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www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/meet-us



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St Andrews by the numbers



Founded in
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8,388 
undergraduate students

20,000
approximate town population

1/10 
applicants are offered a place

2,045
students receive scholarship funding
(2021/22)

4 
Arts
Divinity
Medicine
Science
Faculties

180+
student societies

900+ course modules to choose from

55+
sports to play



#1

in the UK
(Guardian 2024)

**Most
positive
students**

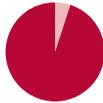
in the UK
(NSS 2023)

#1

in the UK
(The Times and Sunday Times
Good University Guide 2024)

89% 

of research classed as
world-leading

96% 

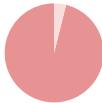
of graduates in work or further
study within 15 months

41% 

international

1/10 

Scottish students
are from Fife

97% 

first year retention rate
(2021/22)

Net zero

by 2035



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

The University of St Andrews offers you an outstanding opportunity in higher education, and membership of a university community that will be yours for life. The University stands for quality. We are world-leading, diverse, digital, entrepreneurial and sustainable, and we put the student experience at the heart of all we do. St Andrews was ranked first in both the *Guardian University Guide 2024* and *The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*. If you come here you will be joining a university that looks after its students, takes them seriously and gives them an unbeatable start, or continuation, in adult life.

Our approach to learning and teaching is a mix of traditional and new. In each subject we make you familiar with the knowledge and theories that are essential to an understanding of the discipline whilst giving you a chance to develop practical uses for the knowledge you acquire. From this starting point we expect our students increasingly to design their own studies by selecting options and undertaking research-based activities with support from academic staff.

This prospectus and the University website are here to give you all the information you need to make an informed choice about your future. You will find that St Andrews has a strong sense of community – locally, nationally and internationally – and that our activities are underpinned by a deep commitment to social responsibility. Similarly, the University is a mix of the dynamically modern and the evocatively historical. We invest continually in our facilities and our student accommodation and we pride ourselves on being Scotland’s oldest university, with a unique and much cherished set of traditions. The University’s Strategy for 2022-2027 sets out how we will build on our successes.

St Andrews is where you can become the person you want to be. We will challenge you but we will also support you. You will meet people who will become friends for the rest of your life, and you will study subjects that change the way you think about the world. What you read in these pages and on our website will help you to decide on your choice of university, and I hope that we will be able to welcome you as one of our students, and one of our future alumni.

*Professor Dame Sally Mapstone DBE FRSE
Principal and Vice-Chancellor*



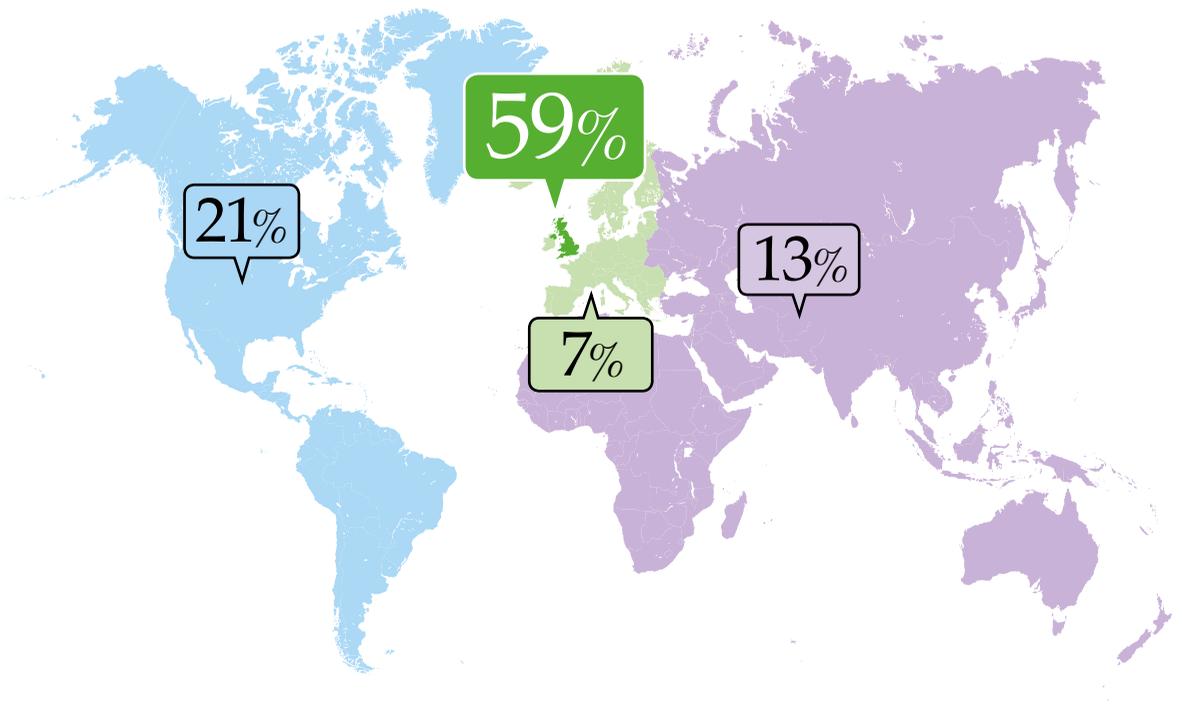
Where is St Andrews?



St Andrews sits on the **east coast of Scotland** in **Fife**, about an hour **north of Edinburgh**.

The town has a population of just over 20,000 – almost half of which are students or University staff – creating a unique sense of community. With over 140 countries and territories represented in our student body, the town is welcoming, diverse and has a highly global outlook, which benefits everyone who studies here.

Where do our 8,388 undergraduate students come from?



Getting here

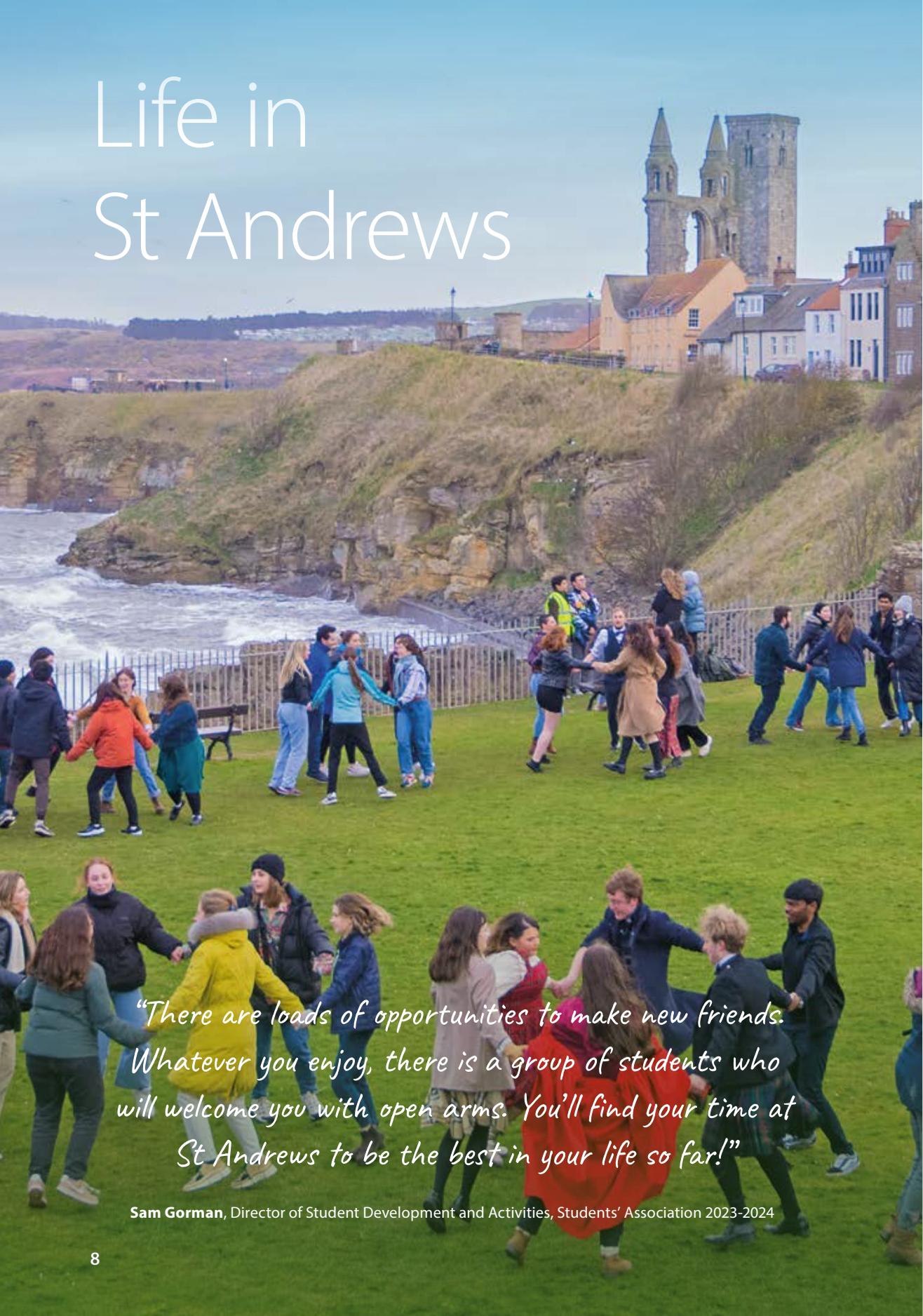


Edinburgh, Glasgow and the rest of Scotland are all accessible by public transport. Leuchars, our closest train station, is about ten minutes from St Andrews and is part of the main east coast railway line, offering easy access to the rest of the UK.

Our closest international airport is Edinburgh. From here you can fly to destinations across the UK and Europe, and catch direct flights to the USA, Canada and hubs in the Middle East.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/visiting

Life in St Andrews



“There are loads of opportunities to make new friends. Whatever you enjoy, there is a group of students who will welcome you with open arms. You’ll find your time at St Andrews to be the best in your life so far!”

Sam Gorman, Director of Student Development and Activities, Students’ Association 2023–2024

St Andrews offers you an **award-winning student experience** that is consistently **voted as the very best** by students.* University offers a chance to **try entirely new things**, and so much of what makes the St Andrews experience what it is, is the **time and effort students spend** on crafting it.

You will find more than **180 Societies**, over **50 Sports clubs** and more than **500 student representatives advocating for change**. St Andrews students are engaged in both **independent student events** and **traditions**, and are always striving to **improve the experience** for future generations.

The Students' Association

All representation, advocacy, societies and events are supported and coordinated by the Students' Association (or the Union), led by 6 Sabbatical officers (Sabbs). The Sabbs are students elected each year to work full time leading an area of student life. Everything in the Students' Association, from negotiating with the University over the academic calendar, to decorations for St Patrick's Day, are led by elected students.

The Students' Association centrally runs a few large societies (called subcommittees) that benefit all students or serve the community. Each of the subcommittees provides opportunities for all students for free; whether it is taking part in the hitchhike across Europe organised by the Charities Campaign, auditioning for a show sponsored by the Mermaids Performing Arts Fund, or getting trained in tech support by the Ents crew, there are always opportunities to get involved.

www.yourunion.net/activities/subcommittees

Events

Though there is only one nightclub in St Andrews: 601 in the Union, the building which houses the Students' Association, our students put it to good use! During the day the societies make use of the space: for rehearsals, speaker events, ceilidhs and

whatever else students want. The bar opens at night in term, and every Friday the Students' Association hosts 'the Bop', its themed club night.

St Andrews is also known for its dances or balls hosted by student groups. Many of them have become anticipated annual events, and are used by student groups to raise money for charity or pay for other events throughout the year to be free for students.

Societies

There is a wide range in societies, covering almost every hobby, activity or interest you may have. These include degree-based options like Astronomical Society, which hosts stargazing nights at the University observatory, awareness or charitable groups like Feminist Society and Amnesty International, and cultural groups like Celtic Society which teaches weekly Scottish Dancing and Gaelic classes. You can find all the societies and sports clubs at the Freshers' Fayre, and you can give them all a try before you join any officially! Societies are a great way to meet fellow students who share your interests, and it is also really easy to start your own society.

www.yourunion.net/activities/societies

* National Student Survey 2023

Wellbeing

The Students' Association works with the University on many wellbeing and awareness initiatives each year. Students run Got Consent? workshops, and students in leadership positions are encouraged to be proactive in offering support to others and providing inclusive spaces for students at events. The Students' Association leads a number of campaigns, and advocates for improvements relating to safety, mental health, fitness and sexual health. These campaigns and workshops are yet another way students are taking the lead on things they are passionate about.

www.yourunion.net/support

Advocacy

During the spring all students get the chance to vote on student Officers who lead groups like the Charities Campaign or the Wellbeing committee, as well as their School President for the year.

Your School President leads the academic representative system within your school. Every year group of each degree elect a class rep, so that issues with teaching can be brought to the Head of School and resolved. As a first year you can stand for class rep and start engaging with your school community within the first week of classes.

Beyond School-specific issues, the Officers of the Students' Association which make up the Student Representative Council advocate for change in the University to improve the lives of students. If you're passionate about disabled student rights, LGBT+ awareness, BAME student inclusion, the Officers and their committees leading campaigns for each will welcome any support you can provide.

www.yourunion.net/representation/officers

Evening language classes

If you want to learn a new language or develop existing language skills, there is the option to do extracurricular evening language classes, from beginner to advanced levels. They are not part of any degree programme and have a fee attached. Languages currently being taught and fee information can be found online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/non-degree-courses/evening-language-courses



Student life



Entrepreneurial St Andrews

Our vision of enterprise and entrepreneurship is about supporting the future aspirations (in the many forms this might take) of our undergraduate and postgraduate students, staff and alumni. Together Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Education (EE) and The Entrepreneurship Centre offer a range of programmes and training for students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and to support their entrepreneurial journeys.

The Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Education team runs and supports a diverse range of initiatives, such as the Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) modules, the 'Enterprise and Creativity' module, the Summer Teams Enterprise Programme, the St Andrews Research Internship Scheme, the 'Enterprise Projects' capstone modules, and the 'Enterprising Mind of the Year Award,' to enable undergraduate students to develop entrepreneurial graduate attributes through experiential learning, within and beyond the classroom.

The Entrepreneurship Centre is part of St Andrews Innovation and provides commercial support to connect students and staff with industry. The Centre's services include

one-to-one support, inspiring programmes and events, guidance on business planning and strategy, and support with building a business plan and creating a team.

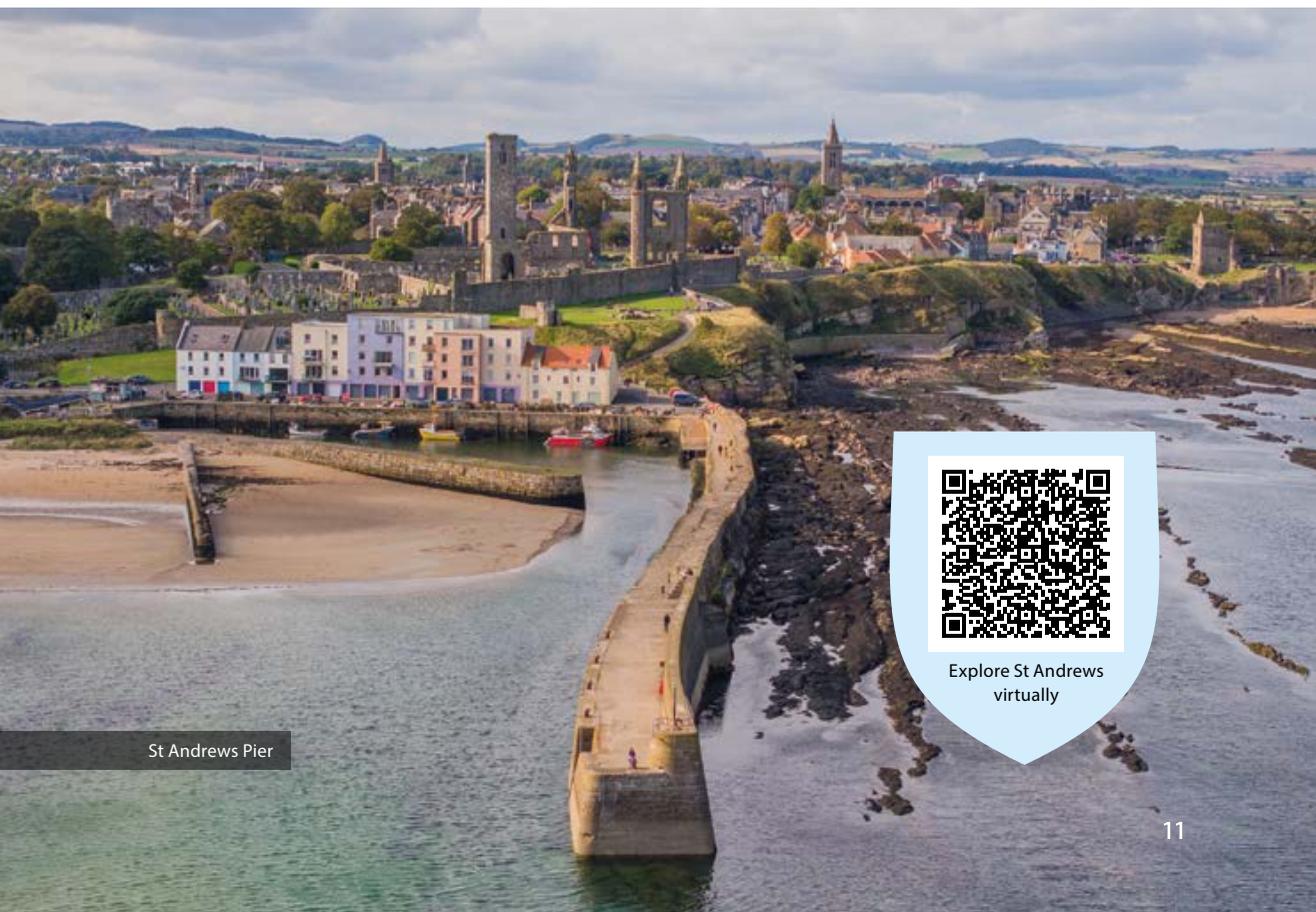
<https://innovation.st-andrews.ac.uk/enterprise-services/entrepreneurship-centre>
entrepreneurship@st-andrews.ac.uk

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/education/enterprise/enterprising@st-andrews.ac.uk

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 likely to come across a library or lecture theatre, the town hall or a coffee shop, giving St Andrews a great community atmosphere.

Being situated on the Fife coast also means there are beautiful beaches, stunning countryside and clean, fresh air 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 to remember for the rest of your life.



St Andrews Pier



Explore St Andrews
virtually

Traditions

With **over 600 years** of history, St Andrews has many **traditions** which may seem odd at first, but combined create the memorable and unique experience St Andrews is known for. The traditions, based on student history, times of year, and even a martyr, are all great ways to get involved with the community, though completely optional.

Academic families

Typically, first-year students are adopted by third- or fourth-year students to become 'academic families'. Families are often created around those you meet in halls, societies, sports teams and academic schools. 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 usually happens part way through the first semester. During Raisin Sunday your academic parents will host parties, send you on a scavenger hunt and then, on Raisin Monday, 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 get involved as much or as little 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. It is our chilliest tradition, but also a student favourite.

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, as legend goes, you will fail your degree. The only way to reverse the misfortune of stepping on the PH is to take part in the May Dip.

Red gowns

On various occasions throughout the year you will see many students in red gowns. These eye-catching gowns were introduced during the late 17th 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.



Priyansha explains how
our red gowns are
worn today



May Dip



Patrick Hamilton's initials - PH



Raisin Monday - foam fight



Red gowns and pier walk

Sport

Whether you **compete** in a sport, play socially or want to stay fit, there are **top-class facilities, professional fitness services** and more than **50 sports clubs** available for you.



Learn more about
Saint Sport

Saints Sport plays a significant part in student life at St Andrews, catering for some of the highest levels of participation, and offering a diverse array of sporting opportunities and experiences for all abilities and motivations.

St Andrews students have access to top-class facilities at University Park including 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 students competing on an individual basis. Most of our clubs offer recreational activities, giving students an amazing opportunity to travel further afield, including experiencing the beauty of the Scottish Highlands.

Performance sport

The University recognises a number of teams as part of the Performance Programme, each benefiting from increased support and a dedicated sport-specific Director or Performance Coach. This support includes sport science interventions such as Strength and Conditioning and performance analysis, increased funding and greater access to training facilities.

Sports scholarships and awards

The University encourages individual sporting excellence by supporting exceptional student athletes who wish to continue their sport at a high level while furthering their education at St Andrews.

Sports scholarships are available across our performance teams and to exceptional individuals competing at an elite sporting level. Talented golfers may apply for a Saints Golf Performance scholarship, the prestigious Arnold Palmer scholarship or an R&A Bursary. For more information please contact: sportscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk

Recreational sport

Rather than the regular commitment required for training and competing, our recreational programme offers frequent, informal drop-in sessions where the emphasis is on having fun and participation. Sessions are open to all students and provide a great way to stay active, meet new people and make friends.

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.

Leadership, coaching and volunteering

Saints Sport provides many opportunities for students to get involved with coaching, officiating and volunteering within sport. Grants are available to help volunteers achieve additional training and qualifications while at St Andrews, enabling them to support the scale and variety of activity offered by our clubs, deliver extracurricular sporting activity to local children, and participate in international volunteering projects in Africa.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/sport



Women's Cricket



Cross-country run on West Sands



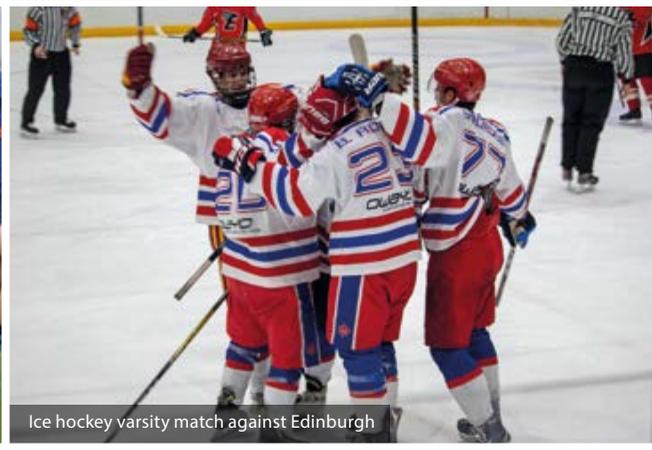
Student volunteers in Zambia



Archery Club



Rugby match



Ice hockey varsity match against Edinburgh



Kendo



Saints Regatta

Music

Music at St Andrews is **open to all**, whether you want to take **lessons, play in groups, practise** or just **come and listen**.



Music at
St Andrews

There are opportunities for musicians across different genres, from orchestras and our Chapel Choir, to a cappella and musical theatre.

Academic modules

The Music Centre offers a range of modules that can be taken as part of your degree. If you already sing or play an instrument to a high level, the modules offer increasingly specialised studies in performance, culminating in a public recital. We also offer modules that assume no previous study, developing your understanding of musical theory and history, or introduce you to topics such as electronic music, Scottish music or music from cultures around the world.

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

Lessons

Regardless of what degree you are studying, the Music Centre offers you weekly lessons in singing or on almost any instrument. Lessons can be arranged at all levels, with highly experienced teachers who combine teaching with active performing careers. We offer over 100 scholarships each year to outstanding performers, which give free weekly lessons and exceptional ensemble opportunities.

Our new Montfort Bursaries offer hour-long one-to-one lessons and £1500 towards summer schools or similar opportunities.

Groups

There are groups in St Andrews performing in just about every musical style and genre, whether run by the Music Centre or one of the very active student societies. There are numerous musical opportunities for students; in previous years these have included singing with St Salvator's Chapel Choir on tours across the world, working with professional soloists in orchestral concerts, appearing in fully staged operas, singing or playing in a band. Whatever your musical interests, there is something for you at St Andrews.

Facilities

The University has recently opened the Laidlaw Music Centre, a world-class facility that includes the acoustically superb and highly flexible McPherson Recital Room, practice rooms with pianos accessible throughout the day, suites of studios for electronic music and recording, a library and rooms for group rehearsal. Practice rooms are also available in the Students' Association and in many of the halls of residence. Concerts and staged performances regularly take place in the Younger Hall, the Byre Theatre, the Students' Association, the University's two beautiful medieval chapels and in the Laidlaw Music Centre.

Concerts

St Andrews has an extraordinarily rich concert programme, which draws on the talents both of the student body and of visiting professional musicians from across the world. We are the only Scottish university and one of very few in the UK with a professional orchestra in residence, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, who visit five times a year and whose members regularly coach and play in concerts alongside our students. We host a range of annual summer schools and festivals, as well as lunchtime and evening professional concerts.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/music

Music societies

If you are more interested in musical theatre, a cappella or jazz, there are societies at the Students' Association that might be of interest. The Students' Association also offers opportunities to both perform and enjoy music through a variety of events from small performances to open mic nights and larger gigs. More information is available on the Students' Association website.

www.yourunion.net

"As a violinist, I have never had more opportunities to make music than I do right now. I am a member of the St Andrews Chamber Orchestra, the St Andrews Symphony Orchestra and play in the pit bands of the Musical Theatre Society and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society."

Laura (Yorkshire, England)



The Other Guys at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival



Big BUSTa (student-run big band) in the Younger Hall



A live-streamed concert during the St Andrews Voices festival

Accommodation

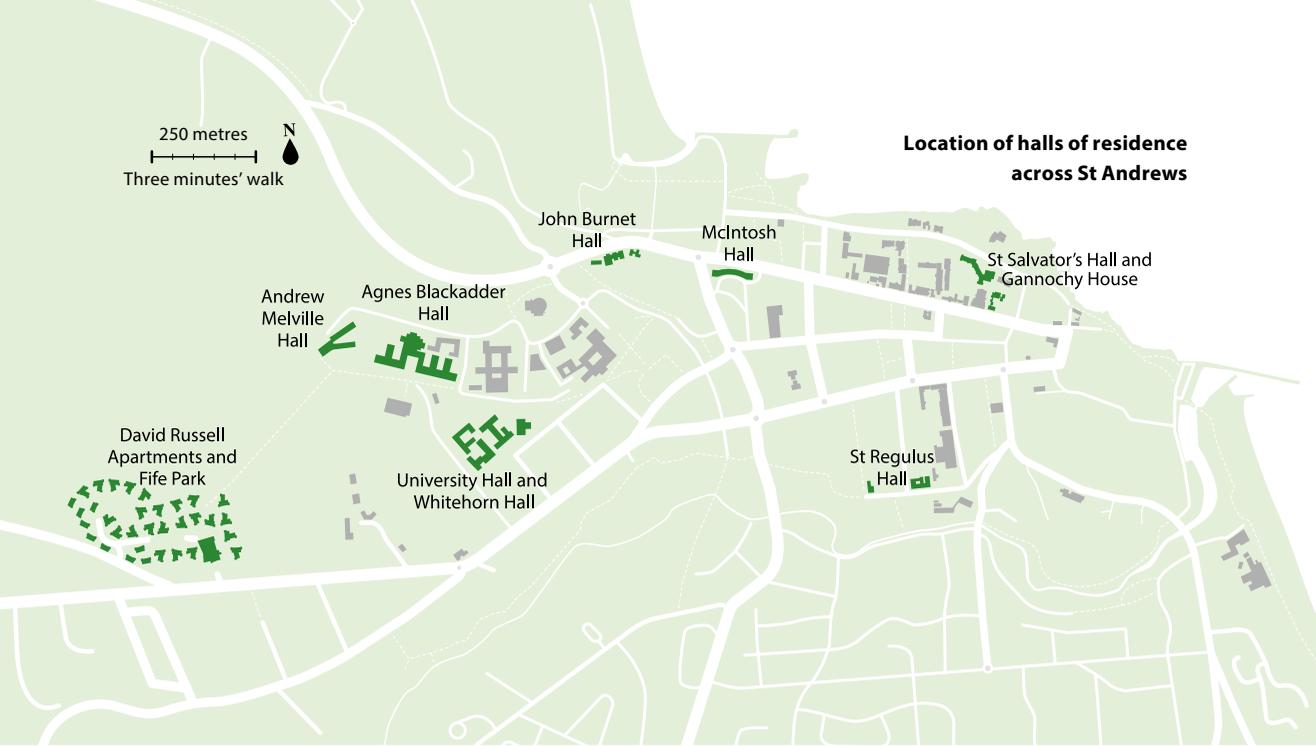
The University has **over 3,400** beds across **ten halls** of residence. Our **accommodation guarantee** means that you know **you will have accommodation for your first year**. You can find out more about our accommodation and the conditions of the guarantee online.



Accommodation
options at
St Andrews



University Hall and Whitehorn Hall



Accommodation choices

Our St Andrews residences are located throughout the town and all are within walking distance of University buildings and the town centre. They range from beautiful stone buildings full of original period features, to stylish new apartments, with en-suite shower rooms, which are built to high environmental and sustainability standards.

Most of the rooms in our historic residences are shared. Individual and en-suite rooms are available in our more modern halls.

More than just a place to stay, our residences are a place to live, you will have a Wardennial Team (University staff and postgraduates) on hand for advice and support and a committee to organise events.

The Wardennial Team take responsibility for encouraging a sense of community and will also be the first point of contact if a health crisis occurs or if you have a personal problem. Their roles involve mentoring, advising and providing support.

Each residence also has a Senior Student and Hall Committee who take on the responsibility of looking after the social life of the residence, organising BBQs, receptions and balls, and representing student opinion.

If you require accommodation in the inter-semester break in January, you should select a self-catering option as the catered standard residences close during this period. If you follow a specific diet, please contact us to discuss the option that will best suit your needs. The University also gives all possible assistance to those with disabilities or limiting long-term illnesses – please provide full information on your application about anything that is likely to impact on your accommodation needs.



Example of a shared twin study bedroom



Kitchen in David Russell Apartments



Example of an individual study bedroom



Example of an individual study bedroom



Agnes Blackadder Hall

Catered accommodation

- A range of catering packages with 14 or 19 meals a week.
- A wide range of menu items, including vegetarian and vegan options.
- Compact kitchens so you can make drinks and snacks between meals.
- A central dining room in each catered hall to eat, meet people and socialise.
- Packed lunches and dinners, if you are away at mealtimes.
- We have a commitment to ethically sourced, quality products, sourcing sustainable and seasonal produce wherever possible.

Self-catered accommodation

- Total flexibility over what and when you eat.
- Shared kitchens with lockers for food storage.
- Kitchens equipped with cookers, microwaves, fridges, freezers and kettles.
- Various cafés across the University when you do not want to cook.

What is available?

All our halls are different, and you should look at the options online to see which type of accommodation is best for you. We will do our best, but we cannot guarantee that you will be offered your preferred option.

All bedrooms include a bed, desk, chair and storage for clothes and books. Laundry facilities are available using prepaid cards.

Hall fees also include wifi access throughout the halls, personal effects insurance cover, Hall Committee subscriptions and bike storage.

How and when to apply

Once you receive – and accept – your offer, you can apply for accommodation. You can apply for accommodation from 15 March in your year of entry. In order to be guaranteed accommodation you must apply before 30 June. Full details of the application process can be found online.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation
+44 (0)1334 462510



St Salvator's Hall Common Room

Study facilities

You will spend considerable time at university **reading** and conducting **your own research**, and we provide the **space and resources** to do this. As well as our **libraries**, there are many **dedicated study spaces** within academic buildings and halls of residence, so you'll be able to find a **study environment that suits you**.

With our libraries you can:

- access over one million print volumes, as well as an extensive collection of digital resources which are available both on and off campus. Our digital access includes thousands of journals and e-books, as well as theses, newspapers, music, film and television, and theatre performances.
- receive help and training on finding information.
- get expert one-to-one support from specialist Academic Liaison Librarians.
- use our inter-library loan service to access items held at other institutions.

Libraries and study spaces

Whether you want to be at the heart of things in the centre of town or close to class on the North Haugh, researching in the Reading Room or finding inspiration in the King James Library, we have somewhere for you to be.

The Main Library, in the town centre, is the largest of the University libraries, with long opening hours and access to a wide range of resources, including plenty of computers. There are newly designed and refurbished study spaces,

including silent areas, group study rooms and space for collaboration, as well as a café.

In the centre of town you can use St Mary's College Library, with collections for Divinity and Medieval History. This includes the historic King James Library, dating from the 17th century, said to be the oldest library reading room in Scotland. Additionally, the Butts Wynd Building offers 24-hour access to PC classrooms and group study rooms.

