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Welcome to St Andrews

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

The University of St Andrews welcomes postgraduate students from across the UK and the world, and our University Strategy for 2018-2023 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 1,780 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 Doctoral and 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](http://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 Sally Mapstone FRSE
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
Why St Andrews?

Internationally diverse, cosmopolitan and welcoming, the postgraduate community at St Andrews provides a supportive environment to explore and realise your potential.

St Andrews is about learning, research and people. Your postgraduate studies are unique to you – whether you choose a Masters programme, 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 to 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 which you may know little about 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 experience to make you 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 further into your subject area, 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. Only you can realise your full potential, but we will be here to support you every step of the way.

With 75,000 alumni worldwide, we will help you to network globally and make you part of an international and lifelong community after you have graduated. You can step forward with confidence from your postgraduate career into the wider world. Discover where our alumni are now: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-future/destinations](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/exploring-your-future/destinations)

Your postgraduate experience

St Andrews offers an unparalleled experience to its postgraduate students. You will be part of a community that is safe, warm and welcoming. We are both a town and a university, small and vibrant, and have a forward-thinking, global outlook.

We will challenge you to question what you know and encourage you to consider new ideas. You will have the opportunity to work closely with leading academics. You will have access to an extensive range of support to provide you with all the tools you need to thrive and grow.

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; you benefit from current developments, techniques and thought in your subject. Throughout your programme you will develop the ability to think critically, engage with multiple perspectives and be open-minded. 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.
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 in your chosen career. Your degree will involve intensive study, but also provide you with an invaluable array of development opportunities.

The dynamic postgraduate community at St Andrews 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 the academic staff. Many students come to enhance their knowledge and gain a qualification, they leave with networks and experiences that last a lifetime. Our academic School structure, 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 on to a wide variety of careers around the world: from technology giants such as Google and Amazon 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, 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 widen your employability within or outside academia. With 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.

Specialist skills are covered by a multitude of programmes on offer: from the broad variety of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) degrees to programmes in international development practice and sustainable development. Studying a Masters at St Andrews enables you to make a positive change in the world, and by the very nature of our teaching methods, you will gain the practical understanding 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 will provide access to recent and experienced business owners across sectors and the world. An entrepreneurial mindset is woven throughout many of our programmes and is a key pillar of our University strategy.

Graduate training scheme
Whilst 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 free-to-attend programme is the University’s way of equipping 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 and part of the latest research and innovation.

St Andrews offers you a research-intensive university providing you with 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 groundbreaking research we produce and making a significant contribution to the development of your academic field. Our reputation is not only reflective of the quality of our education, you will be involved with eminent researchers and the active research in your subject.

Our research is considerable for a university of our size across all disciplines. St Andrews emerged as top in Scotland and within the top 20 in the UK for the quality of its research publications in the latest Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014). 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. Your research degree is a gateway to contributing to positive changes in the world. You can find out about the many areas of research at the University online, from the local to the global, showcasing our work across disciplines with research impact, public engagement, stories and blogs. The research portal highlights the work in each of our academic Schools and also a list of our centres and institutes to help you in the decision as to which area you wish to specialise for your research degree:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/research

Skills development
Students on our postgraduate research programmes have access to a range of research skills development and training opportunities, which are designed to help you make the most of your postgraduate experience here and for your future career. 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 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, studying a postgraduate taught degree at St Andrews will provide you with an invaluable time expanding your academic expertise and continuing your professional development.

Your programme options are varied in subject and profound in content – prestigious not only in name but in substance too. Whether you are looking to gain a full Masters degree or a Postgraduate Certificate, learn in St Andrews or online, study full time or part time, there are many options for you at St Andrews.

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 that is supervised. This aspect is nevertheless a challenge for you to prove your research or professional expertise as a scholar confident in your chosen subject.

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 classes. The remaining third comprises a dissertation, normally completed in the final months of the programme.

Master of Science (MSc)
If you have a Bachelor’s degree in a science subject, you can extend your specialism further by taking up one of our Master of Science degrees. These programmes are offered in science subjects or those with a practical component.

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

Management (MLitt)
Our School of Management offers this programme for students with a range of academic backgrounds. Taking what you have learnt from previous study, this programme will enhance your business and management skills to allow you to enhance your career or retrain from a different subject area.

