Degree options in the Faculty of Arts

MA (Single Honours degree)
International Relations

BA (International Honours degree)
International Relations (See page 20)

MA (Joint Honours degrees)
International Relations and one of:
- Ancient History
- Arabic
- Art History
- Biblical Studies
- Classical Studies
- Comparative Literature
- Economics
- Film Studies
- French W
- Geography
- German W
- History H
- Italian W
- Mathematics M
- Mediaeval History H
- Middle East Studies H
- Modern History H
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Russian W
- Social Anthropology
- Spanish W

International Relations and two Modern Languages
Combinations are available in Arabic, French W, F, German W, Italian W, Persian, Russian W or Spanish W, see page 130.

MA “with” degree
Honours in which two-thirds of the course deals with the first-named subject:
- International Relations with Persian
  - Requires French – A at Higher or A at A-Level or HL6 at IB.
  - Requires History – Higher or A-Level or HL6 at IB.
  - Requires Mathematics – A at Higher or A* at A-Level or HL6 at IB.
  - Available With Integrated Year Abroad – see Modern Languages.

Likely grades considered for an offer
We consider all aspects of every application, including context, equivalent qualifications and the Personal Statement and offers may be higher or lower than the grades stated here.

SQA Highers: AAAB (see specific subject footnotes above)
GCE A-Levels: AAA (see specific subject footnotes above)
International Baccalaureate Points: 38 (see specific subject footnotes above)

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 modules in International Relations is restricted. Only first year undergraduate students from the Faculties of Arts and Divinity meeting the Faculty entrance requirements as outlined on page 53 or meeting the likely grades as outlined above are allowed to take them. Check the International Relations webpages for more details on overseas entrance requirements.
- For full Faculty entrance requirements, see page 53.
- For degrees combining more than one subject, the subject with the higher likely grades determines the grades you need. You will also need to meet any further subject-specific requirements as outlined on their pages.
- For further country-specific qualifications and pre-degree foundation programmes see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/international

Do I need previous knowledge of the subject? – No.

Subject enquiries
E: irhos@st-andrews.ac.uk

Why study International Relations here?
- Our School is the only one of its kind in Scotland and one of the few universities in the UK that offers a Single Honours degree specifically in International Relations.
- Our School has an established international reputation for its high quality teaching and research.
- We specialise in international security, peace and conflict studies, terrorism studies, international theory and regional studies.
- We provide extra-curricular opportunities including internships in School research centres and outreach programmes in the local community.
- Prizes are awarded to outstanding graduating students as well as for the best essay written in each year of undergraduate study.
- Our School attracts students from many countries and backgrounds.

Facilities and resources
The School is located in the historic heart of the town in a building opened in 2006.

The School is of a size that allows us to teach the common core of our discipline whilst offering substantial choice and specialisation in the Honours programme. We are a large and diverse School, but we strive to offer you the small size of tutorial group and attention of staff which are so much part of the St Andrews tradition.

Our School has an enviable reputation for the quality and variety of students enrolling in its courses.
What will I study?

The University of St Andrews is a world-class learning community in which top-level research influences educational design and practice, and all programmes are reviewed and updated on a regular basis. We are currently reviewing and modernising the undergraduate curriculum in the School of International Relations. The information below is an example of what the curriculum covers in 2016-2017. When the curriculum has been approved, full details will be available online under Subject information – 2018 entry: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/prospectus

The study of International Relations is theoretically challenging whilst having a very practical purpose. How should we understand the world and how should we act in it? Some of the issues explored when pursuing a degree in International Relations are raised in Higher, A-Level and other courses particularly in Modern Studies, Politics, History and Geography.

We require students to have high academic qualifications, a firm interest in International Relations, broad intellectual interests in related areas (such as history, politics, moral philosophy and modern languages), and an enthusiasm for critical engagement with ideas old and new.

International Relations element of your Honours degree

First and second years
In your first two years, you will be introduced to the study of international relations through modules that focus on the theory, history, and practice of world politics. These modules are team taught by staff in the School, providing you with the opportunity to learn from our experts across different subject areas and geographical regions.

Honours – third and fourth years
Upon gaining entry to Honours you can choose from a range of modules. If you are taking Joint Honours, you will choose four 30-credit modules and if you are taking Single Honours, you will choose six 30-credit modules and a year-long dissertation.

Modules offered at Honours include those relating to the following subjects:
- Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- Human Rights
- International Security
- Globalisation
- International Political Theory
- International Law
- International Organisations
- Gender
- Terror
- Foreign Policy
- Comparative Politics including Africa, Middle East, China, Central and East Asia

Typical class sizes and teaching information

First year: lectures ~ 365, tutorials 10 - 15
Second year: lectures ~ 280, tutorials 10 - 12
Honours: lectures 15 - 25, tutorials 6 - 12

Research-led teaching brings cutting-edge research directly to the classroom. You will have three lectures per week in first year which decreases to one lecture per module per week at Honours. One weekly tutorial is also given to discuss material covered in lectures.

Typical methods of assessment
Almost all our modules are assessed by a combination of coursework and written examinations.

Study abroad
You may apply to the University’s St Andrews Abroad programme. See page 22.

We offer a variety of semester or full-year programmes for Honours students. You may apply to participate in the School’s exchange programmes. In 2017-2018 these include the University of Hong Kong and Renmin University of China, as well as Erasmus+ exchanges with European partners.

For options available during your intended period of study, as well as information about eligibility, the application and selection process, and costs involved, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad

Careers

Our graduates go on to a very diverse range of careers. For example, at Reid-Howe Associates; The Scotsman and BBC; East-West Institute; Crown Office & Fiscal Service; the armed forces; Fleishman-Hillard; UNESCO; and the United Nations Association. Many also pursue postgraduate and doctoral qualifications.

See also page 46 for details of the University’s Careers Centre.

“International Relations fascinates me and this is the case for the majority of the student body. Learning in such a diverse environment is invaluable. Our variety of opinions and cultural perspectives makes studying IR very fulfilling. Also, being taught and interacting with intellectuals who impact their field of study is fascinating and motivating. The diversity of modules taught by those experts continuously fuels our passion.”

Maxime (Saint-genis Laval, France)