On the North Haugh, the JF Allen Library (Physics & Astronomy building) and the Dr Ettie Stewart Steele Reading Room (Purdie building) both provide study facilities as well as books and journals for science subjects. The Library at the Gateway provides study spaces, computers and comfy seating.

The Walter Bower House Reading Room, located at our Eden Campus, holds our browsable Library store and has study spaces available.

And when you need help, our Library staff are here for you, online or in-person.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/library

X: @StAndrewsUniLib

Facebook: @StAndrewsUniversityLibrary

Instagram: @StAndrewsUniLib



"I didn't realise there were so many different study spaces to suit my moods – whether it's the cool lighting of the main library or the old-world aesthetic of the King James library at night."

Karthik (Kamataka, India)



Main Library



King James Library



JF Allen Library



School of Classics Library



Main Library

Support and wellbeing

St Andrews **takes** the **wellbeing** 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.
- advice on money and finances.
- advice on academic issues.
- pastoral care and community building activities for students in University residences.

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 booking appointments with one of Student Services' advisers for further support and advice.

Health

There are two primary care medical practices in St Andrews with many years of experience working with the student community. In addition, the Student Health Hub, staffed by University employees, is located with the medical practices and helps students access health advice quickly.

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 in their application.
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.

All students, whether in halls or private accommodation, can access emergency support from the Student Services' Response Team who work nights and weekends all year.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/support/student

The University Chaplaincy provides friendly, non-judgmental support and pastoral care to all students. The team led by the Chaplain, includes the Assistant Chaplains and a range of Honorary Chaplains from different faiths and philosophies of life. The Chaplaincy offers worship, and supports activities often specifically faith-focused, for international students, various student-led faith societies, and the wider University and town communities.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Wardennial services

Each hall of residence has a live-in Wardennial Team, consisting of a Warden and a team of Assistant Wardens. The team is responsible for building a strong and supportive community and hall identity and works with residents and the Hall Committee to organise events and activities. The Warden and Assistant Wardens are on call to provide advice and support at night and on weekends, as well as providing information on daytime support services.

Contact

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

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/student-services

theasc@st-andrews.ac.uk

+44 (0)1334 462020

“Whenever I have needed advice, I have been able to seek counsel on personal and university-related issues. Knowing that there is a wealth of student services available and a strong support network in place, should I ever require it, has been reassuring.”

Ross (Dundee, Scotland)



Support when
you need it

Study abroad

Whether it is Biology in Australia, Psychology in Canada or International Relations in Hong Kong – **Study Abroad programmes** play an **important role** in the University's commitment to a learning **culture** that is **challenging, imaginative** and **flexible**.



Your adventure starts here

We are partnered with institutions across the globe, allowing our students to apply to spend either a semester or entire year abroad. Experiences range from intimate campus learning, to studying in the heart of a major metropolis, from Singapore to Paris and Melbourne to Los Angeles. Our programmes are united by the quality of the academic provision, which ensures that participation in a St Andrews Study Abroad programme opens doors to new and valuable academic experiences at another institution.

Study Abroad for credit is permitted on existing University-approved programmes only. All of our programmes are carefully selected and monitored. The University has good relations with our partners overseas and works closely with them to ensure students enjoy a successful period abroad and a smooth return to St Andrews thereafter.

Key information

- Programme lengths vary from one semester to a full academic year abroad.
- Opportunities are available in most degree programmes in Arts, Divinity and Science.
- Programmes are competitive and the main criterion is a strong academic record.
- Most programmes involve payment of your normal tuition fees to St Andrews and no tuition fee liability at the host institution. The costs involved vary depending on location and programme. You will be responsible for your travel, living costs and other personal expenses.
- Several Study Abroad programmes have scholarships available to apply for.
- In 2024-2025 the University has 68 Study Abroad programmes in 31 territories.

St Andrews Abroad options

- St Andrews Abroad refers to a number of university exchanges, each of which is open to students in several disciplines in Arts, Divinity and Science.
- For the academic year 2024-2025, there are 19 partner universities in Australia, Czech Republic, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada and the USA.

European exchanges

We have a wide range of student exchange partners across Europe, including in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark and the Czech Republic. These opportunities offer students the chance to study abroad through exchanges specifically tailored to their academic disciplines. We value our European and international partnerships and the opportunities they provide for student and staff mobility, as well as the exchange of knowledge, ideas and perspectives.

Working abroad

Completing a work placement abroad is a good opportunity to gain work experience in another culture or language and to enhance valuable skill sets. As part of specific degree programmes in Biology, Chemistry and Modern Languages, you may apply to undertake a work placement abroad for credit.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad



Margaux on the left (University of Richmond, USA)



Ben (Bocconi University, Milan)



Harris (Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia)



Lilli (EMPA Swiss Federal Universities, Switzerland)



“Going to Japan was an incredible opportunity, which I did my absolute best to make the most of. I’ve learnt so much about Japanese history, art and culture and I’ve had the most rewarding 5 months of my life, and I’m so thankful for the assistance of a scholarship in enabling me to do so.”

Anna (Keio University, Tokyo, Japan)

BA (International Honours)

The Bachelor of Arts (International Honours) is a **collaboration** between **two internationally-renowned universities**, offering you the opportunity to study at both the **University of St Andrews** and **William & Mary** in the USA.

Designed for those who want a truly international education, this programme allows you to engage with both the depth of study for which St Andrews is known and the breadth of the liberal arts tradition at William & Mary. In this programme you spend two years at each institution and graduate with a jointly awarded BA (International Honours) degree. This programme has a different fee structure; the latest fee information is available online.

Subjects

There are six subject options on this programme: **Classical Studies** (choose either Ancient History and Archaeology or the Greek and Latin pathway), **Economics**, **English**, **Film Studies**, **History** (including study of a second language) and **International Relations**. Those studying International Relations will be required to take Economics or History in first year.

Structure

You will **only** apply to the institution where you intend to spend your first year and then move on to the other institution for your second year. Thereafter you can choose how you wish to allocate your third and fourth years of study, returning to each university for another year and spending two years in both locations. Dedicated academic advisers will assist you throughout the duration of your degree.

At the point of application, you will elect to specialise in one of six subject areas. You have the opportunity to study from the broad curriculum offerings of the two institutions, as well as your chosen specialisation.

In addition to your main subject you will, in consultation with your Adviser of Studies, compile a 'breadth portfolio' comprised of modules satisfying the various objectives that underlie the William & Mary General Education Requirements.

The BA (International Honours) programme combines the best aspects of two academic traditions, offering you a range of opportunities both in your subject and in developing your skills for the future. The curriculum in each of the disciplines offers more breadth than a traditional St Andrews degree as well as more specialisation than is usual at William & Mary.

Graduates have gone on to a range of opportunities, including work at Deloitte, the US Department of State and further study.

Entry requirements

Admission to the BA (International Honours) is highly competitive. As part of the application process, candidates should be prepared to attend a virtual interview. The entry requirements for all six subject areas are:

Standard	Minimum
SQA Highers: AAAAB	SQA Highers: AABB
GCE A-Levels: AAA	GCE A-Levels: ABB
IB: 38 (HL 6,6,6)	IB: 36 (HL 6,5,5)

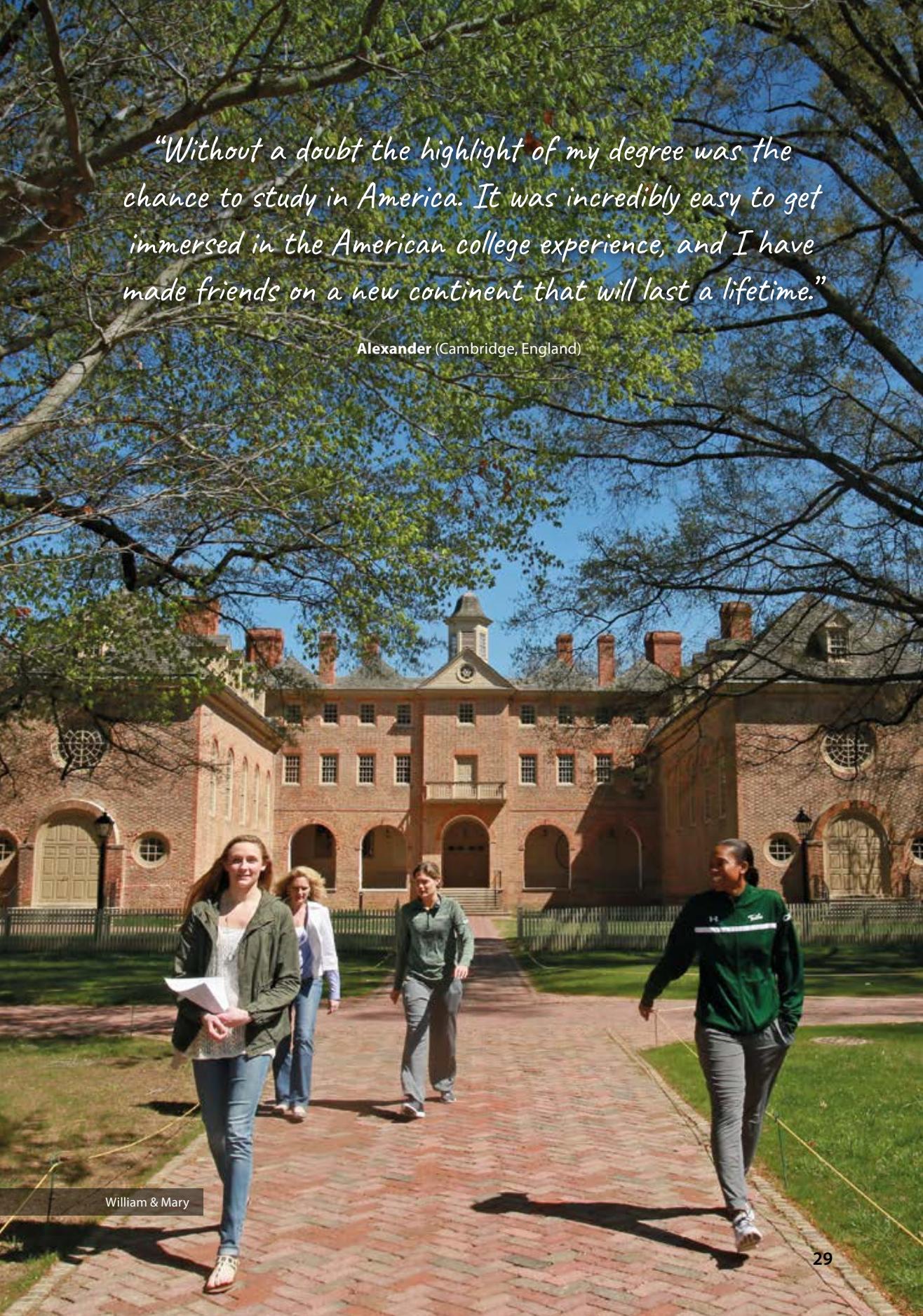
Applicants for English and History will require previous knowledge of their subject.

- **English** – Standard and Minimum: A at Higher or A-Level, IB HL6 or equivalent.
- **History** – Standard: A at Higher or A-Level, IB HL6; Minimum: B at Higher or A-Level, IB HL5 or equivalent.

UK-based applicants should check whether they are required to meet the Standard or Minimum entry requirements using the online indicator.

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

All students based outside of the UK will require the Standard entry requirements or equivalent qualifications. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/international-honours



“Without a doubt the highlight of my degree was the chance to study in America. It was incredibly easy to get immersed in the American college experience, and I have made friends on a new continent that will last a lifetime.”

Alexander (Cambridge, England)

International students



You can **meet our staff** all over the world or online. **We visit** schools, attend fairs and run events throughout the year.

Applying to St Andrews

International students can apply to St Andrews through UCAS, Common Application or directly through our website. More information about the application process and entry requirements can be found on pages 38-41 and online.

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

International Foundation Programmes

Our International Foundation Programmes are designed to bridge the gap between high school and university for overseas students whose school-leaving qualifications are not recognised for direct entry into University of St Andrews undergraduate degrees. These programmes enable you to develop the subject knowledge as well as the academic language and skills needed to succeed at undergraduate level. Additionally, they provide orientation for life in the UK, helping you to settle in and feel more confident in your new home.

The programmes we deliver offer progression onto undergraduate degrees at St Andrews, if requirements are met. Our programmes are also recognised by other British universities.

Programmes start in September or January.

Further information about these programmes and how to apply can be found online.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/foundation

Pre-sessional courses

These courses prepare you for studying at St Andrews, focusing on the academic language and skills you will need for your degree. You will develop your ability to use English in academic contexts, and key skills such as reading critically and using sources appropriately. You will also learn about the academic, social and cultural life here.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/short-courses/pre-sessional

Academic Induction

This two-week course runs immediately before the semester starts and offers international students an all-round introduction to studying at St Andrews. With an emphasis on academic writing, appropriate use of sources and presentation skills, this course will help you understand our academic expectations, as well as giving you an introduction to life at St Andrews.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/ug/induction

Academic English Service

AES can help you develop your academic English language and skills. We offer one-to-one appointments to work on your academic writing and academic speaking skills, as well as workshops on a wide range of academic topics. We also offer self-study online resources to support you in your Higher Education journey.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/aes

“Studying in Scotland allows me to experience a completely new culture and landscape. Living in Europe also opened up a world of travel opportunities that I could never have imagined possible during my college experience.”

Ashton (Pennsylvania, USA)



Home students

With **over half** of our undergraduate students **coming from the UK**, the University is committed to fostering a **diverse** student body and providing **opportunities for anyone** with the potential to thrive **no matter what part of the UK** they come from.



Academic entry indicator

Contextual admissions

We believe in a fair and equitable admissions process which allows us to recognise potential, rather than base our decisions on grades alone. To support that work, when considering undergraduate applicants from the UK the University will make use of contextual information such as socio-economic diversity indicators, school or college attainment and progression indicators, and individual circumstances including care experience, estrangement, refugee status and more. Please see our Admissions Policy for further guidance.
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/policy

What information is used?

In addition to your school grades, we look at the school you attend, the area you live in, and any other information which may have impacted your education. It is important that you make sure your referee is telling us of any extenuating

circumstances you have faced during your time at school, and you let us know via your UCAS application if you are care experienced or are a registered young carer.

Other entry requirements

In order to widen access to our degree programmes we accept various other qualifications in place of the ones stated on the subject pages of this prospectus. Some of the qualifications we accept include:

- Access programmes, such as the Scottish Wider Access Programme (SWAP)
- Access Diploma to HE
- Open University credits
- HNCs and HNDs
- Foundation Apprenticeship.

We accept lots of different qualifications; you can find out more about all the qualifications we accept online. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry



“Coming from a modest background, I was apprehensive about integrating into the St Andrews community. However, this concern has been largely unfounded, as I’ve found the university environment to be inclusive and non-discriminatory, irrespective of socio-economic backgrounds.”

Bryan (Glasgow, Scotland)

Contextual entry qualifications

We have developed our academic qualification indicator tool, which will tell you what level of qualifications you will need based on your individual circumstances, using contextual information as outlined in our Admissions Policy. Once you have used the indicator tool, you can see the relevant qualifications for each course on individual subject pages. You must meet, or be

predicted to meet, or exceed, the qualifications relevant to you; it is not a range between minimum and standard.

How do I know what grades I will need?

In this prospectus we list the entry requirements for each of our degree programmes on pages 56-175.

An example of entry requirements:

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

Make sure you check the detailed requirements for your degree programme, which apply to everyone.

Standard entry grades:

Unless you are a widening access student, you will need these grades to be considered. We normally expect this to have been achieved in one exam sitting.

Minimum entry grades:

If you are a widening access student, you will need these grades to be considered. We may consider results achieved over multiple sittings.

Gateway entry grades:

If you are a widening access student, you may also be eligible for a Gateway Programme. Entry qualifications for Gateway programmes start at BBBB at Scottish Higher which can be achieved over S5 and S6. You will need these grades to be considered.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/pathways/gateway

Guaranteed entry grades:

If you qualify for guaranteed entry under the Admissions Pledge or the Care Experienced Pledge, you will be required to achieve minimum entry grades.



"I have forged both personal and professional connections at St Andrews that will last me a lifetime, and I feel hugely supported in my academics. I find my professors and tutors very approachable, and they have helped me immensely to carve out my specific literary interests and helped my thinking about what I might like to do next."

Chloe (Lincolnshire, England)

Widening access and transitions



The Widening Access Team in Admissions works across schools and colleges **all over Scotland** to provide information and **guidance** to potential applicants to help them make **informed decisions** about their university choices.

In addition, we provide transitional support to school and college leavers as they take their first steps into study at St Andrews to help ensure they make the best possible start on their St Andrews story.

Outreach

The team co-ordinate a range of pre-higher education activities including First Chances Fife, Sutton Trust Summer School, Reach and our Access to Rural Communities project. If you would like more information regarding any of these activities, please email the team at: schools.access@st-andrews.ac.uk

Supported entry pathways

Our range of supported entry routes offers transitional support for school and college leavers from application through the entry process and into the first year of study. Supported Pathways

programmes are integrated with our standard undergraduate programmes; students enter directly into year one, with wrap-around support provided. Gateway programmes are open to Scottish school leavers and our FE-HE Pathways are designed for applicants studying alternative qualifications at further education colleges, SWAP or other Access programmes in Scotland. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/pathways

Targeted support

We are committed to providing additional support for applicants who have faced significant challenges during their time at school. We work closely with several third sector organisations, such as Who Cares? Scotland, and we are a University of Sanctuary. We support the Stand Alone Pledge, and provide support for registered young carers.



“My greatest worry coming to St Andrews was that I wouldn’t fit in and that as a working class student I would be an outsider. This couldn’t have been further from the truth, throughout my time at St Andrews I have made a host of friends from all sorts of backgrounds and from all over the world.”

Josh (South Lanarkshire, Scotland)

This support is available to anyone in these groups and extends from providing unbiased information and guidance through the UCAS process, to supporting our students through their studies and into life beyond graduation.

Care experienced

We pledge to make an offer to all applicants, applying for their first degree, who declare as care-experienced, provided that the desire to study the subject is demonstrable, the minimum entry requirements, including any specified required subjects, are met and, if relevant, there is success in external testing or interview.

‘Care-experienced’ refers to anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short, including adopted children who were previously looked after.

Young carers

We offer a range of support to help young carers overcome potential barriers to study. Assistance for young carers can include financial assistance, and additional support throughout the application process and during your degree.

A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

Estranged students

We are committed to supporting estranged students with applying to and succeeding at university, and beyond. Our Stand Alone Pledge to estranged students supports in four key areas: accommodation, mental health and wellbeing, financial assistance and outreach.

University of Sanctuary

The University of St Andrews has held Sanctuary status since September 2019. This award

recognises our commitment to ensuring that St Andrews is a welcoming, safe and supportive environment for students and scholars seeking sanctuary in the UK.

When making an application to us, please let us know that you currently have asylum, refugee, humanitarian protection or Limited leave to Remain (LLR) status as part of your application. This will allow us to ensure that we can offer you the correct advice and guidance through the application process and beyond, should you become a student with us.

As part of the application process, you will be asked to submit evidence of any qualifications held. If, due to your circumstances, you are unable to provide this evidence, we pledge to take a flexible approach to work with you to try and agree on a suitable alternative.

Financial support

To help ensure that finances are not a barrier to attending St Andrews, we offer a wide range of scholarships and financial awards, which are designed to help with the costs of attending university, whether you are moving away from home or commuting to St Andrews each day.

Our St Andrews Access Award has guaranteed amounts of support available, dependent on income. In addition, we have a wide range of funding, kindly donated by our alumni and supporters under the Wardlaw Scholarship programme.

We encourage all applicants to submit a scholarship application as soon as you have applied to us. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships/



St Mary's Quadrangle





Applying to St Andrews

UK Students

UK students must apply through UCAS. You can choose up to five degree programmes at institutions across the UK (only four if applying for Medicine).

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

All UK-based applicants should check whether they are likely to need to achieve Standard or Minimum entry requirements using our Qualification Indicator (see page 33 for further information). www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry/indicator

Application deadlines:

15 October – Medicine

29 January – All other subjects

International students

If you are applying with an ‘overseas’ fee status (this is the case for most international students) there are three ways you can apply: via UCAS, the Common Application or Direct Application. You can only use one application method.

Application deadlines:

- Medicine – 15 October
- Equal consideration deadline – 29 January

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

General entry requirements

In addition to the subject-specific entry requirements, all applicants must meet the general entry requirements. These can be SQA National 5, GCSE, or equivalent qualifications.

SQA qualifications: SQA National 5 (B) in English and SQA National 5 (B) in one of Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Geography, Lifeskills Mathematics (A), Mathematics, Physics, or Psychology.

GCSE qualifications: GCSE (5) in English Language or English Literature, and GCSE (5) in one of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, or Psychology.

Academic decision-making

Academic decision-making and criteria setting are at the heart of the selection processes. Applications are assessed by Admissions Officers within Admissions, guided by designated staff in each academic School. All applications received before the relevant deadline will be given equal consideration. We only interview for a select number of programmes, details of which can be found online.

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

Admissions Policy

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/policy

What we look for in an application

- Academic qualifications (gained or predicted).
- The context in which qualifications have been, or will be, achieved.
- Personal statement: this is a very important part of your application. You should focus on your chosen subject and why you wish to study it.
- Academic reference.
- Where appropriate, performance at interview, relevant work or other experience.

Additional support for applicants

We offer additional support if you are care experienced, have caring responsibilities, are from an estranged background, are an asylum seeker or refugee. Please indicate this on your application.

This important information is used in our contextual admissions process. More information about how care experienced and young carers are defined and full details on how we will support you can be found on pages 34-35 and online.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/access

Direct entry into second year

It is possible to apply for entry directly into the second year of some science degree programmes. A BSc Honours degree can then be obtained in three years and an Integrated Masters in four years rather than five.

You should bear in mind that direct entry into second year will reduce the degree flexibility which is normally found within the Scottish four-year Honours degree. Students entering directly into second year will also be taking Honours entry exams in the first exam diet after they arrive. We

strongly advise applicants considering direct entry into second year to contact the academic School to discuss this option.

If you are studying for an HNC or HND at a Scottish further education college, you may also wish to contact the Lifelong Learning team to see whether you meet entry requirements for direct entry into second year.

lifelonglearning@st-andrews.ac.uk

Deferred applications

The University's preference is for applicants to apply in the academic cycle immediately prior to the start date they wish to commence their studies. Applications for deferred entry will be considered on an individual basis. You should check the most recent information regarding deferrals before making an application. Contact Admissions for advice.

admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

Transferring from another university

If you wish to transfer from another university, your application will be considered on an individual basis. However, you should be aware that offers to transfer are only made in a very small number of cases. The deadline for applications is 29 January. For UK students, applications to transfer must be made through UCAS. You should highlight your intention to transfer clearly and address your reasons for wishing to move from your current institution in your personal statement.



Learn more about
how to apply

Your qualifications

We welcome applications from students from **all over the world** and **accept a broad range of qualifications**. Full details on the qualifications we accept can be found online. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry



Entry requirements explained

SQA Highers

For the majority of applicants from Scotland, Highers are the main basis of admission into first year. Applicants who need to achieve our Standard entry requirements will receive offers based on their Highers achieved in a single sitting. Applicants required to meet the Minimum or Gateway entry requirements may achieve their grades over multiple sittings. All subjects at Highers are acceptable for entry to the University of St Andrews. The relevance of subjects to the degree programmes may be taken into account when considering applications.

SQA Advanced Highers

Advanced Highers are not normally required for first year entry. They are required for direct entry into second year where that is an option. For Medicine requirements, see page 135.

GCE A-Levels

For applicants needing to meet our Standard entry requirements, we would expect three full GCE A-Levels taken in a single sitting.

Although the following subjects are beneficial to the learning experience, they will not be included as part of any offer that is made:

- Citizenship Studies
- Critical Thinking
- General Studies
- Global Perspectives and Research (GPR)

Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS-Level) qualifications submitted will be considered as part of the whole application. Students not presenting AS-Level qualifications will not be disadvantaged, as all applications are assessed according to the Admissions Policy to ensure consistency, fairness and contextual consideration.

International Baccalaureate

The successful award of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma is the basis for admission. Programmes requiring Mathematics will accept either Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches, or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation at Higher Level.

English language requirements

Unless you have been educated in a country that is on the UK's Visa and Immigration list of majority English-speaking countries, you will need to provide evidence of your English language proficiency. We accept a number of English language qualifications, please see our website for more information.

If you enrol on one of our pre-degree courses (such as a Pre-sessional or Foundation programme), and you require a student visa, your evidence of English language proficiency must be a Secure English Language Test (SELT). Other examples of ways to provide evidence of your proficiency can be found online:

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

Admissions Policy

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/policy

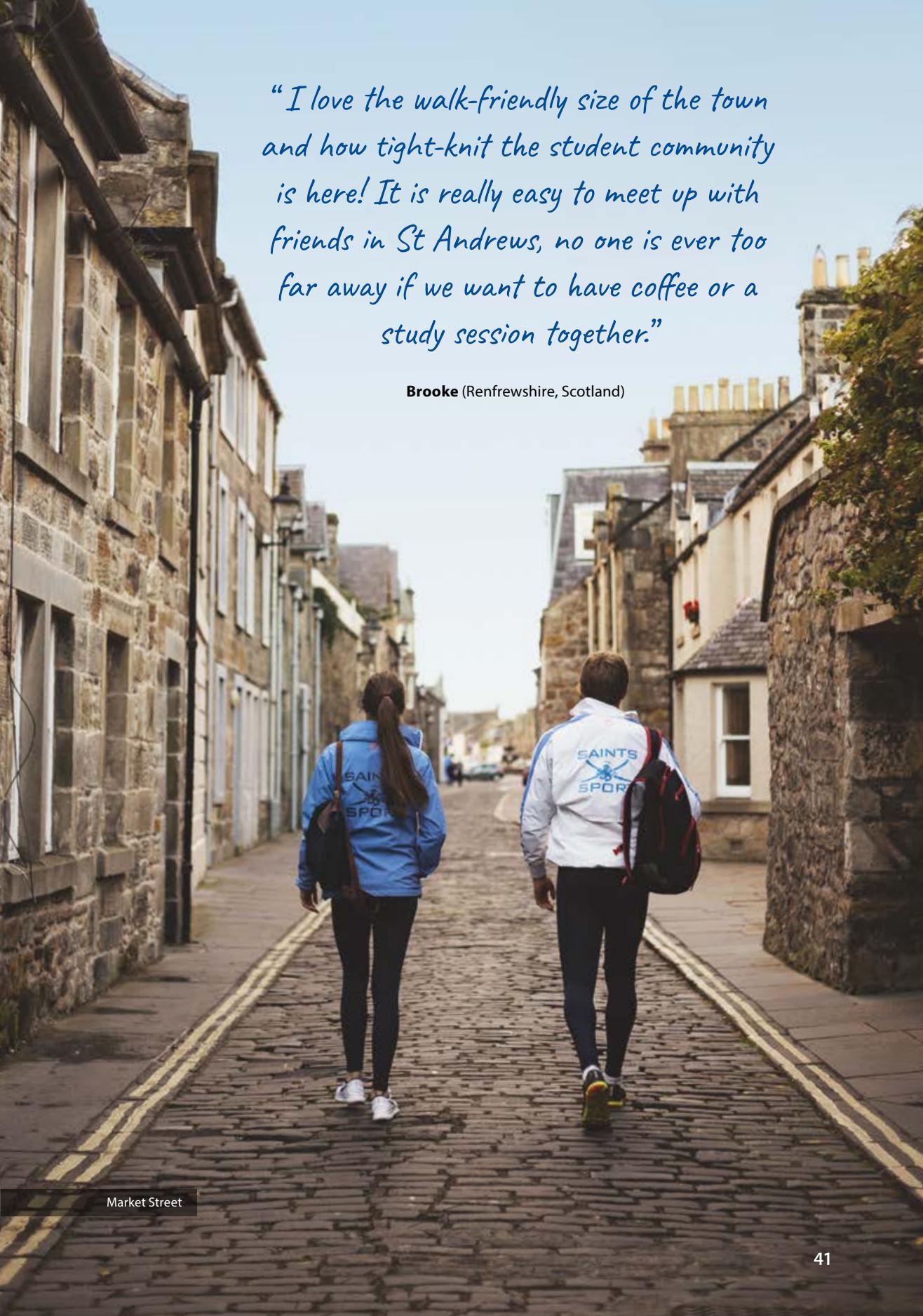
Questions?

Before you apply:

admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk
+44 (0)1334 462150

After you apply:

myapplication@st-andrews.ac.uk



“I love the walk-friendly size of the town and how tight-knit the student community is here! It is really easy to meet up with friends in St Andrews, no one is ever too far away if we want to have coffee or a study session together.”

Brooke (Renfrewshire, Scotland)

Fees, funding and scholarships



Explore fees, funding and scholarships

Fees and scholarships **vary every year.**

The most **up-to-date information** can always be found **online.**

Tuition fees for 2025 entry will be published in September 2024. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/undergraduate

Students living in Scotland

If you are a Scottish domiciled, full-time, first degree student you should be eligible for your tuition fees to be paid by the Scottish Government. These fees will be paid through the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS). Details on how and when to apply are available from: www.saas.gov.uk

Students living in England, Northern Ireland and Wales

You may be eligible to have the full cost of your tuition fees covered by a tuition fee loan, provided you are taking your first degree and are a full-time student.

- England: www.gov.uk/student-finance
- Northern Ireland: www.studentfinanceeni.co.uk
- Wales: www.studentfinancewales.co.uk

Students living in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man

The island authorities all offer a range of tuition fee and maintenance loans or grants. Details on how and when to apply are available online:

- Guernsey: www.gov.gg/studentfinance
- Jersey (search for 'higher education funding'): www.gov.je
- Isle of Man: www.gov.im/student-grants

International students

Students who are classed as 'overseas' for tuition fee purposes are usually self-funded. However, there may be funding available from your government, independent sponsors or from other award paying bodies. Fees will be adjusted annually, typically ranging between

3% and 5%, to reflect inflationary pressures to which we may be exposed.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/undergraduate/world

Scholarships

Our scholarships and bursaries are designed to help you reach your full academic potential, without having to worry about how you will pay for tuition and living expenses.

St Andrews offers a variety of scholarships. In previous years these have included bursaries to reduce the cost of accommodation, international scholarships towards tuition fees, and funding for students from the UK to help supplement government sources and alleviate the financial burden of basic living costs.

If you are applying from Scotland or the rest of the UK, you may be eligible for the St Andrews Access Award, dependent on your household income. This award offers guaranteed funds to support with the costs of university study. Non-repayable and guaranteed for the duration of your undergraduate degree programme, you could receive awards for a maintenance allowance, accommodation and discounted sports membership.

The scholarships available to you will depend on the degree programme you will be studying, where you currently live, your current household income and your academic achievements.

Information about the scholarships available to you, how to apply and other forms of financial support offered by the University or external bodies can be found online:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/undergraduate

ugscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk



“Students take part in a candlelit procession to the pier on East Sands known as “The Gaudie”. This tradition is to honour John Honey who, in 1800, rescued crew members of a ship which had come a cropper on the nearby coast.”

Laurence (Scottish Borders, Scotland)

Your future



“By merely signing up to the Careers Centre mailing list, I was made aware of interesting talks about potential careers, workshops on how to apply for internships, and advice on how to manage the often overwhelming world of jobs, internships, and research.”

Leo (Derry, Northern Ireland)

St Andrews offers a broad **range of support to enhance your future prospects**. Students can benefit from our **professional development programmes**, advice on **careers** and **internships**, and a **lifelong connection** with the University through our alumni network.

Careers advice and opportunities

The Careers Centre supports students, wherever you are in your career journey. We offer opportunities, training, and support to explore your options, gain experience, and develop the lifelong career management skills you need to create a fulfilling career, whatever your ambitions.

