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St Andrews

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International
Student Guide

Why St Andrews?

The University of St Andrews is a **highly ranked** institution **steeped in tradition** and with a **global outlook**, offering students a **flexible degree structure** in a **historic, safe and welcoming** setting.

Award-winning
teaching and **1:12**
Staff:Student ratio

10 years
in the **top 100** of the
QS World University Rankings

Students from **more than 140**
countries and
territories worldwide

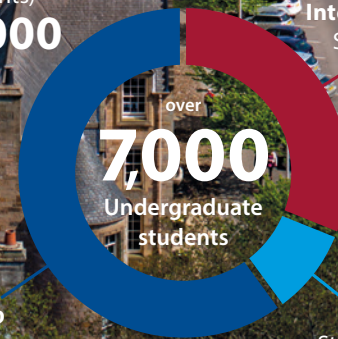
First in UK for
student satisfaction
National Student Survey 2017



Town population
(incl. students)

c.20,000

31%
International
Students



60%
Students from
the UK

9%
Students from
the EU

What can I study?

- **Four-year Honours degree programme** as standard.
- **Five-year Integrated Masters degree programmes.**
- **We have four Faculties** – Arts, Science, Medicine and Divinity.
- You apply for a degree programme within a Faculty based on **your qualifications and interests.**
- In the Faculty of Arts, the degree is called a Master of Arts (MA), this is equivalent to a Bachelor of Arts (BA).
- All students (except Medicine) take three subjects in their first year.

Faculty of Arts

Arabic
Art History
Classics
Comparative Literature
English
Film Studies
French
German
History
International Relations
Italian
Modern Languages
Russian
Social Anthropology
Spanish

Faculty of Divinity

Divinity

Faculty of Science

Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Earth & Environmental Sciences
Neuroscience
Physics & Astronomy

Cross-Faculty (Arts and Science)

Economics
Geography
Management
Mathematics
Philosophy
Psychology
Sustainable Development

Faculty of Medicine

Medicine

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects

Study abroad

There are opportunities for our students to study abroad every year. We have partnerships with universities and institutions across the world and support our students who want to experience a different academic culture. We also welcome students from other universities to study for a semester or a full year at St Andrews. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/studyabroad

BA (International Honours)

We run a joint programme that allows students to study for two years at both St Andrews and the College of William and Mary in the USA. Graduates become alumni of both institutions and have a truly unique international educational experience. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/ug/degree-routes/william-mary-joint

Academic induction

This two-week course offers all international students the chance to be fully prepared for the kinds of work required on our degree programmes. Focusing on core academic activities, such as writing and using sources, it is a brilliant introduction to your St Andrews journey. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/ug/induction

Pre-sessional courses

Our pre-sessional courses provide you with an orientation to life at university as well as enabling you to develop the language knowledge and academic literacy you will need to make the most of your time at St Andrews.

International foundation programmes

Our in-house international foundation programmes offer routes in to all of our degree programmes for overseas students who have local, rather than international, qualifications. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation

Summer schools for high school students

Each year we run our international summer programme for high school students from across the world. This offers high school students (completed tenth grade or equivalent) a chance to experience what being a university student is like. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/non-degree-courses/summer-schools

In-sessional English language service

Our in-sessional English language service for those who use English as a second or additional language is designed to enable students to develop English language skills in an academic context through workshops and tutorials.

Pier Walk



How do I apply?

St Andrews is a highly competitive and selective institution. We are looking for the very best students, who are well-rounded, think on a global scale, are proactive and, above all, are high academic achievers.

There are three ways for international students to apply to St Andrews – through UCAS, directly and via the Common Application. We do not have a preference for a particular route and all three are considered equally. Application deadlines vary depending on your application route. More information is available online.

UCAS – If you are applying to more than one institution in the UK you must use UCAS. Applications open in September.

Direct – If St Andrews is the only UK institution you are applying to, you can apply directly through our website. Applications open in September.

Common Application – St Andrews is part of the Common Application, and you can apply through this route. Applications open 1 August.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/apply

Submitting your application

Whichever route you apply through, you will require a personal statement and a reference.

We use rolling admissions and make offers throughout the year; early application is advised as application numbers are high.

Once we receive your completed application, our admissions officers will consider your application. The length of time this takes varies by degree programme and the time of year your application is submitted.

Entry requirements

We accept qualifications from a range of countries; full details of entry requirements can be found online.

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

Entry requirements for the School of Medicine can be found online.

medicine.st-andrews.ac.uk

English language requirements

You can find our English language requirements and the qualifications and tests we accept as evidence online.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/entry



Entrance to College Halls

Where will I live?

Almost all our first year students live in University accommodation, this gives you a friendly and welcoming start to your time at St Andrews. We guarantee accommodation to all first year students, as long as you apply before 30 June in the year you are due to start.

Choose from a range of accommodation options to best suit you:

- Catered or Self-catered
- Shared or en-suite bathrooms

Our accommodation covers a range of modern and traditional halls. Our smaller, more historic halls are in the centre of St Andrews, these are usually shared rooms. The purpose-built modern halls are less central and offer self-catered and en-suite options.

All our accommodation options have a 24-hour support network as well as social and sporting activities.

After your first year you can reapply for University accommodation or find private accommodation in St Andrews.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/accommodation



Many of our catered halls have shared rooms, especially in the town centre.



