



**2024**  
**Admitted Students**  
**Event**

**Thanks for attending**



University of  
St Andrews



**Congratulations on  
earning your offer!**

**#FreshSaints  
#StudyinScotland**

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)



# We will discuss...

- Why choose Scotland?
- Visas & Student Support
- Housing
- Life after St Andrews (aka Careers)
- Student Experience
- The essentials: bank accounts, mobile phones, bedding and supplies
- You won't listen to me all day – you'll hear from John, our panel and our current students through videos



# Travel times to Scotland







[www.st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)





A train crossing the Glenfinnan Viaduct

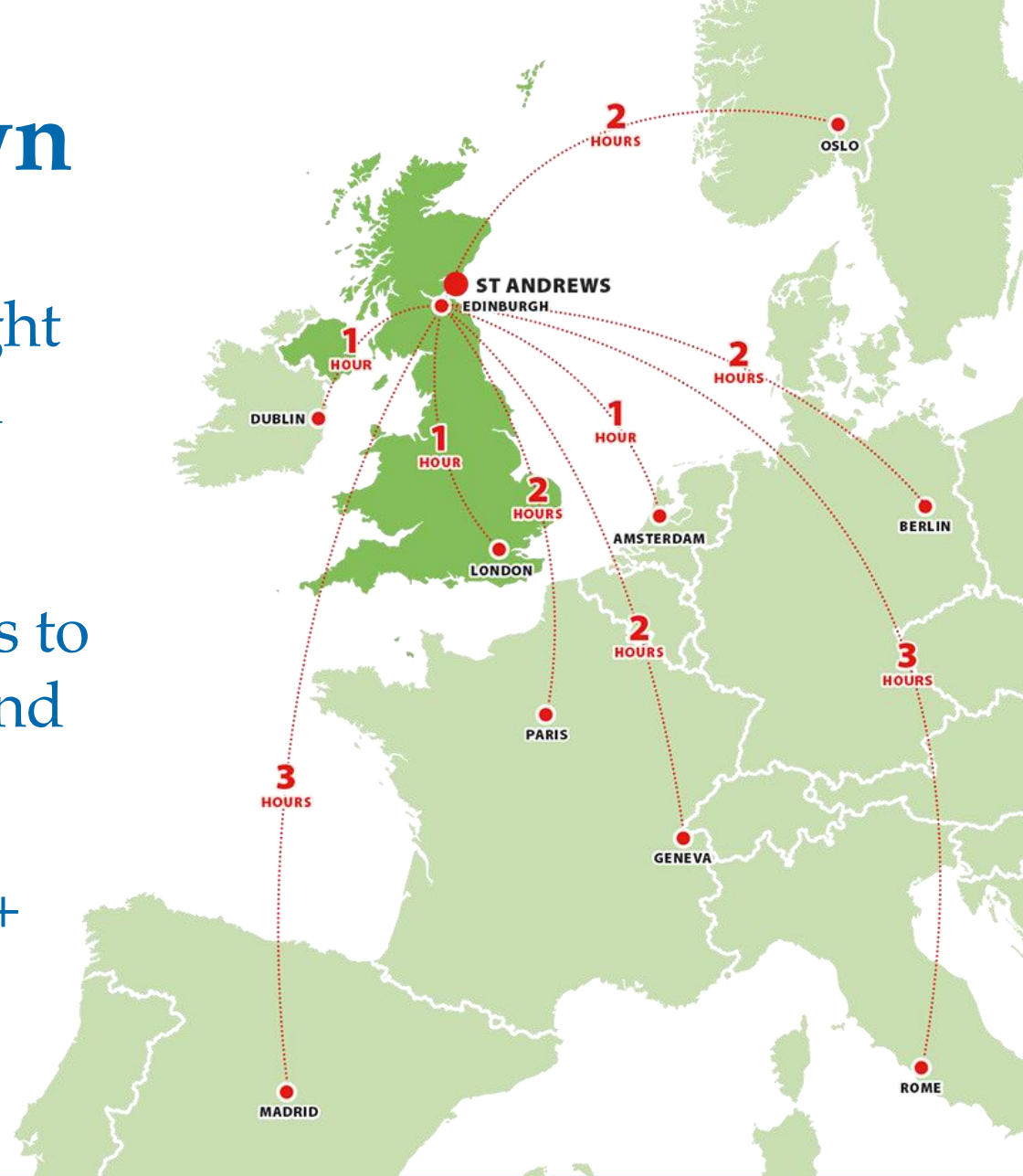




The Other Guys – Edinburgh Fringe

# Getting to Town

- This map shows flight times between main airports
- Good transport links to Edinburgh by bus and rail
- Direct flights to 150+ destinations from Edinburgh airport