- Careers advisers provide individual guidance and coaching, as well as group workshops on a variety of topics.
- We host careers fairs and provide other opportunities to meet top graduate employers.
- Employer and alumni-led professional development workshops give you practical experiences in the skills you need to develop.
- We curate extensive digital career information resources on internships, graduate career options, job vacancies, applications and further study, both in the UK and abroad.
- Global opportunities are available for St Andrews students through our unique internship and work shadowing programmes.
- Our alumni offer support and help in your career and networking events worldwide.
- International Opportunity Managers work with employers and alumni overseas to secure access to internships and graduate jobs, as well as keeping up to date with the latest trends in graduate recruitment.
- We provide advice for those looking to go on to further study, including application feedback and interview coaching.
- The University's Entrepreneurship Centre supports aspiring entrepreneurs.

Employability

There are many opportunities to enhance the skills you need to be successful in your chosen field when you graduate. Opportunities for students to take responsibility through societies, events, volunteering and sport mean that St Andrews graduates are both academic high achievers and prepared for their careers.

96%

of our graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation

Academic and professional development

A range of workshops, online resources and awards programmes are available to all students to develop a set of graduate attributes. These graduate attributes include leadership, digital skills, entrepreneurial mindsets, global outlooks, diversity, social responsibility and sustainability. Our awards programmes help students develop and articulate their skills while preparing them for work, further study or entrepreneurial endeavours. Students who complete an award have their achievement recognised on their Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR) when they graduate.

CEED (the Centre for Educational Enhancement and Development) also offers other support services and development opportunities centred around student transitions, coaching, academic skills, IT skills and developing an entrepreneurial mindset.

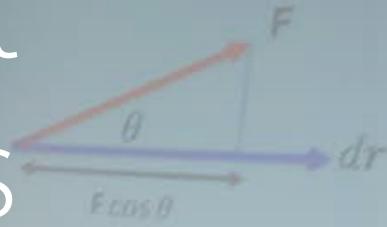
www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/ceed

<https://edencampus.st-andrews.ac.uk/entrepreneurship-centre/>

Studying at St Andrews

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Studying at St Andrews is an opportunity to learn at one of the **most extraordinary universities in the world**. Most of our degree programmes are **four years long** and our **flexible degree structure** allows you to **study multiple subjects**.

The four-year structure for most of our degree programmes allows you to study a broad range of subjects before settling on your choice of degree. You will study three subjects in first year and two or three in second year (depending on your subject). Third and fourth years are Honours years where you specialise further in your chosen subject(s).

Degree types

There are several types of degree available:

- **Single Honours degrees** – one subject in the final two years, for example BSc (Hons) Biology.
- **Joint Honours degrees** – two subjects in the final two years, typically 50% in each subject, for example MA (Hons) Economics and English.
- **‘With’ degrees** involve the study of two subjects in the final two years on a Major-Minor basis, with one ‘Major’ subject, and one ‘Minor’ subject, for example BSc (Hons) Biology with Arabic.
- A number of **Triple Honours** programmes are available within the School of Modern Languages. Further details can be found on page 143.
- **Integrated Masters degrees** are available in most science subjects. These programmes are usually five years in length, with the fifth year involving Masters-level study, for example MSci Computer Science.

Faculties

Although you will be applying for a specific degree programme, your admission to St Andrews will be to one of our four Faculties. These are:

- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Divinity
- Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/faculties

- ▲ **Cross-Faculty subjects** are offered in both the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science. The content is the same within the subject, regardless of Faculty. Most Cross-Faculty subjects offer BSc and MA degree programmes. Please see page 49 where the Cross-Faculty subjects are identified by blue triangles. If you are unsure which degree you should apply for, please contact Admissions.
- **Medicine students** study here for three to five years, depending on their course, and follow a set programme. For further details, see page 134.

Faculties

Each academic School belongs to one of four Faculties. Students are admitted to one Faculty, though sometimes there are opportunities to study in another Faculty if you would like to!

Faculty of Arts

MA (Master of Arts) Honours – *four years*

BA (Bachelor of Arts) International Honours – *four years*

St Andrews has a centuries-long tradition of teaching in the arts, and today we continue to teach arts, humanities and social science subjects at the highest possible level. Studying in the

Faculty of Arts will allow you to take the passion you have for a particular subject further and also to explore new areas of study that interest you.

Through the teaching of leading academics and learning alongside students from all over the world, not only will you experience an outstanding education but also different perspectives from classmates with diverse backgrounds.

Faculty of Science

BSc (Bachelor of Science) Honours – *four years*

MBiochem (Master in Biochemistry) Honours – *five years*

MBiol (Master in Biology) Honours – *five years*

MChem (Master in Chemistry) Honours – *five years*

MGeol (Master in Geology) Honours – *five years*

MMarBiol (Master in Marine Biology) Honours – *five years*

MMath (Master in Mathematics) Honours – *five years*

MPhys (Master in Physics) Honours – *five years*

MSci (Master in Science) Honours – *five years*

We are extremely proud of our science teaching at St Andrews. In all of the science Schools at St Andrews you will experience research-led teaching and be taught by leaders in their respective fields. Small-group teaching is common, and you will be able to explore your chosen subject in small groups and in state-of-the-art laboratories. The Faculty provides a variety of programmes leading to an Honours degree in science.

Faculty of Divinity

MTheol (Master of Theology) Honours – *four years*

MA (Master of Arts) Honours – *four years*

A close-knit community with centuries of teaching and tradition, the Faculty of Divinity offers you the opportunity to explore biblical and theological studies as, or as part of, your degree programme.

Faculty of Medicine

BSc (Bachelor of Science) Honours – *three years*

MBChB (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) Community Orientated Medicine – *five years*

MBChB (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) Graduate Entry – *four years*

Medicine has been taught at St Andrews for more than 550 years and is now located in

the Medical and Biological Sciences Building to provide the infrastructure and academic environment needed to ensure the sustained development and expansion of medical teaching and research. Our programmes do not follow the same model as the rest of the University, rather they have a set structure in which all courses are compulsory and unique to the Faculty of Medicine.

Subject list

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■ Biology	64	■ Greek	80	▲ Pure Mathematics	130
■ Cell Biology	64	■ Hebrew	88	■ Religion in Society	88
■ Chemical Sciences	70	■ History	114	■ Russian	164
■ Chemistry	70	■ International Relations	122	■ Scottish History	120
■ Chinese Studies	74	■ Italian	126	■ Social Anthropology	166
■ Classical Studies	78	■ Latin	80	■ Spanish	170
■ Classics	80	▲ Management	128	▲ Statistics	130
■ Comparative Literature	82	■ Marine Biology	64	▲ Sustainable Development	172
■ Computer Science	84	■ Materials Chemistry	70	■ Theological Studies	88
■ Divinity	88	▲ Mathematics	130	■ Theology	88
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Please note

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

Please check the University website and any communications you receive from the University for the most recent information.

Choosing your subjects

Our degree structure is designed to give you as much **flexibility** in your **choice of subjects** as possible. In your first and second years you will **study a number of subjects**, so that you can explore multiple topics before finalising your degree programme.



First and second years (sub-honours)

In first year, most students (except those studying Medicine) will study three subjects. These are made up from the subject(s) you were admitted to study plus one or two more, depending on whether you applied for a Single or Joint Honours programme.

In second year, those in the Faculties of Arts or Divinity will study three subjects; most students in the Faculty of Science will study two.

You will choose your additional subject(s) shortly before arriving at St Andrews and confirm these choices when you meet with your Adviser of Studies.

If your plans and passions change, or you decide that you do not want to continue to study one of your subjects, it is sometimes possible to change this subject for a new one after the first year. Your Adviser of Studies will discuss the choices and implications with you.

In first and second year, you will usually be taught through lectures given by specialists in that subject. Depending on the subjects you choose, you will also be taught through small-group tutorials, laboratory work and fieldwork. All students are also expected to carry out further reading and research through independent study.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

At the end of second year you will make the final choice of which Honours programme you will study. The options available to you will be based on the subjects you have studied throughout first and second year; these may be different to the programme you were originally admitted to.

In the final two years you will often be able to specialise and gain an in-depth knowledge of your chosen subject(s).

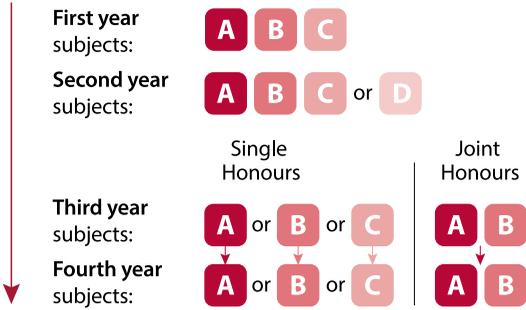
During Honours your class sizes will be considerably smaller than in the early part of your degree. You will still be taught through a variety of methods, but there will be much more emphasis on independent study. In your final year, you will also have the opportunity to undertake a dissertation or project.

Fifth year (Integrated Masters programmes)

Many of our science subjects offer the opportunity to integrate a Masters-level programme into your degree programme. If you apply for an Integrated Masters your degree will last five years. Your fifth year will be a continuation of your Honours years, studying your subject and interests in greater depth.

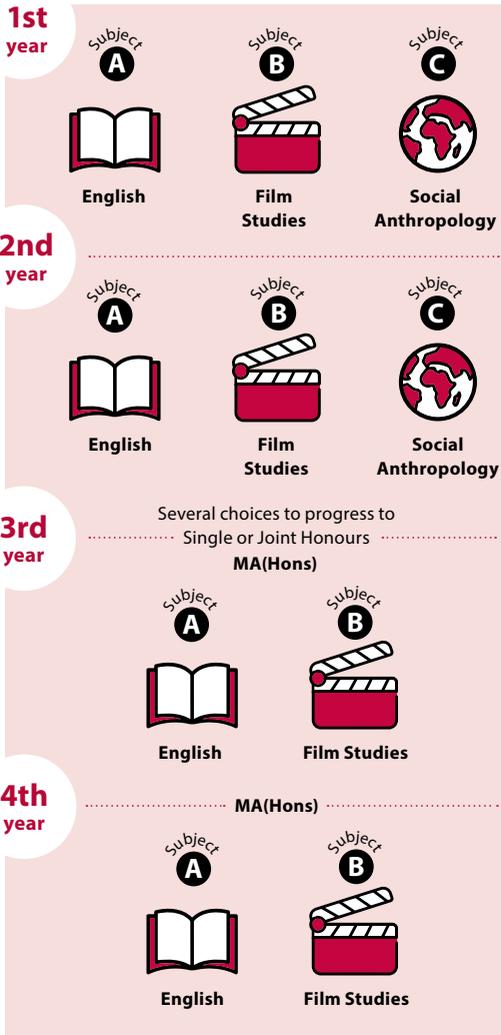
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MA (Master of Arts) Honours

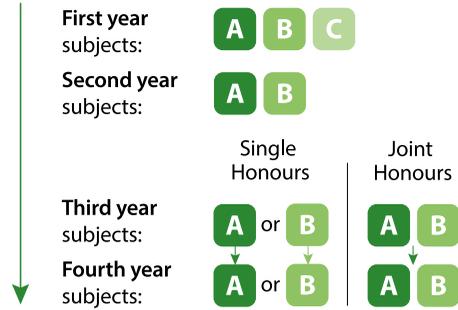


Typical structure of an Arts programme

This diagram shows an example of a student entering an Arts programme intending to move to Honours in English. This student chose a Joint Honours route. They could, however, have taken Single Honours in any one of the three subjects or a joint combination.

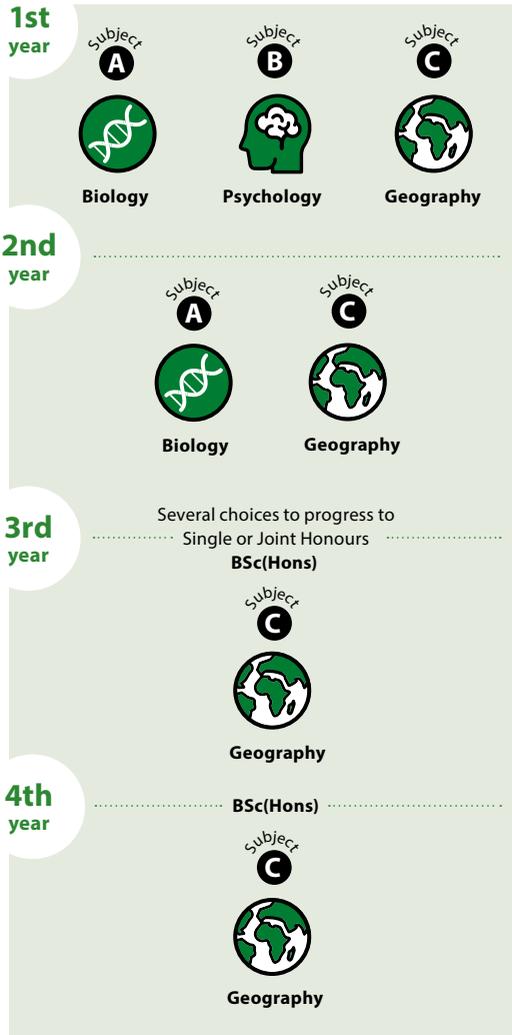


BSc (Bachelor of Science) Honours



Typical structure of a Science programme

This diagram shows an example of a student entering a Science programme intending to move to Honours in Biology. This student chose to change pathway completely and graduate with a Geography degree, however, they could have chosen to take one of the degree routes offered within Biology.



Faculty of Arts combinations

MA Honours

	Ancient History	Ancient History & Archaeology	Arabic* – also WIYA	Art History	Bible and Culture [^]	Biblical Studies	Chinese Studies – also WIYA	Classical Studies	Classics	Comparative Literature	Economics*	English	Film Studies	Financial Economics*	French* – also WIYA	Geography*
Ancient History	S		3	J		J				J	J	J	J		J/3	
Ancient History & Archaeology		S														
Arabic* – also WIYA	3			J		J	J	3	J	J/3	J	J/3	J		J/3	J
Art History	J		J	S	W	J	J	J		J		J	J		J	J
Bible and Culture [^]				W								W	W			
Biblical Studies	J		J	J		S		J		J	J	J	J		J	
Chinese Studies – also WIYA			J	J						J	J		J		J	
Classical Studies			3	J		J		S		J		J	J		J/3	
Classics			J						S	J		J			J	
Comparative Literature	J		J/3	J		J	J	J	J			J	J		J/3	J
Economics*	J		J			J	J				S	J	J			J
English	J		J/3	J	W	J		J	J	J	J	S	J		J/3	
Film Studies	J		J	J	W	J	J	J		J	J	J	S		J	J
Financial Economics*														S		
French* – also WIYA	J/3		J/3	J		J	J	J/3	J	J/3		J/3	J		S	J
Geography*			J	J						J	J		J		J	S
German – also WIYA	J/3		J/3	J		J ⁶	J			J/3	J/W	J/3	J		J/3	
Greek	J			J		J		J		J		J			J/3	
Hebrew			J	J		J				J		J			J	J
International Relations	J		J/3	J		J	J	J		J	J	J	J		J/3	J
Italian – also WIYA	J/3		J/3	J			J	J/3	J	J/3	J	J/3	J		J/3	J
Latin	J		J/3					J		J		J			J/3	
Management*			J/3	J			J		J	J	J	J		J	J/3	J
Mathematics*	J		J	J		J		J			J	J		J		
Medieval History	J		J	J	W	J		J		J	J	J			J	J
Middle East Studies			J/3	J				J			J	J			J	
Modern History			J	J	W		J	J	J	J	J	J	J		J	J
New Testament																
Persian	J/3		J/3				J	J/3	J	J/3	J	J/3	J		J/3	J/W
Philosophy*	J		J	J	W	J		J	J	J	J	J	J		J	J
Psychology*			J	J						J	J	J	J		J	J/W
Religion in Society [^]																
Russian – also WIYA			J/3	J			J	3		J/3	J/W	J/3	J		J/3	W
Scottish History					W			J				J	J			J
Social Anthropology	J	J	J/3	J				J	J	J	J/W	J	J		J	J/W
Spanish – also WIYA	J/3		J/3	J			J		J	J/3	J/W	J/3	J		J/3	J/W
Statistics*											J					
Sustainable Development*			J	J							J	J	J			J
Theological Studies								J				J	J		J	J

WIYA = Also available With Integrated Year Abroad * = Further combinations are available in the Faculty of Science, see page 54

S = Single J = Joint 3 = Triple W = 'With' ⁶ = Only available to non-beginners in German

[^] = Only available as the minor part of the 'With' degree combination

German – also WIYA	Greek	Hebrew	International Relations	Italian – also WIYA	Latin	Management*	Mathematics*	Medieval History	Middle East Studies	Modern History	New Testament	Persian	Philosophy*	Psychology*	Religion in Society [^]	Russian – also WIYA	Scottish History	Social Anthropology	Spanish – also WIYA	Statistics*	Sustainable Development*	Theological Studies
J/3	J		J	J/3	J		J	J				J/3	J					J	J/3			
J/3		J	J/3	J/3	J/3	J/3	J	J	J/3	J		J/3	J	J		J/3		J/3	J/3			J
J	J	J	J	J		J	J	J	J	J			J	J		J		J	J			J
J ⁶	J	J	J				J	J		W			J				W					
J			J	J		J				J		J				J			J			
	J		J	J/3	J	J	J	J	J	J		J/3	J			3	J	J				J
				J	J	J				J		J	J					J	J			
J/3	J	J	J	J/3	J	J		J		J		J/3	J	J		J/3		J	J/3			
J/W			J	J		J	J	J	J	J		J	J	J		J/W		J/W	J/W	J	J	
J/3	J	J	J	J/3	J	J	J	J	J	J		J/3	J	J		J/3	J	J	J/3		J	J
J			J	J			J			J		J	J	J		J	J	J	J		J	J
J/3	J/3	J	J/3	J/3	J/3	J/3	J	J	J	J		J/3	J	J		J/3		J	J/3			J
		J	J	J		J		J	J	J		J/W	J	J/W		W	J	J/W	J/W		J	J
S	3		J/3	J/3		J ⁶ /3 ⁶	J	J	J	J		J/3	J	J		J/3		J	J/3		J	J
3	S	J		3						J		J/3	J					J	J/3			
	J						J		J													
J/3			S	J/3	J	J	J	J	J	J		J/3/W	J	J	W	J/3	J	J	J/3		J	J
J/3	3		J/3	S	J/3	J/3	J	J		J		J/3	J	J		J/3	J	J	J/3		J	J
			J	J/3	S		J	J		J		J/3	J			J/3		J	J/3			
J ⁶ /3 ⁶			J	J/3		S			J	J		J/3	J	J	W				J/3		J	
J		J	J	J	J		S	J		J			J	J		J/W	J		J/W			J
J			J	J	J		J	S	J			J/W	J	J		J		J	J			J
J		J	J		J		J	J		J		J/3				J		J	J			
J	J		J	J	J	J	J	J	J	S	J	J/W	J	J		J		J	J		J	J
J/3	J/3		J/3/W	J/3	J/3	J/3		J/W	J/3	J/W			J	J		J/3		J	J/3			
J	J		J	J	J	J	J	J		J		J	S	J	W	J	J	J	J	J	J	J
J			J	J		J	J	J		J		J	J	S		J		J		J	J	J
			W			W							W					W				
J/3			J/3	J/3	J/3		J/W	J	J	J		J/3	J	J		S	J	J/3	J/3		J	J
			J	J		J	J					J	J			J	S	J	J			
J	J		J	J	J			J	J	J		J	J	J	W	J/3	J	S	J		J	J
J/3	J/3		J/3	J/3	J/3	J/3	J/W	J	J	J		J/3	J			J/3	J	J	S		J	J
													J	J						S		
J			J	J		J				J			J	J		J		J	J		S	
J			J				J	J		J			J	J		J		J	J			S

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[^] = Only available as the minor part of the 'With' degree combination

Faculty of Science combinations

BSc Honours

	Arabic*^	Biology	Chemistry	Computer Science	Earth Sciences	Economics*	Financial Economics*	French*^ – also WIYA	Geography*	Management*	Mathematics*†	Philosophy*	Physics	Psychology*†	Statistics*	Sustainable Development*
Arabic*^		W														
Biology	W	S	J	J	J	J		W	J		J	J		J/W	J	J
Chemistry		J	S		J			W			J					
Computer Science		J		S		J				J	J	J		J	J	
Earth Sciences		J	J		S				J							
Economics*		J		J		S			J	J	J			J	J	J
Financial Economics*							S			J	J					
French*^ – also WIYA		W	W													
Geography*		J			J	J			S	J	J/W				J	J
Management*				J		J	J		J	S						J
Mathematics*†		J	J	J		J	J		J/W		S	J	J	J		
Philosophy*		J		J							J		J		J	J
Physics											J	J	S			
Psychology*†		J/W		J		J					J			S	J	J
Statistics*		J		J		J			J			J		J	S	
Sustainable Development*		J				J			J	J		J		J		S

S = Single **J** = Joint **W** = With **†** = Only available as the major part of the 'With' degree combination

^ = Only available as the minor part of the 'With' degree combination **WIYA** = Also available With Integrated Year Abroad

***** = Further combinations are available in the Faculty of Arts, see pages 52-53

Integrated Masters combinations

	Chemistry (MChem)	Chemistry (MSci)	French (MChem)^	Mathematics (MChem)^	Mathematics (MPhys)	Physics (MSci)	Theoretical Physics (MPhys)
Chemistry (MChem)							
Chemistry (MSci)							
French (MChem)^			W	W			
Mathematics (MChem)^			W				
Mathematics (MPhys)^							J
Physics (MSci)		J					
Theoretical Physics (MPhys)					J		

S = Single **J** = Joint **W** = With

^ = Only available as the minor part of the degree combination

Single Honours Integrated Masters:

Applied Mathematics (MMath)
 Astrophysics (MPhys)
 Biochemistry (MBiochem)
 Biology (MBiol)
 Chemistry (MChem)*
 Chemistry with Medicinal
 Chemistry (MChem)*
 Computer Science (MSci)
 Earth Sciences (MGeol)
 Marine Biology (MMarBiol)
 Materials Chemistry (MChem)*
 Mathematics (MMath)
 Physics (MPhys)
 Pure Mathematics (MMath)
 Statistics (MMath)
 Theoretical Physics (MPhys)

* Also available with External Placement



Ancient History (& Archaeology)

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/ancient-history
classics@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **School of Classics; Classical Studies; Classics, Greek and Latin; History**



Archaeology class

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Ancient History
Ancient History &
Archaeology

MA

Joint Honours

Ancient History &
Archaeology and
Social Anthropology
Ancient History and one of
18 other subjects

*See Arts combinations,
pages 52-53*

MA

Triple Honours

Ancient History and two
modern languages

*See Triple combinations,
pages 146-147*

BA

International Honours

Classical Studies – Ancient
History and Archaeology
pathway

*See entry requirements and
other information, page 28*

Ancient History is a diverse subject which encourages us to reflect on many current debates. You will utilise a range of sources to study the political, social and cultural history of the ancient Mediterranean world.

- Wide range of specialist topics covering all periods of ancient history, from the second millennium BCE to late antiquity.
- Specialist archaeology modules and skills training in second, third and fourth years.
- No prior experience required: you can start studying Ancient History here.
- Option to learn Latin and Greek from scratch alongside your Ancient History modules.
- For Study Abroad information, see page 77.

What will I study?

Ancient History

Ancient History at St Andrews is an exciting and wide-ranging subject that covers not just the ancient Greeks and Romans but also some of their neighbours, such as the Persians and Phoenicians. Key specialisms at St Andrews include ancient religion, gender, historiography, economics, warfare, empires, cities and urban living. An Ancient History degree will take you on a fascinating journey to the heart of the complex and varied societies of the ancient Mediterranean, which are both deeply familiar and profoundly strange.

Ancient History & Archaeology

Taught alongside Ancient History in the first two years, this degree programme branches out in the third and fourth years with training in key archaeological skills and a range of specialist modules on the material culture of the ancient Mediterranean.

Both programmes:

First and second years

From the emergence of the city-states of early Greece to the rise and collapse of the Roman empire, you will study the broadest questions of ancient

Mediterranean history and those closest to personal life. You will learn about topics such as the nature of ancient Mediterranean empires, the lives of Alexander the Great, the emperor Augustus and other major figures of antiquity, the ancient economy, the ecological underpinnings of ancient urban life, relationships within ancient households, women and gender in antiquity, warfare, slavery, wealth and poverty, colonisation, migration and diasporas, and matters of religion and belief. Core skills will be developed through integrated tutorials and artefact-handling sessions using the University's collection of archaeological finds.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

Recent topics in Ancient History have included Persia and the Greeks, ancient religion and magic, environmental history, Roman slavery and empires in antiquity.

Recent topics in Archaeology have included the city of Rome, Greek painted pottery, identity in the first millennium BCE Mediterranean and Classical bodies.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

✉ www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I didn't originally apply for Ancient History but I found my passion in the subject in first year. There are many modules looking into diversifying classics, bringing new voices in and pushing the boundaries of what the subject means – I have especially found an interest in environmental history and bioarchaeology which I never expected when I started!"

Gabrielle (Byron Bay, NSW, Australia)

Arabic

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/arabic
arabhod@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Middle East Studies, Modern Languages**



Wadi Rum, Aqaba, Jordan

Available degree options

All the degrees are available With Integrated Year Abroad

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Joint Honours

Arabic and one of **27** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

Arabic and two other modern languages
See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

Arabic and one other modern language
and another subject
See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

BSc

'With' Honours

Biology with Arabic

Arabic is the official language of 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa. By studying Arabic at St Andrews you will gain a high level of competence in the everyday formal language as well as the language of the Arabic media and classical and modern literature.

- You can take Arabic with a wide range of other subjects.
- You will be taught by a small but diverse team of academics and language tutors in each year.
- You will be taught by scholars whose research and literary translation work is internationally recognised.
- You will gain a knowledge of both classical and contemporary Arab culture.
- The Arabic and Persian Department at St Andrews has been ranked second in the UK in the *National Student Survey* in 2023.

What will I study?

The topics covered include the language of the Arabic media and classical and modern language and literature. You will be exposed to a wide range of texts and media, including classical poetry, the Qur'an, the *Thousand and One Nights*, modern short stories and films, news bulletins, videos and articles from the Arabic media. You will acquire a high level of competence in language skills. You can progress to Joint Honours in Arabic and a wide range of other subjects, including Persian, Middle East Studies, modern European languages, Chinese Studies, International Relations, English, Modern or Medieval History, Mathematics.

First year

The Arabic modules will enable you to read, write and converse in simple Modern Standard Arabic. The Arabic alphabet, writing system and basic Arabic grammar are covered. A selection of non-literary modern Arabic texts will be used in class as the basis of language teaching, classroom drills, tests and written assignments and oral class work.

Second year

Modules taught in second year will enable you to read and write Modern Standard Arabic to intermediate level and to speak in standard Arabic with a limited vocabulary. Oral work and written class work will be based on a series of texts relevant to contemporary issues and culture. There are also two optional modules, providing an introduction to classical Arab culture and an introduction to Middle Eastern history, which are relevant to any student of Arabic.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

In addition to core language modules, you can choose from a range of modern and classical topics. You can write a dissertation on a topic of your choice with an individual supervisor.

Study or work abroad

You can apply to study or work for a semester or more in an Arab country. Arabic students may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information on page 143 and online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“One of the highlights of my university experience was the opportunity to study Arabic in Jordan. I lived in the magnificent city of Amman and used my weekends to travel outside the capital. I did all this while continuing to learn Arabic both through these travels and also through the excellent language institute I studied at during the weekdays. Study abroad immerses you linguistically and culturally.”

Zara (London, England)

Pictured opposite while on study abroad in Jordan

Art History

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Researching the Argyll Collection of modern African art acquired by Naomi Mitchison

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Art History

MA

Joint Honours

Art History and one of **26**
other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

'With' Honours

Art History with Bible and Culture

You will study art from the medieval period to the present day, exploring a range of media including painting, sculpture, architecture, applied art, photography and performance art. You will learn to assess artworks critically in relation to their historical, social and political contexts.

- Art History at St Andrews is ranked first in the UK in the *Guardian University Guide 2024*, first in the UK in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*, first in Scotland and fourth in the UK in the *Complete University Guide 2024*, and second in the *National Student Survey 2023*.
- We are one of the largest Art History departments in the UK and have a wide range of expertise.
- Most teaching is directly informed by the research activities of our staff, so it is continuously updated and always offered by specialists.
- Our School is friendly and collegial with a strong sense of community.

What will I study?

Art History provides a context in which you will gain intellectual breadth and become verbally and visually articulate. You will learn to assess images, artworks and architecture of all kinds, both critically and perceptively. We do not teach technical or practical art skills – although previous experience in these, perhaps in the context of a Higher or an A-Level, would certainly provide a useful background.

We focus on the histories of painting, sculpture, architecture, applied art, graphic art and photography, as well as contemporary media like installation and performance.

A wide range of factors are considered, including the analysis of style, content and meaning, politics, patronage and social significance, and broader questions of theory and aesthetics.

First year

We offer two modules. The first comprises medieval and Renaissance visual art and architecture in Europe and beyond. It has a particular focus on the social, political and religious conditions under which

art was produced and examines points of contact with the wider world. The second module analyses art and architecture in the 17th and 18th centuries, primarily (but not only) in Europe, addressing technological advances, widening audiences and processes of colonisation.

Second year

You will take two modules. The first explores the intersection of visual culture with conceptions of modernity, empire and revolutionary resistance in the long 19th century, predominantly but not exclusively in Europe, paying particular attention to the constructs of gender, race and class. The second module expands on the relationship between art and political struggle in the 20th and 21st centuries, examining how practitioners around the globe have contributed to socio-cultural change.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You can choose subjects from a wide range of options, corresponding to the research interests of individual members of staff.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“The structure of the Art History course works really well as the sub-honours years are taught chronologically, allowing a taste of the breadth of the subject before specialising. Particularly in Honours, the lecturers and tutors really encourage you to find what you are interested in and explore that. The seminars, which are based heavily on group discussion, also help you to gain confidence in speaking about art history.”

Sarah (Sunderland, England)

Art History

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In third year, all Single Honours students take a core theory and methods module in the first semester (optional for Joint Honours students). This is designed to further your understanding of major art-historical issues.

The following fields (among others) are currently taught, although applicants are advised that this list changes in line with staff availability: art and architecture of the medieval period; Renaissance painting, sculpture and architecture; 19th-century art; history of photography; Orientalism and art; Russian and East Central European art; African art; art of the Islamic world; 20th-century modernisms; Latin American art; Japanese visual culture; feminist and queer art history; art and environmental crisis.

Study abroad

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

Careers

A degree in Art History from St Andrews will provide you with an excellent foundation for a career in a wide range of fields, not least those associated with the arts.

Graduates in Art History often work in museums and galleries, arts administration, the art trade or education. In addition, many go on to careers in publishing, media, marketing, public relations, law, business, finance, retail, catering and hospitality.

Graduates in Art History are highly regarded by employers because they have numerous significant transferable skills. At St Andrews students are trained to present in various media (orally and visually, as well as through written work), use their critical judgement to make arguments, meet deadlines, hone their editorial skills and work collaboratively with other students.

In recent years our graduates have secured employment in a wide range of positions in and beyond the art world, including in auction houses, journalism, the civil service, education, banking and finance, public relations and numerous national and regional museums and galleries.

A good number of Art History graduates go on to further study. This can be in the discipline itself, in associated fields or other humanities. Those seeking careers in museums and galleries, particularly as curators or administrators, often take a relevant postgraduate degree, including the Museum and Heritage Studies programme at St Andrews.



"The topics covered – from the reception of Classical antiquity to the patronage of art and the artistic representation of genders – are always so intellectually stimulating and are so fundamental to the understanding of societies, cultures, and civilisations. All the field trips to museums and galleries in Edinburgh and Glasgow are also really fun experiences!"

Haomin (Shanghai, China)

Now doing a Masters in Renaissance Art History and Curatorship at the Warburg Institute



Biology

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/biology
bioadmissions@st-andrews.ac.uk



Second year students studying effectors of fluorescent protein expression

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, Biology or Human Biology

MBiol

BSc

BSc

BSc

MBiochem

MMarBiol

Single Honours

Joint Honours

'With' Honours

Integrated Masters

Biology (MBiol)
 Biochemistry (MBiochem)
 Marine Biology (MMarBiol)

Animal Behaviour
 Biochemistry
 Biology
 Cell Biology
 Ecology & Conservation
 Evolutionary Biology
 Marine Biology
 Molecular Biology
 Zoology

Biology and one of **10** other subjects

See Science combinations, page 54

Biology with Arabic
 Biology with French
 Biology with French (With Integrated Year Abroad)

Psychology with Biology

You will study life at all levels of organisation, from the molecular biology of virus replication to the behaviour of animals in their natural habitats, and the functioning of entire ecosystems.

