Southern Africa; Strategic Studies; Terrorism Studies.
- With over 85 taught postgraduate and over 80 research students, you will be part of a diverse, dynamic and high-achieving international student body that is enthusiastically and actively engaged in the discussion of contemporary world affairs.
- The two-year Peacebuilding and Mediation (MPhil) degree combines taught and research-based elements in one programme.
- The research at St Andrews brings a distinctive multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspective to the study of international politics.

International Relations taught programmes: International Political Theory; International Security Studies; Middle East, Caucasus and Central Asian Security Studies; Peacebuilding and Mediation; Strategic Studies; Terrorism and Political Violence.

Management
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/management](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/management)

Programmes in the School of Management explore how organisations, such as for-profit businesses, financial institutions, government and public sector bodies and non-governmental organisations operate and how value is created in multiple organisational forms for people and society.

- An international community of staff and students from over 40 countries.
- You will learn to think and engage critically with the subject matter, both practical and theoretical, developing your abilities and valuable skills in analysis, synthesis, evaluation and application of ideas and concepts, which lead to successful careers in a range of organisations.
- This is a research environment that is highly collaborative and attracts major grants. Research specialisms make significant contributions to teaching, for example in banking and finance, investments and markets, creative industries, small businesses and women's entrepreneurship.
- All Management students can join the Masters Extra (MX) programme which focuses on careers and professional development, through a series of talks, workshops, and guest lectures, providing networking opportunities and leading to a Certificate in Career Development.


Economics and Finance
[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/economics-and-finance](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/economics-and-finance)

Programmes in Economics and Finance explore how decisions are made by organisations and individuals, in order to provide theoretical perspectives to explain and predict performance.

- You will learn to think and engage critically with the subject matter, both practical and theoretical, developing your abilities and valuable skills in analysis, synthesis, evaluation and application of ideas and concepts, which lead to successful careers in a range of organisations.
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Mathematics
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/mathematics
Your primary focus will be understanding patterns and structure and developing the tools with which to analyse them, and/or modelling and analysing complex dynamical systems.
- You will have access to a range of advanced mathematical courses across the entire spectrum of mathematics and statistics.
- Regular seminars and colloquia provide fascinating views on the latest research in a diverse array of fields.
- You will join one of the internationally leading research groups in the following areas: Algebra and Combinatorics, Analysis, Computational Algebra, Ecological and Environmental Modelling, History of Mathematics, Mathematical Biology, Solar and Magnetospheric Theory, Vortex Dynamics.
- St Andrews plays a key role in the Scottish Mathematical Sciences Training Centre (SMSTC) that provides a wide range of postgraduate lecture courses to PhD students at several universities in Scotland.
- Graduates go on to hold positions in industry and academia in positions like business administration, computer science and the technology sector, the finance industry, mathematical modelling, wildlife and conservation.

Mathematics taught programmes: Mathematical Biology, Mathematics, Statistical Ecology. See also Statistics page 47.

Medicine
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine
These programmes are suited to those who have previously completed a degree and are looking for professional development or a change of career. Each offers high-quality teaching, interdisciplinary collaboration, and purpose-built facilities.
- Health Data Science explores the principles and practice of digital health implementation and allows you to develop applied skills in medical data analysis and use of digital technologies to address healthcare challenges. This interdisciplinary programme has links with the Sir James Mackenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis, giving you access to research across different fields.
- The part-time online Health Professions Education programme is for those interested in developing themselves in a healthcare education role. The programme will cultivate teaching practice which instils the principles and values of interprofessional education to support the development of the future and current healthcare workforce.
- Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine (ScotGEM) is a partnership programme tailored to meet the contemporary and future needs of the NHS in Scotland, with a focus on clinical generalism and rural practice. This is a four-year undergraduate Medicine programme specifically designed for graduate entrants.

Medicine taught programmes: Health Data Science, Health Professions Education, ScotGEM.

Modern Languages
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects
You will not only develop a high level of proficiency in the language(s) you choose to study but will also be able to pursue your own specific research interests, including culture, history, film, literature, politics, medical humanities and history.
- A diverse and international student body from across Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, as well as the UK, providing a global outlook.
- There is a breadth of distinguished research within four research centres and institutes which span language, literary, and cultural studies across eight distinct language areas – Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Persian, Russian, and Spanish – but also a range of cultural-historical epochs from the Middle Ages to the present day as well as comparative literature.
- Specific research interests include Creativity and Performance, Memory Studies, Postcolonial and Transnational Studies.
- The highly successful annual programme of events, the ‘Byre World’ series, brings modern languages and cultural studies research to the wider community.

