Exchanges & Study Abroad at the University of St Andrews
St Andrews at a Glance

- Scotland’s **top ranked** university
- Regularly placed amongst the **top four** institutions in the UK
- Founded in 1413 – Entering our **seventh century**
- Over 6,700 undergraduate students
- Over 1,500 postgraduate students
- Consistent **high teaching quality** within a strong research environment
- Student: academic ratio of around 12:1
- 40% of students come from outside the UK
- We have students from **100 countries**
- Stunning **coastal location** and world famous **golf courses**
- A Scottish university with a **cosmopolitan** atmosphere

Where We Are

The University of St Andrews is located in the **mediaeval** coastal town of St Andrews. Steeped in history and set in a stunning location, we offer an unrivalled **student experience** which will set the scene for the rest of your life. St Andrews is approximately three miles long with University buildings interspersed throughout. The town really is our campus. It is a thriving, close-knit community with a population of **20,000**.

St Andrews is situated on the **east coast** of Scotland, 50 miles north of Edinburgh. In St Andrews you will experience **sunshine, rain, blustery winds** and, occasionally, some **snow** – often all in one day! We have long hours of daylight during the summer months when you can enjoy our fantastic beaches, while our **winter** evenings can be long and dark when you can socialise in your hall of residence or in the many inviting **coffee shops** in town.

There are **regular flights** to Scotland from London, Europe and international destinations with Edinburgh serving as our nearest international airport (one hour away).

St Andrews has access to **excellent road** and **rail links** giving you the opportunity to travel throughout Scotland, the rest of the UK and Europe at low cost. Investigate travel opportunities at: [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com)
Studying at St Andrews

Semester dates:
Our semester dates are available online:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/semesterdates

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Faculties:
What is a Faculty?
Academic subjects are grouped into Schools within each Faculty. Please see our list of Schools here:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/schools and apply to the Faculty which most suits your requirements.

At St Andrews, Study Abroad and Exchange students can study in three of our four Faculties:
- Arts
- Divinity
- Science

Non-graduating students cannot study in the Faculty of Medicine.

Exchange students:
If you wish to attend St Andrews on a subject-specific exchange programme, you may be permitted to take additional courses in other subjects.

Modules and credits:
You will take around 60 St Andrews credits per semester (30 ECTS*) or 120 credits per academic year (60 ECTS*).
*ECTS = European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

Exchange and Study Abroad students can take a combination of modules from across the three Faculties provided the timetables do not clash.

Pre-requisites:
Please note that, although many of our 1000-level modules are suitable for beginners, some modules, especially in Science, require several years of background study at high school. In addition, if you wish to study Honours-level modules (3000 & 4000) you should ensure that you have the requisite background knowledge – for most subjects this means prior study at University level.

The Undergraduate Course Catalogue will give you more in-depth information about each module:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/ug
**Study Abroad Themes:**
You may be interested in our Study Abroad Themes which bring together modules from several subject areas and which offer our visiting students the opportunity to make connections across disciplines.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/academicinformation/interdisciplinarythemes

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<td>Are you interested in studying something with a distinct Scottish flavour during your semester/ year in St Andrews? This theme highlights modules in Arts and Science that deal with some aspects of Scottish culture, history or geography. Some suggested choices could be:</td>
<td>Sustainability is a key interdisciplinary research interest at St Andrews and the University is committed to sustainable practices. This theme highlights the wealth of expertise offered in this area available for undergraduate study. Some suggested choices could be:</td>
<td>Studying abroad is a voyage of discovery! It will change the way you see the world, and expose you to new ideas and ways of life. This theme brings together modules that deal in some way with travel and exploration through the ages and today. Some suggested choices could be:</td>
<td>We know many visiting Arts students are eager to expand their academic horizons and study science at St Andrews. This theme brings together science modules that are suitable for students with diverse academic backgrounds. Some suggested choices could be:</td>
<td>St Andrews is one of the UK’s leading research institutions and that infuses all of our teaching. This theme highlights modules that stem from our key areas of research. Some suggested choices could be:</td>
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<td><strong>Art History</strong> – Post-war Scottish Art 1950-present</td>
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<td><strong>Social Anthropology</strong> – Ways of Thinking</td>
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<td><strong>English</strong> – The Country and the City in Scottish Literature</td>
<td><strong>Management</strong> – Sustainable Development and Management</td>
<td><strong>Comparative Literature</strong> (Modern Languages) – Journeys</td>
<td><strong>Computer Science</strong> – Computer Science in Everyday Life</td>
<td><strong>Modern History</strong> – The Iranian world from the Timurids to the Safavids (1370-1722)</td>
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<td><strong>Earth Sciences</strong> – Field Methods in Geosciences</td>
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All of the modules offered by each Department/ School are available in the Course Catalogue, which shows details of content, assessment, availability and pre-requisites, if any. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/ug

**Teaching:**
Teaching at St Andrews may be very different to what you are used to at your home institution.

At St Andrews, and depending on the level of module you take, you will participate in:
- traditional lectures
- tutorials
- seminars
- lab work
- one-to-one discussions
- and unsupervised independent study (allowing you to research your subjects in greater depth)

**Assessment:**
Assessment varies across the Schools, but is usually in the form of assessed coursework and end of semester exams.

**Credit transfer:**
St Andrews programmes are credit rated which allows you to transfer your credits to your home institution. You should check with your home institution for further information about the conversion of St Andrews credits and grades.

