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Welcome and thank you for considering St Andrews as your university.

At the University of St Andrews, we believe that paths into learning and education should remain open throughout a person's life. Our [University Strategy for 2022 to 2027](#) makes our support for lifelong learning clear, and we offer a range of routes into the University. These routes are designed to enable a diversity of individuals to thrive here by engaging with our world-leading education programmes.

In this prospectus, you will find all of the options available and the information you require to make an informed decision about which route may be the right one for you. Options range from part-time study during the day to our specially designed evening programme, MA Combined Studies. We are also pleased to introduce undergraduate upskilling courses for individuals who wish to study on a short-term or modular basis to develop new skills that are currently in demand in Scotland.

Whether you are new to higher education or are a returning student, the options in this prospectus come with the additional support of our Lifelong Learning team. The team will help you to establish yourself at St Andrews, so that you can make the most of the opportunities here. In the Lifelong Learning team, and across the University, you will find many people who have come through an alternative route into higher education, and who thus understand first-hand both the challenges and the rewards involved.

I encourage you to take up the opportunities St Andrews provides to study part time. If you have any questions about our programmes, or would like advice on the best options for you, contact our Lifelong Learning team and they will help.

Professor Dame Sally Mapstone FRSE
Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Andrews

Part-time study at St Andrews



Part-time study at St Andrews offers you the opportunity to learn at one of the most extraordinary universities in the world in a way **that fits around you and your commitments**. We have creative and **flexible part-time study** options for those who cannot commit to the time and expense of a full-time course. Our part-time options allow you to **balance learning with employment or other responsibilities**.

Our options for part-time study will allow you to stretch the time commitment of gaining a degree over a more extended period of anywhere between four and nine years, depending on your availability. You may also choose to study on a short-term basis in the evening without committing to a degree.

We have three ways in which you can study with us part time, and whichever option you choose, you will not only expand your knowledge, but you will develop excellent transferable skills which can be taken into the workplace.

Part-time study at a glance

MA Combined Studies

For those who wish to study part time in the evening. This degree programme is especially tailored for those returning to study after a significant break.

Upskilling short courses

If you prefer to study on a short-term basis, we offer undergraduate upskilling courses. Enhance your skills by studying one of these modules in the evenings.

Part-time daytime study

For those with more flexibility with their time, we offer part-time daytime study. Study alongside full-time undergraduate students on a General degree programme, with the possibility of progressing to a named Honours degree.

Evening study



Our **MA Combined Studies** degree is designed specifically **for those returning to education** after a significant break and **who may have other commitments** which prevent them from undertaking a full-time course.

How does it work?

Degrees at St Andrews are taught on a modular basis. Each module is worth a number of credits which count towards your final degree.

This means that you will study a particular module for the duration of a 12-week semester. During that time you will be assessed and once the modules have been successfully completed you will be awarded the credits for that module. The following semester you will move on to the next level, or perhaps even to a different subject.

There is a wide range of subjects to choose from and you will begin with broad ranging Level 1 and 2 modules, before progressing to Level 3 towards the end of your degree. Modules at Level 3 are more in-depth and cover a specific area of the subject.

The modules are specifically designed and only available to those enrolled on the MA Combined Studies degree. Over the whole degree, students will normally complete around 120 credits (six modules) at each level.

Your degree can take between four and eight years to complete, depending on the number of modules taken each year.

Within your first 120 credits you must complete the following subjects at Level 1:

- EN1901 Reading English
- IS1901 Information Technology
- PS1901 Introduction to Psychology

These are the core subjects which will equip you with all the skills you need to successfully complete your degree. The rest of your degree programme can be tailored to suit your personal interests.

Each module runs over a 12-week semester, with one class per week, delivered in the evenings between 6.30pm and 9.30pm. Students may study either one or two modules per semester.

What can I study?

Aside from the compulsory three modules in English, Psychology and Information Technology, you can choose from a range of modules to suit your interests from the range available each year.

Some subjects are offered at lower levels only, and others progress into more specialised Level 3 modules which can be taken toward the end of your degree programme.

All of the subjects listed in this prospectus are offered as part of the MA Combined Studies programme, however, not all modules are offered every year.

What skills will I learn?

Not only will you finish your studies with a reputable qualification and a wealth of knowledge on the topics you have studied, our courses also help you to develop and improve a variety of transferable skills including:

- Verbal and written communication
- Team working
- Organisational and time management skills
- Research, interpretation and analytical skills
- Computer literacy
- Interpersonal skills
- Dedication and personal motivation
- Listening skills
- Presentation skills
- Critical thinking and evaluation
- Confidence

What are the entry qualifications?

Rather than certified qualifications for the MA Combined Studies degree, we are looking for applicants who can demonstrate that they are capable of succeeding in a demanding academic environment and have a willingness and desire to learn.

Entry requirements for the MA Combined Studies can be quite flexible. We welcome applications both from those who have undertaken some form of recent study, and those who have not taken any formal qualifications since leaving school. We will consider work experience, professional qualifications and other forms of evidence of ability to study in lieu of a recent formal qualification.

We would normally expect you to have a basic level of education at school level, which should include English and Mathematics. This will be discussed at interview and does not have to be evidenced through formal qualifications.