Philosophy or Psychology conversion
There is the option to take a conversion programme in either of these subjects for those who hold an undergraduate degree in another subject, but wish to pursue a Masters in either Philosophy or Psychology. You will gain the necessary skills and certification to progress on to the full Masters programmes in these fields.

Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates
Some programmes also offer the option of a Postgraduate Diploma (the taught class 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

Research degrees involve a period of intense research with 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 in academic understanding.

Whatever your chosen discipline, you will find yourself closely integrated with the teaching staff, with plenty of opportunities to network with leading scholars at both St Andrews and other universities. Your research will be supervised by leading academic staff and you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities 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 supervisor throughout your time with us.

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 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 at a sponsor company, with other taught elements of the programme delivered at St Andrews.

The Professional Doctorate (DProf)
This programme is offered in the School of International Relations, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/international-relations

Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
This two-year programme is run by the School of English's Creative Writing department. In your first year you will take classes 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.

We also encourage our research students to attend conferences in their field of interest, which is a fantastic opportunity to expand your network. The University can provide travel bursaries to support you. Another key skill for research students is the presentation of your research: we run regular Postgraduate X-change seminars which allow our students to present and discuss their work in a supportive environment.
Postgraduate students in St Andrews are a **truly international** community. Our students and staff come from more than **130 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, including an international adviser. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/support/international-students

**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 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 with a conditional offer. 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 can be found online. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/short-courses/pre-sessional

The **ten-week course** will develop your academic English language skills, including presentation and writing skills. There will be lectures and seminars in your general subject area which will help you improve your listening, note-taking and speaking skills, become used to different lecturing styles and gain confidence in this new teaching environment. This course is available for conditional taught postgraduate offer holders whose offer specifically refers to the pre-sessional course as a way of satisfying their language condition.

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 (AES)**
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 AES support with assignment writing as part of some of your modules. AES 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
“Every day I have spent in St Andrews has made me feel like I have won the lottery – with an international cohort, a plethora of opportunities and beautiful sunrises. How lucky we are to share this time at Scotland’s first university.”

Sam Ross, Postgraduate President
Community

Welcoming, diverse and cosmopolitan, being a part of our postgraduate community at St Andrews will offer you many opportunities. Life in St Andrews is varied and flexible to suit your lifestyle. 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 College form the heart of our postgraduate community at St Andrews. The social side of student life is organised by the Postgraduate Society, who run events, gatherings and dinners throughout the year to let you meet and network with other postgraduate students. They also organise regular trips out of St Andrews that allow you to explore other parts of Scotland.

St Leonard’s College looks after the academic and operational aspects of postgraduate life, ensuring that you have the facilities and environment to help you flourish.

Academic talks and lectures
Throughout the year there is also a wide range of talks, lectures and seminars that are open to you. Featuring academics from across the University and beyond, topics vary across the year, focusing on the global impact of St Andrews’ research and the 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 all the amenities of twenty-first century living. Our location on the east Fife coast also means we have miles of beaches, the air is clear and there are transport links to cities across Scotland.

The Students’ Association
At St Andrews, you will have access to all of the societies, facilities, events and support offered by the Students’ Association. You will automatically be a member of the Students’ Association and its 12 subcommittees, which cover a range of activities, including the Postgraduate Society, volunteering, charity fundraising, the performing arts, On The Rocks (the UK’s largest student-run arts festival), music, radio broadcasting, debating, and lifelong and flexible learners. In addition, you can join any of the 150+ student societies. The Students’ Association also independently represents all students at the University, and you are welcome to talk to any of the six elected Sabbatical Officers throughout your studies; they individually focus on areas that they feel matter the most to you such as academic representation, wellbeing, student development and events. Additionally, they support Class Representatives who are democratically elected in each School to represent the views of the student body.

www.yourunion.net

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 this is avoiding stepping on the PH outside the Quad (said to bring bad luck to students), being adopted into an academic family (an informal student mentoring system for new students) or taking part in Raisin Weekend, traditions are a way of celebrating our students throughout history, often with a contemporary twist.
Study spaces and resources

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

Libraries, facilities and study spaces

There are a number of libraries and study spaces across the University which provide a range of different locations to choose from, including busy modern social spaces together with smaller, characterful historic buildings. Our Main Library offers silent areas, group study rooms, a collaboration space and a café. Postgraduate students also have access to the Thomson Reading Room within the beautiful Martyrs Kirk.