Aerial view of St Andrews



# The Town

- Strong sense of community
- Safe and supportive environment
  - Students make up nearly half the community
- Diverse community – Inclusive and international
  - 45% of students from outside the UK
- Beautiful beaches





# The University

- Over 600 years of tradition
- 10,000+ students from over 130 countries and territories
- Award-winning student experience
- Global network of alumni





# Rankings

## 1<sup>st</sup> in the UK

- The Guardian University Guide, 2024
- The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide, 2024

## 1<sup>st</sup> in Scotland

## Gold award

- Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

## 96<sup>th</sup> in the World

- QS World Rankings, 2023

## 1<sup>st</sup> for student satisfaction in UK for 14 of the past 16 years.

- National Student Survey (2023)





# Degree Structure

University of St Andrews  
Department of  
Social Anthropology



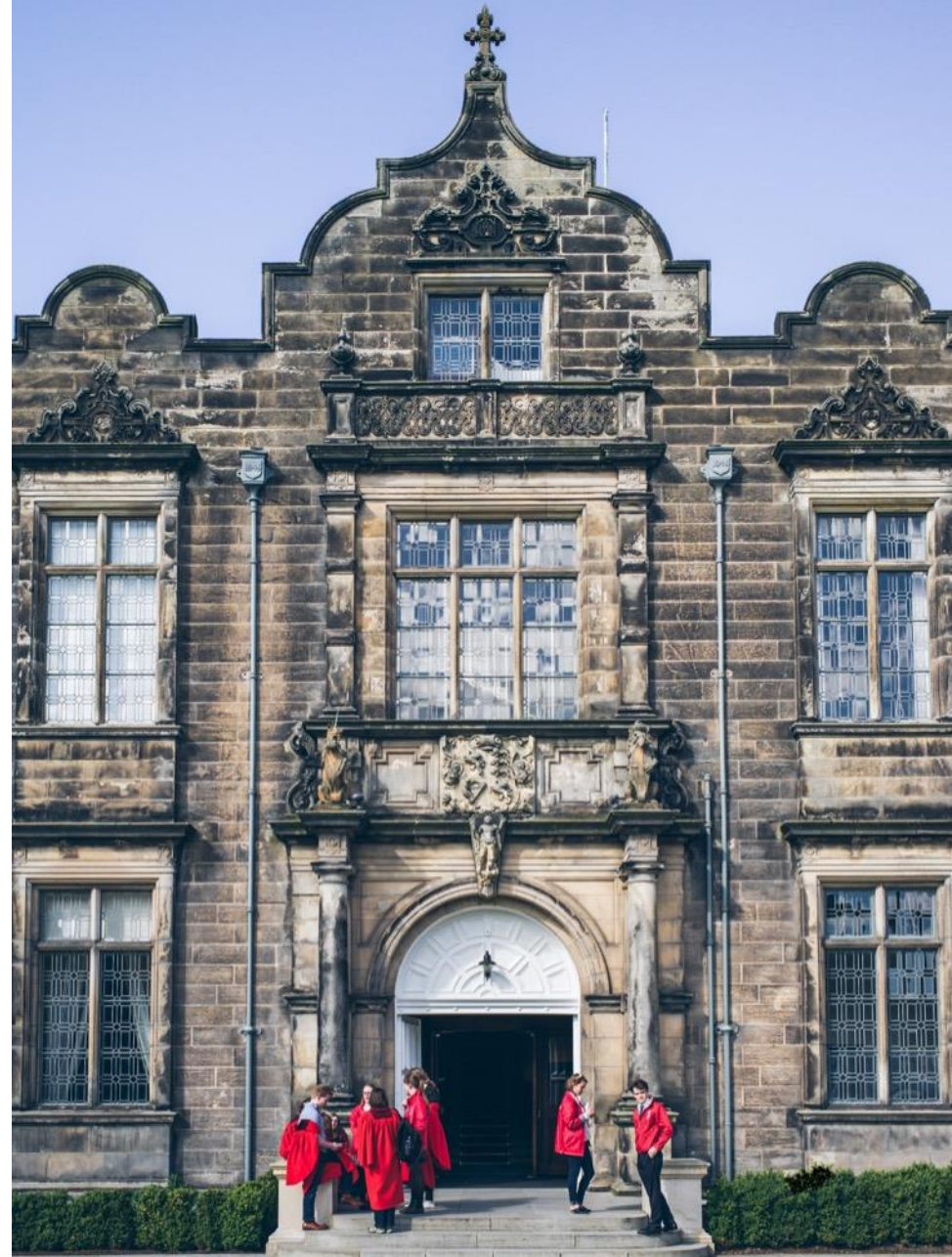
# Our Faculties

St Andrews operates on a faculty system; we have four Faculties

- Arts
- Science
- Medicine
- Divinity

M.A. – Master of Arts

B.Sc. – Bachelor of Science





# Our Subjects

## **Faculty of Arts:**

Ancient History  
Arabic  
Archaeology  
Art History  
Chinese Studies  
Classics  
Classical Studies  
Comparative Literature  
English  
Film Studies  
French  
German  
Greek  
History  
International Relations  
Italian  
Latin  
Middle East Studies  
Music

Persian  
Philosophy  
Russian  
Social Anthropology  
Spanish

## **Faculty of Divinity (Arts):**

Divinity

## ***Cross Faculty (Arts and Science):***

Economics and Finance  
Geography  
Management  
Mathematics  
Psychology  
Statistics  
Sustainable Development