I have some existing academic qualifications can I use these towards this degree?

We are pleased to acknowledge prior learning at higher education level (i.e. recognised as such by the Scottish Qualifications Authority) that has taken place before entry to the University. Such prior learning can include:

- HNC or HND qualifications, or HN-level modules.
- Degree-level courses/modules taken (completed degrees cannot be counted for transferred credit purposes).
- Education-level qualifications awarded by professional bodies, e.g. nursing, accountancy, chartered surveying, where these have been mapped onto SCQF qualifications.

The amount of credit which can be transferred towards the MA Combined Studies is restricted by regulation to a maximum of 180 credits.

- All such qualifications must be at SCQF level 7 or above, SVQ level 4 or above, or the equivalent.
- For qualifications which are less than five years old, full credit value of the award may be granted.
- Qualifications more than five years old will be considered on a case-by-case basis by our Recognition of Prior Learning Officer.

Due to the pre-requisites in place for a number of the more advanced modules needed to complete the MA Combined Studies degree it may not always be possible to utilise the full amount of any transferred credit granted.

Learn more about recognition of prior learning

I have work-related qualifications and experience, can this be used towards my degree?

It is possible to gain credits for prior work-related or experiential learning. You must be able to demonstrate that any work-related qualifications or experience has clear learning outcomes.

You should be able to provide supporting documents which show the learning outcomes achieved and how these skills are applicable to your degree programme.

It may be possible to use work-related qualifications or experience to gain credits in lieu of specific modules, and in this case the learning should be clearly aligned with that module content. An example of this might be if you have extensive computer skills gained through employment, which you wish to use in lieu of module IS1901 - Information Technology 1, and go directly into IS2901 - Information Technology 2.

If you wish to discuss any work-related qualifications or experience that could be applied to your degree programme please contact our Recognition of Prior Learning Officer:
rplearning@st-andrews.ac.uk



It has been a long time since I studied, what support is there?

If you would like some help getting back into study, we offer pre-sessional Study Skills workshops. These are included for MA Combined Studies students in the weeks prior to the start of the semester.

It is highly recommended that all new students attend these workshops and, for those who are returning to study after a significant break, full attendance may be a formal condition of entry.

The workshops are run in collaboration with the University's Centre for Educational Enhancement and Development (CEED) and the Lifelong and Flexible Learning team. Some of the key skills included are:

Good Academic Practice

All students at St Andrews are required to complete an online TGAP course (Training in Good Academic Practice) before they begin their studies. Training will be given in how to avoid plagiarising the work of others and behave with academic integrity.

Reading and note-taking

For new students, being presented with long reading lists and being expected to study independently can be a daunting prospect. Training will be provided to look at tips and techniques on how best to read 'academically' and different ways of taking notes and organising your thoughts.



Essay writing

Being able to present your thoughts coherently in an essay is an essential academic skill. Essay writing forms an important component of assessment for many subjects, so being able to construct a good essay is key.

In addition, the introductory programme introduces new students to the IT skills and services they will use during their studies, along with providing an opportunity to ask questions and raise discussion points.

How much does the degree cost?

Your tuition fees will be calculated on a pro-rata basis dependent on your fee status and the number of credits taken. For example, in the academic year 2022-2023, a Home Fee student would pay £303 per 20 credits studied.

If your personal earned or pension income is under £25,000 and you are taking at least 30 credits each academic year, then you can apply for the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) part-time fee grant. The part-time fee grant provides financial support for your tuition fees.

Students on the MA Combined Studies programme are also eligible to apply for a part-time study scholarship of up to £100 to help with the costs associated with being a student, including travel, books and childcare.

Explore undergraduate fees and funding

Discover SAAS part-time undergraduate funding

Find out more about part-time undergraduate scholarships

Please note that there is no maintenance loan available for part-time students.

Academic subjects: MA Combined Studies

MA Combined Studies allows you the **freedom to choose** from a variety of subjects. This allows students the flexibility to **tailor their degree** to suit their interests.

Art History

Explore artistic periods, movements and new developments from the Renaissance period in the late Middle Ages to the Post-Impressionism and Avant-Garde movements in the twentieth century. Examine the themes, subjects and ideas developed by these movements through scrutinising a variety of media, including: paintings, architecture, photographs, monuments and set designs. Develop your critical thinking by analysing artistic and literary texts and discussing various topics, such as how the artists reveal the changing social and cultural concerns and ideas of their day.

Computer Science

Students will learn about modern developments in information and communication technologies (ICT) and develop transferable skills that can be applied in different areas of work and study. The School of Computer Science is rated highly for teaching and research, with enthusiastic and friendly staff, a building with top-class twenty-four-hour facilities, and a great reputation amongst students and graduates.

IS1901 - Information Technology 1 (Compulsory module)

Topics will introduce students to commonly-used application software for professional documentation, data analysis, presentations and web authoring. Topics covered will provide a range of transferable skills for use in the production of documents such as essays, producing and delivering presentations, and evaluating and contributing to the World Wide Web. Students will also be introduced to an overview of the place of computers in society, history and in the context of ethics.