- Biology at St Andrews has an exceptional reputation for equality and diversity (Athena SWAN Gold) and actively promotes an inclusive, welcoming culture.
- Flexible modular degrees spanning a range of disciplines across the biological sciences.
- Integrated Masters degrees in Biology, Biochemistry and Marine Biology.
- A strong focus on analytical, research and quantitative skills provides an extensive training in scientific methods.
- Lectures are augmented by substantial practical experience (in the laboratory and the field) and by regular small group tutorials.
- An independent research project provides key skills in experimental design, data collection, analysis and presentation, and vital preparation for a career in research.
- Small-group, research-led teaching allows in-depth discussion and exploration of current science across a broad range of topics.

What will I study?

Biology at St Andrews offers the whole spectrum of the biological sciences, from molecules and cells to organisms and environments. After a broad-based introduction, you will take ever more specialised modules, culminating in a research project. You will graduate with a BSc (Honours) degree or with an Integrated Masters degree.

First year

You will study the whole breadth of biology, from molecules and cells through to evolution, ecology and organismal biology. You will gain hands-on experience through participation in weekly laboratory- and field-based practical classes.

Second year

You will begin specialising in your areas of interest. You will have the opportunity to study cell biology, molecular biology, biochemistry, evolution, ecology, the oceans and zoology. You will also study research methods and attend laboratory- or field-based practical classes.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

In your first Honours year, you will study advanced topics in your specialism, allowing you to further enhance your subject knowledge, practical skills and quantitative skills.

In your second Honours year, you will study in small research-led classes and will carry out an individual research project.

Integrated Masters (five years)

In your fourth year, you will undertake a year-long research placement within industry or at a research institute, usually away from St Andrews. The following year, you will return to study advanced modules in your chosen specialism.

Direct entry into second year

It is possible to enter directly into second year for most Biology programmes, if you are suitably qualified.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAB**
 - **Minimum entry grades AABB**
- Must include (Biology or Human Biology) and (Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics). Biochemistry must include (Biology or Human Biology) and Chemistry.

• **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAB**
 - **Minimum entry grades ABB**
- Must include Biology and (Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics). Biochemistry must include Biology and Chemistry.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)** including HL6 in Biology and (Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics). Biochemistry must include HL6 in Biology and Chemistry.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL6 in Biology and HL5 in (Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics). Biochemistry must include HL6 Biology and HL5 Chemistry.

Direct entry to second year

SQA Highers/ Advanced Highers:

- **Advanced Higher A** in (Biology or Human Biology) and **B** in (Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics), or vice-versa, **plus Highers AAAB**. Biochemistry must include Biology and Chemistry.

GCE A-Level:

- **AAA** including Biology and (Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics). Biochemistry must include Biology and Chemistry.

International Baccalaureate:

- **38** including HL6 in Biology and (Chemistry or Mathematics or Physics). Biochemistry must include HL6 in Biology and Chemistry.

Biology

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Our degree programmes:

Animal Behaviour

Firmly set in an evolutionary framework, this degree covers why behaviour evolves and how it develops. You will examine the building blocks of behaviour, such as its genetic and neural basis, and the role behaviour plays in ecosystem function. You will learn about cutting-edge research in a variety of topics including animal cognition, communication and culture. Your final year research project might involve collecting data on animals at overseas field sites, on the shores or in the fields of Fife, or in research laboratories in St Andrews.

Biochemistry (BSc or MBiochem)

You will study recent advances in our understanding of the structure and function of macromolecules alongside cell biology and organismal biology, developing an appreciation of the interdisciplinary nature of biochemistry. You will learn how biochemistry is providing solutions to global challenges, such as the urgent need for novel antibiotics or drugs to combat emerging diseases, and for crops with improved yields. You will study protein structure and function, gene regulation, advanced biochemistry, infection and disease, and pharmacology. For the MBiochem, see also Integrated Masters on page 65.

Biology (BSc or MBiol)

If you have broad interests in biology and would rather take a wide variety of topics throughout all years, these are the degrees for you. Many of our applicants initially choose a Biology degree and later decide on a more specialised degree. However, we are also keen to support broad-based biologists, who bridge whole-organism and molecular subjects. For the MBiol, see also Integrated Masters on page 65.

Cell Biology

You will concentrate on how molecular processes are organised within the cell and on how cells work together within an organism. This programme provides the basis for understanding the physiology and development of animals and plants, as well as many aspects of pathology. The

programme focuses on the structure and function of animals, plants and microbes, and on how cells interact as they form tissues and embryos. In addition to a final year research project, you are able to take research-led, small group classes focused on, for example, advanced microscopy and image analysis techniques.

Ecology & Conservation

You will discover key principles to understanding the diversity of environments (both terrestrial and aquatic), the processes of evolution and speciation, the interactions between plants and animals, and animal behaviour. You will also see their application in biodiversity, sustainability and conservation issues. You will participate in a residential field course and develop your research skills with one of our leading researchers in ecology and conservation. Your final year project could focus, for example, on the impacts of disturbance on coral reefs or of wind turbines on bird populations, and will provide crucial training in experimental design, data collection and analysis.

Evolutionary Biology

This degree focuses on the theory of evolution via courses in evolutionary genetics and evolutionary ecology. The impact of evolution on animal and plant interactions, terrestrial and aquatic ecology, biodiversity and conservation, computational genomics and infection and disease will be explored. You will develop your research skills on a residential field course and subsequently work with one of our outstanding ecologists or evolutionary biologists for your final year research project. This might involve research on why animals typically produce an equal ratio of daughters and sons, the genetic basis of speciation, or the evolution of development.

Marine Biology (BSc or MMarBiol)

These degrees will teach you about the diversity of marine life from the deep sea to estuaries, and from tiny cells to large marine mammals. Topics at an advanced level will cover marine molecular ecology, genomics and marine microbiology, and the ecology of marine mammals. The shores of the North Sea make St Andrews the ideal place to

study marine wildlife in its natural habitat. You will have the opportunity to learn not only in the laboratory, but also out in the field. You can access the world-renowned Scottish Oceans Institute, which is housed in the new multidisciplinary research and teaching centre located on the East Sands in St Andrews. For the MMarBiol, see also Integrated Masters on page 65.

Molecular Biology

You will study core topics in molecular biology, such as nucleic acid structure and function, chromosome dynamics, gene structure and expression, molecular genetics, molecular virology, structural biology and bioinformatics. There are advanced modules in protein structure and function, gene expression and infection and immunity. You will choose from a range of small-group, research-led modules that currently includes chromatin and genome stability, computational genomics, the CRISPR system and molecular virology. Your final year project is typically conducted with one of the internationally recognised research groups working in the University's Biomedical Sciences Research Complex.

Zoology

You will embark on a wide-ranging exploration of the animal kingdom, encompassing the structure, development, evolution, classification, behaviour and distribution of all types of animals, both living and extinct. Modules will enable you to understand animals from their genes to their cells, through their physiology and development, to their behaviour and the roles they play in terrestrial and aquatic environments. You will undertake a research project that builds on any question concerning the animal kingdom, which encompasses insects and birds avoiding being eaten, how animals recognise possible mates, and how animals gain information from each other.

Study abroad

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

Additional compulsory costs

All students need to cover the costs of a laboratory coat and dissection kit. Those on the Ecology & Conservation degree will need to pay for residential field courses. Integrated Masters students may also encounter additional living costs in their fourth year, if they choose to take industry or research placements outside St Andrews. Some optional classes also incur additional costs.

Financial support

The University of St Andrews offers a number of scholarships and financial support packages to undergraduate students.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/undergraduate/financial-assistance

Careers

Graduates from the School of Biology have a wide range of skills sought by employers: laboratory and field data collection, data handling and presentation, problem solving, teamwork, planning, and organisation and communication skills. Our graduates have secured employment as clinical scientists, consultant ecologists, marine mammal scientists, museum curators, science communicators and schoolteachers. Beyond biology, our recent graduates have gained employment in a wide variety of business sectors such as marketing and finance. Others have gone on to study for a wide range of Masters and PhD programmes in the UK and overseas.



"I spent a year doing research at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, working on natural products from marine sources. This external placement experience has shaped my future, my career and my passion. It was so memorable to be a biochemistry student doing scientific research in such a paradise."

Rol-J (Saint Kitts and Nevis)

Business School

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admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Economics and Finance, Management**



First year lecture in the Younger Hall

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

BSc

MA

Single Honours

Economics
Financial Economics
Management

See *Cross-Faculty subjects*, page 47

BSc

MA

Joint Honours BSc

Economics and one of **8** other subjects
Financial Economics and Management
Financial Economics and Mathematics
Management and one of **5** other subjects

See *Science combinations*, page 54

MA

'With' Honours

Economics with one of **4** other subjects
Management with Religion in Society

Triple Honours

Management and two modern languages

See *Arts combinations*, pages 52-53

BA

International Honours

Economics

See *entry requirements and other information*, page 28

Joint Honours MA

Economics and one of **23** other subjects
Financial Economics and Management
Financial Economics and Mathematics
Management and one of **20** other subjects

See *Arts combinations*, pages 52-53

The University of St Andrews Business School unites critical thinkers across academia, the public, private and third sectors to deliver entrepreneurial, socially responsible and research-informed learning for tomorrow's leaders.

- You will be taught by a dynamic academic team, from its component Departments of Economics, Finance and Management, with a diverse range of research interests and backgrounds.
- The programmes will develop your communication and transferable skills and collaborative and integrated problem-solving competencies.
- You will develop critical thinking, self-reliance, research skills and other graduate attributes that will enhance your employability.
- There is a large portfolio of degrees offered (MA, BSc, Single Honours, Joint Honours or Triple Honours).
- You will encounter international scholars and students from all over the world.

What will I study?

The Business School provides you with opportunities to explore the theory and practice of business in the contemporary world. You will select the subjects and skills in which you would like to further expand your expertise. The depth to which you explore these will depend on your degree focus and interests.

Throughout your studies, you will discuss contemporary events, investigate innovative theories and ideas, and develop creative solutions to global problems by learning to critically examine how economies and societies are organised.

Basic and advanced training is available in quantitative and qualitative skills and analysis - both statistical and managerial. Presentation skills, group working, and self-reliance provide vocational relevance and preparation for life beyond graduation.

The Business School emphasises responsible enterprise, which will enable you to develop your social and environmental awareness, and will encourage you to be a self-reliant, critical and creative thinker.

Study abroad

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

Careers

Recent graduates have found employment in the fields of banking, government, insurance, general management, consultancy, marketing, accountancy, the financial services industry, business intelligence analysis, broadcasting and journalism, risk management, research analysis, financial services analysis and stockbroking. Employment has been secured in a wide variety of internationally recognised organisations in the public and private sectors.

Many of our graduates continue their education by enrolling into further study at Masters and PhD level at the University of St Andrews and other top universities throughout the UK, Europe and the USA.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"Classes are led by academics who genuinely care about the students in the School, which creates an open and inclusive relationship between students and staff that supports our learning."

Yasmin (Yorkshire, England)

Chemistry

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School of Chemistry

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, Chemistry

MChem

Integrated Masters Single Honours

Chemistry
Chemistry with External
Placement
Chemistry with Medicinal
Chemistry
Chemistry with Medicinal
Chemistry and External
Placement
Materials Chemistry
Materials Chemistry with
External Placement

MChem

Integrated Masters 'With'

Chemistry with French
Chemistry with French and
External Placement
Chemistry with Mathematics

MSci

Integrated Masters Joint Honours

Chemistry and Physics

BSc

Single Honours

Chemistry
Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry
Materials Chemistry
Chemical Sciences

BSc

Joint Honours or 'With'

Biology and Chemistry
Chemistry and Earth Sciences
Chemistry and Mathematics

Chemistry with French
Chemistry with French (With
Integrated Year Abroad)

Chemistry is an exciting central science. All of our degree programmes will give you a thorough theoretical and practical training, taking you from the fundamentals to cutting-edge research-level topics including drug design, materials, nanotechnology and catalysis.

- Chemistry at St Andrews is ranked first in the UK in the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.
- Friendly and close-knit School that is consistently highly ranked amongst UK Chemistry departments.
- Flexible degree structure with an opportunity to specialise in Materials Chemistry or Medicinal Chemistry.
- Opportunity to gain research experience in both industrial and academic environments through both an external placement and final year research project as part of the same degree.
- Practical training in award-winning, state-of-the-art teaching laboratories.

What will I study?

Chemistry at St Andrews offers you a unique experience which blends education in state-of-the-art science facilities with the traditions of an ancient university. As an undergraduate Chemistry student, you will have frequent contact with world-class academics, and we pride ourselves on the personal and flexible nature of our programmes.

First year

You will be introduced to key concepts in inorganic, organic and physical chemistry, developing core knowledge and important skills. Teaching includes lectures, tutorials, workshops and laboratory-based practical classes. The diversity of topics include:

Inorganic Chemistry: atoms and the periodic table, structure and bonding of molecules, inorganic solids and chemistry of the first-row transition metals.

Physical Chemistry: thermodynamics and kinetics, states of matter, introductory spectroscopy, properties of solutions and solids, mathematical tools, error

analysis and data handling for chemists.

Organic Chemistry: the structure of simple organic compounds, fundamental organic reaction mechanisms, introductory bio-organic chemistry and organic spectroscopy.

Second year

You will continue to develop a deeper understanding in all branches of chemistry to provide a strong foundation for specialisation in the following years.

Inorganic Chemistry: organometallics and transition-metal chemistry, atmospheric chemistry, solid-state chemistry and main-group chemistry.

Physical Chemistry: quantum mechanics, thermodynamics, electrochemistry, kinetics, spectroscopy and diffraction, and mathematical tools for chemists.

Organic Chemistry: carbon-carbon bond formation, aromatic and heteroaromatic chemistry, biological chemistry and spectroscopic techniques for organic chemists.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAAB**
 - **Minimum entry grades AABB**
- Must include A in Chemistry and (Biology or Human Biology or Computing Science or Economics or Geography or Mathematics or Physics).

- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA**
 - **Minimum entry grades ABB**
- Must include A in Chemistry.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in Chemistry and (Biology or Computer Science or Economics or Geography or Mathematics or Physics).
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL6 in Chemistry and HL5 in (Biology or Computer Science or Economics or Geography or Mathematics or Physics).

Direct entry to second year

SQA Highers/ Advanced Highers:

- **Advanced Higher A** in Chemistry and **B** in (Mathematics or Physics) **plus Highers AAAAB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **AAA** including Chemistry and (Mathematics or Physics).

International Baccalaureate:

- **38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in Chemistry and (Mathematics or Physics).

Chemistry

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Third, fourth and fifth years (Honours)

A combination of core and optional topics enable specialisation in different areas while maintaining a broad coverage across the whole subject.

Topics may include advanced quantum mechanics, energy conversion and storage, carbohydrates and nucleic acids, ligand design, functional materials, fragrance, food and colour chemistry, and heterocyclic and pericyclic chemistry.

MChem Integrated Masters (five years) with or without External Placement

Advanced research-led specialisation delivers topics that may include homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis, blockbuster solids, asymmetric synthesis, natural product biosynthesis, molecular recognition, nanostructured materials. In fourth year, there is an opportunity to join a research and development group within a leading industrial research laboratory (where you will earn a salary) or overseas academic institution (you will have to pay additional living costs). Alternatively, you may remain in St Andrews and undertake an advanced research skills laboratory, scientific writing module and a variety of compulsory and optional lecture topics. During your fifth year, you will take a year-long project in a research laboratory or in chemical education. The MChem provides great depth with a significant emphasis on research and is ideal for those intending to enter the professional chemical sector or to carry out postgraduate study.

BSc (four years)

You are taught the fundamentals of this central science, from the composition and properties of matter to using reactions to create new materials and molecules. Learn about the critical role of chemistry in industries and new technologies, from pharmaceuticals to accessing drinkable water, efficient energy generation to sustainable food production. A year-long project in a research laboratory or in chemical education during your final year completes a comprehensive academic and practical training that equips you for a wide spectrum of careers, whether in science-based industries or other fields such as teaching, management or finance.

Supported Pathways Programme

Applicants who have experienced some form of disadvantage during their education, as defined by our contextual admissions policy, may be eligible for our Gateway to Science programme. Alternatively, the FE-HE Pathway to Science offers supported entry to applicants from a further education college in Scotland.

Both these pathways provide a supported first year allowing you to progress into second year of one of our named degree programmes.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/pathways

Our degree programmes (available as either MChem or BSc unless stated otherwise):

Chemistry

Chemistry at St Andrews integrates well with biology, physics, mathematics, medicine and geology, making it a highly applicable subject to many areas of study. You will develop a broad base of chemical knowledge and understanding reinforced by extensive practical experience and familiarity with modern laboratory, instrumental and computational techniques. The MChem allows you to study at great depth with emphasis on research, graduating with a Masters degree. The degree programme gives you the best possible training for a career in the professional chemical sector or to continue on to postgraduate study upon graduation.

Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry

You start with a broad training in core chemistry, followed by specialisation in biological and medicinal topics. You will gain an understanding of the process of creating new drugs. Topics include studying the interactions between drug molecules and biomolecules, applying this understanding to designing new molecules that display desired properties, planning efficient syntheses of complex molecules on laboratory and industrial scales.

Materials Chemistry

St Andrews has one of the largest groupings of materials chemists in the UK. You begin with a broad training in core chemistry, followed by specialisation in materials. The degree programme will develop your chemical understanding of



the origins of the diverse array of properties of materials, their synthesis and their characterisation.

Chemical Sciences (BSc only)

This programme allows you to combine a broad chemistry education with a small component of a non-chemistry subject at Honours level, such as communication and teaching in science, psychology, management or economics.

Study abroad

For information about study abroad options, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Accreditation

All our Single Honours Chemistry degree programmes are accredited by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Scholarships

Purdie Scholarships are available to Chemistry applicants.

Careers

St Andrews Chemistry graduates are in demand by both major and grassroots companies, with an employability rate of over 95%. Chemistry degrees provide a range of transferable skills including problem solving, numeracy, data handling and teamwork; attributes that are highly prized by employers. Graduates move into a wide range of employment both in the chemical industry and other non-physical science sectors. Many MChem graduates continue on to PhD-level degrees both in the UK and overseas.



"I enjoy the fact that chemistry is relevant and can be applied to make an impact in real life, and that it is a fundamental science bridging physics and biology. It has been intellectually challenging and stimulating, and rewarding at the same time."

Meiyue (Xi'an, China)

Chinese Studies

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See also **Modern Languages**



Lion dancer on Union Street, St Andrews

Available degree options

All the degrees are available With Integrated Year Abroad

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Joint Honours

Chinese Studies and one of the following subjects:

Arabic
Art History
Comparative Literature
Economics
Film Studies

French
German
International Relations
Italian
Management

Modern History
Persian
Russian
Spanish

While studying Chinese Studies at St Andrews you will not only gain a high level of competency in Standard Chinese language skills, you will also be trained to understand the cultural, social and political contexts of the Chinese-speaking world.

- You can take Chinese Studies with a wide range of other subjects.
- You will be taught by a diverse team of academics and language tutors in each year.
- You can start as a beginner or at a more advanced level, if you have studied Chinese at Higher, A-Level, IB or equivalent.

What will I study?

Chinese Studies will offer you exposure to the breadth and depth of Chinese linguistic and cultural practices. Going beyond the traditional model of language and literature, Chinese Studies encompasses mainstream, popular and dissident cultures in all their national, regional, ethnic and diasporic diversity. The study of literary and visual texts and practices will be focused on contemporary concerns including gender and sexuality, ecology and climate change, and the excesses of advanced consumer society.

First year

You will learn Standard Chinese, the national language (sometimes called 'Mandarin') as well as full-form characters, with simplified characters being phased in later. You learn to reproduce 600 characters and 1,000 words, and to read, write and comment on short texts.

You will be introduced to the cultural and intellectual history of a period covering 7,000 years before the establishment of China as a nation-state, and its cultural history.

Second year

In second year, you will learn to express yourself clearly and at natural speed in short, connected paragraphs with some idiomatic phrases. You will be able to recognise 1,200 characters or around 3,000

frequently used Chinese words and phrases, allowing you to read and understand short articles. Throughout the year you will also acquire a broad knowledge and understanding of Chinese literary and visual cultures and their socio-political contexts. Prior learners will study a second Chinese language alongside Standard Chinese; the second languages offered are Cantonese or Hokkien.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

In addition to language courses, you will broaden your knowledge of modern Chinese culture with a range of courses placing literary and visual texts and practices in their historical contexts. By the end of your fourth year, you will be able to talk to a native speaker confidently at natural speed on a wide variety of topics and speak fluently with ease on formal occasions. You will be able to recognise and use 3,000 characters and some 9,000 words.

Study abroad

You can choose to apply to study or work abroad as part of your degree. Chinese studies students may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information is available on page 143 and online at:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"The mix of lectures and tutorials allows an active conversation which ensures I am learning as much as possible. Especially in Chinese, with 6 contact hours a week, the teaching style is directly focused on learning all aspects of Chinese language and culture."

Kiera (Clayton, Panama)

School of Classics

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See also **Ancient History (& Archaeology); Classical Studies; Classics, Greek and Latin; History**



The island of Delos in the Cyclades

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Ancient History
 Ancient History &
 Archaeology
 Classical Studies
 Classics
 Greek
 Latin

MA

Joint Honours

The following can be
 combined with a range of
 other subjects

Ancient History
 Classical Studies
 Classics
 Greek
 Latin

*See Arts combinations,
 pages 52-53*

MA

Triple Honours

One of:
 Ancient History
 Classical Studies
 Greek
 Latin
 and two modern languages

*See Triple combinations,
 pages 146-147*

BA

International Honours

Classical Studies – Ancient
 History and Archaeology
 pathway or Greek and
 Latin pathway

*See entry requirements and
 other information, page 28*

The School of Classics is housed in Swallowgate, an attractive building which is only a few metres away from the University Library and the main quadrangle. There are seminar rooms and a well-stocked library in the building.

- Ranked first in the UK by the *National Student Survey 2023*, third in the UK by the *Complete University Guide 2024* and fourth in the UK by the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.
- One of the largest Classics departments in the UK, with a unique range of expertise.
- Broad variety of modules, from Greek and Latin language and literature, to ancient history, archaeology, art, philosophy and classics in the modern world.
- Research-led teaching: research by St Andrews staff feeds directly into our teaching, particularly in the third and fourth years, so our modules are constantly being refreshed.
- Open to all: our degrees are designed to be open to beginners as well as to students who have studied the subjects at school.
- A friendly School with a strong sense of community.

Triple Honours combinations

Many of the degrees offered by the School of Classics are available as Triple Honours combinations with subjects in the School of Modern Languages. These degrees typically include two modern languages and a classical subject.

Study abroad

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

Careers

A degree in Classics, Greek, Latin, Classical Studies, Ancient History or Ancient History & Archaeology will equip you with a sought-after mix of intellectual, theoretical and transferable skills that open up a very wide range of potential career opportunities.

Degrees in these subjects provide graduates with skills of research analysis and communication and a considerable degree of autonomy that are valued by many employers.

Classicists and ancient historians can find themselves working in any career that does not require a specialist scientific background.

Recent graduates of the School of Classics have gone into careers as diverse as law, finance, journalism, publishing, teaching, arts administration, libraries, heritage management and museum curatorship.

There are many options for further study, either in Classics or in related fields. Many of our graduates go on to take further degrees, including research programmes.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

Ancient History – see page 57
Classical Studies – see page 79
Classics – see page 81
Greek – see page 81
Latin – see page 81

“The opportunity to delve deep into a topic, make mistakes, formulate and discuss ideas and bounce them off my peers is one which I will treasure. It has taught me a huge amount beyond the immediate scope of my degree and shown me the career path I wish to pursue.”

Ursula (West Sussex, England)
Pictured opposite

Classical Studies

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/classical-studies
classics@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Ancient History (& Archaeology); School of Classics; Classics, Greek and Latin; History**



School of Classics library

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Classical Studies

MA

Joint Honours

Classical Studies and one of
19 other subjects

*See Arts combinations,
pages 52-53*

MA

Triple Honours

Classical Studies and two
modern languages

*See Triple combinations,
pages 146-147*

BA

International Honours

Classical Studies – *curriculum
differs significantly from
MA degrees*

*See entry requirements and
other information, page 28*

Classical Studies will enable you to explore a broad range of Greek and Roman literature and to look more widely at the culture of antiquity and the way in which it has been received in later centuries.

- Breadth of coverage: explore the complexities of Greek and Roman culture from the earliest days of archaic Greece to the later Roman Empire.
- Diversity of specialist topics: mix and match from literature, art, archaeology, culture and society, and the reception of Greece and Rome in the modern world.
- No prior experience required: you can start your journey into Classical Studies from the very beginning.
- Option to learn Latin or Greek from scratch alongside your Classical Studies modules.
- For Study Abroad information, see page 77.

What will I study?

Classical Studies is a broad and vibrant degree that allows you to explore all aspects of the literature, art and culture of the Greeks and Romans as well as the uses made of them in the modern world. All Greek and Roman texts are studied in English translation, but there are opportunities to learn Greek and Latin too, and to supplement your studies with Ancient History modules.

First year

In your first semester, you will study Greek drama, epic, art, religion and philosophy to explore the ways the Greeks used myths of the heroic past to think through pressing issues in their own society. In the second semester, you will study the poetry, art and literature of the Romans as they came to terms with the violent end of their ancient Republic and the rise of the first emperor, Augustus.

Second year

You will start by studying the art and literature of the late Roman Republic. From the seething passions of Latin love poetry to the slick rhetoric of Rome's politicians, and the efforts of

Rome's philosophers to find the virtuous life amidst political turmoil, you will explore in depth the Romans' responses to the chaotic final years of the Republic. In the second semester, you will look back to archaic Greece to explore the ferment of innovation and the bold experiments of poets and philosophers in an age when a new form of society was taking shape.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will choose from a wide range of specialist modules to pursue your interests in depth. Recent modules have included not only central topics in Classical Studies such as Greek epic, theatre and religion, Greek and Roman art, and women in antiquity, but also more unusual subjects like magic, animals in the ancient world, and the reception of Greek and Roman culture from the Renaissance to the present. You can supplement these modules with options drawn from the Ancient History programme for a truly wide-ranging exploration of the Greek and Roman worlds.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“What I find most valuable about Classical Studies is the variety of disciplines and ideas that I have the chance to explore: history, social studies, languages and literature studies. There is also plenty of scope for creativity and independent thought in your work. The flexibility of the sub-honours structure exposes you to so many new ideas and ways of thinking and working that can enrich your own degree pathway.”

Rachael (Lanarkshire, Scotland)

Classics, Greek and Latin

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classics@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Ancient History (& Archaeology); School of Classics; Classical Studies; History**



School of Classics

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Classics
Greek
Latin

MA

Joint Honours

Classics and one of **11** other subjects
Greek and one of **13** other subjects
Latin and one of **16** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

Greek and two modern languages
Latin and two modern languages

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

BA

International Honours

Classical Studies – Greek and Latin pathway

See entry requirements and other information, page 28

Classics, Greek and Latin at St Andrews are wide-ranging degrees which combine intensive study of classical languages with in-depth analysis of classical literature and the broader understanding of ancient social and cultural life.

- In-depth linguistic and literary training from the very start. You will study the main genres, periods and authors of Greek and Latin literature – and many unusual ones too – with intensive linguistic work to help you read and interpret the texts with sensitivity.
- We offer separate degrees for Latin and Greek, and a combined Classics degree that includes both languages.
- Wide range of specialised modules from epic to tragedy, philosophy and modern reception.
- Opportunity to start Latin or Greek with dedicated support for beginners in each language.
- For Study Abroad information, see page 77.

What will I study?

Latin and Greek are the gateways to two literatures of enormous richness and sophistication that have profoundly shaped modern satire, history-writing, love poetry, politics and much more. To study them at university is not only a linguistic challenge, to understand what the texts meant in their original context, but a challenge to understand what they might mean today. You can study Latin or Greek separately as Single Honours degrees in their own right or combine them together in the Classics degree. If you have never had the chance to study Latin or Greek before, you can start one or even both languages from scratch here.

First year

Your first two years will focus on developing the linguistic and interpretative skills you will need for advanced literary study. Beginners will focus on intensive language learning in their first year, while those who have studied Latin or Greek before (to Higher, A-Level, IB or equivalent) will refine their linguistic skills and learn new skills of literary and cultural analysis. If you are taking Classics and starting both

languages from scratch, you can ease yourself in by taking one language in your first year and starting the other in your second.

Second year

You will continue to develop your skills of literary analysis by reading a wide range of texts, authors and genres. Whether you are studying Greek, Latin or both, you will work with texts drawn from the whole range of ancient literature, such as epic, drama and poetry, oratory, historiography and philosophy, and less familiar genres such as the ancient novel.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will choose from a wide range of specialised modules to pursue your interests. Recent modules in Greek have focused on drama, rhetoric and education. Recent modules in Latin have focused on epic, letter-writing, comedy and biography. We offer many other modules besides these, including modules on the art of translation itself. If you started one language in your second year, you will take specialised language modules in your third year to complete your linguistic training.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAB** including A in a foreign language.
- **Minimum entry grades AABB** including B in a foreign language.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA** including A in a foreign language.
- **Minimum entry grades ABB** including B in a foreign language.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 36** (HL 6,6,5) including HL6 in a foreign language.
- **Minimum entry grades 36** (HL 6,5,5) including HL5 in a foreign language.

“Studying Latin at St Andrews is a truly special experience. The intensity of learning in small groups combined with everyone being very nice and helpful in the Classics department made me really enjoy translating, analyzing and reading Latin texts.”

Nele (Kaarst, Germany)

Comparative Literature

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See also **Modern Languages**



Old Library in School of Psychology and Neuroscience

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Joint Honours

Comparative Literature and one of **26** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

Comparative Literature and two modern languages

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

You will explore a range of literatures from around the world, giving you a broad perspective on different genres, periods, themes and movements as they have developed within, across and beyond national and cultural boundaries.

- You will be taught by literary experts from across the School of Modern Languages (Departments of Arabic, Chinese Studies, French, German, Italian, Persian, Russian and Spanish) and from other Schools in the Faculty of Arts.
- You will be reading the texts in English translation; lectures will inform you about the historical and literary-cultural contexts of the original works and the act of translation will be in sight at all times.
- You will have the chance to work with many different types of text – novels, plays, poetry and short stories, but also films, fanfictions, manifestos, social media and video games – ranging from the classical period to the 2020s.
- Assessments will vary from traditional forms such as essays and close readings to creative, innovative formats (e.g. writing your own censorship report or annotated adaptation; writing a reflective logbook).

What will I study?

Comparative Literature allows you to explore challenging and influential literature without boundaries of culture or language. You will encounter texts of all genres and periods from across the world and consider the ideas, human values and historical forces that have helped to form the world's literatures. You will have the opportunity to read widely, to discuss with your peers and tutors and to present your ideas via a range of forms of assessment. You will develop strong intercultural skills.

First year

The 19th-century novel of adultery and political drama in the 20th and 21st centuries will be covered, translated from nine different national literatures.

Second year

You will deepen your theoretical and practical engagement with Comparative Literature as a discipline by studying two themes of Good and Evil, and Journeys.

Moving on from first year we now analyse a wide range of genres and periods while continuing to work with a number of different national literatures.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

Two core modules focus on approaches to Comparative Literature, both traditional (e.g. reception studies) and more recent (e.g. eco-criticism). You also choose from a wide selection of research-led topics bringing together different national literatures, for example: the short story, experiences of exile, bad books, cultural memory, crossing the Mediterranean, illness and literature.

Study abroad

Comparative Literature students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I started as a Psychology student and would never have thought about Comparative Literature, but took it up on my advisor's suggestion. I was sure of what I wanted to do before I came to University but to see all your options in front of you gives you a new perspective, and you could end up finding a subject or a combination of subjects that you really love, like I have."

Annika (Dubai, United Arab Emirates)
Pictured opposite

Computer Science

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Group work discussion

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, Mathematics

MSci

Integrated Masters

Computer Science

BSc

Single Honours

Computer Science

BSc

Joint Honours

Computer Science and one of **7** other subjects

See Science combinations, page 54

You will learn about cutting-edge developments in Computer Science and gain transferable skills. The School is highly rated for teaching and research with excellent staff and top-class facilities.