Modern Language taught programmes: Modern Languages (with language-specific pathways). See also Comparative Literature page 38.

Neuroscience
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/neuroscience
Learn the science behind how the brain and the nervous system work, focusing on the scientific understanding of the nervous system from genes to behaviour.
- Explore topics such as the neural control of movement, neuropharmacology and disorders of the nervous system, such as motorneuron disease (ALS) and dementia.
- Research is organised broadly around key themes in neuroscience, including Cellular, Developmental, Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience.
- At St Andrews, you will gain an understanding of neuroscience from the level of single proteins to higher brain functions such as memory formation and cognitive processing. You will also have access to state-of-the-art facilities to learn crucial laboratory skills and gain hands-on experience running your own experiments.
- You will conduct a year-long research project and learn relevant techniques and skills through coursework. Research projects are carried out in a single laboratory over the full length of the programme, giving students a unique opportunity to pursue research questions in depth. The overall aim is to help students acquire the skills needed to succeed as independent research scientists.

Neuroscience taught programme: Neuroscience.
See also Psychology page 46.
Philosophy
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/philosophy
Philosophy is a highly interdisciplinary subject that examines and attempts to answer questions raised by human life and action, by natural science, by the study of art and literature, by the nature of language and communication, and by history.

- There are 30 to 40 taught postgraduate students admitted each year, drawn from the UK and around the world.
- Philosophers work on a wide range of research areas, including Epistemology, History of Philosophy, Logic and the Philosophy of Logic, Philosophical Methodology, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind and Perception, Applied Ethics, Ethical Theory, Meta-ethics, Political and Legal Philosophy, Aesthetics and Philosophy of Economics.
- The St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme (SASP) is highly regarded internationally.
- There is an annual Reading Party (retreat) in the Scottish Highlands for all taught and research postgraduates and staff.
- One of the most respected international philosophy journals, The Philosophical Quarterly, is edited from St Andrews.

*Philosophy taught programmes: Conversion in Philosophy (Graduate Diploma), Philosophy.*

Social Anthropology
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/social-anthropology
As a student of Social Anthropology, you will examine the diverse ways in which humans establish and live social lives in the contemporary world. You will explore the realisation that knowledge is contested and that anthropology by its nature is dynamic and constantly generating new priorities and theories.

- Ethnographic fieldwork is one of the primary methods of deepening our knowledge about the world and its various inhabitants. This may take place in urban centres or rural villages within the UK or further afield.
- You will develop a familiarity with a range of anthropological methods of representing data, including primary and secondary texts, film and other visual media, and oral sources.
- Research here is especially concerned with the scrutiny and creation of qualitative methodology and with its application to comparative analysis. Research specialisms are in: East and West Africa, the Pacific, South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Central Asia.

*Social Anthropology taught programmes: Anthropology, Art and Perception; Social Anthropology.*

Statistics
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/statistics
Statisticians at St Andrews gain the analytical techniques, logical thinking, and deductive reasoning to apply their knowledge to almost any field. You will extrapolate and analyse data to see emerging patterns and apply these to real-life scenarios. Other programmes enable you to apply statistical techniques to understand and monitor wildlife populations, analyse large molecular data sets or estimate stock market probabilities.

- Regular seminars and colloquia provide fascinating views on the latest research in a diverse array of fields.
- You will join one of the internationally leading research groups in the following areas: Statistical Ecology, Statistical Medicine and Molecular Biology, Statistical Methodology.
- The Royal Statistical Society (RSS) has accredited the MSc programmes in Statistics, in Applied Statistics and Datamining, and in Data-Intensive Analysis.
- Recent graduates have started careers in large consulting firms and major financial institutions including Scottish and Southern Energy, RBS, Aviva, Lloyds, TSB, PwC, Capital One, Vodafone, American Express, Goldman Sachs, Tesco Bank and many others.


Psychology
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/psychology
Psychology at St Andrews focuses on the understanding of perception, cognition, motivation and behaviour at several different levels. Areas of research and teaching range from the study of the neural system to complex social interactions of humans and animals.

- You will join a community of approximately 40 academic staff, 100 postgraduate students, 20 postdoctoral researchers and 16 technicians and professional staff from around the world.
- You will have access to some of the best psychological laboratory facilities in the UK.
- Considerable contact time with researchers occurs via small group tutorials and research project supervision.
- Key research themes are Origins of Mind, including comparative psychological research on non-human primates and developmental psychology of infants and children, perception, cognition, memory, motivation, learning, emotion, action, and social and group processes.