**Postgraduate study**
The University of St Andrews offers a variety of postgraduate qualifications, which range from one to four years. For subject-specific information please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/pg/prospectus

**Recent Graduate Discount**
Students who have completed an Exchange or Study Abroad programme at St Andrews within the last three academic years, and then return to study for a postgraduate degree, would be entitled to a 10% discount on their postgraduate tuition fees.
How to Apply

Application routes:

Exchange Programmes
The University of St Andrews has a number of European and international exchange partners. To attend St Andrews as an exchange student, your home institution must nominate you.

International Study Abroad Programme
We welcome applications to our International Study Abroad Programme from international students who wish to study abroad at St Andrews for a semester or academic year. All students admitted to the International Study Abroad Programme are liable to pay the advertised programme fee.

Entrance requirements:
Entrance to the University of St Andrews is highly competitive and our entrance requirements reflect this. We are looking for well-rounded students who are global thinkers, proactive and above all high academic achievers.

Applicants are expected to have a strong overall average grade. Please check our website for up to date entrance requirements.

How to apply
Further information about how to apply to St Andrews, including the supporting documents required and our application form can be found on the Collaborations & Study Abroad webpages.

Deadlines
15 April – First Semester and Full Year entry
31 October – Second Semester entry

Information on all of the above can be found on the Collaborations & Study Abroad webpages: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad

English language requirement
Applicants from non-English speaking countries must demonstrate evidence of English language proficiency at the time of application.

Our minimum requirements and the types of proficiency tests we accept are listed here: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/entry

Students who meet the minimum English language entry requirement, and who would like to boost their English language skills, should consider attending a pre-sessional English language course in English Language Teaching: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/presessional
Student Life

St Andrews’ student life is fun, distinct and colourful with:

- 150 student clubs and societies
- Over 60 sports clubs
- Drama and music opportunities
- Various major faiths
- Socialising in trendy restaurants, bars and coffee shops

With over 600 years of history, St Andrews offers a wide range of traditions that students are encouraged to be involved in, for example:

- Academic Family – new students are adopted by senior students
- Raisin Monday – new students dress up in fancy dress and participate in a huge foam fight!
- May Dip – jumping into the sea at dawn on 1 May
- Ball culture – wearing formal dress and dancing the night away

Accommodation

We have 10 attractive halls of residence which all vary in size, architecture, atmosphere and tradition!

You can choose from a range of accommodation options e.g. Catered or Non-Catered, Single or Shared occupancy.

For more information on accommodation, please visit: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/accommodation/ug/prospective

Fees and Funding

Programme Fees: 2016 - 2017

Exchange Programme
No tuition or programme fee will be charged by St Andrews

International Study Abroad Programme
Semester – £8,250
Academic Year – £16,500

Accommodation Fees: 2016 - 2017

Range between:

- Semester 1 – £1,396 - £3,162
- 2nd Semester – £1,705 - £3,782 (includes Spring Vacation)
- Full Year – £3,840 - £8,011

Living Expenses
(as stipulated by UK Immigration)
£1,015 per month or £9,135 per academic year

Please check the following website for information about living costs in St Andrews:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/money

Visas

If you are an international student who will study in the UK for longer than six months, you will require a Tier 4 General visa.

If you are an international student who will study in the UK for less than six months, you can enter the UK as a Short-term Visitor.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/practicalinformation/immigrationandhealth

“In St Andrews I have walked on golf courses, beaches, coastal paths and seen some of the most beautiful architecture in the world. I have made connections, I have found a family, a home and a place that I definitely want to return to as soon as possible. This entire experience has made me feel like a new person and I would not trade it for the world.

Melissa, Washington College, USA

“As an Erasmus student, this was my first time in a different country and in St Andrews I have found a second home! I’ve improved my English, I’ve studied Philosophy in a different way, I’ve met new, fantastic friends, and I’ve visited unforgettable places. I have loved trying all of these new experiences and they have changed my life.

Laura, Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy
What You Can Study

**Undergraduate subjects:**
For detailed information please see the Undergraduate Course Catalogue: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/ug](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/coursecatalogue/ug)

Undergraduate Prospectus: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/prospectus](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/prospectus)

Ancient History
Ancient History & Archaeology
Applied Mathematics
Arabic
Art History
Astrophysics
Behavioural Biology
Biblical Studies
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomolecular Science
Cell Biology
Chemical Sciences
Chemistry
Classical Studies
Classics
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
Divinity
Earth Sciences
Ecology & Conservation
Economics
English
Environmental
Earth Sciences
Evolutionary Biology
Film Studies
Financial Economics
French
Geography
Geology
German
Greek
Hebrew
History
International Relations
Italian
Management
Marine Biology
Materials Chemistry
Mathematics
Mediaeval History
Mediaeval History & Archaeology
Mediaeval Studies
Middle East Studies
Modern History
Modern Languages
Molecular Biology
Neuroscience
New Testament
Persian
Philosophy
Physics
Psychology
Pure Mathematics
Russian
Scottish History
Social Anthropology
Spanish
Statistics
Sustainable Development
Theological Studies
Theology
Theoretical Physics
Zoology

For detailed information on specific taught- and research-based postgraduate subjects, please visit: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/pg](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/pg)

Postgraduate Prospectuses: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/pg/prospectus](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/pg/prospectus)
Curriculum Development
The University will use all reasonable measures to deliver courses of study as they are outlined at the time of offer. However, as a research intensive institution, the University ensures that its teaching is based on and references the research and related interests of its staff, which may change from time to time. We are also mindful of the best use of our resources to ensure the highest quality experience for our students. As a result, programmes and modules are regularly reviewed with the aim of enhancing students’ learning experience. Any changes are made with due consideration to minimising impact, safeguarding academic standards and assuring quality, and are described at:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/teaching-and-learning/policies/course-revision-protocol.pdf

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