English

Literature expresses the values and aspirations, the certainties and uncertainties of the societies in which it was created. To study English at university is to take up these questions in a rigorous and systematic way, relating them to a literary culture of exceptional richness and diversity, extending over a thousand years and more. In the School of English, eminent scholars and critics of literature from the Middle Ages to the present day work alongside some of Scotland's leading creative writers.

EN1901 - Reading English 1 (Compulsory module)

Students will be introduced to a small number of texts, in prose and verse, from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Emphasis is laid on (i) practical criticism, (ii) close reading and (iii) the importance of literary-historical context.

Geography

When undertaking the study of Geography, students explore a fascinating range of important environmental, cultural and economic phenomena on local, national and global scales. Geography offers an exciting challenge to those who wish to think critically and creatively about the world around them.

History

By studying History at St Andrews, you will experience a range of expertise in many areas of the past, including medieval and modern history, from Scotland to Greater Europe, East Asia and beyond. Thematic interests within the School of History include religious history, urban history, transnationalism, historiography and nationalism. This is all set in a medieval town, which teems with history, allowing you to be immersed in the history you study.

Management

Management is the study of how people at all levels organise and co-ordinate the activities and resources of organisations towards its goals. You will examine the nature of contemporary thinking about management in organisational contexts and develop an awareness of the key management skills, behaviours and theories. You will also have the opportunity to engage in class discussions and relate your own, and others', experiences to the theoretical concepts learned each week. Whether you are seeking a rewarding career in management or are current manager wanting to develop in your role, this course will challenge your understanding of what makes a good manager and will allow you to appreciate the complex skills needed by managers.

Mathematics and Statistics

Mathematicians seek to understand complex patterns and structures and develop the tools with which to analyse them. Whether these patterns relate to physical or biological phenomena, or the structure of mathematics itself, the primary aim is to describe, categorise and understand the processes involved. Historians of mathematics study the way mathematicians have developed mathematics, and related to societies in the past.

Philosophy

The study of philosophy is concerned with trying to make sense of ourselves and the world we live in through rational argument. Philosophy attempts to examine and answer questions raised by natural science, by art and literature, by the nature of language and communication, and by history. You will become familiar with views put forward by the principal figures of the philosophical tradition, and learn how to rationally and independently assess your own arguments.

Psychology

Modern psychology focuses on the understanding of perception, cognition, motivation and behaviour at several different levels, from the study of the brain to complex social interactions of humans and animals. Psychology at St Andrews is taught with an emphasis on understanding how the mind and brain work to facilitate our behaviour.

PS1901 - Introduction to Psychology 1 (Compulsory module)

This module is designed to introduce the principles of some of the key areas of modern psychology, and to demonstrate that it is a diverse and interdisciplinary science. A major component will involve treatment of the underlying psychological theory and mechanisms. Tutorial and practical sessions will introduce and demonstrate some of the principles and techniques used in psychological research. No previous knowledge of psychology or scientific background is required.

Social Anthropology

Social anthropology is a constantly evolving, well-established discipline that asks the fundamental question of 'what it is to be human'. It seeks to answer this by examining the diverse ways in which human beings establish and live social lives in the contemporary world. Anthropologists stress the importance of understanding other ways of life, learning about different cultures and the limits to aspects of our own society and culture.

Enhancing your MA Combined Studies

To make your degree journey as flexible as possible we have **collaborative agreements** with two leading institutions which allow you to **tailor your degree to your needs**. Modules from these institutions can be taken alongside your St Andrews modules and will be **recognised on your final degree award**.



University of Dundee

The University of St Andrews has a long standing arrangement with the University of Dundee which allows students to take modules from either institution as part of their part-time evening programmes.

This collaboration allows students to access the wide range of modules at both institutions adding value to their qualification.

Subjects previously offered at the University of Dundee include:

- English Literature
- Cinema and Film
- History
- Market Research
- Management & Human Resources



The Open University

Since 2019, our collaboration with the Open University Scotland allows students from both institutions to take part in a wider range of subject options. This gives students the chance to expand on the subjects included in their degree as well as giving opportunities for a range of flexible study options to suit their needs: classroom learning, blended learning or full distance learning.

This collaboration is available to students studying MA Combined Studies at the University of St Andrews and the BA/BSc (Honours) Open degree through the Open University Scotland.

Subjects available include:

- Mathematics
- Business and Management
- Economics
- Statistics

Daytime study



If you have more flexibility with time, it is possible to study **part-time during the daytime**. Daytime students are required to **attend classes Monday to Friday at various times of the day**. You would be attending lectures and tutorials alongside our full-time students, and these options could **suit those who have recent qualifications** but are unable to commit to a full-time programme. Subjects can be chosen from the **wide range across our faculties**, allowing the flexibility to tailor your degree to **meet your interests**.

The part-time Master of Arts (General) and Bachelor of Science (General) degrees are available to students who are unable to undertake a full-time course.

A General degree is awarded after the equivalent of three years of full-time study (360 credits) and is not specific to any one subject. This provides a great way to study a number of different subjects without having to specialise in any particular one. It will typically take between five and eight years to complete, depending on how many modules you complete each year.