## **Faculty of Science:**

Biology  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Earth and Environmental  
Sciences  
Marine Biology  
Neuroscience  
Physics and Astronomy

## **Faculty of Medicine:**

Medicine



# Degree structure

Admission is to one of our four faculties  
- Arts, Science, Medicine and Divinity

**Breadth and flexibility  
in the first two years**

<b>First year</b>	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3
<b>Second year</b>	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3

**Depth and specialism  
in the final two years**

	<b>Single Honours</b>	<b>Joint Honours</b>	
<b>Third year</b>	Subject 1	Subject 1	Subject 2
<b>Fourth year</b>	Subject 1	Subject 1	Subject 2



# Degree structure

Example degree route one:

<b>First year</b>	Ancient History	French	Philosophy
<b>Second year</b>	Ancient History	French	Philosophy

## Single Honours

<b>Third year</b>	Ancient History
<b>Fourth year</b>	Ancient History



# Degree structure

Example degree route two:

<b>First year</b>	Ancient History	French	Philosophy
<b>Second year</b>	Ancient History	French	Philosophy

## Joint Honours

<b>Third year</b>	French	Philosophy
<b>Fourth year</b>	French	Philosophy



# Teaching

- 1:12 academic staff to student ratio
- 12 to 24 hours class time per week
- Independent study and group work out of class time
- Mixture of continuous assessment and exams





# Where will I live?



[www.st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)



# Accommodation

- Accommodation guaranteed in your first year if you apply before 30 June. Apply soon!
- Three Options:
  - Single **or** shared rooms
  - Shared bathrooms **or** en-suite bathrooms
  - Catered **or** self-catered
- Twelve contemporary and traditional halls
- Questionnaire to match students
- Housing opens: Sat 7 September