The Main University Library:
- Is located in the centre of town.
- Has over 1,100 study spaces in a range of styles to suit how you study.
- Is open for more than 100 hours per week during the semester.
- Holds over one million volumes, over one million e-books, thousands of print and electronic journals and over 200 specialist academic databases.
- Provides expert one-to-one support from specialist Academic Liaison Librarians.
- Provides help and training on finding information.
- Has lots of computers for you to use.
- Has an inter-library loan service and reciprocal borrowing rights with local and national universities.

Additional postgraduate study spaces and resources

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

In addition to the Main Library, in the centre of town you can use St Mary’s College Library, which includes the historic King James Library. On the North Haugh you can also use library spaces, such as the J F Allen Library in the Physics & Astronomy building and the Ettrick Stewart Steele Reading Room in the Chemistry building, which provide study facilities as well as books and journals for science subjects. There is also a library at the Gateway (where the School of Management is located).

The University Library provides access to key databases for the Sciences including Scopus and Web of Science, as well as numerous specialist resources.

Postgraduate students have dedicated use of the Thomson Reading Room within the Richardson Research Library at Martyrs Kirk. This old church in the centre of town was beautifully renovated by the University in 2014. Martyrs Kirk also holds the Library’s Special Collections reading room.

The University Library’s Special Collections Division holds 210,000 rare or printed books, collections of manuscripts and photographic material, as well as the University’s institutional archives, which can be accessed by students requiring historical materials.

There are also a number of IT resources available to all students to ensure you stay connected and have access to support should you need it. These include computer classrooms open 24 hours a day, wifi provision throughout the University and secure printing and copying facilities.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library
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 an 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.
- Accommodation is guaranteed for taught postgraduate students who normally reside outside of the UK and EU and submit their application by 30 June in the year of entry.
- 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, whilst 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 look to rent 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 let directly from the landlords, information on how to rent and where to get information on various topics. www.standrewsstudentpad.co.uk

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

Students with disabilities
The University gives all possible support to disabled students and those with limiting long term illness. To enable us to work with you to help meet your individual requirements, it is important that you provide on your application form full details of anything that may impact on your accommodation needs when you apply.

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

Support
Your life in halls of residence is supported by a Postgraduate Adviser who can be contacted during normal office hours through the Advice and Support Centre (the ASC).

The Postgraduate Adviser will be the first point of contact if a health crisis occurs, or if you have a personal problem. If you need to contact someone outside office hours the out-of-hours team will be able to assist you.

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 welfare

Throughout your time at St Andrews as a postgraduate student there will be a network of support facilities to ensure that help is on hand when you need it.

Student Services provides a range of 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
The Advice and Support Centre is the first port of call for any queries. Staff at the ASC 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 book appointments with one of Student Services’ specialist advisers for further support and advice.

Postgraduate Adviser
The University offers a dedicated Postgraduate Adviser. Whether academic or personal in nature, you will be offered access to resources and referrals can be made to specialist services if required.

Disabilities
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.

Counselling, mental health and wellbeing
There may be times when you want professional support to resolve difficulties you encounter. Student Services’ counselling, mental health and wellbeing services work to help you access the assistance you need to have a well-balanced life.

Health
The University has a dedicated Student Health Hub located at the local Community Hospital. Student Services staff at the Hub will help you access quick and appropriate health care support in the NHS.

Chaplaincy and faith
The University Chaplain, Assistant Chaplain and all in the Chaplaincy offer friendly, non-judgemental support to all students regardless of faith or philosophy of life. The Chaplaincy offers worship in the University, and looks after space which is available for prayer and meditation. A team of Honorary Chaplains from different faiths, including Humanism, supports a number of student-led faith societies. The Chaplaincy offers an international students befriending scheme putting students for whom English is not their first language in touch with local people.

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.

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

Whether you **compete** in a sport, play **socially** or **want to get fit**, there are more than **50 sports clubs** and **sector-leading facilities** available for you.