You will study a maximum of 80 credits per year, this is usually four modules per year, and you will have one or two subjects that you are considering taking forward for more specialised study in the later years of your degree.

If you are accepted to study our General degree you will have the option of progressing to a named Honours degree, on a part-time basis, on completion of the equivalent of the first two years of full-time study.

The part-time **Master of Arts (General)** and **Bachelor of Science (General)** degrees are available to students coming through alternative routes, such as **Access courses, HNCs, HNDs** or following a sustained **period of time out of education** and who are unable to undertake a full-time course.

How is a General degree different from an Honours degree?

A General degree is awarded after the equivalent of three years of full-time study (360 credits) and is not specific to any one subject. An Honours degree will take the equivalent of four years to complete and will have the title of the specialist subject(s) taken in third and fourth year, for example an MA (Hons) English.

As a part-time General degree student there is no difference in the classes you attend or the subjects you can choose from those of a student studying for an Honours degree. You will be studying alongside students who have entered the University via a wide variety of routes.

What can I study?

As a part-time General degree student you choose from the wide range of subjects available as part of our full-time Honours degrees. Some subjects do have specific entry requirements and this can be discussed fully at the time of application.

It is not possible to study Medicine as part of the General degree.

You will study a maximum of 80 credits per year, this is usually four modules per year, and you will have one or two subjects that you are considering taking forward for more specialised study in the later years of your degree.

[Take a look at the full range of subjects available](#)

Can I progress to a named Honours course?

Yes. Provided you meet academic requirements expected of all students in level 2 modules, you will be able to progress into one of the Honours degrees offered in the Faculties of Arts, Science or Divinity.

Your allocated Adviser of Studies will ensure that you select the correct modules along the way and that you have as many options available to you as possible.

What support is available for me?

There is additional support in place to help you successfully make the transition into higher education.

Pre-session induction days are held just before the start of term to ensure that you meet other new General students, and to introduce you to a few of our current students who can share their experiences with you.

You will have a single point of contact within the Lifelong Learning team who will be there to help and support you over the first two years of study, and into Honours. They will be there to act as a signpost to ensure that you always know where to go when you need advice whether it be academic or personal.



What are the entry requirements?

Entry to daytime study will require you to have recent qualifications similar to those expected from our full-time students. Some of the qualifications we would consider are as follows:

- BBBB at Highers
- Higher National Certificate/Diploma in a relevant subject area
- SWAP Access Courses
- Open University Credits

How many hours of class will I have per week?

The average class time per module is around four hours per week. As a part-time student you will be taking one or two modules per semester, giving you a total class time of around eight hours. You will, in addition to this, be expected to undertake around eight hours per week of independent study per module.

Classes will be a mixture of lectures, tutorials and possibly laboratory classes, which will be spread over the week.

Fees and funding

Fees for the part-time General degree are charged on a modular basis, therefore the fee charged is dependent on your fee status and the number of modules being taken.

Part-time Honours students will be charged as a half-time equivalent of the full-time fee.

If your personal earned or pension income is under £25,000 and you are taking at least 30 credits each academic year, then you can apply for the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) part-time fee grant. The part-time fee grant provides financial support for your tuition fees.

Part-time students are also eligible to apply for a part-time study scholarship of up to £100 to help with the costs associated with being a student, including travel, books and childcare.

[Explore undergraduate fees and funding](#)

[Discover SAAS part-time undergraduate funding](#)

[Find out more about part-time undergraduate scholarships](#)



Upskilling short courses



Upskilling courses at the University of St Andrews offer a great option for **individuals who wish to study on a short-term or modular basis**. Delivered in the evenings, they are perfect for individuals who wish to **develop their skills and knowledge** in a **flexible study environment**.

Undergraduate upskilling courses at the University of St Andrews allow you to study on a short-term basis in the evening without committing to a degree. These courses provide opportunities for career enhancement and skills development in light of the current climate and skills gap in Scotland. Scottish applicants may be eligible for fully-funded tuition scholarships through the Scottish Funding Council.

How does it work?

While our other part-time study options require students to commit to obtaining a degree, upskilling courses offer the option of studying on a short-term basis. Upskilling students can choose one 20- or 30- credit module from a variety of subjects. It takes one semester to complete a module, and students receive a certificate of completion upon successfully finishing their studies.

What can I study?

Applicants can apply to study modules in a variety of subjects which suit their interests. These courses are delivered as part of our MA Combined Studies programme, and you will be joining the Combined Studies students for classes. The following subjects can be studied as an upskilling course:

- Computer Science
- English
- Management
- Philosophy
- Social Anthropology

Not all subjects are offered every year.

What skills will I learn?

Not only will you finish your studies with a certificate of completion and a wealth of knowledge on the topics you have studied, our courses also help you to develop and improve a variety of transferable skills:

- Verbal and written communication
- Team working
- Organisational and time management skills
- Research, interpretation and analytical skills
- Computer literacy
- Interpersonal skills
- Dedication and personal motivation
- Listening skills
- Presentation skills
- Critical thinking and evaluation
- Confidence

How will I be taught?

Each module runs over a 12-week semester, with one class per week, delivered in the evenings between 6.30pm and 9.30pm. As an upskilling student you will join our MA Combined Studies degree classes.