# Life in St Andrews





# Students' Association

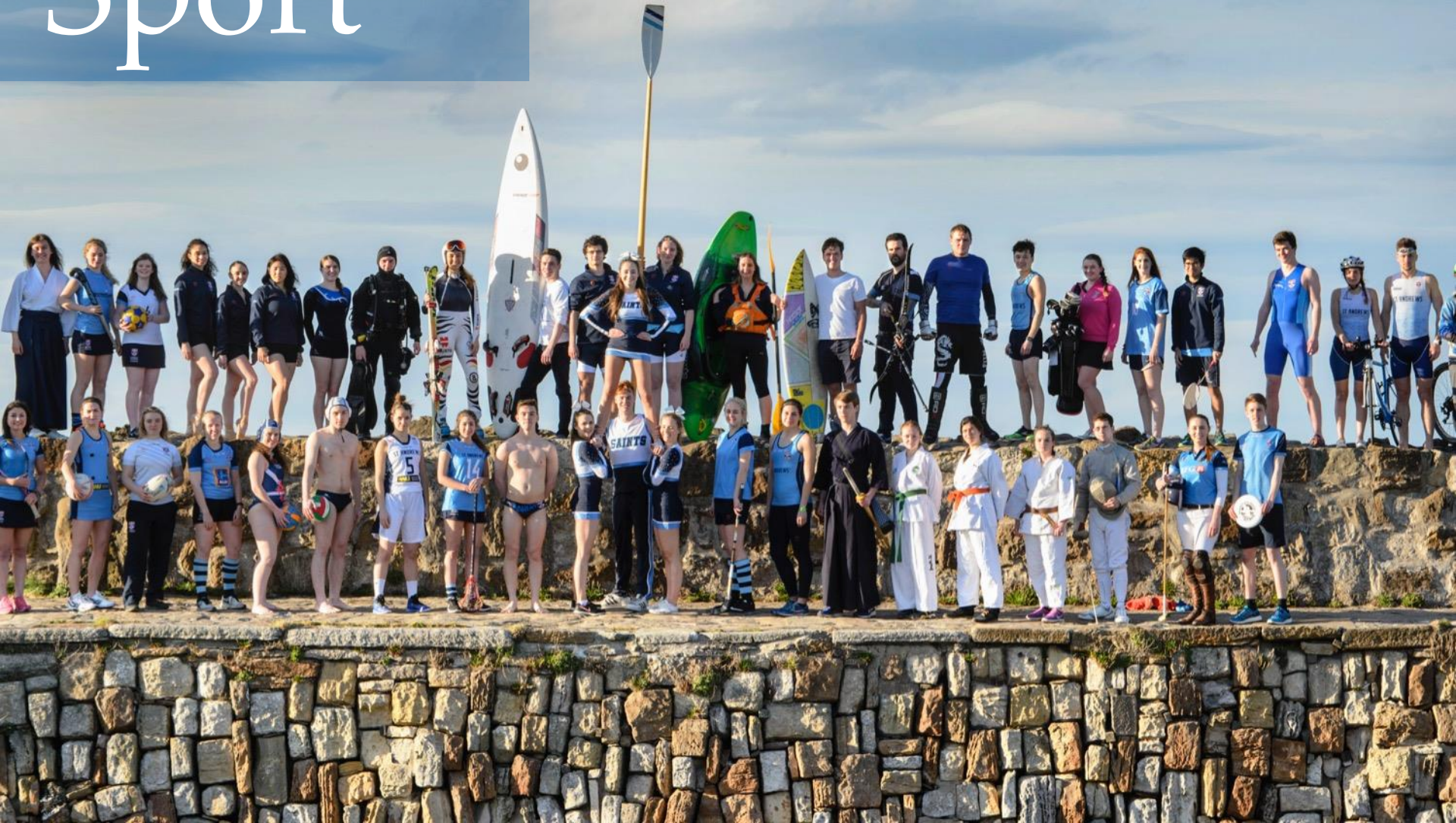
Over 150 clubs and societies, full events calendar, and student representation

- Run by students, for students
- Lots of opportunities to get involved at all levels





# Sport





# Sport

More than 50 sports clubs, top-class facilities and professional fitness services available for you.

## Club sport

- Over 50 clubs offering activities for all levels of ability or aspiration
- Over 100 teams compete in **British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS)**, **Scottish Student Sport (SSS)**, local and national competitions
- 8 Director led programmes
- 10 targeted performance teams
- Sports **scholarships and awards** available
- Recreational and social sessions
- Opportunity to travel around the UK, experience the beauty of the Scottish Highlands, or further afield on our worldwide sports tours.





## Saints Fitness

- Full range of services available to all students including fitness consultations, personal training, and Strength and Conditioning support.
- Varied exercise class program runs all-year-round – tailored to suit all levels and abilities – **over 40 classes per week**
- Informal recreational leagues and drop-in sessions open to all students and a great way to stay active, meet new people and make friends.

## Leadership, coaching, and volunteering

- Support students to gain coaching and officiating qualifications
- Opportunities to volunteer within clubs, local community and further afield
- International sports development volunteering programs in Africa
- Student sport internships
- Leadership program offering skills workshops and personal development