- Computer Science at St Andrews has an excellent reputation for teaching and research.
- There is an excellent student:staff ratio of 15:1
- Ranked third in the UK by the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.
- State-of-the-art facilities are available for all our students.
- Almost all of our academic staff teach and tutor undergraduates each year.
- Our degree programmes are challenging but very rewarding.

What will I study?

Our degree programmes are designed to ground you in both the theory and practice of Computer Science. You will learn to think and solve problems logically, understand the fundamental principles of how computing systems work, and be exposed to significant new technologies as well as teamwork.

In the first two years, you will learn the basic concepts behind Computer Science and several different programming languages.

In the first year of your studies, you will be required to study at least one additional subject alongside Computer Science. In the second year, you can continue with this other subject or focus entirely on Computer Science.

You will be able to build a degree programme around your interests and study specialist areas such as artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction, computer security, video games, data encoding, databases and operating systems. These options in the final two years allow you to explore the intellectual frontiers of Computer Science by studying more advanced and cutting-edge topics.

You will learn to work in teams on projects of significant size using state-of-the-art software engineering methods. Each programme contains both a year-long team project and a dissertation that allows you to work on a project under the supervision of a member of staff.

Throughout your studies you will have 24-hour access to our state-of-the-art laboratories and common areas. They are at the heart of the thriving Computer Science community at St Andrews.

First year

You will take two compulsory modules. The first one is an introduction to object-oriented modelling and programming using Java. The second explores various aspects of data storage, processing and analysis.

In addition, you can study an optional Computer Science module each semester and will take one or two modules from another subject.

Our modules include weekly tutorials which provide a small-group teaching environment that helps deepen your engagement with the topics studied and prepares you for assessment.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAAB**
 - **Minimum entry grades AABB**
- Must include A in Mathematics and pass in (Biology or Human Biology or Chemistry or Computing Science or Geography or Physics or Psychology).
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA**
 - **Minimum entry grades ABB**
- Must include A in Mathematics and pass in (Biology or Chemistry or Computer Science or Further Mathematics or Geography or Geology or Physics or Psychology).

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)**
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)**

HL6 in Mathematics and SL5 in (Biology or Chemistry or Computer Science or Geography or Geology or Physics or Psychology).

Direct entry to second year

SQA Highers/ Advanced Highers:

- **Advanced Higher A** in Mathematics and **B** in (Biology or Human Biology or Chemistry or Computing Science or Geography or Physics or Psychology) **plus Highers AAAAB**, including A in Mathematics.

GCE A-Levels:

- **AAA** including Mathematics and (Biology or Chemistry or Computer Science or Further Mathematics or Geography or Geology or Physics or Psychology).

International Baccalaureate:

- **39 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in Mathematics and SL5 in (Biology or Chemistry or Computer Science or Geography or Geology or Physics or Psychology).

Computer Science

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Second year

You will be introduced to fundamental algorithms, data structures and ideas about formal languages at the heart of modern software. You will then develop skills in programming in C, systems programming, digital logic and low-level computer organisation.

In addition, you will take two more modules, which can be chosen from Computer Science or another subject. You will attend weekly tutorials for your Computer Science modules.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will be introduced to Turing machines, non-determinism and pushdown automata, followed by study of decidability, simulation and the Halting problem. The foundations of logic that are relevant to computer scientists will also be covered, with an emphasis on automatic reasoning and decidability, including propositional and predicate calculus, various proof techniques and Gödel's incompleteness theorem. You will apply software engineering concepts and practices to a substantial software engineering project as part of a team. This project runs through both semesters in third year and will prepare you for the workplace, where collaboration with others is essential.

In your final year of a BSc, you will undertake a substantial software engineering project. You will design, specify and construct a medium-sized software system, or undertake a formal development and proof of such a system, under the guidance of a member of staff.

In addition to the compulsory modules, such as computational complexity, you will choose from a wide variety of advanced options. Previous Honours topics have included artificial intelligence, component technology, computer architecture, computer graphics, computer security, concurrency and multi-core architectures, constraint programming, data communications and networks, data encoding, databases, distributed systems, human computer interaction, logic and software verification, operating systems, programming language design and implementation, and video games.

In addition, there is an option to 'dip up' by taking some Masters-level classes.

Integrated Masters (five years)

The first three years of the programme are as already described. In fourth year, you will choose options from our Honours and Masters-level classes. In your fifth and final year, you will spend one semester dedicated to undertaking a major software engineering or research project under the guidance of a supervisor. You will also be able to take a number of modules at Masters level, providing advanced training in computer science. Topics may include language and computation, software engineering principles, critical systems engineering, software architecture, human computer interaction principles and methods, data-intensive systems, machine learning, data ethics and privacy, and information visualisation.

Direct entry into second year

Well-qualified applicants with substantial prior programming experience, ideally in an object-oriented programming language, may be able to apply for entry directly into the second year of these programmes.

You will take an accelerated version of one of the second-year modules, which includes necessary background material from our first-year modules.

Study abroad

Computer Science students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Computer Science students are only able to study abroad for the full academic year; semester placements are not available. For information about study abroad options, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers

A degree in Computer Science will allow you to enter technical, academic, financial or commercial posts. Most companies and organisations are heavily invested in computer systems, and this has created a demand for many different specialisations in computer technology. Graduates from Computer Science go on to find careers as business analysts, systems architects, systems analysts, software developers, testers and verifiers, technical writers, IT trainers, user advisers and project managers.

Many of our graduates undertake further study, here or elsewhere. We offer a range of options including MSc, EngD and PhD-level degrees.



Staff-student chat



“The lab environment for computer science is an amazing space for both collaborative and independent work and fosters a sense of community among staff and students at all levels. I particularly enjoy learning about the methods and techniques needed to build systems to solve real-world problems – for example my dissertation is investigating the use of machine learning to detect breast cancer in mammogram scans.”

Rhona (Argyll, Scotland)

Divinity

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St Mary's College, Principal's House

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MTheol

Single Honours

Theology

MA

Single Honours

Biblical Studies
Theological Studies

MA

'With' Honours

Art History with Bible and Culture
English with Bible and Culture
Film Studies with Bible and Culture
International Relations with Religion in Society
Management with Religion in Society
Medieval History with Bible and Culture
Modern History with Bible and Culture
Philosophy with Bible and Culture
Philosophy with Religion in Society
Scottish History with Bible and Culture
Social Anthropology with Religion in Society

BD

Bachelor of Divinity

Divinity

MA

Joint Honours

Biblical Studies and one of **16** other subjects
Hebrew and one of **10** other subjects
New Testament and Modern History
Theological Studies and one of **15** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

You will be introduced to the teachings of theological and biblical studies, considering the influence of scripture on Western civilisation and faith in the contemporary world. Divinity is one of the oldest intellectual pursuits and vital for understanding our world today.

- We are consistently ranked among the top 20 for Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies in the annual *QS World University Rankings*.
- Divinity ranked third in the *National Student Survey 2023*.
- We are a dynamic community in which staff and students work together closely.
- We offer a clearly structured, rigorous programme of study that also allows specialisation, a wide range of choice and academic as well as career-linked support.
- We are housed in St Mary's College, one of the most historic parts of the University and the home of Divinity since the 15th century.
- Our King James Library, founded in 1612, is a beautiful place, providing Divinity students with quiet study areas and curated research support.

What will I study?

Our programme introduces you to theology and biblical studies, within and beyond the Judeo-Christian context. We consider the profound influence of Christian and Jewish thought on the history of ideas, society, culture and faith practices, as well as other world religions and inter-religious dialogue. Interdisciplinary engagement with other subjects is also a distinctive feature of our leading programme.

First year

You will concentrate on Theology or Biblical Studies, or both. In Theology you will take modules exploring key themes in Christian theology as they have developed in history and as people might think about and practice them now. In Biblical Studies, you will take one module on the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) and one on the New Testament. You can also begin to study Hebrew and/or Greek. There are optional modules on offer each year, covering topics such as world religions, the Bible in western

culture and theology's influence on popular culture and the arts.

Second year

You will continue with Theology or Biblical Studies, or both. In Theology, you will study Christian thought and practice, as well as the history of the church. In Biblical Studies, you will continue your study of both parts of the Bible and, if you want, of Hebrew and/or Greek. A variety of optional modules is also offered, covering special topics related to theology, philosophy and religion and the arts.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will be able to study a wide range of advanced topics in Theology and Biblical Studies. Teaching will be in small seminars and will be guided by both the lecturer's research interests and your own. At the beginning of this stage, you will also take part in a formative programme designed to prepare you for advanced research and writing as well as career planning.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I have been able to take modules in Biblical Hebrew almost every semester. The classes are small and dynamic which allows students to master the language up to intermediate level in only a few semesters. The School of Divinity is an open and welcoming environment. When I found myself struggling, I was always able to reach out to a member of staff or a student representative who could help me."

Laurence (Québec, Canada)
Pictured opposite

Divinity

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Our degree programmes:

Biblical Studies

You will explore the profound influence that the Christian and Jewish scriptures have had on western civilisation. You will focus on the Old Testament and New Testament, but you will also encounter other Jewish and Christian writings from these periods, such as the Dead Sea Scrolls. You may start studying the biblical languages of Hebrew and/or Greek at sub-honours level, or Aramaic at Honours level.

This degree programme is particularly suited for those wanting a wider range of options across Arts subjects, while still giving most of their attention to Divinity. You may also take Biblical Studies jointly alongside a range of Arts subjects such as Art History, Ancient History or Classical Studies.

Hebrew

Our focus is on classical or biblical Hebrew, though you may also take advanced modules in post-biblical Hebrew, particularly by studying the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Modern language teaching methods are used to help beginners. For those with a background in languages, Hebrew makes a fascinating language to study as it belongs to the Semitic, as opposed to the Indo-European, family group.

New Testament

Our focus is on New Testament language (Koine Greek) and literature, though you can also take additional classes in Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) and Christian history and theology.

Modern language teaching methods are used to help beginners. For those with an existing background in Classical or Koine Greek, advanced classes in the original language are available.

Theological Studies

Theological Studies provides an introduction to the rich theological traditions of Christianity, covering the history of Christian theology from the early church to our contemporary period. You will explore ways in which Christianity is being expressed and lived out today in different areas of the world, and learn about the distinctive challenges to, and unique resources found within, faith in the context of past and present.

The Theological Studies (MA) is suited for those wanting a wider range of options across Arts subjects, while still giving most of their attention to Divinity. The Master of Theology (below) provides a more specific theological focus.

Master of Theology

The focus is on topics directly related to theological and biblical studies. You will study the history of Israel, the person of Jesus of Nazareth (in his historical and theological contexts), Paul's letters and the rapid growth of the early church, as well as contacts between Christianity and Greek and Roman philosophy.

You will also examine Christian thought in depth, including church history and Christian ethics. You can specialise within Divinity by studying subjects like world religions, Greek, Hebrew, religion and anthropology, pastoral care, moral reasoning, theology and the arts, science-engaged theology, or pursue interdisciplinary interests through the Faculties of Arts or Science.

'with' Bible and Culture

This programme provides you with additional context for the interpretation of art, literature, history, or film.

'with' Religion in Society

This programme focuses on the way religion is practiced in and used by various contemporary societies.

Divinity (BD)

This is especially suited for those considering ordination within a Christian denomination. You will have the option to specialise in the Old Testament, theology, practical theology, church history or a combination of these.

Study abroad

Divinity students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. You may also have the opportunity to participate in our School Abroad exchange programme which includes opportunities to study in, for example, Israel and Germany. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad



St Mary's Quadrangle

Careers

A degree in Divinity gives you the opportunity for significant intellectual and personal development, and you will acquire a wide range of transferable skills. Those who have studied Theology or Biblical Studies have learnt a fantastic range of skills – textual, historical, analytical, creative, and interpersonal. They are in demand with employers who need rigorous but flexible thinkers with a broad knowledge base, excellent communication skills and an empathetic understanding of people and their religious and social contexts.

Recent graduates from the School of Divinity have, for example, become postgraduate students in the UK and abroad, religious studies teachers, lay

chaplains at schools, ordained ministers, journalists with the national and religious press. Divinity graduates have also gone on to become a trainee manager at a national bank, an art gallery assistant, a solicitor, a theatre director, a college principal and even a wine taster. Others have become business consultants, social workers, members of religious orders, or have charted new paths by becoming entrepreneurs.

Graduates have also gone on to postgraduate degrees in areas related to Divinity, such as literature, philosophy, anthropology and classics, at other top universities in the UK and around the world.



“Studying Divinity has introduced me to many different approaches, worldviews and systems of belief, many of which are quite different to my own. It has been fascinating to share discussions with staff and peers about life’s big questions.”

Alastair (Fife, Scotland)

Earth & Environmental Sciences

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Environmental Earth Science fieldwork in Rio Tinto, Spain

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MGeol

Integrated Masters

Earth Sciences

BSc

Single Honours

Environmental Earth Sciences
Geology

BSc

Joint Honours

Earth Sciences and Biology
Earth Sciences and Chemistry
Earth Sciences and Geography

Earth and environmental sciences cover topics from current climate change to the formation of the planets. You will gain a fundamental understanding of the natural processes that shape our planet and its diverse environments.

- Discover how Earth and other planets have developed and evolved through time by studying the processes that build continents, control climate, influence life, govern the composition of the oceans and atmosphere, and form critical natural resources required for 21st-century technologies.
- Gain valuable first-hand experience in obtaining and evaluating your own data and ideas through hands-on training in laboratory work, coding and field training across Scotland and Europe.
- Engage with exciting research ranging from the impacts of volcanic eruptions to the evolution of life, through to oceanography, renewable resources and environmental sustainability.
- Develop transferable skills including fieldwork training, numerical modelling, scientific problem solving and written and oral presentation.
- Become part of a tight-knit community of students and staff, ensured by small class sizes and frequent field trips.
- Be taught by world-leading researchers who are passionate educators.
- Use some of the UK's most advanced analytical facilities as part of your undergraduate dissertation.
- Enjoy graduate employability prospects across a diverse range of fields, including critical mineral resources for green energy, weather forecasting, water resources and environmental consultancy.

What will I study?

You will study fundamental topics from current environmental change to the evolution of the planets, integrating physical geography, chemistry, physics and biology to understand the world around us. St Andrews is an ideal place to study Earth and environmental sciences, with a range of marine and terrestrial environments and world-famous geological sites on our doorstep.

Many of our students naturally gravitate toward Earth Science having previously studied physical geography, or science subjects, or based on interests in the Earth's environment. Most of our students have no background in Earth Sciences before arriving at St Andrews.

All of our undergraduate degree pathways share classes in the first two years. These provide a broad foundation in Earth and environmental sciences, from which you can find your specific interests and strengths before specialising in your Honours years. It is possible to change programmes, depending on performance, up to the start of third year.

First year

You will study the fundamental processes that have formed and shaped our planet and its environment. You will gain the skills to interpret environmental data, read the geological record and gain first-hand fieldwork experience. You will also take modules in other subjects from across the University.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAB**
 - **Minimum entry grades AABB**
- Including two of Biology (or Human Biology), Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Mathematics, Physics.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAB**
 - **Minimum entry grades ABB**
- Including two of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)** including HL6 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics, Physics.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL5 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics, Physics.

Direct entry to second year

GCE A-Levels:

- **AAA** including A in Geology (for Geology and MGeol Earth Sciences) or A in Environmental Science (for Environmental Earth Sciences) and Biology or Chemistry or Geography or Mathematics or Physics for all programmes.

International Baccalaureate:

- **38** including HL6 in three of Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Physics.

"The field trips are a great way of understanding the taught content by applying it. Everything is integrated to suit the subject,"

Patricia (Bavaria, Germany)
Pictured opposite

Earth & Environmental Sciences

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Second year

You will build a deeper understanding of Earth's environment and resources and the natural processes that shape Earth's surface and interior, from the circulation of the ocean and atmosphere to plate tectonics. You will investigate pivotal episodes in Earth's history, discover how our planet and life evolved and investigate how Earth's environment is changing today. Further development of field skills comes from independent and small-group fieldwork across the UK and in Spain.

Third and fourth years (BSc and MGeol)

You will learn state-of-the-art geological and environmental science techniques. Further details on specific degree programmes are listed below.

Direct entry into second year

Direct entry into second year is possible for students with appropriate qualifications (i.e. senior level geology or environmental science).

Our degree programmes:

BSc Environmental Earth Sciences

This degree integrates study of the oceans, atmosphere, biosphere and geosphere in order to understand the processes and impacts of environmental change. It incorporates insights from geography, chemistry, physics and biology to understand Earth's current and past surface environment. Teaching is strongly integrated with our leading research programmes, and you can take advantage of research projects that investigate topics ranging from the future of monsoon systems to the stability of major ice sheets, and the impact of volcanoes on climate to the processes governing CO₂ change. Applied training focuses on environmental monitoring and forecasting and includes hands-on experience with state-of-the-art techniques including fieldwork, laboratory measurements and climate modelling. This degree will appeal to candidates who are interested in the physical aspects of geography and using science to understand Earth's changing environment.

BSc Geology

This degree explores the origin and evolution of our planet and its biosphere over time, using the geological record to understand the processes and events that have shaped planet Earth. You will learn

how Earth resources will fuel the global energy transition and contribute to a sustainable future. Research-led teaching will introduce you to cutting-edge questions, such as why the Earth is unique in our solar system, how planets and atmospheres form and change, why volcanoes erupt, and how life originated and evolved. Applied training will provide you with the skills and knowledge required by the engineering, energy, mineral and environmental industries, and research projects will allow you to undertake independent field and laboratory research.

MGeol Earth Sciences – Integrated Masters (five years)

This degree provides comprehensive training in the Earth Sciences, spanning topics from the formation of the solid Earth to environmental change. The additional year allows you to engage deeply with fundamental questions in Earth Sciences and to engage in either an industry internship or a placement within a research group.

With employment and PhD opportunities increasingly requiring Masters-level qualifications, this programme is designed to allow candidates to supplement their deep understanding of Earth and environmental science processes with a proven track record of workplace and research-based experience.

The broad and flexible structure of the degree introduces you to topics across the Earth and environmental sciences and provides ample room for the development of specific interests.

Accreditation

The BSc Geology and MGeol Earth Sciences degrees are accredited by The Geological Society. As well as providing added assurance to prospective students that teaching is of the highest quality and has been approved by an independent body, holding an accredited degree reduces the amount of experience required for applications for Chartered Geologist and Chartered Scientist.

The BSc Environmental Earth Sciences degree is accredited by The Institution of Environmental Sciences. This accreditation provides a mark of quality and specifically indicates an institution is active in supporting student career paths. Students are also entitled to apply for free Student Membership of the IES.



Geology students demonstrating the movement of ancient earthquakes in North West Scotland

Study abroad

Earth and Environmental Sciences students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. For information about study abroad options, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

International opportunities

There are opportunities to undertake international placements in industry or research (MGeol), and international fieldwork (all Honours programmes). Recent locations have included Greenland, Namibia, the USA and sites across Europe.

Field training

Field training is an essential part of Earth and Environmental Sciences degrees. At St Andrews travel and accommodation costs are covered on compulsory taught field trips run by the School.

Careers

The School is proactive about developing career opportunities, and career activities are provided for all students from first year onwards. We embed assessment styles that imitate real workplace scenarios and many modules in Honours years are supported by visits to and by industry partners. As a result, our graduates are well prepared for

industry and our graduate employment prospects are consistently among the best in the UK. There are multiple rewarding career options for Earth and Environmental Sciences graduates, both specifically in the natural resources, and environmental sectors, as well as in wider science and policy areas.

Our degrees provide advanced training in a wide range of transferable skills, including scientific problem solving, written communication and oral presentation. The high quality of our field training is particularly highly valued by employers.

Our graduates have become environmental scientists, exploration geologists, geophysicists, weather forecasters, geologists, hydrogeologists, consultants, and geological, environmental and geotechnical engineers.

Recent employers of our graduates include the British Geological Survey, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, BP, British Antarctic Survey, Norsk Hydro, Fugro Geotechnics Ltd, Gemfields, Scottish Natural Heritage, Hinkley Point C nuclear power station, JP Morgan, Accenture and BHP Billiton. Many of our graduates undertake further study, both at MSc and PhD level. Recent PhD destinations include Cambridge, ETH Zurich, MIT, Oxford and Stanford.



“Earth science is fascinating and has given me amazing opportunities to travel, to go to northern Norway for fieldwork, and we’ve gone all round Scotland and the Alps on fieldtrips. You study a wide range of topics from space to ocean currents, and from natural disasters to the history of life. You really cannot find a more diverse subject!”

Megan (Angus, Scotland)

Economics and Finance

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See also **Business School, Management**



Butts Wynd, with the University Chapel in the background

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? **No**

BSc

MA

Single Honours

Economics
Financial Economics

See *Cross-Faculty subjects*, page 47

BSc

MA

Joint Honours BSc

Economics and one of **8** other subjects
Financial Economics and Management
Financial Economics and Mathematics

See *Science combinations*, page 54

MA

'With' Honours

Economics with one of **4** other subjects

See *Arts combinations*, pages 52-53

BA

International Honours

Economics

See *entry requirements and other information*, page 28

Joint Honours MA

Economics and one of **23** other subjects
Financial Economics and Management
Financial Economics and Mathematics

See *Arts combinations*, pages 52-53

Economics is a social science concerning the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services, while finance is the study of managing available funds. The degree programmes provide structured explorations of key concepts, analysis and techniques.

- We offer excellent research-led teaching, ranked second in the UK by the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.
- We offer a flexible degree programme which allows lots of choice regarding the topics you study in third and fourth years.
- Our programmes will develop your communication and quantitative transferable skills, important for a range of employment and for further study.
- You will receive expert one-to-one advice from academics when making your module choices.

What will I study?

Your first-year studies will provide knowledge of the discipline, as well as introductory quantitative techniques. Your second year will build upon and develop what you learned in first year. Your third and fourth years will equip you with a fuller understanding of economic relationships and with further techniques necessary for their analysis. In addition to any compulsory subjects, in third and fourth year you select from a range of optional topics. These provide an analytical understanding of key aspects of incentives, behaviour and policy formation.

First year

You will be introduced to the principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics, as well as simple mathematical techniques. These modules provide a basic insight into the use of quantitative methods, and an understanding of contemporary issues and the economic system.

Second year

More advanced study of consumers, firms and markets (microeconomics) and of models in modern macroeconomics is undertaken. Further quantitative methods provide you with

training in the statistical techniques needed for economic analysis and in how to structure and make sense of economic, financial and social data.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

There is a wide range of topics on offer every year, for example econometrics, corporate finance, game theory, economic growth, portfolio management. There is also an extensive selection of topics, which may differ each year, for example inequality and redistribution, behavioural economics, environmental economics, development economics, economic history, political economy, macroeconomics, economics of migration.

Careers

A degree in Economics will greatly enhance your analytic and decision-making abilities. You will significantly improve your quantitative abilities and greatly enhance other transferable skills that are highly valued by employers.

According to *The Telegraph* in 2022, St Andrews Economics graduates had the second highest average salaries among Economics degree holders in the UK five years after graduation.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"The thing I enjoy most about economics is the mix of maths and writing involved. You learn about how to do statistical and numerical analysis, and learn a lot of economic models, but there is also an emphasis on explaining findings and theories in a written format."

Ming (Lanarkshire, Scotland)
Pictured opposite

English

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Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, English

MA

Single Honours

English

MA

Joint Honours or 'With'

English and one of **30** other subjects
English with Bible and Culture

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

English and two modern languages

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

BA

International Honours

English

See entry requirements and other information, page 28

You can study literatures from across the English-speaking world – from Scotland to the South Pacific – as well as modules in prose, verse, drama and film. You will also consider the ideas, human values and history behind this broad variety of texts.

- Ranked first in the UK in the *Guardian University Guide 2024* and second in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*.
- We offer a broad range of options covering all periods of literary writing in English from Anglo-Saxon times to the present.
- Staff include winners of the Queen's Gold Medal, the Forward Prize, the Whitbread Prize, the T S Eliot Prize, the Pulitzer Prize, the Jerwood Fiction Prize, the Saltire Scottish Book of the Year Award, the Somerset Maugham Award, and two Fellows of the British Academy.
- There is a varied programme of visiting speakers, giving students the chance to discuss literature and criticism with leading modern writers, and to hear contemporary writers discuss set texts on undergraduate modules.
- The research-led teaching throughout the curriculum means from your first day you will be taught by leading experts.

What will I study?

St Andrews has a long and illustrious history of teaching literature in English. The School combines expertise in research with a dedication to teaching in a caring and friendly environment. Special research strengths include medieval language and literature, the Renaissance, the Romantic and modern periods, Scottish literature, creative writing and women's writing.

Studying English develops techniques that enable you to read with close attention and to consider the ideas, human values and historical forces that have helped to form our literature. You will have the opportunity to read, to discuss and to reflect with clarity on a wide variety of texts and develop analytical, descriptive and evaluative skills. You will learn to communicate more fluently, lucidly, economically and persuasively. These skills are both intrinsically enriching and eminently transferable.

First year

A third of your time will be taken up by English modules. In these you will focus on 19th- and 20th-century literature and literature from 1680 to 1830. You will explore texts in prose and verse, ranging from *Wuthering Heights* and *The Waste Land* to mid and late 20th-century works by Sam Selvon and Jackie Kay. Emphasis is on practical criticism, close reading and the importance of literary and historical contexts. You will also cover, among other works, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Frankenstein*, Wordsworth and Coleridge's *Lyrical Ballads*, and look at travel, colonialism, enslavement and emancipation, the Gothic and the Romantic.

The rest of your time will be spent studying at least two other subjects, and there is a wide range from which you can choose. These will normally be from the Faculty of Arts or a Cross-Faculty subject, marked in red and blue, respectively, in this prospectus.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAAB including A in English.
- Minimum entry grades AABB including A in English.
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
 - Minimum entry grades ABB
- Must include A in English or English Literature.

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

Must include HL6 in English.

"English isn't just studying works of literature, it's also history, philosophy, theology. When we approach a text, we approach a piece of history. My favorite thing about English is getting to tease out a text's connection to what the author poses as good, true, and beautiful. There is truth in these texts we study, and I get to search for it every day."

Luke (Oklahoma, USA)

Pictured opposite

English

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Second year

You will focus on literature from the medieval and Renaissance periods, and on drama and performance. You will be introduced to the earliest literature in English and the language in which it is composed. The medieval element draws on editions prepared by scholars in the School of English, designed to make early texts readily accessible. The Renaissance element ranges across various authors and genres, which may include Donne's *Songs and Sonnets* and Milton's *Paradise Lost*. The module on drama concentrates on the special characteristics of drama as an art form that crosses the boundaries of written text and public performance. A wide range of plays is covered, from the Renaissance to the present, including figures like William Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde and Debbie Tucker Green.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

There is an exciting range of around 45 different modules from which to choose, and options may include Chaucer, Tragedy in the Age of Shakespeare, Scottish Literature, Jane Austen, Creative Writing, Black and Asian British Writing and a wide variety of other topics and approaches to the study of literature written in English. Single Honours students normally take eight modules in the two Honours years, including at least one on medieval literature, one on early modern literature and one other on 18th-century, Romantic or 19th-century literature. Joint Honours students normally take four modules in English (including one on pre-20th-century literature), and four in another subject. The dissertation, which is compulsory for Single Honours students and optional for Joint Honours students, allows you to write an extended essay on a literary topic of your own choice.

Several modules involve creative coursework which – as well as the traditional essay – may involve literary journal keeping, writing a short play in its entirety or even the opportunity to try a bit of medieval forgery. We aim to provide a range of topics and approaches that allow you to follow your own interests, whether towards specialising in particular authors or periods, or towards wide-ranging exploration in a variety of areas.

Study abroad

Students on English programmes may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. You may also have the opportunity to participate in our School Abroad exchange programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers

A degree in English from St Andrews will open doors to a large and varied number of possible careers – from teaching to writing, journalism, editing and performing and from public policy to finance.

A degree in English from St Andrews demonstrates to employers that you are a good writer, with the ability to craft and edit prose in English, that you are able to absorb and process information, that you are good at conducting research, that you are good at verbal and written communication, and that you have high level analytic skills. These are skills that are invaluable in most jobs.

Recent graduates have taken up internships with the United Nations, become writers and editors for Oxford University Press, Penguin Books, Harper Collins, *The Times*, *Country Life* magazine, and *The Field* magazine. Others work for charitable organisations like Save the Children and in public policy (Scottish Executive, British Council) or in arts administration (the Barbican Centre, Sotheby's), or the financial sector – working for companies like KPMG and Santander.

Postgraduate study is a popular choice for many of our graduates either at St Andrews or elsewhere.



School of English



“You get an overview of English in your first and second years. You take certain required modules, which are all very diverse and insightful. I had to take a Medieval Literature course, which was quite intimidating, but it ended up being my favourite module in all of subhonours. The degree structure allows you to explore parts of English you normally wouldn’t, so that when you get to honours you are well informed about what you want to specialize in.”

Joy (Hong Kong)

Film Studies

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filmstudies@st-andrews.ac.uk



Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Film Studies

MA

Joint Honours

Film Studies and one of **24**
other subjects

*See Arts combinations,
pages 52-53*

MA

'With' Honours

Film Studies with Bible and
Culture

BA

International Honours

Film Studies

*See entry requirements and
other information, page 28*

You will examine the forms and histories of film in all their artistic, documentary and popular variants, from silent cinema to virtual reality, and will cover a range of topics including stardom, activism, as well as numerous film genres and cultures.

- Outstanding academics: as leading figures in the ever-expanding fields of film and media studies, members of staff have published award-winning material on a range of topics, from global film archives to the latest digital effects.
- Cutting-edge facilities: with specially fitted seminar and screening rooms as well as consistently small class sizes, you can explore 3D cinema, virtual reality, and a collection of over 9,000 audio-visual works.
- Vibrant film culture: from student-led filmmaking marathons and screening series to visits from world-renowned filmmakers and collaborations with international film festivals, including St Andrews' *Sands* film fest, you will have numerous opportunities to contribute to a community of cinephiles and film artists.

What will I study?

Film Studies is a dynamic and growing discipline, drawing in students with a variety of interests. You will explore the history of moving images across time and cultures, looking at a diverse range of topics from sexuality in film to activist documentary, from propaganda to popular culture. Film Studies uses a variety of critical, theoretical and historical approaches to examine one of the most significant cultural and artistic forms of the 20th and 21st centuries. During the first two years, you will take four Film Studies modules (one per semester). These provide the theoretical, cultural and methodological frameworks you will need for the more specialised and challenging Honours modules.

In third and fourth year, you can take either Single Honours or Joint Honours in Film Studies, taking modules (typically two per semester for Single Honours, or one per semester for Joint Honours) across the next two years. These modules reflect

the research expertise of the Department and allow you to develop your own interests within the discipline.

The Honours programme examines a diverse range of film theories and practices covering genres, film sound, global cinemas, feminist film, documentary, and various histories of the moving image. You work closely with the teaching staff, developing excellent intellectual, writing and research skills that are useful in a wide variety of professions.

First year

The two first-year modules introduce you to key approaches to the study of film (such as the cycle of film production, distribution and exhibition, and the analysis of form, genre, and narrative) and global film history, from early cinema to wide ranging movements in the art, culture and technology of film.

Cinema provides a rich resource for analysing the social, cultural and ideological cross-currents of a particular historical moment; and the films we study bring these into bold relief.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"The global approach of the Film Studies department has introduced me to an incredible range of different media, not only broadening my understanding of different film forms but also historical and cultural shifts around the world. The inclusion of theoretical, historiographical and cultural analysis in class has transformed the way I critically engage with our contemporary media landscape in both academic and personal contexts."

Eilish (Glasgow, Scotland)

Pictured opposite

Film Studies

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Second year

The two second-year modules explore theories and cultures of film and other screen media from 1900 to the present day, focusing on different methods for understanding and analysing the moving image. Based on screenings of cinematic, televisual and new media works, you will explore questions of ideology and identity, psychology and philosophy, as well as numerous other links between visual media, art and industry.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

The Honours degree programme introduces a diverse range of specialised topics in the study of film and other screen media, allowing exploration of the politics, aesthetics and history of the moving image in all its complexity.

You will be able to choose from a wide variety of modules exploring topics such as documentary, sensory cinema, ecocinema, artists' film and video, feminist film and genres ranging from horror to comedy. Each week you will participate in seminar discussions of advanced work in the field.