Teaching in each module varies slightly depending on the content, but most take the form of a combined lecture and tutorial. Modules in science subjects may also include lab work.

Most classes involve a combination of group work and discussion, but also involve individual study outside of the class times to prepare for future classes and enhance your subject knowledge.

You will be taught by an experienced teaching team with expertise and knowledge in their subject.

What are the entry qualifications?

Rather than certified qualifications, for entry to our upskilling short courses we are looking for applicants who can demonstrate that they are capable of succeeding in a demanding academic environment and have a willingness and desire to learn.

Entry requirements for upskilling courses can be quite flexible. We welcome applications both from those who have undertaken some form of recent study, and those who have not taken any formal qualifications since leaving school. We will also consider work experience, professional qualifications and other forms of evidence of ability to study in lieu of a recent formal qualification.

We would normally expect you to have a basic level of education at school level, which should include English and Mathematics. This will be discussed at interview and does not have to be evidenced through formal qualifications.

It has been a long time since I studied, what support is there?

If you would like some help getting started back into study, we offer pre-session Study Skills workshops. These are included for MA Combined Studies and upskilling students.

Running in the weeks prior to the semester commencing, the workshops help students to develop vital skills to succeed in their studies. These include good academic practice, essay writing and an introduction to IT software.

Fees and funding

Scottish Funding Council backed University of St Andrews upskilling scholarships are available to candidates who meet the following criteria:

Candidates must be:

- Resident in Scotland and (one of the following must apply)
 - be a UK citizen
 - EU citizens: have a settled or pre-settled status
 - Other citizens: have a residency permit which entitles the applicant to a Home fee status
- Over 25 years of age
- Not a University of St Andrews student or staff member.

Candidates are automatically considered for this upskilling scholarship upon submitting an application to the University of St Andrews.

For applicants who are not eligible for the upskilling scholarship, tuition fees are £2000.



Life in St Andrews



“Your university experience can extend far outside the classroom – part of what makes St Andrews so great are the hundreds of activities there are for you to get involved with.”

Shaina Sullivan, Director of Student Development and Activities, Students' Association

St Andrews offers you an **award-winning student experience** that is regularly **voted as amongst the very best** by students in the **National Student Survey**. Whether you have existing activities you want to continue or **are exploring entirely new interests**, there is never a dull moment in St Andrews.

In St Andrews you will find more than you would ever expect for a town of our size. The Students' Association is home to over **140 different clubs and societies**. Saints Sport has more than **50 different sports at all levels**, and the University year is packed full of **events and traditions**.

The Students' Association is the beating heart of student life. Run by students, for students, there are opportunities to get involved in whatever interests you. Its main areas – representation, activities and spaces – involve all our students and ensure that you can make the most of your time at university.

Sabbatical Officers

There are six student-elected representatives each year. They work full time in the Students' Association and Athletic Union to support and enhance your student experience. They are:

- Students' Association President
- Director of Student Development and Activities
- Director of Education
- Director of Wellbeing
- Director of Events and Services
- Athletic Union President

These Sabbatical Officers work for you so no matter what issue you may be facing, questions you want answered, or if you just want to have a chat, they will always support you and make sure your student experience is the best it can be.

Subcommittees

There are 11 subcommittees (or 'super societies') and all St Andrews students are automatically members. One of these subcommittees is dedicated to supporting students who have entered the University over the age of 21, Lifelong and Flexible Learners Forum, or 'Lifers,' as it is known. Lifers provides representation for students who enter university through alternative routes or after a break from education. They host regular social events for all students and encourage greater integration within university life and traditions for students who study full time, part time, or in the evening.

Whether you want to take part in a charity hitch-hike across Europe with the Charities Campaign, host your own radio show on STAR (St Andrews Radio), produce a play, musical, or comedy show with the help of the Mermaids Performing Arts Fund, develop your public speaking skills with the Union Debating Society, or volunteer on various community projects with St Andrews Voluntary Service (SVS), there is always so much for you to do outside of the classroom!

[Discover the subcommittees](#)

Societies

The societies at the Students' Association can be a big part of your time at St Andrews – covering almost every hobby, activity, or interest you may have. There are societies linked to academic subjects that allow you to develop skills, others that celebrate the huge range of cultures and countries our students come from, some that focus on a particular cause, charity or organisation, and others that are just for fun – like the societies for baking, Dr Who, bubble tea, and dog walking.

Take a look at all of the current societies

If you are not sure which societies you want to be a part of, there is the Freshers' Fayre at the start of each semester where you can meet all the societies and any fellow students who share your interests. It is also really easy to start your own society.

Volunteering

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer at St Andrews. Whether your passions lie in sport, the environment, animal welfare, or just meeting new people, volunteering allows you to give back to the community whilst also learning new skills and having experience that will be valuable when you graduate.

Volunteering takes many forms and can be anything from setting up events and community relations work, to hosting debating workshops.

Getting involved can be as easy as attending the Freshers' Fayre and seeing what interests you. In the spring, all students are eligible to be elected as a Students' Association Officer and work to provide as many resources to students as possible.

The time you spend volunteering is also recognised by the University and is eligible to go on your Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR) when you graduate.