# Sport comparisons

	St Andrews	Edinburgh	Durham	Cambridge	Oxford
Basketball (w)	Tier 1	Prem League	Prem League	Tier 1	Tier 1
Boat (mixed)	4 points (25th)	193 (2nd)	308 (1st)	105 (3rd)	6 (23rd)
Football (w)	Prem League	Tier 1	Prem League	Tier 1	Tier 2
Hockey (w)	Prem League	Prem National	Prem National	Prem League	Prem League
Golf (mixed)	Prem League	Tier 1	Tier 1	N/A	N/A
Lacrosse (w)	Tier 1	Prem League	Prem League	Prem League	Prem League
Netball (w)	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 1	Tier 2
Rugby (m)	Prem League 2	Prem League 1	Super Rugby	N/A	N/A
Tennis (m)	Tier 1	Tier 1	Prem National	Tier 2	Tier 1
Tennis (w)	Prem League	Tier 1	Prem National	Tier 1	Prem League
Water Polo (w)	Prem League	Prem League	Prem League	Prem League	Prem League
Summary	11 sports	5 worse 3 equal 3 better	6 worse 3 equal 1 better	2 worse 4 equal 3 better	2 worse 5 equal 2 better

# Traditions

There are several traditions that students take part in and keep alive

- Pier walks
- Academic families
- Raisin weekend
- Foam fight
- May Dip
- Torchlight processions
- Christmas carol concerts







# Next steps

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)



# Visit St Andrews!

Find out more at our  
Offer Holder Day:  
**Saturday 6 April 2024**

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/offer-holders/events/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/offer-holders/events/)





# Accepting your offer

Check your email!

- **UCAS Applicants**
  - All decisions are made through UCAS Track
- **Common Application and St Andrews Direct Application**
  - Reply to your offer letter directly. provide your applicant ID number and your decision.

Your offer is only confirmed after we receive your pre-payment.



# Fees and scholarships

- ‘Overseas’ tuition 2024-2025:
  - **Arts, Science and Divinity: £30,160**
  - **Medicine: £36,990**
  - Tuition fees will be adjusted annually

Scholarships and support packages available

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding)



# Fees and scholarships

England, Northern Ireland and Wales tuition 2024-2025:

**All faculties: £9,250**

Scholarships and support packages available

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding)

# Scholarships

- A range of scholarships is available for UK, EU and International students
- Based on both financial need and academic excellence
- Deadline and eligibility vary by scholarship – all details are on the website

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/undergraduate/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/undergraduate/)





# Ask an Ambassador

- If you are interested in speaking to a current student, please email:

[askastudent@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:askastudent@st-andrews.ac.uk)

- Please provide the following information:
  - Your full name
  - Your St Andrews ID number
  - Your degree subject(s)





# Before you arrive



[www.st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)



# Academic Induction

## Optional two-week Academic Induction Programme

- Make your start at St Andrews even easier
- Get used to how academic work is carried out in the UK
- Find your way around St Andrews
- Early arrival: starts on 23 August
- Decide if you will attend **before** making a visa application

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/ug/induction/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/study-options/ug/induction/)



# Orientation Week

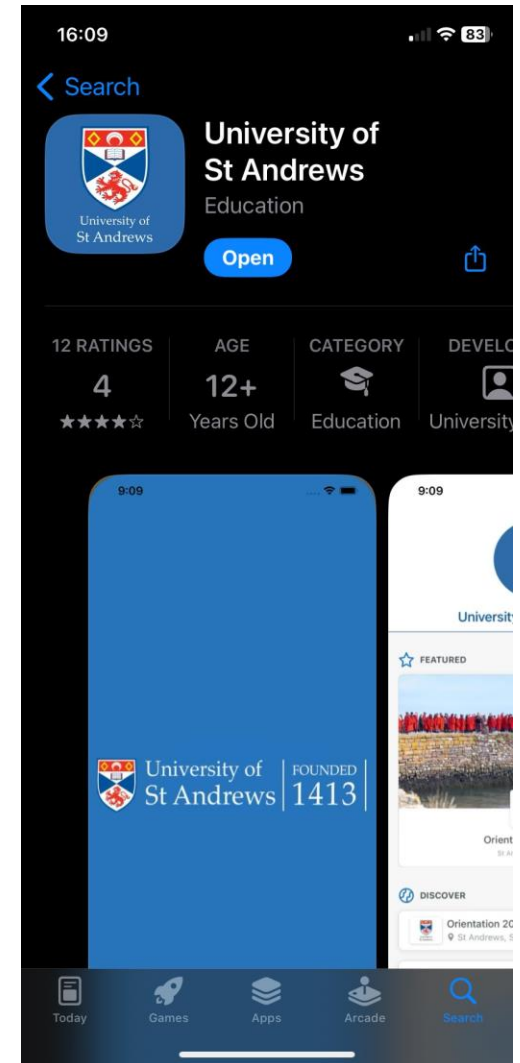
Orientation Week is when students who are new to St Andrews settle in.