As a postgraduate student you can take part in and enjoy every aspect of sport on offer in St Andrews. Whether it is reaching the pinnacle of your sporting career, staying fit and healthy throughout your studies, having fun playing the sport you love or trying a sport for the very first time, there is something for everyone.

Following recent investment by the University, you will benefit from superb indoor facilities. The Sports Centre now includes 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 in British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS), Scottish Student Sport (SSS), local and national leagues and cup competitions. Most of our clubs also offer the chance to play your sport on a more recreational level. This lets you play socially and improve your skills whilst fitting around your schedule.

**Performance sport**
The University recognises a number of sports as part of the Performance Programme, each benefiting from increased support and a dedicated sport-specific Director or Head 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 athlete programme**
The University also 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. Students on the University’s performance golf programme may also apply for a Saints Golf scholarship, the prestigious Arnold Palmer scholarship or an R&A Bursary.

**Postgraduate sport scholarships**
The Saints Sport and St Leonard’s College Masters Scholarships support exceptional international student athletes from around the world to achieve sporting and academic excellence whilst studying at St Andrews. Scholarships are open to international applicants on full-time one-year MSc, MLitt and MRes degree programmes, across all subjects. For more information, please contact Ian Gaunt, Deputy Director of Sport: 
sportscholarship@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 round and is tailored to suit all levels and abilities. With over 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**
There are many opportunities to volunteer within sport during your time at St Andrews. You can also gain coaching and referee qualifications and many of our activities are supported by student volunteers.

Student coaches from our sports clubs run regular taster sessions in local schools, coach at after school clubs and take sport-specific training sessions for local clubs. Our international volunteering projects in Africa also offer students a wonderful opportunity to enhance their global awareness and develop their leadership, coaching and teaching skills.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/sport
All postgraduate applications are through our online application system. You can find more information on all of our programmes on our website, including entry requirements and all required supporting documents, 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) (e.g. your degree certificate and transcript).
- Academic reference(s). References are requested by email directly to your referees when you submit your application form. 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 will be required for most research programmes.

Further information can be found online: **www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/pg/apply**

**Questions?**
If you have any questions about making an application, please contact our Admissions team: admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk +44 (0)1334 462150

**English language requirements**
If English is not your first language, and your Bachelor’s degree was not taught entirely in English, we will require evidence of your English language proficiency. Typically, our minimum entry requirement is IELTS 7.0:

- with a minimum subscore of 6.5 in Writing for subjects in the Faculty of Arts.
- 6.5 with a minimum subscore of 6.0 in Writing for subjects in the Faculty of Science.

However, some Schools specify their requirements by programme and these, together with information about the English language tests that we will accept, are listed at: **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**
Research programmes

When to apply
There are no fixed closing dates for most research programme applications, although there are deadlines associated with scholarship or funding opportunities. All applications for programmes in the Schools of Divinity and International Relations have a deadline of 15 January.

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

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 (PhD, DLang, MPhil, MSc(Res) or MSt(Res) applicants only) 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.

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
• Accommodation (page 22)
• Finance options (page 32)
• Pre-sessional courses (page 15)
• Visas and moving to the UK (online)

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

Full details on all the programmes on offer and the content of each programme can be found on pages 36-48 and online: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects

Apply online
Applications for our taught programmes open early in the autumn for the next academic year. Deadlines for applications vary by programme, please check the deadlines 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 whilst still completing your current studies.

Decisions on applications
Most applications will be assessed and a decision made within four to six weeks of completion. For programmes where applications are read after the closing date, decisions may take longer.

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.

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St Mary’s College
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 a number of opportunities for financing your studies. These are normally dependent on the type of programme you are applying for and 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 financial circumstances. The range of bursaries and scholarships available to both taught and research postgraduate students aim to provide assistance in helping students support themselves during their studies.

Our recent graduate discount rewards the loyalty of St Andrews students by giving all those who have graduated from the University in the last three years, and those who successfully completed a study abroad or exchange programme, a 10% reduction on postgraduate tuition fees.

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

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 your living costs.

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

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Scholarships:
+44 (0)1334 462254
pgscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk
Subjects
As a mature student, one of the best things here is meeting so many people with the same interests and being able to have great conversations—everyone on my course has been very kind and supportive. The breadth of approach, where every possible aspect of the subject is covered in many different ways, stimulates active, thoughtful learning.