Wellbeing

The University and the Students' Association are proud to place an emphasis on wellbeing. Throughout the year the Students' Association works hard to make itself a welcoming and fun place to be. St Andrews is proud of the peer mentoring scheme, Peer Support, and the Got Consent workshops that the University and Students' Association run in partnership.

The Director of Wellbeing & Equality Sabbatical Officer and the Wellbeing Subcommittee organise student events, workshops and campaigns related to safety, mental health, fitness and sexual health.

Evening language courses

If you want to learn a new language or develop existing language skills, but cannot fit it into your main timetable, there is also the option to do extracurricular evening language classes. These courses offer a range of languages from beginner to advanced levels. They are not part of any degree programme and have a fee attached, but are an excellent way of improving your language skills.

Further information about evening language courses

Golf

St Andrews is famous for golf, and to this day is home to the body that governs the game in most of the world – the R&A. If you are a keen golfer – or want to learn whilst you are here – then there will be plenty of opportunities to play on the seven courses in and around the town, and there are discounted green fees available to students living in St Andrews.

The town

For its size – the town measures barely three miles end to end – there is a lot in St Andrews. The town and University are inseparable, with buildings from both sitting alongside one another. Walk down the streets and you are as likely to come across a library or lecture theatre as the town hall or a coffee shop, which gives St Andrews a great community atmosphere.

Being situated on the Fife coast also means there is stunning countryside and clean, fresh air and unspoilt beaches that allow you to sit and watch the world go by, surf, or go for a walk down the two miles of crisp sand. Walk along to the end of the stone pier and you will be met by a view you will remember for the rest of your life.

Traditions

As you might expect from a university that is **over 600 years old**, we have a large number of **traditions** relating to **different societies**, halls of residence and times of the year. They may seem odd at first, but combined they are **highly memorable** and form part of an **experience** you cannot get anywhere else. As with all things at university, you can choose what you want to get involved in.

Academic families

Most first-year students are adopted by third- or fourth-year students. Along with other adopted students, they become 'academic families'. Families are often based within your academic classes, societies you were part of, or through sports teams. Although this is not organised by the University, academic families act as an informal support network at the start of your time in St Andrews and often develop into friendships that last throughout university and beyond.

Raisin Weekend

Raisin Weekend is a two-day celebration that happens part way through the first semester. During Raisin Sunday your 'academic parents' will host parties and then on Raisin Monday they will dress you up, give you a 'raisin receipt' and take you to the famous shaving foam fight. Raisin Weekend is a fun way to welcome students to the University, but you can be as involved as you want.

The May Dip

Each year just before dawn on 1 May students gather on East Sands. As the dawn breaks, they run into the North Sea in order to cleanse themselves of any 'academic sins' before they sit their exams.

The PH

The initials PH are embedded in the pavement outside St Salvator's Quadrangle on North Street. They are a memorial to Patrick Hamilton, a St Andrews student, who was burnt at the stake for heresy during the Reformation in 1528. Today you have to avoid stepping on the initials or, legend goes, you will fail your degree. The only way to reverse the misfortune of accidentally stepping on the PH is to take part in the May Dip.

Red gowns

If you attend one of our Visiting Days, you will see a lot of people in red gowns. These eye-catching gowns were introduced during the late seventeenth century so that owners of the local taverns could easily spot students, as they were not allowed to drink. Today the gowns are purely ceremonial and are worn at formal occasions, University ceremonies, at Chapel services on a Sunday, on Pier Walks and to welcome visitors to the University.



'Lifers' at the foam fight



Patrick Hamilton initials – PH



Graduation



'Lifers' at the Pier Walk

Sport

Whether you **compete** at national or international level, play **socially** or **want to get fit**, there are more than **50 sports clubs** and **sector-leading facilities** available for you.

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, Saints Sport provides opportunities to ensure that every student makes the most of their time at St Andrews.

Over half of the student body is involved with sport in some way. Following recent investment in the the University's indoor facilities, you will benefit from some of the best and most student-accessible sports facilities in the country.

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 annually in British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS), Scottish Student Sport (SSS), local and national leagues and cup competitions, with many more students competing on an individual level. Most of our clubs also offer recreational activities, giving students an amazing opportunity to regularly experience the beauty of the Scottish Highlands and travel further afield.

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 athletes

The University encourages individual sporting excellence by supporting talented athletes who are studying at St Andrews and competing at an international level. Students competing for the University's performance golf programme may apply for the prestigious Arnold Palmer Scholarship or an R&A bursary.

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. The University assists students seeking to gain coaching and officiating 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.

[Read more about sport at St Andrews](#)



Commuter students

As a commuter student, you have access to **support and facilities** to help you find your feet, make friends and reach your academic potential.

Commuter Lounges

The Commuter Common Room (79 North Street) offers a small kitchen area, sofas and general study space along with lockers, toilets and showers. This facility is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The North Haugh Commuter Lounge (New Technology Centre) offers open-plan social and study space, a small kitchen, lockers and toilets. Please note that a small number of commercial tenants also use this building, and all people using the space are asked to be considerate of each other.