In fourth year you have the opportunity to select a research topic in discussion with a supervisor and explore it in significant depth via a dissertation.

Study abroad

Film Studies students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers

Film Studies degrees resonate with the demands of today's job market. Film and media literacy are of direct relevance to a variety of careers, from journalism and teaching to professions in the creative industries.

A degree in Film Studies from St Andrews will provide an excellent foundation for a wide range of careers as well as for those directly connected with cinema (such as film distribution and production, arts administration, cinema management, film festivals, advertising and public relations, journalism and media, publishing and education). The main purpose of our programme is to provide a high-quality general education, promote independence of thought and encourage intellectual initiative backed by a strong knowledge of cinema's histories and forms.

Film Studies graduates are well placed to compete in today's job market, having gained an extensive range of skills from written and oral communications to archival research and visual analysis.

Recent graduates in Film Studies have gone on to a number of exciting careers, including film archive director, production editor in publishing, media researcher, programmes negotiator for a television company, and director's assistant at Warner Brothers.

At postgraduate level the Department offers a taught MLitt in Film Studies. The programme is a great way to complete a Masters degree with the further option of undertaking PhD study in film and media studies. MLitt students in our Department also benefit from contact with a large cosmopolitan postgraduate cohort. Postgraduate activities include regular research presentations by leading scholars, a prominent student-run academic journal (*Frames*) and a yearly postgraduate conference, as well as workshops, film screenings, activities and retreats.



Film screening in the Buchanan lecture theatre



“The depth in which I am encouraged to think about and discuss film has improved my overall skills of critical thinking. The lecturers present us with texts and ideas outside of our usual frame of reference and encourage us to formulate our own point of view, even in contentious areas of debate. The work is hard but if you are studying something you are passionate about, it is more than worth it.”

Milo (Inverness, Scotland)

French

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See also **Modern Languages**



La Rochelle, France

Available degree options

All the degrees are available With Integrated Year Abroad

Previous knowledge of subject required?
Yes, French

MA

Single Honours

French

MA

Joint Honours

French and one of **27** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

French and two other modern languages
French and one other modern language and another subject

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

BSc

MChem

'With' Honours

Biology with French (BSc)
Chemistry with French (BSc or MChem)
Chemistry with French and External Placement (MChem)

French programmes enable you to develop a high level of competency in language skills. Alongside language, you will also study French and Francophone literature, culture, civilisation, history and politics, allowing you to develop strong cultural awareness.

- Our specialist staff offer a unique range of innovative modules covering all periods from the Middle Ages to the present.
- The subject can be studied with a wide range of other languages.
- French can be studied with popular non-language subjects such as International Relations.

What will I study?

First year

The language modules, taught in a combination of French and English, are designed to consolidate and develop skills acquired in secondary school and to increase fluency in the target language. A wide range of texts – encompassing prose, drama, poetry and film – are studied each semester; these are read as a means of enhancing language learning and introducing you to wider issues of French and Francophone history and cultural identity. Teaching includes three hours of language per week (including one oral class with a native speaker), plus literature lectures and seminars.

Second year

Second year is taught primarily in French. It comprises core language and culture elements and a choice of literature and civilisation modules. These feature key events, ideas and texts spanning from the Middle Ages to the present day which have shaped the French-speaking world. Teaching includes three language hours per week (including one oral class with a native speaker), plus lectures and seminars in literature and civilisation. You will be well prepared to make an informed choice of modules at Honours level and study abroad, if you so choose.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

At Honours, language modules are offered with an emphasis on communication skills, critical reviews, blog writing and translation. Oral classes involve debates, the production of podcasts and vlogs, group presentations and bilateral interpretation. A wide range of modules in language, literature, intellectual history, politics and society is also available. Modules may include translation methodology, creative writing, politics and propaganda in the Middle Ages, libertinage and libertine literature, modern French thought and francophone African literature.

There are also dissertation options, allowing you to work on extended personal research with a specialist tutor to advise you.

Study or work abroad

You can choose to apply to study or work abroad as part of your degree. French students may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information is available on page 143 and online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

✉ www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB including A in French.
- Minimum entry grades AABB including A in French.
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB including A in French.
- Minimum entry grade ABB including A in French.

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5) including HL6 in French.
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5) including HL6 in French.

“As a student of French, your studies are not simply limited to the Hexagon. One of my favourite aspects has been researching the impact of theatre in pre-Revolutionary Haiti; my dissertation topic. French studies have surprised and challenged me in ways I never would have suspected. I volunteered on an eco-farm outside La Rochelle for several months which was an incredible experience.”

Kate (Glasgow, Scotland)
Photograph opposite taken by Kate during her time in France

Geography

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gsd@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Sustainable Development**



Field training in Iceland

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

BSc

MA

BSc

MA

BSc

MA

Single Honours

Geography

*See Cross-Faculty subjects,
page 47*

Joint Honours

Geography and one of **7**
other subjects

*See Science combinations,
page 54*

Joint Honours

Geography and one of **21**
other subjects

*See Arts combinations,
pages 52-53*

'With' Honours

Geography with **3**
subjects
5 subjects with Geography

*See Arts and Science
combinations, pages 52-54*

Our Geography programme offers rich insights into the social and natural worlds and the fascinating interplay between them; you will cover a wide range of topics from cultures, societies and economies to physical landscapes and environmental processes.

- Great flexibility in the choice of subjects spanning the full range of geography, including physical geography, human geography and environmental geography, all taught by leading experts, plus the breadth and flexibility of our degree structure which opens up numerous fascinating degree combinations.
- Fieldwork opportunities available in all four years.
- Externally acclaimed training in a range of valuable transferable skills, including quantitative and qualitative analytical methods, Geographic Information Systems, Remote Sensing, physical and social science skills, teamwork, participatory facilitation, and training in critical thinking.
- Study in a stunning location and in a friendly School, finishing as a highly literate and numerate graduate with excellent employment prospects.

What will I study?

You can take Geography in either the Faculty of Arts (MA) or the Faculty of Science (BSc). While the Geography content is taught as a single integrated subject, the MA/BSc choice gives you the option of combining Geography with subjects from the Faculties of Arts or Science during your first two years. Within our flexible degree structure, all aspects of geography are available to you in all four years, allowing you to explore your evolving interests.

The Geography element of your degree is the same for the BSc or the MA. Small-group teaching begins in first year, and average class sizes progressively diminish through the degree; in fourth year, all students receive one-to-one supervision as they complete a research dissertation. Tutorial groups offer more interactions at the first and second year levels. Geography can also be combined with a wide range of other subjects as a joint degree.

The curriculum in the first two years is a balanced mix of physical, human and environmental geography with a parallel skills stream developed in laboratory, tutorial and fieldwork settings. Third and fourth year provide the opportunity to specialise in your area of interest. We have particular strengths in climate change, glacial studies, population and health, migration and mobility, blue carbon, nature-based solutions, studying past and present environments, development, political ecology and (GIS).

First year

You will gain a broad grounding in geography, and explore the relevance of integrated geographical thinking for understanding both human and natural environments. The complex interrelationships between people and planet are a key focus. Topics include the idea of the Anthropocene, climate change, capitalism and development, migration and population, and remote sensing.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I love the fact that Geography covers such a wide range of topics and the staff are so friendly and supportive. The tutorial groups are small, so you feel comfortable getting involved and I felt like a valued participant. The field trips were loads of fun and helped me get to know classmates and lecturers better."

Audrey (Dundee, Scotland)

Geography

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Second year

Building on first year and preparing you for Honours-level study, second year combines conceptual and applied approaches to a range of geographic issues, including: glacial processes, cultural and political geography, environmental management, population studies and biogeography, and an historic focus on the nature of geography as an academic discipline.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

The Honours years allow you to specialise in your particular interests by choosing from our wide range of specialist modules, all taught by experts in their field. You will also be trained in high-level research skills, including quantitative, qualitative, GIS and fieldwork methods, equipping you to carry out your own research dissertation guided by one-to-one supervision.

Additional costs

The School covers the full cost of all obligatory field trips and offers several scholarships and awards to support your studies.

Study abroad

Geography students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme in your third year. You may also have the opportunity to participate in our School Study Abroad programme (www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/where/placements/school).

For information about study abroad options, in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore and the USA please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Accreditation

Both the BSc and MA in Geography are accredited by the Royal Geographical Society.

Careers

Reflecting the broad nature of Geography, graduates leave with a diverse and unique set of highly transferable skills, putting them in a very strong position in the jobs market.

Career paths include government, environment, sustainability, education, tourism and leisure, planning and development, business and finance, security analysis, as well as research.

Employers seek out Geography graduates because of their rare combination of quantitative and qualitative skills, their ability to integrate and analyse diverse data, their understanding of human/environment interactions, their competence in GIS remote sensing and spatial analysis, and their ability to think critically and creatively about the big social and environmental challenges facing us.

Our graduates have gone on to excel in a wide range of careers, reflecting the breadth of the subject, such as in government, NGOs, multilateral organisations, businesses, investing, education, consulting and research. Varied career paths include conservation, environmental management, urban planning, environmental government, NGOs, impact assessment, strategic planning, energy, environmental social governance, business and ecological economics, disaster risk management, agriculture, infrastructure, community organisation, maritime security, policy, governance, social-environmental justice, and finance.

Geographers often end up in surprising places.

Significant numbers of our graduates progress to postgraduate study, both at Masters and PhD level.



"I have been supported extremely well during my time here – by my friends and by the academic staff. I am now equipped with an incredibly wide range of transferable skills, from report writing and coding, to fieldwork and presenting."

Freddie (London, England)



Irvine Building

German

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See also **Modern Languages**



Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

Available degree options

All the degrees are available With Integrated Year Abroad

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

German

MA

Joint Honours

German and one of **25** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

German and two other modern languages
German and one other modern language and another subject

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

MA

'With' Honours

Economics with German

Studying another language requires us to think about cultural differences and question our own perspectives. With German at St Andrews, you will develop your language skills to a high level, while learning to think critically about German culture and history and today's world.

- The German programme at St Andrews is broad, covering German studies from the Middle Ages to the present day. You can take specialist modules in diverse areas, from translation to film and literature, medieval culture and East Germany.
- You can combine German with one or two languages, Comparative Literature, or with subjects as diverse as English, Psychology, Management or International Relations.
- You can study German with all levels of experience, starting as a beginner, as well as from Highers, A-Levels or IB.

What will I study?

You will develop your proficiency in both spoken and written German, working on a range of current and historical topics as well as translation and grammar.

You will also study the literary, cultural and intellectual history of the German-speaking world in depth. The German Department covers a range of specialisms, from medieval studies to the present day, literature and film to philosophy and visual culture.

First year

On our intensive beginners' course, you will focus on building language skills. If you have previous qualifications in German, the advanced course develops speaking and listening, reading and writing skills while introducing you to German literature, culture and history from 1945 to the present day.

Second year

The language course builds on, and consolidates, knowledge gained in first year. Classes cover German literature, culture and history in the Middle Ages, the late 18th century, the age of unification and Weimar Germany. By the end of the first two years you will have

encountered texts in German from its origins as a language to the present day and will be prepared for work or study abroad, should you choose to do so.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will continue to build German language skills, including advanced oral, writing and communication. For the rest of your programme you can choose from a wide variety of modules that draw on staff members' individual research at the cutting edge of the subject. Recent topics include the Nazi past in German cultural memory, Shakespeare in Germany, Medieval Things, masculinity in today's Germany and German environmental thought.

Study or work abroad

You can choose to apply to study or work abroad as part of your degree. German students may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information on page 143 and online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"German history is so multifaceted. I was instantly taken by the truly rich culture and have been able to explore it more as I continue my studies. I am thrilled to be able to engage with people in Germany to an extent that I have never been able to before. My WIYA year in Freiburg im Breisgau was the best experience of my life so far."

John (Belfast, Northern Ireland)

Pictured opposite

History

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historyadmissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Ancient History (& Archaeology), Medieval History, Middle East Studies, Modern History, Scottish History**



History tutorial in St John's House

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, History

MA

Single Honours

History

BA

International Honours

History

See entry requirements and other information, page 28

You will experience a broad range of expertise in many historic eras, from Scotland to Byzantium, the Americas, the Middle East and South Asia. Thematic interests include religious history, urban history, transnationalism, historiography and nationalism.

- History is ranked first in the UK by both *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024* and the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.
- You will be taught by staff with internationally recognised expertise in a broad variety of historical fields.
- You can take a Single Honours History degree, which allows you to range widely over historical time and space, or a specialised degree in Modern, Medieval or Scottish History within the School of History. Ancient History is available within the School of Classics.
- Small tutorial groups and classes mean that you receive individual attention and detailed feedback on coursework from your tutors.

Single Honours History

The Single Honours History degree provides the widest range of subject choices. Across your first and second years you take at least two modules in each of two of the following historical periods: Ancient (pre-500 CE), Medieval (500 to 1500) and Modern (post-1500).

At Honours level, you need to cover two different historical periods and may choose from the full range of modules in Ancient, Medieval, Middle Eastern, Modern and Scottish History.

What will I study?

First- and second-year modules are designed to provide broad introductions to various key topics and are taught via lectures and weekly small group tutorials.

Third-year Honours options allow you to develop detailed knowledge of particular themes, events, socio-political developments and geographical areas. Classes usually comprise 10 to 15 students. In your final year you will undertake a year-long Special Subject as well as completing a dissertation or research project on a topic of your choice.

Study abroad

History students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. You may also have the opportunity to participate in our School Abroad exchange programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers

History graduates find employment in academia, museums and archives, or as history teachers. Using the analytical and communication skills acquired through the study of history, many also proceed to careers in law, publishing, armed forces, service industries, the financial sector, the arts and the media.

The School of History offers a range of taught and research-based Masters degree programmes and opportunities for PhD students.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAAB** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades AAB** including B in History.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades ABB** including B in History.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in History.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL5 in History.

"This is a small and welcoming community. You can take a wide range of modules and combine those in History with modules from other Schools and Departments in your first two years. There is also the ability to combine studying here with exchange programmes in Europe or beyond, which provides a fantastic undergraduate experience."

Alfie (Somerset, England)

History – Medieval History

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See also **Ancient History (& Archaeology), History**



Department of Medieval History

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, History

MA

Single Honours

Medieval History
Medieval History & Archaeology

MA

Joint Honours

Medieval History and one of **23** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

'With' Honours

Medieval History with Bible and Culture
Medieval History with Persian

You will engage with sophisticated modes of thought and expression across medieval Europe and the Middle East and can select from modules on a variety of historical issues and geographical locations to suit your interests.

- St Andrews has one of the largest concentrations of internationally recognised medieval specialists in the world.
- You will have a very wide range of subject choices in Medieval History, ranging from Ireland to Armenia, and from the fourth to the fifteenth centuries.
- An unparalleled interdisciplinary research environment means that you will be taught by many staff who are leaders in their field.
- Studying Medieval History offers you the opportunity to explore medieval Europe and the Middle East through the thinking and expression of the time, as well as grappling with complex historical issues.
- The town of St Andrews is rich in medieval heritage, making it an apt and inspiring choice of location for your studies.
- For Study Abroad information, see page 115.

Medieval History & Archaeology

After taking the third-year core module in the principles and techniques in archaeology, you select topics in archaeology and in the history of the medieval period of your choice. You have the chance to attend the Summer School at the British School of Rome.

Medieval History

Medieval History at St Andrews covers a geographical range from Iceland to Central Asia. We have particular strengths in political, legal and religious history, in the history of Scotland, and in that of Byzantium and the Middle East.

First year

You will explore politics and society in the early medieval period (c.500 to c.1100) across Britain, Europe and the Near East and also examine Scotland's history as an independent kingdom between the tenth and early eighteenth centuries.

Second year

Topics will include an analytical survey of the history of continental

medieval Europe from the 11th through the 14th centuries, as well as a grounding in the major themes and development of history as a scholarly discipline and the study of historiography. The critical examination of relevant primary sources and study skills are built into the programme.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

Third year semester-long options offer specialist study in more than 15 different areas.

Examples of recent topics include early Irish society from the seventh to the ninth centuries, the eastern Roman Empire during the reign of the Emperor Justinian, civil conflicts during the later 15th century, and women and gender in later medieval Europe.

In fourth year, you take one more Honours option and a year-long Special Subject and write a dissertation. Examples of Special Subject topics include Byzantium in the tenth century, Germany during the High Middle Ages, the British Isles during the fourteenth century, and France from Philip Augustus to Philip the Fair.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAAB** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades AAB** including B in History.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades ABB** including B in History.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in History.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL5 in History.

"You will be taught by fantastic, truly engaging people. Medieval history is all about interpreting scanty, challenging sources, so it is a surprisingly creative discipline. The diverse research interests of the staff, from early medieval linguistics to the history of emotions, mean you are always exploring the adventurous outer limits of traditional history."

William (West Sussex, England)
Pictured opposite

History – Modern History

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historyadmissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **History**



St Katharine's Lodge

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, History

MA

Single Honours

Modern History

MA

Joint Honours

Modern History and one of **28** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

'With' Honours

Modern History with Bible and Culture
Modern History with Persian

You will analyse global historical events over the past 500 years from a present-day context. You can pursue a variety of different approaches including political, military, religious, scientific, social and economic history.

- As a Modern History student at St Andrews you will benefit from the expertise of renowned historians who are actively engaged in research and publication.
- You will choose from a range of optional modules covering a very broad chronological, geographical and thematic range.
- The modern era comprises the period from around 1450 to the 21st century, and modules are offered on the histories of many nations and regions, including Britain, Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia and parts of Africa and the Americas.
- You will have the opportunity to pursue many different approaches in your study of Modern History. Intellectual, political, cultural, military, religious, gender, social and economic history are among the options on offer.
- For Study Abroad information, see page 115.

What will I study?

The Modern History degree will teach you to analyse historical events, cultures and societies from a contemporary perspective.

First year

You will study the early modern western world from around 1450 to the late 18th century. You will also explore themes in late modern history, covering the period from 1776 until the turn of the 21st century. Both modules explore various topics, including the development of modern states, war and empire, alongside various key aspects of cultural, social, economic and political history.

Second year

Topics you will study include a survey of Scotland, Britain and Empire from the early modern period to the present. You will also gain a grounding in the major themes and developments of history as a scholarly discipline and the study of historiography and of different methodological approaches to topics in history.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

In third year, you will usually study two modules per semester, chosen from a wide range of available options spanning the early modern and late modern periods. Examples of recent topics include the Reformation in Europe, women and men in early modern Europe, China's revolutions in the 19th and 20th centuries, and French Algeria from the 1830s until 1962.

In fourth year, you take one more Honours option and a year-long intensive Special Subject. Recent examples of these include: the political and religious history of Elizabethan England, the history of British cinema from the 1920s to 1960, ideas of place and space in 20th-century Germany, and the development of the city in East and Southeast Asia from the mid-19th to mid-20th centuries.

You may also write a dissertation on a topic of your choice, or complete an Honours Project, which is assessed via an 8,000-word essay and presentation.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAAB** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades AABB** including B in History.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades ABB** including B in History.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in History.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL5 in History.

"The unique part about History at St Andrews is that in many cases you are surrounded by the history you are studying. When we learned about the Scottish Reformation it was easier to understand when many of the principal locations were literally right outside the door of the lecture theatre."

Philip (New Jersey, USA)

History – Scottish History

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See also **History**



St Andrews Castle

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, History

MA

Single Honours

Scottish History

MA

Joint Honours

Scottish History and one of **11** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

'With' Honours

Scottish History with Bible and Culture

This programme is an ideal introduction to understanding Scotland's unique history and place in the world. You will be exposed to issues of nation building, loss of sovereignty and the tensions between core and periphery.

- Our Scottish historians have been at the forefront of recent, major reinterpretations of Scotland's past. In studying Scottish History here, you will work with this group of widely published experts.
- As a setting of fundamental importance in Scottish history, St Andrews is a unique and enriching location for your studies.
- You will be able to study the history of Scotland from the making of kingdom and country in the early Middle Ages to the debates around Unionism and Nationalism in the late 20th century.
- You can explore key periods including the Wars of Independence, the Reformation and the Enlightenment, and themes like kingship, identity and religious change.
- Although previous study of History is required, it is not necessary to have prior knowledge of Scottish History in order to take the modules on offer.
- For Study Abroad information, see page 115.

What will I study?

In the first two years you will study the history of Scotland in modules which place the country and its people in a European and global context. The Honours programme offers a wide breadth of periods and approaches for the study of Scottish history.

Your modules are chosen from those offered in the School of History and will encourage you to place Scotland's history within a wider context.

First year

You will study Scotland's long history as an independent kingdom between the tenth and the early eighteenth century. You will also take two further history modules in the first two years.

Second year

You will explore the issues of British nationalism, imperialism and devolution in Scotland from the early modern period to the present. You will also have the opportunity to develop a grounding in the major themes of history, in the development of history as a scholarly discipline

and in the study of historiography. The critical examination of relevant primary sources and study skills are built into the programme.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You can take modules on a wide range of periods and approaches. They have included Scotland and Ireland during the Dark Ages, the importance of the castle in medieval Scotland, early modern Scotland in the age of British Unions, and Scotland's relationship with the Pacific World. In third year you will normally study two optional modules per semester.

As a Single Honours Scottish History student, in fourth year you will take one further optional module and a year-long Special Subject – those offered in previous years include the British Isles during the wars of the Bruces, Mary Queen of Scots, and radical politics in twentieth-century Scotland. You will also write a dissertation on a topic of your choice.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAAB** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades AABB** including B in History.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades ABB** including B in History.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in History.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL5 in History.

"Being taught by some of the leading historians in the field has enriched my enjoyment of a subject that I already found fascinating. The level of support provided for students is very high. There is always someone to contact when a problem occurs, whether academic or of a personal nature."

Katrina (Fife, Scotland)

International Relations

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School of International Relations

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

International Relations

MA

Joint Honours or 'With'

International Relations and one of **29** other subjects
International Relations with Persian
International Relations with Religion in Society

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

International Relations and two modern languages

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

BA

International Honours

International Relations

See entry requirements and other information, page 28

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

- International Relations at St Andrews is ranked first in the UK by the *Guardian University Guide 2024* and has been for the last ten years.
- We are ranked first in the UK in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*.
- Our School is the only one of its kind in Scotland, and St Andrews is one of the few universities in the UK that offers a Single Honours degree specifically concerning International Relations.
- You will study in a School that has a long-established international reputation for its high-quality teaching and research.
- You will interact with many world-renowned scholars researching on the topics that they teach, whose wide-ranging expertise covers all regions and today's most pressing global issues.
- You will be part of a diverse, dynamic and high achieving international student body that is enthusiastically and actively engaged in the discussion of contemporary world affairs.
- You will benefit from the intellectual intimacy of small-class teaching, enjoying unrivalled access to expert knowledge, cutting-edge research and talks by leading visiting scholars.

What will I study?

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

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

As a result of your independent guided reading and research, the topics you take will develop your critical

appraisal skills and analytical abilities, as well as your capacity to explain, defend and construct arguments both oral and written. Through the mastery of these, you will hone your skills in writing, communication, critical understanding and applied knowledge.

The School's expertise relates to all regions of the world and encapsulates the full spectrum of contemporary – and historical – events, issues, and challenges with which the study and practice of international relations is concerned. Our commitment to research-led teaching underpins these strengths, where our world-leading specialists bring their pioneering research directly into our classrooms.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"Most important to me has been the support system that I've been surrounded with, both through my friends and the University. The tutors and lecturers have been very approachable, helpful and supportive which has encouraged me to do better and work harder. Always dream big, because I never thought I would be capable of achieving the things that I have experienced and attained thus far."

Tia (Jakarta, Indonesia)
Pictured opposite

International Relations

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/international-relations
intrel@st-andrews.ac.uk

First year

You will receive an introduction to international relations, through which you will discover the basic theoretical approaches and concerns used in the study of the subject.

From that basis you will go on to analyse foreign policy and diplomacy, considering how countries make foreign policy by examining the role of institutions, culture and society.

Second year

You will examine the more advanced theories underpinning the study of international relations. You will then also explore the major issues and challenges that confront those within the world of international politics.

Honours (third and fourth) years

We provide specialist knowledge in various areas or single country studies (spanning Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the EU, Latin America and the USA) and a variety of sub-disciplines (for instance, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, terrorism and political violence, modern war and strategy, global civil society, international law, international organisations, globalisation and human rights). Other topics allow you to investigate the interdisciplinary contributions of psychology, history and gender, while our innovative teaching includes the study of the international relations of music, refugees, energy security, the environment, human rights and aesthetics.

Study abroad

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

Careers

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

Our graduates:

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



School of International Relations tutorial



“The degree offers a thorough introduction to theory both in international relations and in the social sciences more broadly, meaning that I have gained frameworks of analysis applicable to both the classroom and real-life scenarios. It is incredible to realise that the same people I know as dedicated and enthusiastic teachers are also at the forefront of research and scholarship in the subject.”

William (Massachusetts, USA)

Italian

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italianhod@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Modern Languages**



Castel San Pietro, Verona, Italy

Available degree options

All the degrees are available With Integrated Year Abroad

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Italian

MA

Joint Honours

Italian and one of **27** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

Italian and two other modern languages
Italian and one other modern language
and another subject

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

As a student of Italian you will develop your language skills to a high standard and will have the opportunity to engage in a number of specialist topics including language, literature, history, cultural and environmental studies.

- The Italian Department is the largest in Scotland and ranks second in the UK in the *Complete University Guide 2024*.
- Language teaching at all levels takes place in relatively small groups, and the structure of the programmes ensures that you will receive a solid grounding in both the language and the culture of Italy.
- We have specialist expertise in teaching Italian to complete beginners, with most of our students entering at this level.
- Members of the Italian Department have high international research profiles, and have very diverse areas of expertise, ranging from early literature to transnational Italian studies and environmental humanities.
- Our innovative and distinctive teaching approach includes mixed skills and integrated classes and regular structured contact with native speakers.

What will I study?

Italian at St Andrews provides a solid grounding in both language and culture and equips you with fundamental critical and communicative skills relevant to careers in all professional areas. We are a very vibrant and lively Department, and key areas of staff expertise include Dante, the Italian Renaissance, translation studies, modernism, transnational writing and culture, migration and border writings, environmental humanities, gender and postcolonial studies.

First year

Depending on your background in Italian, you will either be introduced to, or consolidate your knowledge of, the fundamental areas of Italian focusing on your skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. You will also be introduced to elements of Italian culture and literature from a range of periods and genres and have the opportunity to work independently.

Second year

You will consolidate and expand your understanding of Italian grammar, syntax and lexical knowledge, and of contemporary Italy. You will also study representative periods, topics and authors, developing your critical and creative skills.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

Through extensive use of contemporary materials, you will enhance and diversify your critical and creative skills, and examine important issues in contemporary Italian culture and society.

You will be able to study in depth an extremely wide variety of periods and aspects of Italian culture and literature.

Study or work abroad

You can choose to apply to study or work abroad as part of your degree. Italian students may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information on page 143 and online at:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to study abroad in Paris and Verona. Experiences like these make you realise how you can expand your horizons each and every day. Step outside your comfort zone to know what you can truly achieve!"

Simi (Falkirk, Scotland)
Pictured opposite

Management

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/management
management.school@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Business School, Economics and Finance**



The Gateway Building

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? **No**

BSc

MA

BSc

MA

MA

Single Honours

Management

See *Cross-Faculty subjects*,
page 47

Joint Honours

Management and one of **5**
other subjects

See *Science combinations*,
page 54

Joint Honours or 'With'

Management and one of **20**
other subjects

Management with Religion
and Society

See *Arts combinations*,
pages 52-53

Triple Honours

Management and two
modern languages

See *Triple combinations*,
pages 146-147

Your studies in Management will focus on how organisations operate and how value is created in multiple organisational forms. You will develop a thorough understanding of how businesses and management function from an interdisciplinary perspective.

- Management is ranked best in the UK in the *Guardian University Guide 2024* and first in Scotland in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*, and the *Complete University Guide 2024*.
- You will develop collaborative and integrated problem solving, critical thinking, self-reliance, research skills and other graduate attributes that will enhance your employability.

What will I study?

You will be introduced to a variety of organisations in all sectors of the economy and will learn to understand techniques including marketing, organisational behaviour and analysis of financial data. From your studies, you will be empowered to interrogate evidence, challenge existing logic, and question established ways of practising management.

You will learn from a team of international scholars whose teaching and research are centred on the concept of responsible enterprise, which entails an ethical approach to managing organisations and considers social and environmental impacts of organisations.

First year

You will first investigate why we have organisations, how organisations operate in society and the influence of the external and internal environments on them. You will then examine analytical techniques required by managers (e.g. financial accounting and statistics).

Second year

You will examine the conceptual frameworks and techniques in marketing and organisational behaviour. You will then examine some of the alternative perspectives on management and

the changing policy and business environment for organisations, engaging with accounting from a broader sociological perspective in diverse and challenging situations.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

The Management honours programme will equip you with the analytical skills and conceptual knowledge to become a critical social scientist, able to understand and investigate organisations and organising in contemporary society.

Honours topics covered in previous years have included: advertising and marketing communication; behavioural decision making; corporate finance and control; corporate social responsibility, accountability and reporting; dynamic strategic management; entrepreneurship and small business development; equality and diversity in organisations; financial markets and investments; human resource management; international business; international banking; international marketing; leadership development; management of change; management accounting and control; management and sustainable development; public sector management; research methods and management project; sociology of finance.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

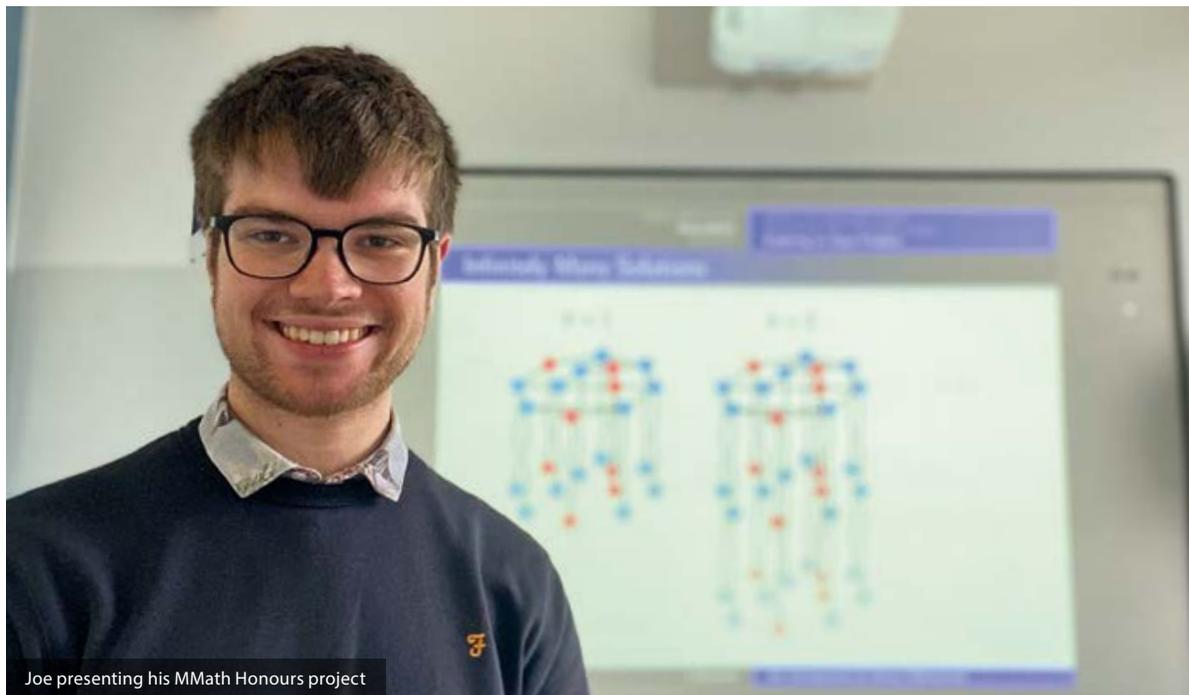
- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“Management strikes the perfect blend between a tangible education on business acumen and a scholarly exploration of organisation theory. I have found it to be an incredibly well-rounded degree programme. The University has a knack of attracting incredibly thoughtful and kind people and St Andrews will be a home to me forever.”