The tutors are always willing to help. Lecture notes and assignments are based on recent findings and global issues and you are encouraged to carry out scientific research reviews on your own. I am developing a sustainable aquaculture practice for my local community based on the principles which I have learned from the course.

“As a nature student, one of the best things here is meeting so many people with the same interests and being able to have great conversations—everyone on my course has been very kind and supportive. The breadth of approach, where every possible aspect of the subject is covered in many different ways, stimulates active, thoughtful learning.”

Flora (Argyll, Scotland)
Museum and Gallery Studies

“I was pleasantly surprised by the vibrancy of student life and how easy it was to get involved with societies here (even as a postgraduate). The best part of the programme was the opportunity to carry out remote observing at Teide.”

Mathilda (Georgia, USA)
Astrophysics

“The programme has a taught component, which is quite rare in chemistry. There is also heavy research emphasis in the second semester, leading up to the Masters project in the summer, which provides a good background to develop the necessary laboratory skills needed for doctoral-level study.”

Abubakar (Yobe, Nigeria)
Sustainable Aquaculture
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.
There is a range of language modules available, dependent on your prior knowledge. You may choose to take a year-long pair of modules at beginner level in Greek or Latin, or at intermediate level to consolidate your existing language skills. Whilst many postgraduate students are initially attracted by the international reputation, it is the active role that they play in the research community that stays with them.
- Current concentrations of expertise include:
  - Classical 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 wide 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, test managers 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.


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, Biblical and the Contemporary World, Biblical Languages and Literature, Sacred Music, Systematic and Historical Theology, Theology and the Arts.
Earth and Environmental Sciences

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/earth-environmental-sciences

You have an opportunity to 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 new 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. It is grouped into five themes: Global Change, Solid Earth and Planetary Science, Geobiology and Earth System Evolution, Earth Surface Processes, Economic Geology and Energy.
- You may apply for a PhD studentship through the IAPETUS2NERC 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.

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 35 academics who have research strengths in Applied Economics, Macroeconomics and Microeconomics.
- 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, so 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, insurance.

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, 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 collaborations with international film festivals, therefore 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, Film Cultures (cinephilia, film festivals, film industries), Film Genres and Stars, Film History (including early cinema), Film Sound, Media Theory and History, Non-entertainment Film, Performance, Screen Cultures, Trauma and Memory Studies.

English

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

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

- You will join a vibrant postgraduate community of around 70 students 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.

Film Studies taught programmes: Film Studies, IMACS: International Master in Audiovisual and Cinema Studies.
**International Relations**

**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 the Middle East, Central 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 research at St Andrews brings a distinctive multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary perspective to the study of international politics.
- Many graduates have gone into government service, while others find employment with NGOs, think-tanks, the media, the military, as well as private business and financial sectors.

**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.

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**Management**

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

Management programmes explore how organisations, such as for-profit businesses, government and public sector bodies and non-governmental organisations operate and how value is created in multiple organisational forms.

- You will study Management in a truly international community with staff and students from over 40 countries.
- The supportive community ensures that you think and engage critically with the subject matter, both practical and theoretical, developing your abilities and skills in analysis, synthesis, evaluation and application of ideas and concepts.
- This is a research environment that is highly collaborative and attracts major grants. Research specialisms make significant contributions to teaching in the areas of: Accounting, Governance and Organisations, Financial Institutions and Markets, Knowledge and Practice, Organisations and Society.
- The Masters Extra (MX) programme focuses on careers and professional development.


See also **Economics and Finance** page 40.

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**Interdisciplinary Studies**

**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.


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**History**

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

You will experience a broad range of expertise in many historical 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 vibrant seminar series.
- 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; Economic and Social History; Environmental History; Global Social and Political Thought; Intellectual History; Iranian Studies; Legal and Constitutional Studies; Medieval History; Middle Eastern History; Modern History; Scottish Historical Studies; The Book. History and Techniques of Analysis; Transnational, Global and Spatial History.