The Students' Association is providing a study and social space reserved for commuter students in Beacon Bar, on the top floor of the Union building. Beacon Bar will be open for commuter students every weekday from 10am until 5pm. In order to identify yourself as a commuter, please bring your commuter card with you when using Beacon Bar.

Access to the commuter lounges is available from 7am to 11.30pm, and from 7am to 2am during revision and exams.

Student Lockers

Lockers are available to commuter students at the following locations:

- Commuter Common Room (79 North Street): 40 lockers
- North Haugh Commuter Lounge (Tech Centre): 48 lockers
- Postgraduate Lounge (Butts Wynd): 12 lockers

Each locker contains instructions on how to set up the digital code lock.

Dundee Night Bus

The Dundee night bus is available to staff and students, and stops at the Students' Union in St Andrews, Guardbridge, Leuchars, the Old Mill and East Marketgait in Dundee.

The bus runs 7 nights a week, 10pm to 2.30am, which makes it ideal for those who wish to study in St Andrews, or attend an event.

Commuter Card

If you are asked to provide evidence of your commuter student status, you can collect a commuter card from the Advice and Support Centre (ASC) at 79 North Street. The ASC is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. For more information, please email the ASC at theasc@st-andrews.ac.uk



Support and welfare

St Andrews **takes** the **welfare** of its students **seriously**, and there is **support available** to you.

The University offers a wide range of support to ensure that, on both an academic and personal level, your experience as a student is successful and fulfilling. Student Services provides:

- support for students with a disability or long-term health condition
- student life and wellbeing advice
- counselling and mental health support
- immigration advice
- advice on money and finances
- advice on academic issues

The ASC

The Advice and Support Centre (ASC) is the first port of call for any student queries. Staff at the ASC are happy to answer any question, provide student status letters and transcripts, as well as book appointments with one of Student Services' specialist advisers for further support and advice.

Health

There are two primary care medical practices in St Andrews with many years of experience dealing with the student community. In addition, the Student Health Hub, staffed by University employees, is co-located with the medical practices and helps students access health advice quickly. A St Andrews Student Health App is also available to help students manage their health while they are in St Andrews.

[Find out more about healthcare in St Andrews](#)

Disabilities

The University has students with a wide range of disabilities and learning difficulties. The University's Disability Team includes advisers on disability and specific learning difficulties. They can be contacted at any stage of the application process for information, advice or support. Applicants are encouraged to make their needs known on their application form.

disability@st-andrews.ac.uk

Wellbeing, counselling and mental health

There may be times when you want professional support to resolve difficulties you encounter.

The Student Services' wellbeing, counselling and mental health service helps you access the assistance you need to have a well-balanced life. The service has obtained APPTS accreditation from the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

[Learn about student support](#)

The University Chaplaincy provides friendly, non-judgmental support to all students regardless of faith or philosophy of life. The Chaplaincy offers worship in the University, and a team of Honorary Chaplains from different faiths and Humanism supports a number of student-led faith societies, as well as events for international students. Any student can receive pastoral care led by the Chaplain.

[Read more about the Chaplaincy](#)

Contact

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

[Explore the Student Services webpages](#)

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Students on West Sands

Study facilities

You will spend considerable time at university conducting **your own research and reading**. Our **study facilities** give you **space** to do this. In addition to the **libraries**, there are many **dedicated rooms** across academic buildings where you can find the **study environment that suits you**.

Libraries and study spaces

More than just a building full of books, a library is a central pillar of university life. It is a place to study and access information with staff on hand to support you in your work. Library resources are available in the town centre and on the North Haugh, where most science Schools and the School of Medicine are located. Everyone studies in different ways, which is why you can choose from a number of study environments, including cafés, silent areas, group study rooms and more informal areas.

You can access a vast array of digital resources and online journals from any of these spaces, as well as across the University and beyond. You are also entitled to borrow from the nearby libraries of the universities of Dundee and Abertay.

The Main Library:

- is located in the centre of town.
- provides access to over 1,000 study spaces in a range of styles to suit how you study.
- is open 18 hours a day during the semester.
- holds over one million volumes, a large e-book collection, thousands of print and electronic journals and academic databases.
- provides expert support from members of our specialist Academic Liaison Librarian Team.
- provides help and training on finding information.
- has plenty of computers for you to use.
- provides a Short Loan Collection of heavy-demand books recommended by lecturers.

See what space is available in the Main University Library

In addition to the Main Library, the St Mary's College Library (including the historic King James Library) is the oldest university library reading room in Scotland. It is located in St Mary's Quadrangle, with collections for Divinity and Medieval History.

North Haugh options:

- The J F Allen Library (Physics & Astronomy building) holds books and journals for some science subjects.
- Dr Ettie Stewart Steele Reading Room (Purdie building) holds a selection of Chemistry books for reference.
- The Library at the Gateway Building provides 96 study spaces and a range of seating options.

Read more about University Libraries

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Graduate prospects

At St Andrews you will have **access** to a whole **range of support** to **enhance** your **future prospects**.

All students can benefit from our **professional development programmes**, careers and internship **advice and support**, and a **lifelong connection** with the University through our alumni network.