- Housing opens at 10am on Saturday 7 September
- Orientation week is from Monday 9 September
- Classes begin on Monday 16 September

## Orientation Guide

- Download the Orientation App

Search "**St Andrews Orientation**" for Android and iOS





# Crucial details for parents

Many parents/guardians are anxious to help their student arrange the essentials before arrival

- A bank account cannot be opened until you are in Scotland
- Mobile phone cannot be arranged until you have a bank account
- Please do not worry about these items! Students can do these things themselves when they arrive

Bedding packs are available to buy from the university or local retailers

For anything else, (or things you forgot) we have Amazon Prime  
- (other suppliers are available too)

# Student Services



[www.st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)



# What do we do?

## Support students to find solutions for their challenges

- Support and advice about
  - University life
  - Student life
  - Money and finances
  - Academic issues
  - Disabilities and health
- Community building and support in halls of residence
- Counselling and mental health services
- Pre-arrival advice



# The Advice and Support Centre

- Friendly knowledgeable staff who can answer your questions or signpost you to the correct team.
- Links to all Schools and Departments in the University
- Open to students, staff and members of the public





# Hall of Residence experience

- Led by Wardens, Halls Life Teams create friendly and inclusive communities in the halls.
- Student representatives living in the halls organise social events and activities.
- Halls Life Teams are on call for emergencies at night and weekends.
- Please follow the instructions in the emails you will receive for accommodation applications.



# Wellbeing, Counselling & Mental Health

We offer short term and evidence-based support.

**Wellbeing:** students experiencing mild difficulties can access coaching, positive psychology & wellbeing workshops.

**Counselling:** students experiencing moderate difficulties are offered a range of therapeutic approaches and interventions in a safe, supportive & non-judgemental space, including one to one sessions and workshops.

**Mental Health:** offers a range of support to students with a mental health diagnosis, including coordinating with NHS and related services, working on distress tolerance and coping strategies, and crisis support.

The University is the first in the Scotland and only the second in the UK to receive accreditation for its counselling, wellbeing & mental health services.



# Money Advisers

- Advice on opening a UK bank account
- Budgeting
- Cash flow
- Advice and help with payment options



# Disability Advisers

More than 20% of our students have disclosed a disability or long-term health condition.

- Assess needs and liaise with academic staff.
- We do our best to arrange living and teaching spaces to accommodate your needs; there may be some limitations.
- There are differences in adjustments made in the UK.
- Let us know early to allow us to plan and support you.





# Visas





# International Advisers

## Help and guidance on:

- The visa application process
- Extending your visa
- Living and working in the UK
- Travelling while in the UK
- Other queries relating to the international student journey





# The Visa Process

- Accept an **Unconditional** offer as soon as you can
- The CAS process begins (from March/April). You'll need to:
  - Pay the deposit
  - Confirm your details on *My Visa Matters* section of Student Portal.
- Once confirmed, Registry will email the CAS number within 5 working days
- Use your CAS to apply for a visa as soon as possible



# What is a CAS?

Confirmation of Acceptance for  
Studies

- This is an electronic certificate with a 14 digit number e.g. **E4G3HL5C18N0XX**
- This should not be confused with your Student ID number e.g. **230044434**
- Process starts in March/April

Undergraduate:  
**[casugadmin@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:casugadmin@st-andrews.ac.uk)**

Postgraduate:  
**[caspgadmin@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:caspgadmin@st-andrews.ac.uk)**





# Visa Application

## You will need:

- your CAS number,
  - your expected travel date
  - Pay Application fee (£490)
  - Pay Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (£776 per year, plus £388)
- Attend biometric appointment or upload photograph if using the IDV app
  - Submit/Upload supporting documents (see your Supporting Document Checklist at end of application)



# What Visa will I get?

## Hard copy or digital visa?

- **Face to face biometric appt:** Visa Vignette in passport and will then collect a BRP card on arrival to the UK
- **Used IDV app:** Digital Status - student can view and prove their Immigration status online:

<https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status>





# Things to note

- Be able to pay for first year tuition fees and £9,207 living costs
- Some nationalities will need to submit financial documentation, transcripts and other documents
- Students not eligible to use the IDV biometric app will be required to submit their passport
- If getting a Biometric Resident Permit, you can collect from the University when you arrive (if using ACL code: 2HE357)

**\*\*\*DO NOT travel to the UK (or book non-refundable flights) until you receive your visa\*\*\***

- Visa questions or advice - [advint@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:advint@st-andrews.ac.uk)



# Healthcare



# The NHS

- UK healthcare is provided by the NHS (universally known as the National Health Service).
- You cannot access a specialist without a referral from a primary care doctor (GP)
- For non-urgent care, we are used to waiting to see medical professionals.