Our self-catered halls have communal kitchen areas to cook and socialise in.

David Russell Apartments



What is life in St Andrews like?

The size of St Andrews naturally gives the town and University a community feel. You can get involved in a huge range of activities, traditions, sports and student societies.

Our **Students' Association** – usually called *The Union* – is home to events every week, student representation and over 150 student clubs and societies. These **clubs and societies** are all student-run and cover everything from academic subjects to baking, Harry Potter and yoga, with almost everything in between. There are also societies where students bring the culture and traditions of their home country to St Andrews.

As you might expect from a university that is over 600 years old we have a number of **traditions** that are unique to St Andrews that you can take part in. These include our famous shaving foam fight, running into the sea at dawn on 1 May and wearing gowns on formal occasions.



Team photo Saints Sport

Many of our students take part in **sport** whilst at St Andrews. Whether you want to be part of a competitive team, take part in local leagues or just stay fit, there are options for you in our newly redeveloped sports centre.

- More than 50 sports on offer.
- Compete socially or up to national level in SSS and BUCS (Student Sport Scotland and British Universities and Colleges Sport).
- Twelve Performance sports that have additional coaching, sports science interventions and greater access to facilities.
- Redeveloped sports facilities – we have just completed a £14 million redevelopment of the Sports Centre.
- 130-station gym.

We have a long history of **drama** and the **performing arts** at St Andrews, with students putting on performances of both classic and modern works. These productions give you the opportunity to act, write, produce or even direct your own show. We also have our own performing arts festival, On The Rocks, each year as well as sending shows to the Fringe festival in Edinburgh.

Music is another big part of life in St Andrews. Whether you enjoy listening or performing, there are opportunities across many genres. We have our own orchestra and other classical groups, a cappella groups, choirs and more, with rehearsal rooms and lessons available. Or you can enjoy live music like the weekly sessions in the Union café.

Our students' creative talents are also on show through our student **newspapers**, **radio** and **film production**, offering you the chance to do everything from host your own radio show to getting involved in student journalism.



Rector's Café, Students' Association

What are the fees?

Overseas fees are set at the beginning of your programme and will remain at this level for the duration of your studies.

Tuition fees:

International students (Overseas fee status, 2017-2018)

Faculties of Arts, Divinity and Science: £20,570
Faculty of Medicine: £28,200

Accommodation fees: £5,837
(Based on a shared catered basis for 2017-2018)

For information on current tuition and accommodation fees:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding

You should also consider living expenses. For further information please visit: international.studentcalculator.org

The University will clarify compulsory fees and charges it requires you to pay at the time of your offer. The offer will also clarify conditions for any variation of fees.
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/teaching-and-learning/policies/fee-setting-protocol.pdf

Fee status

If you are unsure of your fee status please fill in our online Fee Status Questionnaire:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/ug/fees-and-funding/rest-of-world

Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available to international students. These are largely based on academic excellence or financial need. Information and how to apply:
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/scholarships

Accommodation award

You can apply for financial support for your University accommodation fees. The award (2017 entry) is £3,000 per annum for the first two years of study and is means-tested, based on financial need.

After I graduate?



Our students now work in organisations like: Deloitte, Google, IBM, JP Morgan, Accenture, PwC, Sotheby's, Proctor & Gamble, GE, Shell, GSK, local and national governments, and many more.

91% of international graduates are in work or further study within six months of graduation.

BSc graduates, June 2017

St Andrews graduates can be found in companies, organisations, universities and governments all over the world. The quality of our graduates combined with the experience they gather at St Andrews provides a platform to build your career from.

All our students have access to opportunities to enhance their skills and employability from their very first day, including specialist careers advice and access to employers. Our Careers Centre team also have dedicated support and resources for international students.

Our students have access to:

- Dedicated careers advisers available for one-to-one advice and larger group sessions.
- Workshops on skills, employability and getting the most out of university.
- Presentations and sessions with leading employers.
- Global alumni network and events.

Where is St Andrews?

St Andrews sits on the east coast of Scotland, about an hour north of Edinburgh. The town has a population of just over 20,000 – half of which are students or University staff – creating an open and welcoming community with a global outlook.

Steeped in tradition, St Andrews balances its history with a thriving contemporary culture and state-of-the-art facilities. This offers you an unrivalled student experience in a stunning location that will give you memories that last a lifetime. The town is approximately two square miles, with the University spread throughout – making town and University inseparable.

Our nearest city is **Dundee**, about 25 minutes away by bus. **Edinburgh**, **Glasgow** and the **Highlands** are all easily accessible.

St Andrews is well connected. Our closest major airport is in Edinburgh. From here you can fly to destinations across the UK and Europe, as well as direct flights to the USA, Canada and hubs in the Middle East. **London** is six hours away by train.



From Edinburgh

Abu Dhabi – 7 hours
 Boston – 10 hours
 Chicago – 8 hours
 New York – 7 hours
 Toronto – 7 hours

From Glasgow

Las Vegas – 14 hours
 New York – 7 hours
 Philadelphia – 7 hours
 Vancouver – 9 hours

From London

Cape Town – 12 hours
 Melbourne – 22 hours
 Rio de Janeiro – 12 hours
 Singapore – 13 hours
 Tokyo – 12 hours



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