Employability

As well as a challenging academic culture, studying at St Andrews will give you a range of opportunities to develop skills that will enhance your employability. The opportunities for students to take responsibility through societies, events, volunteering and sport mean that St Andrews graduates are well-rounded and prepared for their careers.

Academic and professional development

All students are eligible to take part in the Professional Skills Curriculum, run by the Centre for Educational Enhancement and Development (CEED), which offers a range of workshops and resources to develop key skills that graduate employers value. Topics such as teamwork, leadership, problem solving and confidence-building are delivered via a blend of online workshops, evening lectures and practical skills sessions. This programme is endorsed by the Institute of Leadership and Management and is recognised on a your Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR) when you graduate. CEED also offers a number of other support and development opportunities for you, including programmes on academic and IT skills.

[Explore opportunities with CEED](#)

Careers advice and opportunities

The Careers Centre is available to all students and provides resources and support to enable you to decide on the career direction you want to take, gain relevant work experience and acquire the employability and career planning skills you will need to succeed on whichever career path you choose. Careers Centre offerings include:

- Careers advisers provide individual guidance and coaching, as well as group workshops.
- Careers fairs and other opportunities to meet top graduate employers.
- Extensive digital resources on internships, graduate job vacancies, postgraduate study information and funding advice on a global basis.
- For those looking for internship and graduate jobs internationally, there are International Opportunity Managers.
- Advice for those looking to go on to further study.

[Read more about the Careers Centre](#)

Our alumni

Being a student at St Andrews is not just for the length of your degree programme, it is a connection for life. Our alumni network stretches across the entire world, all connected by the common shared experience of St Andrews. As well as lifelong benefits like careers and networking support from the University, the alumni network allows you to connect with fellow alumni, keep in touch with the University and maybe one day help the next generation of students as they start their journey.

[Visit our alumni webpages](#)



Part-time study: a quick overview

Evening study

Our MA Combined Studies degree is designed specifically for those returning to education after a significant break and who may have other commitments which prevent them from undertaking a full-time course.

Daytime study

The part-time Master of Arts (General) and Bachelor of Science (General) degrees are available to students who are unable to undertake a full-time course, but have the flexibility to study during the day. It may be possible for part-time daytime students to progress to a named Honours degree.

Upskilling

Upskilling courses at the University of St Andrews offer a great option for individuals who wish to study on a short-term or modular basis. Delivered in the evenings, they are perfect for individuals who wish to develop their skills and knowledge in a flexible study environment.

Applying for part-time study

In order to apply for part-time study, you should apply directly to the University of St Andrews through the appropriate webpage:

MA Combined Studies

Part-time daytime study

Upskilling short courses

Once your application has been submitted and reviewed, you will be invited to attend an informal interview with the Lifelong Learning team to discuss your application further.

Fees, funding and scholarships

Fees and scholarships vary every year. The most up-to-date information can be found online.

The fee charged to you will be pro rata of our full-time fee, depending on your fee classification. For more information regarding how we do this, please see the [Fees and Funding section online](#).

Evening and Daytime degree study

If your personal earned or pension income is under £25,000 and you are taking at least 30 credits each academic year, then you can apply for the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) part-time fee grant. The part-time fee grant provides financial support for your tuition fees.

Part-time students are also eligible to apply for a part-time study scholarship of up to £100 to help with the costs associated with being a student, including travel, books and childcare.

SAAS part-time undergraduate funding

Part-time undergraduate scholarships

Upskilling short courses

Scottish Funding Council backed University of St Andrews upskilling scholarships are available to candidates applying from Scotland.

Candidates are automatically considered for this upskilling scholarship upon submitting an application to the University of St Andrews.

For applicants who are not eligible for the upskilling scholarship, tuition fees are £2000.

Part-time study options

	MA Combined Studies	Daytime Study	Upskilling
	Subjects include Art History, Computer Science, English, Geography, History, Management, Philosophy, Psychology, and Social Anthropology.	<u>Choose the MA General Arts or the BSc General Science.</u>	Subjects include Computer Science, English, Philosophy, Psychology and Social Anthropology. Not all subjects are offered every year.
	Monday to Thursday in the evenings.	Monday to Friday during the day.	Monday to Thursday in the evenings.
	Each module has one three-hour evening class (6.30-9.30) per week and up to eight hours of independent study per module.	You will be taught via a mixture of lectures, tutorials and, for sciences only, laboratory sessions. You are also expected to study independently in your own time.	Each module has one three-hour evening class (6.30-9.30) per week and up to eight hours of independent study per module.
	No formal qualifications required: we will consider work experience, professional qualifications and other forms of evidence of ability to study instead of a recent formal qualification.	Entry to daytime study will require you to have recent qualifications similar to those expected from our full-time students. Some of the qualifications we would consider are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBBB at Higher • Higher National Certificate/Diploma in a relevant subject area • SWAP Access Courses • Open University credits 	No formal qualifications required: we will consider work experience, professional qualifications and other forms of evidence of ability to study instead of a recent formal qualification.
	Rolling admissions for January or September start.	Applications must be received no later than 31 July in the year of entry.	Applications must be received no later than 31 July in the year of entry.
	Graduate with MA Degree or transfer to daytime study.	Progress to honours degree in named subject.	Progress to MA Combined Studies.



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