International Relations as a discipline enables you to explore diplomatic history, international law, political theory, political economy and political science in order to provide theoretical perspectives to explain conflict and cooperation in the wider world.

- Our School is the only one of its kind in Scotland, and St Andrews is one of the few universities in the UK that offers a Single Honours degree specifically concerning International Relations.
- International Relations at St Andrews was ranked first in the UK in the Guardian University Guide 2018 and for the three previous years.
- We were also rated top in the UK in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018.
- You will study in a School that has a long established international reputation for its high quality teaching and research, consistently achieving top ranking in University league tables.
- You will interact with many world-renowned scholars researching on the topics that they teach, whose wide ranging expertise covers all regions and today’s most pressing global issues.
- 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.
- You will benefit from the intellectual intimacy of small class teaching, enjoying unrivalled access to expert knowledge, cutting-edge research, and talks by leading visiting scholars.

Entry requirements
We consider all aspects of every application, including context, equivalent qualifications and the Personal Statement. Offers may be higher or lower than the grades stated here. See also page 169.

**SQA Highers: AAAB**

**GCE A-Levels: AAA**

International Baccalaureate
Points: 38

Please note:
- Each year the University receives many more applications for a degree in International Relations than there are places. If you wish to study International Relations here, ensure that you indicate this in your application.
- Access to 1000-level courses in International Relations is restricted. Only first year undergraduate students from the Faculties of Arts and Divinity meeting the Faculty entry requirements as outlined on page 169, or meeting the likely grades as outlined above, are allowed to take them.

Check the University website for more details on overseas entry requirements. More information is available at Advising.

What will I study?
Single Honours International Relations is an outstanding degree that gives you the opportunity to directly learn from renowned experts specialising in a range of subject areas and geographical regions. Our research-led ethos will underpin your learning, while our use of critical approaches will urge you to question your assumptions about the world around you.

You will benefit from the School’s delivery of exciting, relevant and critical courses, which are complemented by small class sizes, creating a vibrant, focused and self-motivating learning environment for your studies.

As a result of your independent guided reading and research, the topics you take will develop your critical appraisal skills and analytical abilities, as well as your capacity to explain, defend and construct arguments both oral and written. Through the mastery of these, you will hone your skills in writing, communication, critical understanding, and applied knowledge.

The School’s expertise relates to all regions of the world and encapsulates the full spectrum of contemporary – and historical – events, issues, and challenges with which the study and practice of international relations is concerned. Our commitment to research-led teaching – whereby a number of staff teach on their subjects of world-leading specialist expertise – underpins these strengths, and brings pioneering research directly into our classrooms.
International Relations

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First year
You will receive an introduction to international relations, through which you will discover the basic theoretical approaches and concerns used in the study of the subject.
You will also explore the major issues and challenges that confront those within the world of international politics.

Second year
You will examine the more advanced theories underpinning the study of international relations. From that basis you will go on to foreign policy analysis and international security by studying how countries make foreign policy, and the importance of national security.

Honours (third and fourth) years
We provide specialist knowledge in various area or single country studies (spanning Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the EU, Latin America and the US) and a variety of sub-disciplines (for instance, peacekeeping and peace-building, terrorism and political violence, global civil society, international law, international organisations, globalization and human rights). Other topics allow you to investigate the interdisciplinary contributions of psychology, history and gender, whilst our innovative teaching includes the study of the international relations of music, refugees, energy security, the environment, the internet, and aesthetics.

Study abroad
International Relations students participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. You may also have the opportunity to participate in our School Abroad exchange programme. For information about study abroad options, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers
International Relations graduates are dynamic, globally aware, and self-motivated.

International Relations graduates:
• transfer their critical reading, writing and communication skills, as well as advanced analytical abilities, to a variety of professional and internationally-orientated environments.
• possess invaluable reasoning and questioning skills attained via the completion of a highly competitive degree.
• have proven time management abilities, and have completed diverse, focused, and challenging projects.
• go on to a very diverse range of careers. These include: the United Nations, the Red Cross, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the UNHCR, UNESCO, the Carter Center, Stratfor, the BBC, The Scotsman newspaper, the armed forces, civil services, JP Morgan, Shell, KPMG, Cisco, Nomura, Deloitte, and PwC. Many also pursue postgraduate and doctoral qualifications.
• often go on to further study. The School offers a range of one-year MLitt programmes (in International Security Studies, Middle East, Caucasus and Central Asian Security Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, International Political Theory, Strategic Studies, and Terrorism Studies), as well as advanced MPhil and PhD programmes.

“I chose to study International Relations because I find it genuinely fascinating. Moreover, international relations will always remain important because politics is ever-changing and keeps moving forward. The topics covered, especially as you specialise, are very interesting and are all taught by experts in the field.”

Michaela (Kuching, Malaysia)