## Differences in provision

- Private care is available but not for all specialities.
- Check your health insurance/private healthcare provider to see if you are covered.
- Access to the NHS Mental Health Service is based on urgent care.

Before you arrive, get these vaccines:  
2x MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)  
1x Men ACWY (Meningitis A, C, W, Y) if under 25 years of age



# Medication

If you are taking prescribed medication, find out ahead of time if it can be prescribed in the UK.

Bring with you:

- 3 - 6 months supply of current medication
- Guidance available from:  
<https://www.gov.uk/travelling-controlled-drugs>
- Medical evidence, confirming diagnosis from your physician, giving any medication information. Without this you will encounter delays obtaining further medication.
- Prescribed medication can only be prescribed by a UK doctor.
- Prescribed medication should not be mailed from overseas to the UK as it could be confiscated by UK Customs.





# NHS Provision

All students must register with an NHS primary care practice (at matriculation) and obtain a UK SIM card for their mobile phone (to access local emergency services).

- 2 local GP (primary care) practices in St Andrews.
  - Local Community Hospital 8am - 6pm with Minor Injuries Service.
  - Night-time telephone service (NHS 24) provides advice & referrals to in-person care.
  - Pharmacist consultations (Minor Ailments Service).
  - Specialist and emergency care - Dundee (12 miles), Kirkcaldy (26 miles).
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- The NHS work in a different clinical format.
  - **Check** what UK treatment is offered before you come if you have a chronic condition.

## Private care

- Local private GP practice.
- Some private hospital provisions in Edinburgh (52 miles).

# University – NHS Partnership

- Student Health Hub based at the Community Hospital – for any healthcare enquiries, we will signpost you to the appropriate health service and guide you through the process.
- Student health telephone line open during office hours.
- We work closely with both local NHS medical practices.
- Vaccination and public health awareness campaigns.

## STUDENT HEALTH HUB

01334 46 5777

[studenthealth@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:studenthealth@st-andrews.ac.uk)



University of  
St Andrews  
Student Services



Mon & Fri,  
08.30-16.00  
Termtime  
(Closed for  
lunch  
12-12.30)

## ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



# Liaising with family

- UK privacy laws restrict us giving out personal information about students.
- If you have concerns, do get in touch with us – we want to help.
- Provide your emergency contact information.
- The University can be contacted 24/7; support staff are available in the event of an emergency.





# We want to help you...

- settle in and develop a sense of belonging in our community;
- have fun and thrive in your new living environment;
- navigate the differences between St Andrews and home;
- be independent, resilient and involved; and
- feel supported throughout your studies.