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**Interdisciplinary Studies taught programmes:**

- Data-Intensive Analysis
- Digital Health
- Gender Studies
- Global Social and Political Thought
- Health Psychology
- Information Technology with Management
- Intellectual History
- International Development Practice
- Legal and Constitutional Studies
- Medieval Studies
- Sustainable Development

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**There are many opportunities to talk with experts about topics they are passionate about. Postgraduate forums are an opportunity to meet people with similar interests and are great for socialising. The most unexpected benefit of studying here has been the place itself; I have really enjoyed exploring the town with all its history and the surrounding area.”**

**Tom** (Cheshire, England)

Scottish Historical Studies

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**“The interdisciplinary programme has allowed me to consider global policies from various perspectives. The sense of community is exceptional – students come from a wonderful diversity of backgrounds, both academically and professionally, and their experiences and insights have made the shared learning experience even richer for me.”**

**Rachel** (Seattle, USA)

Global Social and Political Thought

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**“The range of topics that you can pursue are incredibly interesting and broad, which is a reflection of the diversity of staff expertise. You need to carry out a lot of the work independently so I have become a great analytical writer through reading the material and receiving detailed and individual feedback from the academic staff.”**

**Carissa** (California, USA)

Terrorism and Political Violence

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**“The sense of community at the University along with the fascinating traditions gives an incredibly interesting and broad, which is a reflection of the diversity of staff expertise. You need to carry out a lot of the work independently so I have become a great analytical writer through reading the material and receiving detailed and individual feedback from the academic staff.”**

**Luca** (Milan, Italy)

Finance and Management
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 wide 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 hold positions in business administration, computer science modelling, wildlife and conservation organisation and in pure mathematics.

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

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.
- Research centres and 50 full-time academic staff provide unusually wide discipline-specific and cross-disciplinary research, teaching and supervision expertise. The research specialisms across Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Persian, Russian, Spanish are: Contemporary and Comparative Literature; Cultural Identity Studies; Medieval Studies; Cross-cultural Nineteenth-century Studies; Poetry and Poetic Practices; Russian, Soviet and Eastern European Studies.
- Strong emphasis on the integration of postgraduates through participation in research seminar series and impact activities as well as in the dedicated postgraduate seminar series, postgraduate organised workshops and other research-related events.

Modern Language taught programmes: Modern Languages. 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 motor neuron 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 Diploma in Philosophy, 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 be in a Western urban context or in more exotic locations around the world.
- 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; Social Anthropology with Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Social Anthropology with Pacific Studies.

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: Evolutionary and Comparative Psychology: The Origins of Mind, Health Psychology, Psychology (Conversion), Psychology of Dementia Care, Research Methods in Psychology. See also Neuroscience page 45.

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 found employment 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.


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Sustainable Development
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/sustainable-development

Sustainable Development addresses the most pressing environmental and developmental challenges of the twenty-first century. Topics you will cover include human health, food production and distribution, climate change and environmental governance and the continuing threat to biodiversity.

- Particular strengths in sustainable development, environmental economics, environmental management, development, energy justice, health and population geography, Quaternary environmental change and glacial studies, urban and historical geography, homes, housing and labour markets, biogeography, oceanography.
- Research is led by academic staff who publish in internationally recognised journals in their fields. The specialist research groups are: Energy Policy, Governance and Management Environmental Change Environmental Economics and Governance Geographies of Sustainability, Society, Inequalities and Possibilities Population and Health

Sustainable Development taught programmes:
International Development Practice, Sustainable Development.

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

The various MSc TESOL degrees are designed for more experienced practitioners as well as those considering English language teaching, and related fields, as a future career. The distance learning programmes allow for flexible part-time study, with two start dates (January and September).

- You will integrate theory and practice – by discussing theoretical concepts and frameworks either in small groups and applying these through practical assessments and peer teaching sessions or for the distance learning students via online forums and webinars.
- 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.

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).

“St Andrews is the perfect place for developing yourself in a unique location. The programme has an interdisciplinary approach and the staff are able to interact with you outside the classroom, giving you the opportunity to build relationships with the whole community.”

Juan Pablo (Bogotá, Colombia)
Sustainable Development

“The course was varied and gave me a broad understanding of contemporary issues within the field of teaching and applied Linguistics. I had been teaching for about eight years prior to beginning the course, and found that the modules really helped me to link my practical knowledge of teaching to the theory that underpins the practice.”

Jenny (Fife, Scotland)
TESOL
## Taught programmes

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