*Psychology taught programmes: Comparative, Evolutionary and Developmental Psychology; Origins of Mind; Psychology (Conversion); Psychology of Dementia Care (PG Certificate); Research Methods in Psychology. See also Neuroscience page 45.*

Da (Edinburgh, Scotland)
PhD Psychology

“An interdisciplinary and friendly environment, with great lecturers and students, the chance to travel and work also in different places.”

Morayo (London, England)
PhD Philosophy

“I have been able to choose my essays and write about a wide range of philosophical subjects that specifically piqued my interest. I have learnt that provided I work hard, refer to others when help is needed and have good friends to surround me, I can accomplish anything I put my mind to.”

Antonio (Madrid, Spain)
PhD Social Anthropology

“The postgraduate community is culturally diverse. You can find people from all over the world and get to learn about how other people live, think and interrogate your own beliefs and ideas. Unexpected encounters with friends and colleagues around the town creates a sense of cohesion and engenders a very stimulating intellectual environment.”

Tobias (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany)
Postgraduate Diploma in Statistics

“There is close contact between lecturers and students, providing opportunities to ask questions and have discussions. The coding exercises and hands-on work with statistical methods are a great opportunity to learn relevant skills. Postgraduate students come from a huge variety of backgrounds, so you are in touch with people from many disciplines.”
Sustainable Development
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/sustainable-development

Sustainable Development provides a framework for addressing pressing environmental and development challenges while exploring transformative ideas for a better world. The MSc programme fosters critical and creative thinking about sustainability and sustainable development.

- The degree develops your ability to evaluate and navigate the challenges of working towards sustainability using interconnecting themes such as (in)equality and (in)justice, partnership and planetary boundaries.
- The range of learning and assessment formats offer the skills and competencies needed for a career in and beyond academia.
- Seminars are led by staff working on global community and policy projects, with particular strengths in environmental change, political ecology, population health and inequalities.

**Sustainable Development taught programme:**
Sustainable Development.

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TESOL
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/tesol

The various TESOL programmes are designed for more experienced practitioners as well as those considering English language teaching, and related fields, as a future career. The programmes can be studied either in St Andrews or by distance learning starting in either September or January. The distance learning MScs are generally part time.

- You will integrate theory and practice by discussing theoretical concepts and frameworks and applying these through a range of traditional and practical assessments. TESOL students both in St Andrews and distance learners share an online written discussion forum for each module.
- You will join experienced practitioners and scholars in the English language teaching community, with opportunities to be involved in ongoing professional development events and the annual English for Academic Purposes (EAP) conference.
- Distance learners have the option of completing a short summer residential course in St Andrews to give you the opportunity to be part of the community and work on a one-to-one basis with the staff.
- An optional module is available to enhance your professional and academic skills.

**TESOL taught programmes:**
TESOL, TESOL with a Specialism (choose one of five specialisms – Assessment and Evaluation, English for Academic Purposes, English Medium Instruction, Teaching Young Learners, Technology for Teaching).

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"The human-centred element and interdisciplinary nature of the subject enables you to look at social and environmental issues from more than one perspective. I also enjoy chatting with other postgraduates who come from various backgrounds. They are progressive, innovative and passionate about their work and personal beliefs; it is inspiring."

Yitongyue (Xinjiang, China)
Sustainable Development

"As a distance learner, the programme has suited me well because I can watch lectures and complete assignments and tests to my own schedule. I have felt part of the University community due to frequent seminars, conferences, workshops and professional skills development sessions, as well as virtual social events with other postgraduates and our tutors."

Fasih (Karachi, Pakistan)
TESOL with a Specialism in Teaching Young Learners
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St Andrews sits on the east coast of Scotland in Fife, about an hour north of Edinburgh.

The town has a population of just over 20,000 – almost half of which are students or University staff – creating a unique sense of community. With over 170 countries and territories represented in our student body, the town is welcoming, diverse and has a highly global outlook, which benefits everyone who studies here.

Where does our 2021-2022 postgraduate community of 2,165 students come from?

Edinburgh, Glasgow and the rest of Scotland are all accessible by public transport. Leuchars, our closest train station, is about ten minutes from St Andrews and is part of the main east coast railway line, offering easy access to the rest of the UK.

Our closest international airport is Edinburgh. From here you can fly to destinations across the UK and Europe, as well and catch flights to the USA, Canada and hubs in the Middle East.