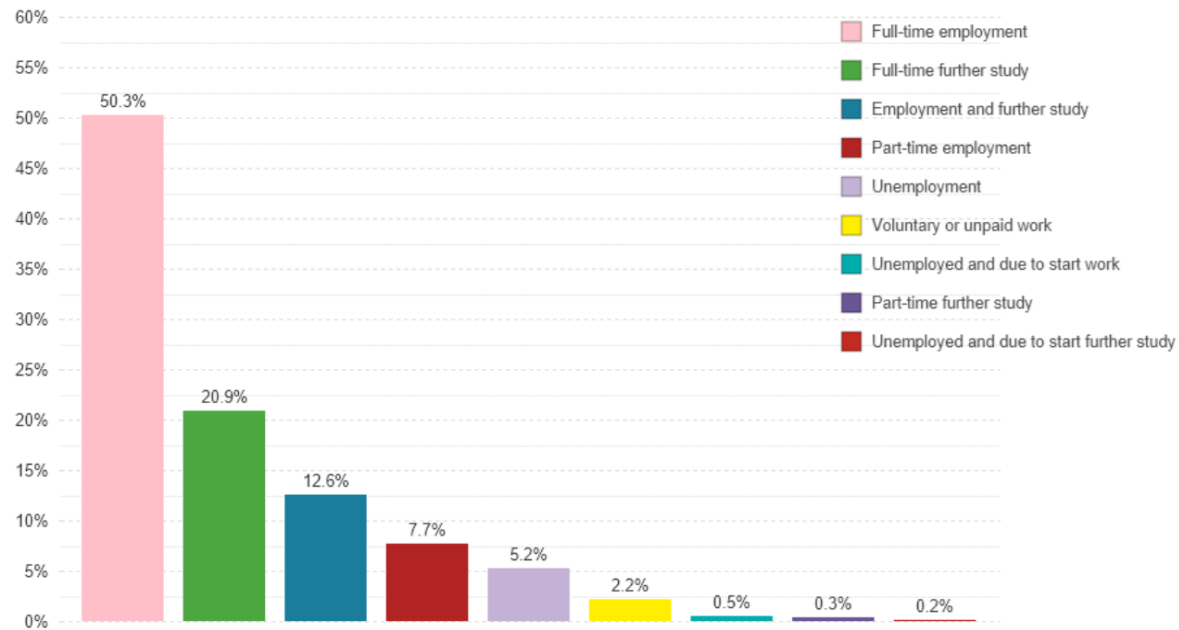
# Careers



# Your Future

## Our North American graduate destinations: USA

- 50% in employment
- 21% in further study
- 20% in employment and further study and part-time employment





# Where do our students go in the USA?

2016/17 - 2019/2020 graduates



# Where do our students go around the world?

2017/18 - 2019/2020 graduates





# What We Offer

## Careers Connect & Website

Exclusive job & internship posting sites and country-specific information

## Access to Goin Global

Most comprehensive international online platform

## Careers Advisers

1:1 appointments to discuss individual career needs. Work with specific schools

## Alumni Network

Global network of Alumni & Friends to offer work shadowing, online support and mentoring

## Events

Careers Fairs & Employer-led workshops; events for each school

## Workshops

CVs, cover letters, interviews, etiquette, LinkedIn, networking

## E - Guidance

Online advice for alumni and students at a distance  
Up to 3 years free

## Internships & Work Shadowing

Opportunities supported by Careers Centre to give students real-time experience

# Internships and Opportunities

## **St Andrews Internship Programme**

Internship opportunities at every step of your student journey.

## **Your Future, Start Now**

Employability workshops and internship opportunities from first year.

## **Summer Internship Scheme**

Six-week paid work experience for second years

## **St Andrews Sustainability Internships**

Contributing to the university's environmental sustainability strategy.

## **Saltire Scholars**

8–12-week internship opportunities in partnership with Entrepreneurial Scotland.

## **PGT Internship Opportunities**

Internship opportunities and employability experiences for postgraduate taught students.

## **Employ Autism**

Enabling autistic students access to paid internships and tailored careers support and advice.



# Specifically for our International Students

## At St Andrews

- Video Interview Space
- Visa resources & immigration lawyer drop in sessions
- North American Career Series
- Country Specific Opportunities Manager

## In-Country

- International Job Shadowing Program
- US & Canadian based networking and career events (“Saint Connect Nights”)
- In country Industry Insider events

## Virtual

- North American & Asian employer presentations
- Graduate School presentations
- Careers Fairs
- Saint Connect Mentoring Network

# Graduate Prospects and Support

## Of those graduating from St Andrews:

(Graduate outcomes data 2020-21)

- 84% were in graduate-level work or further study
- 50% were earning £30,000 or above
- 87% of final year students thought their course developed the knowledge and skills they needed for their future

The Careers Service will support graduates and alumni for up to three years after graduation. You will have full access to our resources and careers support which will enable you to achieve your goals and progress in your career.



# US alumni

- Over 10,000 alumni in the United States
- Alumni Clubs
  - Chicago
  - Los Angeles
  - New England
  - New Mexico
  - New York City
  - Philadelphia
  - San Francisco Bay Area
  - Washington, DC



# Family Programme

- Benefits:
  - Regular University communications from senior staff
  - Invitations to events both in St Andrews and around the US
  - Link Newsletter & St Andrews in the News
  - Chronicle Magazine
  - Work Shadowing Programme
  - Love from Home - e.g. cake delivery

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/development/family-programme](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/development/family-programme)





# Bejant Receptions

- 'Bejant' is a traditional term for a first-year student at the University of St Andrews
- In person summer Send-Off events around the United States
- Virtual information sessions

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/develop-2/nabejant](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/develop-2/nabejant)



# And finally - stay connected!

Keep an eye on your email  
accounts!

Email: [admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk)

Instagram: @uniofstandrews

Facebook: @uniofsta

Twitter: @univofstandrews

WeChat: @StAndrewsUni

Weibo: 圣安德鲁斯大学







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