Manahil (Geneva, Switzerland)
Pictured opposite

Mathematics & Statistics

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/mathematics
maths-admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk



Joe presenting his MMath Honours project

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? **Yes, Mathematics**

MMath

Integrated Masters

Mathematics
 Applied Mathematics
 Pure Mathematics
 Statistics

BSc

MA

Single Honours

Mathematics
 Statistics

See *Cross-Faculty subjects*,
page 47

BSc

MA

Joint Honours BSc

Mathematics and one
 of **9** other subjects
 Statistics and one of **6**
 other subjects

See *Science combinations*,
page 54

BSc

MA

'With' Honours BSc

Mathematics with
 Geography

MPhys

MChem

Joint Integrated Masters

Mathematics and Theoretical
 Physics (MPhys)
 Chemistry with Mathematics
 (MChem)

Joint Honours MA

Mathematics and one
 of **21** other subjects
 Statistics and one of **3**
 other subjects

See *Arts combinations*,
pages 52-53

'With' Honours MA

Mathematics with
 Russian
 Mathematics with
 Spanish

Your primary focus studying Mathematics will be understanding patterns and structure and developing the tools with which to analyse them. You will be able to describe and categorise processes involved in physical or biological phenomena.

- Mathematics at St Andrews is ranked highly in major UK league tables: second in the *Guardian University Guide 2024*, fourth in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024* and fifth in *The Complete University Guide 2024*.
- A stimulating environment, with teaching by world-class researchers.
- A wide variety of degree programmes and modules is offered.
- Outstanding tutorial support, especially in first and second year.

What will I study?

St Andrews has first-class researchers in the three main areas of the mathematical sciences: pure, applied and statistics. Our courses reflect this diversity of interests and provide the focus for specialisation and project work.

Understanding patterns and structure, and developing the tools with which to analyse them, is the primary focus of all mathematics. Whether the patterns relate to physical or biological phenomena or to the structure of mathematics itself, the primary aim is to describe, categorise and understand the processes involved. Much of your time here will be concerned with developing the analytical techniques and skills necessary to explore some of these fascinating areas of research.

First year

You will take between one and three first-year modules in Mathematics. There is one compulsory Mathematics module, which will extend and enhance your skills in algebraic manipulation and in differential and integral calculus, develop your geometric insight and your understanding of limiting processes, and introduce you to complex numbers and matrices.

We offer three further modules, one of which provides

an introduction to mathematics, another covers a wide variety of topics in pure and applied mathematics, and another module concentrates on statistics.

Second year

We offer eight modules across the whole range of mathematics and statistics, of which you will take between four and eight, depending on your intended degree. These are designed to introduce you to the study of more advanced mathematics, opening up access to the diverse range of modules that we offer at higher levels.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You have the option either to continue with a broad spread of pure mathematics, applied mathematics and statistics or to concentrate on just one or two of these areas. Examples of recent modules include graph theory, fractal geometry, dynamical systems, solar theory, financial mathematics and Bayesian inference.

In your final year, you will be required to investigate a topic of your choice in some depth, submit a written dissertation and give a presentation, all under the supervision of a staff member who is a leading expert in the area of your project.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAAB
 - Minimum entry grades AABB
- Must include A in Mathematics.

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades A*A*A
 - Minimum entry grades A*AB
- Must include A* in Mathematics.

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

Must include HL6 in Mathematics.

Direct entry to second year

SQA Highers/Advanced Highers:

- Advanced Highers AA including Mathematics, plus Highers AAAAB.

GCE A-Levels:

- A*A*A including A* in Mathematics and A in Further Mathematics.

International Baccalaureate:

- 39 (HL 6,6,6) including HL6 in Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches.

"I don't study maths because I love differential equations (though they are quite cool); I study maths because I love the techniques I can learn to tackle difficult problems, and the language I have developed to explain my solutions."

Joe (Staffordshire, England)
Pictured opposite

Mathematics & Statistics

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/mathematics
maths-admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

Integrated Masters (five years)

You combine undergraduate and Masters-level study into a single five-year programme, graduating with a Masters degree.

In addition to the third- and fourth-year modules described on the previous page, we teach around 30 more advanced modules, each of which is delivered by a research-active specialist in the field.

Direct entry into second year

Students with excellent Advanced Higher, A-Level or International Baccalaureate qualifications can enter directly into the second year of study.

Second-year entry students bypass the first-year courses entirely, completing a BSc in three years or an MMath in four years. You may also have the opportunity to study abroad, after either one or two years of study at St Andrews.

Our degree programmes:

Mathematics

This degree allows you to study the full range of modules we offer in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, and statistics, as described in 'What will I study?' on the previous page.

Applied Mathematics

You will focus on real-world applications of mathematics and learn how to apply your mathematical skills to solve problems in fields as diverse as biology, astrophysics and finance.

Pure Mathematics

You will acquire the analytical techniques, clear logical thinking and deductive reasoning necessary to explore and understand mathematical problems. There are also many connections between pure mathematics and computer science, and you will have the opportunity to learn about these, if you wish.

Statistics

You will specialise in the branch of mathematics that focuses on collecting, analysing and presenting large quantities of data. There are many practical applications for statistics, including fields such as science, medicine, government, business and education.

Accreditation

Our degree programmes in Mathematics, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics are accredited by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.

Our degree programmes in Statistics are accredited by the Royal Statistical Society in recognition of the "breadth, depth, quality and foundation" of these programmes as well as their statistical content.

Study abroad

Mathematics and Statistics students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Scholarships

We offer a small number of scholarships of up to £1,000 to first-year students, based on financial need.

Careers

Demand for mathematically trained graduates vastly outstrips the supply, hence career prospects are excellent in a variety of fields.

Recruiters seek numerate graduates who are literate, think logically, write and present well, and can work with relevant technology. Our degrees develop all these skills.

A Mathematics or Statistics degree is recognised as a substantial achievement in a demanding discipline.

Our graduates gain employment with merchant banks, insurance companies, computer consultancies, the civil service, industry, and financial services organisations (for example, Goldman Sachs, KPMG, PwC and many more).

Many graduates go onto further study for an MSc and PhD, both of which are available at St Andrews, and some go into teaching.



Social space, School of Mathematics & Statistics



"I am interested in pure mathematics and especially algebra and combinatorics but came with a limited knowledge and so I love being taught by experts in those areas. The positive atmosphere as well as the approachable teaching style is something that has helped me immensely in my studies and has boosted my enjoyment for my subject even further."

Marina (Athens, Greece)

Medicine

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Special senses anatomy session

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, Chemistry

BSc

Single Honours

Medicine
– leading to MBChB/MBBS
at a partner medical school

MBChB

Medicine programme

ScotCOM – undergraduate
entry programme
ScotGEM – graduate entry
programme (See page 138)

The University of St Andrews has educated aspiring doctors for over 550 years. Our modern degree structures provide you with the foundations of medical sciences in a learning environment which integrates professional training and early clinical experience.

- You gain appropriate early clinical experience and meet patients within the NHS from first year onwards.
- You will have access to purpose-built facilities including an anatomy dissection suite, simulated environments for clinical and communication skills teaching, clinical skills suites and integrated technology to support for your learning.
- You will develop the professional attitudes, ethical understanding and decision-making skills required of a doctor.
- Professionalism and patient safety are key components of the entire programme.

Our degree programmes:

BSc (Hons) Medicine

BSc (Hons) in Medicine provides you with a thorough knowledge of the foundations of medical science, while developing skills required by tomorrow's doctors. The degree shares a common curriculum for the first 2.5 years with those studying MBChB (ScotCOM). BSc (Hons) students graduate after three years and transfer to one of the University's partner medical schools to complete a further three years of training before graduating with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB/MBBS).

A100 route: If you are Home or RUK for fee purposes, there are three application options dependent on where you intend to undertake your final three years (Scotland, England or No Preference). If you are 'overseas' for fee purposes, you will progress to the University of Manchester.

A990 route: Available if you are Canadian (or have Canadian residency rights), are 'overseas' for fee purposes and wish to return to Canada for residency placement. You will graduate

from St Andrews with a BSc (Hons) Medicine before transferring to the University of Edinburgh to complete your medical training and thereafter an attachment to the University of Alberta.

MBChB (ScotCOM)

MBChB (ScotCOM) is a unique and innovative programme focussed on community-based clinical teaching and is designed to cater for the needs of aspiring medical professionals and modern healthcare. You will gain a comprehensive understanding of primary care services alongside exposure and understanding of hospital-based services. You will undertake your entire undergraduate medical education at the University of St Andrews and graduate with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) in five years. The programme shares a common curriculum for the first 2.5 years with those studying BSc (Hons). MBChB (ScotCOM) is an undergraduate entry programme and is available only if you are Home or RUK for fee purposes.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/medicine-bsc-a100

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAAB
- Minimum entry grades AAABB
- Gateway to Medicine entry grades BBBB

Must include Chemistry and Biology (or Human Biology), or Mathematics or Physics, plus National 5 grade B in Biology (or Human Biology) and Mathematics and English if not passed at Highers.

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
 - Minimum entry grades AAB
- Must include Chemistry and (Biology or Mathematics or Physics), plus GCSE (5) in (Biology, Mathematics and English) if not passed at AS or A-Levels.

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6 plus SL 6,6,6)
 - Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5 plus SL 6,6,5)
- Must include HL in Chemistry and (Biology or Mathematics or Physics), plus SL in (Biology, Mathematics and English) if not passed at HL.

"We have a lot of hands-on opportunities like dissection, clinical skills and history taking. I really enjoy all these classes because I can start practising these skills before my clinical years and I will have more competence in the future."

Ellice (Hong Kong)

Medicine

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine
medical.admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

First year

You will build a strong foundation of medical knowledge and clinical reasoning skills studying the interrelationships between the medical sciences. You will explore the structure and functions of the body systems and clinical aspects in depth and will be introduced to key themes which run throughout the programme emphasising the leadership and innovation essential to modern medical practice. You will be taught clinical and communication skills and attend a community-based placement.

Second year

Building on knowledge from first year, you will study the normal function and dysfunction of specific physiological systems (cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, renal and reproductive systems) while developing the key themes further. You will learn clinical skills related to each system and attend more frequent placements.

Third year

You will study the normal function and dysfunction of complex integrative physiological systems (central nervous and endocrine systems).

If studying BSc (Hons), you will undertake a significant research project in the form of a dissertation, consolidate your clinical training prior to moving to a partner medical school. Your clinical placements will focus on the secondary care environment.

If studying MBChB ScotCOM, you will enter your more clinically focussed years, engaging in extended clinical placements across both hospital and community-based services.

Fourth and fifth year (MBChB ScotCOM only)

You will experience rotations in community hospitals, urgent care settings and GP practices based across NHS Fife, NHS Borders and NHS Forth Valley, fostering a holistic understanding of patient centred care. You will also concentrate on preparation for practice, including extended secondary care (hospital) experiences, equipping you for your role as a foundation doctor.

Careers

BSc (Hons) graduates continue to a partner medical school to complete their MBChB/MBBS.

Award of this second degree allows you to apply for postgraduate medical training relevant to your route. If A100, you are eligible for provisional registration with the General Medical Council (GMC) upon graduation from the partner medical school and will be eligible to apply to enter Foundation Year (FY) Training within the UK. If A990, you are eligible to apply to enter FY Training in the UK (subject to Scottish Government changes) or the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS). Students receive specific mentoring and training in preparation for applying to the CaRMS.

Graduates of MBChB (ScotCOM) will be able to pursue any branch of medicine through the standard postgraduate training process. With over 60 different potential specialties available, abundant and diverse career opportunities await.

Accreditation

The BSc (Hons) Medicine is accredited by the General Medical Council to the same standards as a primary medical qualification. Accordingly, progression is subject to both academic results and fitness to practise.

The MBChB is a primary medical qualification (PMQ) accredited by the General Medical Council (GMC) and is awarded by the University of St Andrews.

Additional entry routes:

Gateway to Medicine

The University offers this one-year programme taught in the Faculty of Science. This programme provides an opportunity for eligible students resident in Scotland, who have completed S5 or S6 to study at first-year undergraduate level. Applicants who are 'overseas' for fee purposes are not eligible to apply. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/gateway-to-medicine

International Pre-Med

This is a preparatory programme for medicine combining science study with advanced English for academic purposes and communication skills. Only applicants who are 'overseas' for fee purposes can apply. www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/ifp/medical-sciences-september



Anatomy suite, School of Medicine



“The unique opportunity to experience full-body dissection highlights the clinical relevance in understanding anatomy. This along with the local clinical placements in Fife, the clinical skills suite that simulates a ward, and the unique opportunity to gain two degrees from two different universities, all played a role in me choosing St Andrews to study.”

Robbie (Dundee, Scotland)

Medicine – ScotGEM

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/medicine/scotgem-mbchb
scotgem-admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

- ScotGEM is the only medicine programme of its kind in Scotland. This four-year programme is tailored to meet the contemporary and future needs of the NHS in Scotland, with a focus on medical generalism and rural practice.
- Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine (ScotGEM) is a joint programme run by the universities of St Andrews and Dundee, in collaboration with the University of Highlands and Islands and four NHS Partner Boards in Scotland (Dumfries & Galloway, Fife, Highland and Tayside). First and second years are led by the University of St Andrews, third and fourth years are led by the University of Dundee.
- The curriculum employs exciting educational innovations. First- and second-year students learn via case-based learning with clinical placements. Third-year students undertake a year-long 'longitudinal integrated clerkship' based in a GP practice in Scotland, some of which are remote and rural in nature. Fourth year provides students with an increase in hospital experience, in readiness for working as a Foundation doctor.

What will I study?

ScotGEM is an intensive undergraduate programme, designed specifically for graduate learners. You will study foundation sciences, become skilled in clinical interactions and be given the opportunity to apply your knowledge and skills in the clinical context from week one. Alongside the core of the programme, ScotGEM aims to equip you with the skills to be able to influence change for the communities you will serve as a doctor (Agents of Change). Each year you will undertake projects where you improve services for people and their families and you will spend time in third-sector organisations experiencing wider social determinants of health.

First year

Your first year is based in St Andrews and NHS Fife. You will use clinical cases provided by clinicians to trigger your learning in specific areas of medicine. A focus on foundational medical sciences will subsequently underpin more challenging cases and a bespoke Clinical Interactions Course. You will be able to apply your knowledge and skills in weekly clinical placements with our generalist clinical mentors (GCMs) in NHS Fife.

Second year

This follows a similar format to first year, but with the introduction of more complex cases led by our GCMs and the addition of more clinical experience in secondary care environments, as well as the ongoing clinical interactions course. You will rotate around our partner NHS Boards and have placements, of six to twelve weeks, learning with our NHS partners in Dumfries, Fife and Inverness.

Third year

In third year, you will join a General Practice in one of our four partner Health Board regions in Scotland (Dumfries & Galloway, Fife, Highland or Tayside) and follow patients through their illness journey over the course of a year, gathering experience in primary and secondary care. This approach has been shown to develop more patient-centred doctors, with improved decision-making skills.

Fourth year

In your final year, you will have increased exposure to the hospital environment in preparation for work as a Foundation doctor. You will complete a two-month Foundation apprenticeship as well as other hospital-based clinical attachments. You may also be able to arrange an eight-week period of clinical practice (elective) which can potentially take place anywhere in the world and will be focused on your own interests.

MBChB

(Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery)

ScotGEM graduates will receive an MBChB, which is a primary medical qualification (PMQ) accredited by the General Medical Council (GMC) and is awarded jointly by the universities of St Andrews and Dundee.



Surgical skills

Careers

ScotGEM is designed for those interested in a career as a medical generalist, which includes general surgeons or physicians as well as General Practice. All students will spend some time studying in rural settings and it uniquely suits those with a focus on rural Scotland. As a ScotGEM graduate you will be eligible for provisional registration with the GMC and to apply to enter Foundation Year training within the UK. Advice on careers in the NHS will be available throughout the course.

Entry requirements

Degree: 2.1 Honours degree in either Arts or Science.

SQA Highers / GCE Advanced (A2) Level: Chemistry at grade B.

SQA National 5 / GCSE: Mathematics National 5 grade B / Standard Grade at Credit 2 / Intermediate 2 at grade B / GCSE at grade B.

Aptitude Test: GAMSAT (in either the year of application or the previous year).



“From week one of ScotGEM, the case-based model means that we are putting all of our learning in a clinical context and this has benefitted me enormously when on placements, both in primary care and the hospitals across the country. It is clear everyone appreciates our varying backgrounds and we are encouraged to learn from each other, which has been invaluable.”

Olivia (Aberdeenshire, Scotland)

Middle East Studies

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/middle-east-studies
historyadmissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Arabic, History, Persian**



Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, History

MA

Joint Honours

Middle East Studies and one of **16** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

Middle East Studies-Arabic-Persian

You will engage with the history, politics, cultures and languages of the Middle East, with options ranging from the study of pre-Islamic Iran and the rise of Islam through the Abbasid, Byzantine, Seljuk, Mongol, Ottoman and Safavid Empires to the 20th-century Middle East.

- The School of History is ranked first in the UK by both *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024* and the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.
- The opportunity to study the history of the Middle East at undergraduate level is a distinctive aspect of the History programme at St Andrews. You will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to enable you to understand this culturally diverse and strategically important region of the world.
- Middle East Studies is available as a Joint Honours degree in combination with one of many disciplines.
- There is no need to have prior knowledge of Middle Eastern History in order to engage with the subject, although you need to have studied History. All resources are supplied in English.
- You may specialise in the medieval or modern periods and choose from a wide range of Middle Eastern topics covering a variety of eras and cultures.
- For Study Abroad information, see pages 59 and 115.

What will I study?

You will gain a wide range of disciplinary skills that are of great use in studying and understanding this culturally diverse and strategically important region of the world.

First year

You will take two first-year History modules (in Ancient, Medieval or Modern History).

Second year

You will take two History modules, one of which will be the compulsory introduction to Middle Eastern History.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will choose from a variety of options covering a wide chronological and thematic spread. Examples of recent topics include Armenia in the early medieval period, the transformation of the Middle East in the seventh century, the

development of Constantinople from late Roman to Ottoman times, the Crusades from Muslim perspectives, the shaping of the Iranian world by Turkic dynasties from the 14th to the 18th centuries, and the development of modern Iran since 1921.

In fourth year, you will take a year-long Special Subject. Examples include Byzantium in the tenth century, politics, society and culture from medieval Anatolia and the Fourth Crusade to the establishment of the Ottoman empire, interactions between the Latin west and the powers and cultures of the Near East and beyond during the 13th century, the Mongol world empire and the relationship between Britain and Iran in the modern period.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAAB** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades AAB** including B in History.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA** including A in History.
- **Minimum entry grades ABB** including B in History.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in History.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL5 in History.

"I chose Middle East Studies because I love learning about the history and causes that affect current events there today – it also pairs well with my other focus (International Relations). Since so many international students are drawn to St Andrews, the diversity of perspective is valuable to any class discussion."

Anna (Philadelphia, USA)

Modern Languages

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modlangs@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Arabic, Chinese Studies, Comparative Literature, French, German, Italian, Persian, Russian, Spanish**



Baghdad, Iraq

Available degree options

*Previous knowledge of subject required?
Only for **French***

MA

Single Honours

French
German
Italian
Russian
Spanish

MA

Joint Honours

The following can be combined with a range of other subjects

Arabic
Chinese Studies
Comparative Literature
French
German
Italian
Persian
Russian
Spanish

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

The following can be combined with each other or with a range of other subjects

Arabic
Comparative Literature
French
German
Italian
Persian
Russian
Spanish

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

You will develop a high level of proficiency in the language you choose to study, and you will also be able to pursue your own specific interests, including culture, history, film, literature and politics.

- Modern Languages at St Andrews is ranked first in the UK by the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.
- Our modern language programmes are amongst the most flexible in the UK.
- Our staff are leading researchers with expertise in an extremely wide range of areas and subjects, spanning from the medieval period to the present day.
- We offer a friendly learning environment with skilled and dedicated tutors at all levels, many of whom are native speakers.
- The Multi-Media Centre houses a modern digital language laboratory.
- You can start as a complete beginner in Arabic, Chinese, German, Italian, Persian, Russian and Spanish.
- If you study one or more languages, as part of your degree you may be able to visit the countries where the languages you study are spoken.
- We have a very active and dynamic student community, and a range of popular and vibrant language societies.
- The School also runs a well-integrated programme in Comparative Literature, taught by experts in the language and culture of the texts studied.

What will I study?

Please refer to the pages of individual languages for further details of the key distinctive specialisms characterising each of our Departments. See also the Subject list on page 49.

Triple Honours combinations

You can combine the study of two languages with a third non-language subject or the study of three languages in one degree programme. You can also make the most of our flexible system to integrate in your triple subject degree a period of study abroad, in one or more of the countries where the languages you study are spoken. Most of the languages taught in our School can be combined in a triple subject degree, and you will be able to decide at the end of your second year in which area or subject you want to specialise.

Study abroad

We have successful partnerships with distinguished international institutions which you may be able to visit as part of your degree as an exchange student. We are generally very flexible in trying to tailor study abroad to your needs and circumstances, to ensure that your experience abroad is positive, enriching and fulfilling.

Modern Languages students may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. For information about study abroad options, please see: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

French has slightly different requirements from those above and must always include A (B for Gateway) or HL6 in French.

"I loved being able to study my three languages (Arabic, French and Spanish) and graduating with all three of them on my degree; St Andrews was the only university that allowed me to study all three languages to degree level, and had the added bonus of being the best both as a department and nationally! I love how creative and interactive the courses are."

Emira (Newcastle, England)

Pictured opposite

Modern Languages

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With Integrated Year Abroad (WIYA)

You may spend your third year working in a country where the relevant language is spoken. You will also complete a programme of academic work to be submitted during your year abroad. The WIYA option is open to students in Arabic, Chinese Studies, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

With your Department's advice and approval, you may organise your own work placement for any of these languages; alternatively, you may apply for the British Council's English Language Assistantship scheme, which is available for French, German, Italian and Spanish. Language Assistants receive a salary, paid locally, and are supported directly by their employer. British Council placements are awarded through an application and selection process and are not guaranteed. If you cannot secure an approved placement, you will be moved to a four-year degree programme.

Students on a Chinese Studies WIYA may spend their year abroad on an approved language course or a work placement. Russian WIYA students will typically spend their integrated year abroad studying the language.

Multi-Media Centre (MMC)

The MMC digital language laboratory plays an increasingly important part in the School's language teaching, with Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) software to support your learning and progress. You can take a virtual tour of our MMC at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/modern-languages/about/multi-media-centre

Careers

Modern Languages graduates have an extremely good record of employment after graduating, not only in all sectors that require advanced language skills but also in professional environments that demand good communication and analytical skills.

Employers value our graduates not only because they demonstrate excellent communication, interpersonal and intercultural skills, but also because language graduates are independent and self-sufficient employees, with initiative, resilience, and highly developed problem solving, research, and analytical skills. Many of our graduates:

- specialise in translation and interpreting services, in language teaching or other sector-specific careers.
- join international institutions and enterprises, working in international development departments, human resources, administration, media and communication jobs.
- start a career in the banking and financial sector.
- join the civil service, particularly in positions within the Foreign Office.
- continue their studies at postgraduate level.

All of our language Departments offer Masters and research degrees. Our graduates often consider more specialised postgraduate courses in translation and interpreting.



"I love that our language lessons are based on the study of news articles, recently published books, songs or movies. Being taught in small groups really allows us to debate and discuss with one another. Studying Italian and Spanish has allowed me to consider foreign sources when writing my International Relations essays, and to communicate with scholars and students from abroad when working on projects."

Louise (Vaucluse, France – studied Italian, Spanish and International Relations)



“I spent all of my third year abroad in Italy studying at the University of Turin and this was a life-changing experience. Without the language skills I had learned in my first two years of Italian at St Andrews this experience would not have been possible.”

Rohin (California, USA – studied Italian and Modern History)

“I spent a year studying abroad at Sciences Po in Paris. I was able to study a variety of subjects in English, French and Spanish, developing my interests in the Middle East and Latin America. The highlight of my year was performing highland dancing at the UK Embassy in honour of the King’s Coronation.”

Anna (South Lanarkshire, Scotland – studied French, Spanish and International Relations)



“During my year abroad, I was able to study at both the Swedish Defence University and the University of Vienna. Studying abroad was a fantastic opportunity – I was able to broaden my horizons and experience different cultures while also studying my subjects from totally different perspectives!”

Duncan (Aberdeenshire, Scotland – studied German and International Relations)



Modern Languages

Triple subject combinations

	Ancient History	Arabic – also WIYA	Classical Studies	Comparative Literature	English	French – also WIYA	German – also WIYA	Greek	International Relations	Italian – also WIYA	Latin	Management	Middle East Studies	Persian	Russian – also WIYA	Social Anthropology	Spanish – also WIYA
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WIYA = Also available With Integrated Year Abroad 3 = Triple ⁶ = Only available to non-beginners in German

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Neuroscience

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See also **Biology, Psychology**



Neuroscience students examining the earthworm nervous system

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No – not Neuroscience specifically, but you should have a science background

BSc

Single Honours

Neuroscience

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Neuroscience is the science of the nervous system. You will study how the mind and brain work to facilitate our behaviour, covering topics such as motor control, memory formation, cognitive processing and the activity of nerve cells.

- This degree programme is taught jointly by the School of Psychology & Neuroscience and the School of Biology.
- Our research-led teaching is given by specialists in their fields.
- Small-class teaching in Senior Honours courses allows more student-lecturer interactions.
- There is the opportunity to conduct a year-long research project.
- Neuroscience is ranked first in the UK by the *Guardian University Guide 2024*.

What will I study?

If you decide to study Neuroscience at St Andrews, you should have acquired a sufficient science background at school. This can be subjects in biology, chemistry, mathematics or physics. You will learn both the molecular and cellular processes of animal behaviour and higher brain functions like perception and cognition. Our main specialisms include animal motor control, neural degeneration, neural development, animal behaviour, learning and memory.

First year

You will study some introductory courses on both biology and psychology with regular laboratories and statistical methods workshops. You will also have the freedom to take up to two courses of your own choice.

Second year

You will complete a neuroscience specific module, alongside learning some further psychology and specialised biology topics like biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, evolutionary biology, zoology and ecology.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

In third year, you will develop a deeper understanding of neuroscience, covering

topics like advanced principles of neuroscience, behavioural neuroscience, neuropharmacology, perception and cognition, membranes and cell communication, gene regulation and expression, and research design and analysis.

In fourth year, you have the option to develop your own speciality by choosing specific modules. Examples of previous modules include Maladaptive changes in the Nervous System, Memory Mechanisms and Alzheimer's Disease, Neuromodulation, Clinical Neuropsychology, and Motoneurons – From Physiology to Pathology.

A number of your modules will have laboratories incorporated in them. You will also have the option to carry out a year-long research project in one of the neuroscience laboratories under the supervision of a specialist and write a dissertation.

Study abroad

Neuroscience students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
 - Minimum entry grades AABB
- At least a B in two of Biology (or Human Biology), Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics.
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
 - Minimum entry grades ABB
- At least a B in two of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics.

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

At least an HL5 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics.

"I love the fact that I get to go into labs with the latest equipment and technology to carry out experiments. Studying is made all the more exciting as I get to read and discuss a lot of the research papers with the very academics who published them."

Sunsha (Sri Lanka)

Persian

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See also **Middle East Studies, Modern Languages**



Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Joint Honours

Persian and one of **25** other subjects

See *Arts combinations*, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

Persian and two other modern languages
Persian and one other modern language and another subject

See *Triple combinations*, pages 146-147

MA

'With' Honours

Geography with Persian
International Relations with Persian
Medieval History with Persian
Modern History with Persian

See *Arts combinations*, pages 52-53

Persian is a creative and flexible language. Your studies will emphasise modern language, literature, drama, visual culture and cinema, but you will also have the opportunity to familiarise yourself with classical literary and historical texts.

- St Andrews is one of only four universities in the UK to offer undergraduate degrees in Persian and is the most versatile in the study of Persianate societies and Iranian studies.
- St Andrews has the largest range of Persian degrees in the UK.
- African and Middle Eastern Studies is ranked third in the UK in *The Complete University Guide 2024*.
- You can begin the study of Persian language with no prior knowledge and choose how far you wish to continue.
- You will have access to Persian, Iranian and Middle Eastern related events organised by various research groups across the University as well as by two student-run societies.
- An annual prize is awarded to the best student of each year group.

What will I study?

You will study the language, literature and culture of the Persian-speaking world. The topics include classical and modern Persian language and literature, and modern drama, song, media and film. The building of a high level of competence in language skills is a priority at all levels, and you will be expected to write using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation in both Persian and English. You will also take modules in other subjects which can lead to joint degrees in Medieval or Modern History, Art History, Middle East Studies, International Relations, Social Anthropology, classical subjects and modern languages, including Arabic.

First year

You will learn the skills of reception (reading and listening) and production (speaking and writing) in Persian. You will become familiar with the spoken and written forms of Persian, developing your abilities to express yourself orally and in writing, and to read basic texts.

Second year

You will develop skills that enable you to read more sophisticated texts and translate them into English. You will also consolidate your understanding of Persian grammar and learn how to use it in reading, listening, speaking and writing. You will be exposed to some sample texts of modern Persian literature.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You continue to study both the spoken and the written language. You also take courses in modern and classical Persian literature as well as modern drama, cinema and song traditions in the Persian speaking world. All classes are taught in small groups with an emphasis on student participation. In the fourth year, you also have the option of doing independent guided research to write a short or a long dissertation.

Study abroad

Persian students may participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information on page 143 and online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“You will have the choice to study what truly interests you (literature, music, film etc.) within the Persian course. The language skills give you the possibility of understanding a culture and literary style very distinct to any other in the world. I believe that the small class sizes are what has really set the course apart from any other course I have taken. This structure fosters a closer relationship between students and their professors.”

Diego (Geneva, Switzerland)

Pictured opposite, third from the left

Philosophy

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philosophy@st-andrews.ac.uk



Edgecliffe building – Department of Philosophy

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Philosophy

See Cross-Faculty subjects, page 47

MA

Joint Honours or 'With'

Philosophy and one of **30** other subjects
Philosophy with Bible and Culture
Philosophy with Religion in Society

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

BSc

Joint Honours

Philosophy and one of **6** other subjects

See Science combinations, page 54

Philosophy is a highly interdisciplinary subject, which is concerned with trying to make sense of ourselves and the world we live in through rational argument.

- Philosophy at St Andrews is ranked first in the UK by *The Times* and *The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*.
- A Philosophy degree from St Andrews is held in high regard throughout the academic world.
- Philosophy can be pursued as a Single Honours degree, but it also combines naturally with many other subjects, such as Classics, History, International Relations, Psychology and Theology. You can also combine it with a science or Mathematics.
- Philosophy staff at St Andrews work in a broad spectrum of disciplines, from logic and metaphysics to moral and political philosophy and beyond. As a result, we offer a wider variety of study areas than you might find elsewhere, within a flexible modular system.
- Significant numbers of our Philosophy graduates secure places on graduate programmes at St Andrews, or at other leading universities in the UK and the United States.

What will I study?

The Philosophy degree pathway is extremely flexible with several options and only one compulsory module in the first year. This allows you to explore the areas of philosophy you find appealing, while receiving a good grounding in the discipline and its methodology.

On entering Honours, you can tailor your degree to your interests thanks to the variety of options that are available each year. Overall, the makeup of your Philosophy degree is largely determined by you – though you will of course be guided by your advisers.

Our staff are at the forefront of research in their varied fields, and their expertise and enthusiasm are conveyed at all levels of teaching.

Teaching and learning are carried out via a variety of methods. In first and second year it involves both formal lectures and informal tutorials, in which you discuss your ideas,

problems and questions with your tutor and fellow students. There are also example classes to support the learning of logic. At Honours level, modules are delivered workshop-style, with an emphasis on presentation and discussion, to further develop your skills of critical reading and analysis.

Assessment in first and second year is predominantly coursework with some written examinations, but at Honours the majority of assessment is coursework only and often incorporates alternative methods (presentations, research projects, blogs) alongside the more traditional essay writing.

Throughout your degree, teaching and assessment methods will enable you to develop a range of skills, from precise and effective reading to clear and critical thinking and cogent articulation of complex problems and arguments.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I have been really impressed by the academic rigour and how talented and dedicated the teaching staff is! The School of Philosophy is home to many of the leading experts in the field, so it's been very exciting to meet people whose work I admire! There are many modules on contemporary topics such as feminist philosophy, social epistemology, and philosophy of law."

Anna (Copenhagen, Denmark)
Pictured opposite

Philosophy

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philosophy@st-andrews.ac.uk

At St Andrews, we familiarise you with views put forward by the principal figures of the philosophical tradition and provide you with the means to rationally evaluate these views. We encourage you to develop your own informed views on these issues and teach you how to assess independently your own arguments. Learning philosophy is therefore as much about acquiring skills of criticism and analysis, clear thinking and principled debate, as it is about learning a specific subject matter.

First year

Philosophical questions can be abstract and theoretical, for example, how to define knowledge or how to relate the mind and the body, or practical, for example, what kinds of obligations we have to others, and how we ought to live. There are specific topics you have to cover if you want to continue with Philosophy, but there are several options to choose from, even at the introductory level, covering metaphysics, philosophy of mind, moral and political philosophy, reasoning and the history of philosophy.

Second year

There is further opportunity to study the history of philosophy and to learn more about logic. Epistemology (the study of knowledge), the philosophy of language, aesthetics, and metaethics are also introduced. You will be able to explore more deeply some of the questions you were introduced to in first year. You will be able to choose between options and will attend lectures and small-group tutorials while reading independently.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will take at least one module with a focus on reading core texts in a wide range of philosophical topics. You will also choose from a wide variety of topics in epistemology, metaphysics, formal

logic, the philosophies of logic, mind and language, applied ethics, ethical and political theory, metaethics, aesthetics, the philosophies of film, literature, creativity, law, human rights and global justice, economics, religion, feminist philosophy. You may also study texts in the history of philosophy such as Scottish philosophy, Kant, or 20th-century philosophy.

Study abroad

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

Careers

Training in the sort of precise and effective reading, and clear thinking and writing, required for all philosophical study, makes a good preparation for many careers. The critical thinking developed by the study of philosophy is highly valued by many employers.

Recent Philosophy graduates have entered careers in non-profit organisations (campaign coordinator for Oxfam, graduate trainee at Charityworks), banking, management consultancy, retail area management, local government and government organisations (including the NHS), television production, publishing and teaching.

Some graduates have also decided to pursue academic careers, either in philosophy or in other fields. A significant number have gone on to pursue academic careers by enrolling in Masters, and then Doctoral, programmes around the world.

Many Philosophy graduates go on to study in other areas, for example, law conversion courses, and teacher training.



Edgecliffe



“Being able to study contemporary issues in philosophy and not just classical problems is important to me. I have written essays on topics such as global poverty, slavery, climate change, the philosophy of race, and intergenerational justice. The teaching style is geared towards encouraging us to learn how to think for ourselves, making us better philosophers.”

Papa (London, England)

Physics & Astronomy

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One of the four domes housing telescopes at the University Observatory

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? Yes, Physics and Mathematics

BSc

Single Honours

Astrophysics
Physics

MPhys

Integrated Masters

Astrophysics
Physics
Theoretical Physics

BSc

Joint Honours

Physics and Mathematics
Physics and Philosophy

MPhys

MSci

Joint Integrated Masters

Theoretical Physics and
Mathematics (MPhys)
Physics and Chemistry (MSci)

You will gain a solid grounding in core physics, which you will use in exploring practical, theoretical and computational aspects of the subject. There are choices of entry and exit points and significant choices within the programmes.

- Physics and Astronomy is ranked second in the UK in the *Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*.
- The nature of the School allows significant interaction amongst students and staff.
- Entrants with good Advanced Highers, A-Levels or IB may enter directly into second year and attain an Honours BSc in three years or an Integrated Masters in four.
- The research project work of some of our final year students has achieved international recognition.
- Teaching is underpinned by research in astrophysics, optoelectronics, biophotonics, quantum optics, magnetism and superconductivity, millimetre-wave techniques, and semiconductor structures.

What will I study?

You will gain an excellent education in physics, with the opportunity to specialise in astrophysics, theoretical physics, or experimental physics. You can become part of a stimulating academic community. The final-year project, which is often undertaken within one of our research groups, is a highlight of our degrees. Recent projects include cloud formation in planetary atmospheres, exploring the use of specially shaped laser beams for use in health monitoring, and the theory of quantum networks for enhancing solar cell efficiency.

First year

You will develop knowledge and important skills through studies in topics such as classical mechanics, quantum phenomena, waves and optics and the properties of matter. Teaching includes lectures, tutorials, labs and problem-solving workshops. You will also study relevant mathematics courses. Intending astrophysicists also take an

astrophysics module; this is also an option for intending physicists. Additional topics can often be studied.

Second year

Topics may include quantum physics, special relativity, dynamics, electricity and magnetism. You will also study linear algebra and multivariate calculus. Intending astrophysicists also take an astrophysics module; this is also an option for intending physicists.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You take some or all of the courses in quantum mechanics, nuclear and particle physics, electromagnetism, computational physics and condensed matter physics, and take additional courses in appropriate specialist areas. Depending on the degree, topics might include extragalactic astronomy, electronics, lasers, special relativity and fluids.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- **Standard entry grades AAAA**
 - **Minimum entry grades AABB**
- Standard and Minimum entry grades must include A in Mathematics and A in Physics.
- **Gateway entry grades BBBB**, including B in Mathematics and B in Physics to progress to a Physics or Astrophysics degree.

GCE A-Levels:

- **Standard entry grades AAA**
 - **Minimum entry grades AAB**
- Standard and Minimum entry grades must include A in Mathematics and A in Physics.

International Baccalaureate:

- **Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in Mathematics and Physics.
- **Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)** including HL5 in Mathematics and Physics.

Direct entry to second year

SQA Highers/Advanced Highers:

- **Advanced Higher A** in Mathematics and **A** in Physics plus Highers AAAA.

GCE A-Levels:

- **AAA** including Mathematics and Physics.

International Baccalaureate:

- **38 (HL 6,6,6)** including HL6 in Mathematics and Physics.

“Lecturers often relate course content to new discoveries. They are so passionate about their subject, which makes learning with them an absolute joy.”

Nikko (Pathumthani, Thailand)
Pictured opposite

Physics & Astronomy

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physics@st-andrews.ac.uk

Integrated Masters (fifth year)

In your fifth year, you choose more advanced modules, often working towards the boundaries of new science that is being reported in the literature.

Direct entry into second year

Appropriately qualified students may, if they wish, enter directly into second year of the Single Honours degrees in the School, and the joint degrees with Mathematics.

Supported Pathways Programme

Applicants who have experienced some form of disadvantage during their education, as defined by our contextual admissions policy, may be eligible for our Gateway to Science programme. Alternatively, the FE-HE Pathway to Science offers supported entry to applicants from a further education college in Scotland.

Both these pathways provide a supported first year allowing you to progress into second year of one of our named degree programmes.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/pathways

Our degree programmes:

Astrophysics

You will apply core physics knowledge and skills to the study of the Universe. The University Observatory contains the largest operational optical telescope in the UK.

Physics

You study core physics modules, including laboratory courses, and can choose from modules with a theoretical and applied focus.

Theoretical Physics

Your mix of modules can be similar to that of physicists, but in the Honours years the laboratory modules are normally replaced by advanced maths and theory modules.

Study abroad

Physics and Astronomy students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. We have a School Abroad exchange programme with the University of Jena. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Accreditation

All of the School's degree programmes are accredited by the UK Institute of Physics. The School holds a Juno Champion and Athena SWAN Silver award, in recognition of our commitment to an equitable working culture in which all students and staff can achieve their full potential.

Scholarships

The University offers a number of scholarships, including some designated for those entering the Gateway programmes.

Careers

Graduates from the School enjoy a range of career options, many of whom get to use their physics knowledge and skills every day – for example, in research and development. Others use the more general problem solving, programming and mathematical skills they have developed, in careers in finance and management.

Many of our graduates go on to PhD research or specialist postgraduate programmes such as medical physics or nuclear fusion energy.



“Everyone here is so nice and supportive. The lecturers are always there for you if you have any questions or concerns about physics or anything else. There is a good sense of comradery between students especially in Physics. There is a big community feeling throughout the School and the whole University.”

Kirsty (Edinburgh, Scotland)



Staff-student discussion



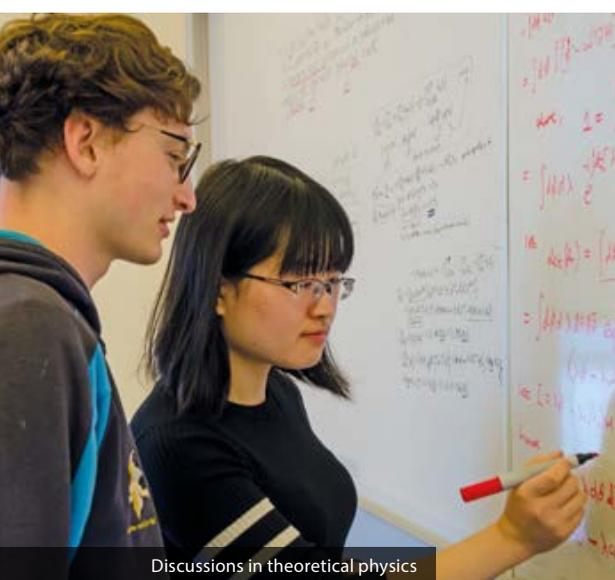
Some projects use the quantum materials research lab



Exploring magnetic effects in the Honours laboratory



Astroscopio with maybe the world's largest neon spectrum



Discussions in theoretical physics



Third-year lasers laboratory

Psychology

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/psychology
psych-admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Neuroscience**



Psychology small group teaching

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

BSc

MA

Single Honours

Psychology

*See Cross-Faculty subjects,
page 47*

BSc

Joint Honours

Psychology and one of **6**
other subjects

*See Science combinations,
page 54*

MA

Joint Honours

Psychology and one of **22**
other subjects

*See Arts combinations,
pages 52-53*

BSc

MA

'With' Honours

Psychology with Biology (BSc)
Psychology with Geography (MA)

Modern psychology focuses on the understanding of perception, cognition, motivation and behaviour at several different levels. The subject areas will range from the study of the brain to complex social interactions of humans and animals.

- Psychology at St Andrews is ranked first in the UK by the *Guardian University Guide 2024* and third by the *Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*.
- Emphasis on research-led teaching from leading researchers in the field at every level of the degree, culminating in an opportunity to conduct your own research project in well-equipped laboratories.
- Access to strong interdisciplinary research networks such as the Institute for Behavioural and Neural Sciences (IBANS) and the Centre for Social Learning and Cognitive Evolution (SoLaCE).
- The opportunity to specialise in areas of interest in the final year and to be taught in specialist seminars.

What will I study?

Psychology can be taken both as a BSc in the Faculty of Science and an MA in the Faculty of Arts. The Psychology components of your degree are the same regardless of whether you take a BSc or MA in Psychology. Psychology staff are specialists in the fields of cognitive, comparative, developmental, evolutionary, perceptual and social psychology, as well as cellular and behavioural neuroscience.

First year

Taught by leading researchers, you will have four lectures and a two-hour practical per week covering the main areas of psychology. You will also learn how to conduct psychological experiments and analyse your data.

Second year

You will have four lectures and a three-hour practical in psychological methods per week as well as small group tutorials. These courses build an in-depth understanding of psychology.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

In third year, lectures and practical classes cover advanced material in core areas of psychology (clinical psychology, cognition, development, evolution and comparative psychology, neuroscience, perception and social psychology). In addition, advanced methodology classes will introduce you to how we can generate new psychological knowledge.

In fourth year, you choose from a wide range of specialist topics. Previous topics have included the psychology of dementia, evolution and development of social and technical intelligence, clinical neuropsychology, psychology of visual art, behavioural neuroscience, cognitive psychology and the emotional disorders, computer aided research and the psychology of music.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I think this course has so much variety yet so much specificity within each module. You are always encouraged to go further and challenge yourself within the degree. Everyone cares so much about you and takes so much care into creating the best future generation of psychologists they can."

Elena (Madrid, Spain)

Psychology

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psych-admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk

Single Honours

You can take a Single Honours degree without a further subject in third and fourth year. Details are outlined in the “What will I study?” section. This degree focuses in depth on all major aspects of psychology.

The Single Honours Psychology degrees are accredited by the British Psychology Society for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership, a pre-requisite for further professional training in psychology (for example, clinical or educational psychology).

Joint Honours with BPS accreditation

Some joint degrees with Psychology are recognised by the British Psychological Society and they confer Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership. You are allowed to spread classes covering the advanced core psychology areas over the third and fourth year. In addition, you must study advanced methodology and undertake a Psychology research project in fourth year.

Joint Honours without BPS accreditation

You can also take Psychology as part of a non-BPS accredited degree. In third and fourth year, as well as taking core Psychology modules, you will have optional choices from a range of specialist topics.

Study abroad

Psychology participates in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers

Psychology gives insight into human behaviour and hence can be applied in many professional fields. With further training, careers as a professional psychologist include becoming a clinical, educational, industrial, sports or forensic psychologist. Other frequent career paths include human resources, marketing and management.

Our training results in highly competent individuals who possess key transferable skills needed in the workplace of today and tomorrow, including:

- a scientific approach to problem solving and information acquisition with current IT technologies.
- critical skills in the assessment and review of information.
- written and oral presentation skills.
- group discussion and participation.
- ethical values in science and society.

Recent graduates have secured positions in areas like the health service, civil service, armed forces, banking and human resources.

A Psychology degree provides entry to a range of postgraduate degrees including MSc, MPhil, PhD, and the option to become a professional psychologist in the UK, with a doctorate in clinical or educational psychology.



“The degree flexibility was an important aspect to me as I like being a bit of a Renaissance woman. My favourite aspect of the Psychology programme is the very real-world application.”

Divya (Singapore and India)



Russian

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russianhod@st-andrews.ac.uk

See also **Modern Languages**



Available degree options

All the degrees are available With Integrated Year Abroad

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Russian

MA

Joint Honours

Russian and one of **24**
other subjects

MA

Triple Honours

Russian and two other
modern languages
Russian and one other
modern language and
another subject

MA

'With' Honours

Economics with Russian
Russian with Geography
Mathematics with Russian

*See Arts combinations,
pages 52-53*

*See Triple combinations,
pages 146-147*

Russian degree programmes at St Andrews combine modern communicative methods with sound grammatical accuracy and high levels of oral aptitude. You can also choose from modules dedicated to literature, film, history and contemporary Russophone societies.

- You will gain an excellent knowledge of the Russian language and be able to use it in a variety of different social and professional contexts.
- You will study Russophone literature and culture in the original language, not in translation, and be taught by experts publishing research in a wide range of subject areas.
- You will have the option of applying to study Russian abroad for one semester or a full year.
- There are separate streams for beginners and non-beginners in first and second year.

What will I study?

You will gain an excellent knowledge of the Russian language for use in both written and spoken contexts. You also get to study Russophone literature, media and culture from the 18th century to the present day, all in the original language. There are plenty of opportunities to practise your Russian outside the classroom with native speakers.

First year

In the beginners' stream, you will focus primarily on gaining a sound knowledge of Russian vocabulary and grammar while developing four key language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking, enabling you to communicate in a variety of real-life situations.

In the non-beginners' stream, classes aim to consolidate and expand the knowledge of Russian gained previously. Classes are devoted to grammar, translation and oral skills. You also study important works of Russophone literature in the original language.

Second year

You will continue to extend your knowledge of the Russian language with classes

on grammar, translation, writing, audio-visual and oral communication. Classes are also designed to prepare you for study abroad, should you choose to do so. You will have the opportunity to study Russophone literature and film in their original language.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will continue to master the language with classes that develop advanced grammatical knowledge, translation both ways, audio-visual comprehension, essay writing and oral communication. You will also take modules in Russophone literature and culture, taught by staff with research expertise in these areas. All classes are taught in small groups with an emphasis on student participation.

Study abroad

You can choose to apply to study abroad as part of your degree. Students of Russian may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information on page 143 and online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

"I am really interested in studying Russian history, culture and literature, and I really enjoy being taught by people who are so passionate about what they do and so encouraging and lovely. Moreover, the department encourage and support you in finding your own areas of research interest and pursuing those."

Emma (Edinburgh, Scotland)
Pictured opposite

Social Anthropology

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Department of Social Anthropology

Available degree options

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Social Anthropology

MA

Joint Honours

Social Anthropology and one of **28** other subjects
Social Anthropology and two other subjects (Arabic and Russian)

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

'With' Honours

Social Anthropology with Geography
Social Anthropology with Religion in Society
Economics with Social Anthropology
Geography with Social Anthropology

Social Anthropology asks the fundamental question ‘what is it to be human?’. In order to answer this, you will examine the diverse ways in which humans establish and live social lives in the contemporary world.

- Staff expertise covers all regions of the world in depth and in breadth.
- Anthrosc, our student-run society, has an active events calendar.
- Many of our students enter postgraduate study at many prestigious universities worldwide or go on to work for major international organisations.
- A beautiful place that is also highly cosmopolitan: students come to study Social Anthropology from all over the world.

What will I study?

Social Anthropology at St Andrews teaches you to take a comparative and global view of human individuality, society and culture and to look at the world from other people’s perspectives.

The Department has strongly established research on Europe, on Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, the Pacific and Asia. We have championed innovative ethnographic and theoretical scholarship with regard to the relationship between anthropology and history, colonialism and postcolonialism, anthropology and medicine, philosophy and cosmopolitan studies, politics and economics, migration and transnationalism, energy and ethics.

We are committed to facilitating and recognising student excellence. Alongside our passion for the highest quality of research-led teaching, we award several prizes annually to students in each year of their degree for their outstanding academic performances. Our staff have received numerous University Teaching Awards and several of our courses have recently been awarded prizes for outstanding contributions to sustainability in the curriculum.

First year

The first year will ground you in the anthropological approach toward ethnographic comparison and analysis showing you the increasing relevance of anthropology in decolonising understandings of the contemporary world. You will learn through case studies from across the globe including in-depth ethnographies from Africa, Latin America, the Pacific, as well as research from Britain, Europe and elsewhere.

Second year

You will gain a comprehensive foundation in the history of social anthropological theory and an introduction to ethnography as a research method and practice.

In the first semester we explore the changing theories that have informed social anthropology from the mid-19th century up to the present from ‘totemism’ to ‘cosmopolitics’.

In the second semester you will learn to construct your own ethnographic project, choose your own field site and write up your analysis.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

📄 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“Social Anthropology is a subject that has not only supplemented but encouraged my personal development, offering me a means through which I can understand and decode the world I live in rather than a rigid understanding of a specific issue or subject.”

Taylor (West Lothian, Scotland)

Social Anthropology

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Honours (third and fourth) years

You will choose a portfolio of specialist courses combining regional and theoretical focuses. You may take specialist courses on colonial and postcolonial Africa, post-socialist Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean or the Pacific, for example. Theoretical courses at this level explore themes such as the relations between perception and imagination in our knowledge of society, the anthropology of climate change, the anthropology of medicine, sex and gender or contemporary forms of religious experience and politics. You will also have the opportunity for practice-based study; you may learn to curate a museum display, decode indigenous artefacts or create your own field site as an ethnographic participant-observer.

If you intend to do ethnographic research for your dissertation you will take a methods course that will orient your project aims. Issues of ethics and risk are also explored.

Study abroad

Social Anthropology students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. You may also have the opportunity to participate in our School Abroad exchange programme. For information about study abroad options, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers

A degree in Social Anthropology is important for any career where knowledge of other cultures is vital, such as in overseas development or in community relations work.

Graduates with a degree in Social Anthropology have proceeded to a wide range of careers, including the diplomatic service, social work, law and business, work for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), the United Nations, in teaching and in journalism.

The insight of an anthropologist is valued in any occupation that requires a sensitivity to different ways of life and thought or which demands the manipulation of theoretical ideas about the context of complicated human needs. A full understanding of 'the human element' in technological processes is increasingly in demand.

Some of our recent graduate careers include BBC documentary producer, Google associate account strategist, director of future leaders at Entrepreneurial Scotland, legislative aide at the US House of Representatives.

Social Anthropology offers specialist Masters and PhD courses. Specialisms include Art and Perception, Latin American Studies, Caribbean Studies, Pacific Studies. Many students go on to study at prestigious universities elsewhere around the world.



"Studying for a Joint Honours degree in International Relations and Social Anthropology has been deeply rewarding. Both the staff and fellow students have been incredibly supportive. Being able to take modules from other Schools at sub-honours level has allowed me to explore different academic interests."

Sherri (Jakarta, Indonesia)



St Salvator's Quadrangle

Spanish

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See also **Modern Languages**



Alhambra in Granada, Spain

Available degree options

All the degrees are available With Integrated Year Abroad

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

MA

Single Honours

Spanish

MA

Joint Honours

Spanish and one of **28** other subjects

See Arts combinations, pages 52-53

MA

Triple Honours

Spanish and two other modern languages
Spanish and one other modern language and another subject

See Triple combinations, pages 146-147

MA

'With' Honours

Economics with Spanish
Geography with Spanish
Mathematics with Spanish
Spanish with Geography

By studying Spanish at St Andrews, you will gain a high level of proficiency in the language. You can also study Spanish in a variety of contexts including journalism, history, commerce, translation, literature and cinema.

- Spanish has been ranked first in the *Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2024*.
- We offer a broad range of options that reflect and explore the rich cultural heritage of Spain and Latin America.
- Modules include the literature from the Golden Age to the present day, history, film and translation.

What will I study?

At St Andrews, the primary objective is to gain knowledge and use of the language while exploring the great continuities and shifts within Spanish and Spanish-American culture, from its early beginnings to today. The Department of Spanish provides a lively and communicative approach to learning Spanish along with a formal learning structure and small-group teaching.

First and second years

You will take courses which complement your level of Spanish. You will develop a deeper understanding and control of Spanish and will be offered a broad view of Spanish and Latin American literature, civilisation and culture. We offer intensive foundation courses for beginners or students with an SQA National 5 or GCSE in Spanish, and also offer advanced language and literature courses for those with higher entry qualifications such as an SQA Higher or GCE A-Level Spanish. All students have the option of studying Spanish language and critical approaches to cinema, in the second semester of second year, which is particularly recommended if you plan to go on to Honours in Spanish.

Third and fourth years (Honours)

You will take some core modules in Spanish language, including advanced oral, writing and communication skills. You will also choose from a variety of advanced topics which incorporate literary, historical and cultural studies into language learning. Recent topics have included post-1975 writing in Spain, autobiographical writing in 20th-century Spain, representations of Buenos Aires in literature, painting and photography, literary translation, Mexico in the 19th century, action heroes and anti-heroes in early modern Spain, gender and travel in contemporary Latin American literature and literary and non-literary representations of the Spanish nation.

Study or work abroad

You can choose to apply to study or work abroad as part of your degree. Spanish students may also participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme. Further information on page 143 and online at: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

🔗 www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAB
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 36 (HL 6,6,5)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“The small class sizes give it an intimate feel. You get to learn and practice a language with a close group of people and to be able to discuss topics and subjects that I am passionate about with like-minded people is a great feeling. There’s never a boring class – from debates to role-playing, classes are creative and always fun.”

Holly (Norwich, England)

Pictured opposite

Sustainable Development

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See also **Geography**



Liter of Light in St Salvator's Quadrangle

Available degree options

BSc

MA

Single Honours

Sustainable Development

See *Cross-Faculty subjects*, page 47

BSc

Joint Honours

Sustainable Development and
6 other subjects

See *Science combinations*, page 54

MA

Joint Honours

Sustainable Development and
16 other subjects

See *Arts combinations*, pages 52-53

Previous knowledge of subject required? No

Sustainable development addresses the most pressing environmental and developmental challenges of the 21st century. Topics such as climate change, international development, health, energy, policy change and conservation cover the breadth of environmental, social and economic issues.

- St Andrews was one of the first universities in the world to teach Sustainable Development and offers a course rooted in both significant expertise and contemporary research frontiers.
- Our programmes combine a strong international reputation, with a longstanding aim to attract Scottish and home students. The School is committed to a diverse staff and student body.
- Within the structure of these programmes there is great flexibility and choice, allowing you to explore a wide range of subjects and develop your own expertise at Honours level.
- St Andrews is committed to sustainability, aiming to be Net Zero by 2035. The School of Geography and Sustainable Development has an Environmental Sustainability Policy.
- Our programmes offer scope for practical involvement with local, national and international sustainability initiatives.
- You will be equipped to analyse and evaluate diverse and contested ideals about environmental challenges and how best to solve them.

What will I study?

At St Andrews you can take Sustainable Development either as an MA in the Faculty of Arts or a BSc in the Faculty of Science. Our flexible structures give you access to many aspects of Sustainable Development in all four years, allowing you to explore your evolving interests, combined with subjects from either Faculty. You will be taught in many different styles and settings, both in the classroom and out in the field. Small-group teaching begins in first year, and class sizes progressively diminish through the degree. We also offer a range of joint degrees with Sustainable Development. The topics you follow for the BSc or MA are the same within Sustainable Development. The curriculum in the first two years introduces the concepts and debates of sustainable development and is followed in third and fourth years by

the opportunity to specialise in aspects that interest you most. Key specialisms include development, health, the blue economy, nature-based solutions, futures, environmental governance and political ecology.

First year

You are introduced to the key ideas underpinning sustainable development and critically examine some of the social and environmental transformations that are needed for a transition to sustainability. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a useful framework for examining contemporary sustainable development discourse. Themes include the history of development, governance, human security, climate mitigation, and the science policy interface. During this year, we foster innovative, futures and systems thinking.

Entry requirements

These grades are the overall standards required to consider you for entry. You can find out more about Standard, Minimum and Gateway entry requirements on page 33.

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

SQA Highers:

- Standard entry grades AAAB
- Minimum entry grades AABB
- Gateway entry grades BBBB

GCE A-Levels:

- Standard entry grades AAA
- Minimum entry grades ABB

International Baccalaureate:

- Standard entry grades 38 (HL 6,6,6)
- Minimum entry grades 36 (HL 6,5,5)

“Sustainable development is such an interesting subject with a vast array of topics that can be covered from environmental health to renewable energy, sustainable governance or scaling up sustainable communities.”

Yvonne (Kinrosshire, Scotland)

Sustainable Development

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Second year

The second year offers a more in-depth understanding of how to achieve sustainability. You begin this year by discussing conceptual frameworks and approaches that can promote sustainable development (e.g. conservation science regulation, market-based approaches, planning) and the strengths of various solutions (for example, technological, personal, community). You will then focus on 'tools for action', the challenge of turning sustainable development from theory into practice (e.g. environmental reporting, spatial analysis, participatory tools, economic valuation, marine protected areas).

Third and fourth years (Honours)

These years comprise a mix of core and optional courses. In addition to options available within the School (e.g. global health disparities, green politics, blue economy, nature-based solutions, sustainable consumption, power/identity, extractive environments, catchment management, urban sustainability), the unique programme gives you access to modules in several other Schools. You will be trained in high-level research skills, equipping you to carry out your own research project guided by one-on-one supervision. You will explore in more detail methods such as advanced skills in qualitative methods, remote sensing and GIS, physical sciences and field methods, as well as theories and debates in geography.

Study abroad

Sustainable Development students may apply to participate in the University-wide St Andrews Abroad programme in Australia,

Canada, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore and the USA, please see:

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study-abroad

Careers

Reflecting the broad, varied and applied nature of our programme, our graduates have a diverse and unique mix of highly transferable skills and competencies. Richly varied career paths include conservation, environmental management, urban planning, environmental management impact assessment, strategic planning/development, energy, environmental social governance, ecological economics, disaster risk management, agriculture, infrastructure, community organising, maritime security, policy, social-environmental justice, and finance.

Our graduates are in demand because of their keen interest in the nature and future of the planet and their skills in thinking critically, systemically and creatively about today's most pertinent challenges. Graduates have a rare combination of quantitative and qualitative skills, an ability to integrate and analyse diverse data, and a deep understanding of complex human-environment interactions.

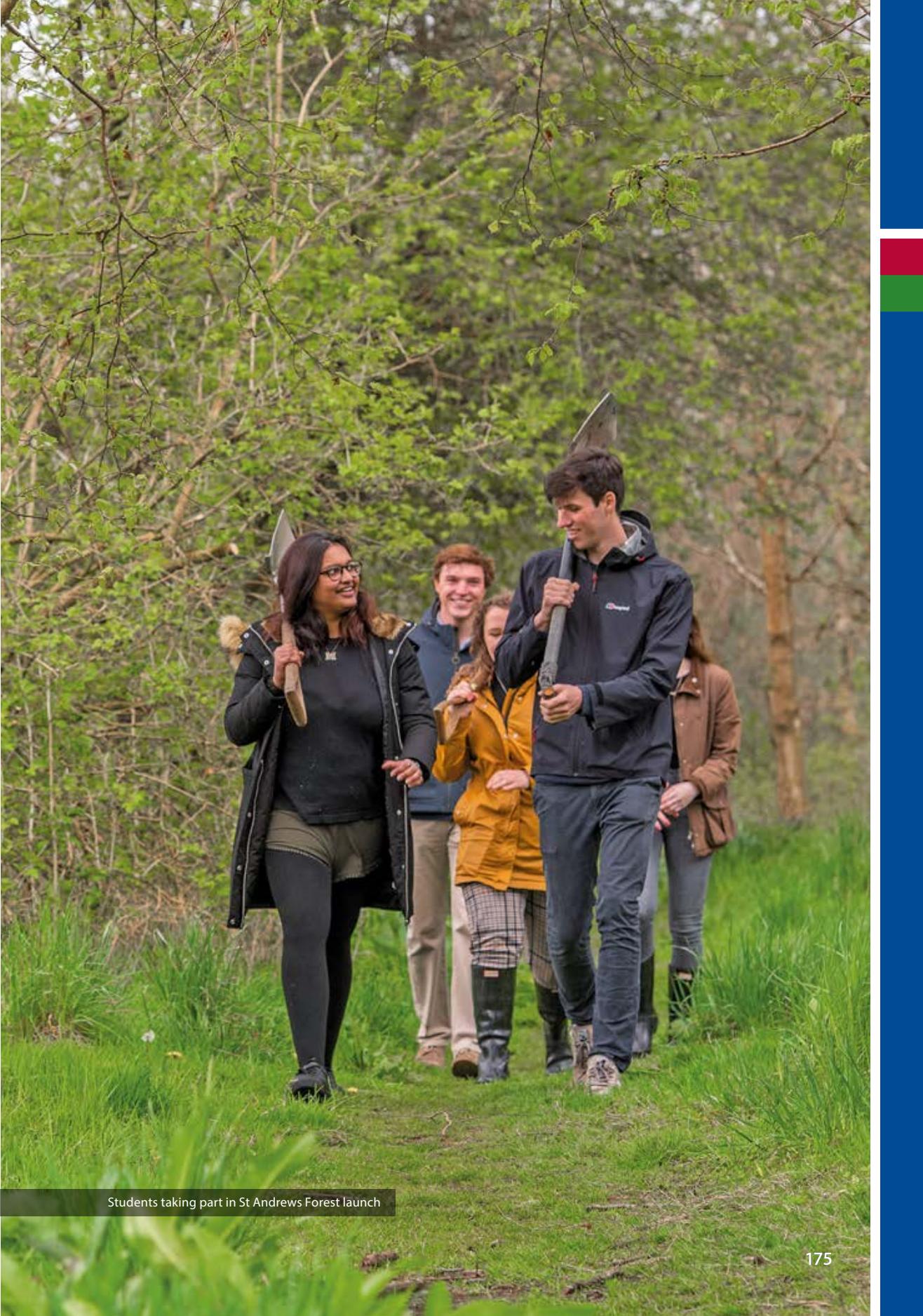
Our graduates have gone on to excel in a wide range of careers, such as in local to national government, NGOs, multilateral organisations, businesses, investing, education, consulting and scientific research.

Significant numbers of our graduates progress to postgraduate study, both at Masters and PhD level, including our Sustainable Development Masters programme.



"I had the ability to learn beyond my modules through engaging in academic research in both the Undergraduate Research Assistant scheme and my undergraduate dissertation project. The School of Geography and Sustainable Development encouraged these extra-curricular engagements, reinforcing a supportive and curious culture and learning environment."

Mina (California, USA)



Students taking part in St Andrews Forest launch

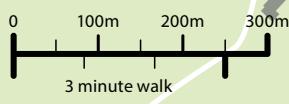
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- ㉙ Agnes Blackadder Hall and Powell Hall
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