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



**1st**  
in the UK

*(The Times and Sunday Times  
Good University Guide 2024)*

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in the UK

*(Guardian University Guide 2024)*

**94%**

of postgraduate students  
are in employment or  
further study after graduation

*(Graduate Outcomes survey 2020-21)*



View of St Andrews from above the pier

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# Postgraduate study by the numbers




Founded in  
**1413**

**1,846** 

postgraduate students

**20,000**

approximate town population

**4**  Arts  
Divinity  
Medicine  
Science

Faculties

**1,387**

students receive  
scholarship funding  
(2022-23)

**120+**

postgraduate programmes  
to choose from

**160+**

student societies

**55+**

sports to play



# #1

in the UK  
(Guardian 2024)

# 89%



of research classed as  
world-leading  
(UK Research Excellence Framework 2021)

# #1

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

# 64%



international students

# Most positive students

in the UK  
(NSS 2024)

# 94%



of taught and research  
graduates in work or further  
study within 15 months  
(Graduate Outcomes survey 2020-21)

# Net zero

by 2035





University  
Strategy

# Welcome to St Andrews

As Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews, I am so pleased that you are interested in joining the St Andrews community as a postgraduate student.

The University of St Andrews welcomes postgraduate students from across the UK and the world, and our University Strategy celebrates the strength this diversity creates. We recognise that postgraduates are a very distinctive group of people. If you join us you will be part of a cohort of over 1,800 postgraduate students, studying in one of our four Faculties of Arts, Divinity, Medicine, and Science.

This prospectus offers you a wealth of information on life as a postgraduate student in St Andrews. You can also read about our Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Studies which offers a range of taught postgraduate programmes that reach across traditional subject boundaries.

Postgraduate students on all our taught programmes must pack a lot of new learning into a short time. We do our utmost to support you with induction events at the start of the academic year, as well as encouragement throughout your time here.

Postgraduate research students commit to a longer-term engagement when they undertake their project or dissertation and find an ‘academic home’ in a School, which also provides discipline-specific training. This is complemented by a wide range of workshops, seminars, online resources, and conferences which are offered centrally.

All postgraduate students are also members of St Leonard’s Postgraduate College, an intellectual and social community which will help you to foster intellectual endeavour, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a sense of shared creativity.

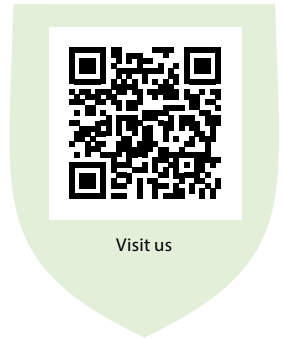
You will see that St Andrews is a brilliant and inspiring place to study. The University combines the medieval with the modern, the Scottish, the British, and the international. We have global reach but are of a size and shape to provide individual attention to everyone who chooses to study here. We have an outstanding record for teaching, research and delivering a world-leading student experience.

Great universities never stand still and if you want to find out more about our direction of travel, you can read our University Strategy online.

We hope you will want to join us as one of our students, and one of our future alumni.

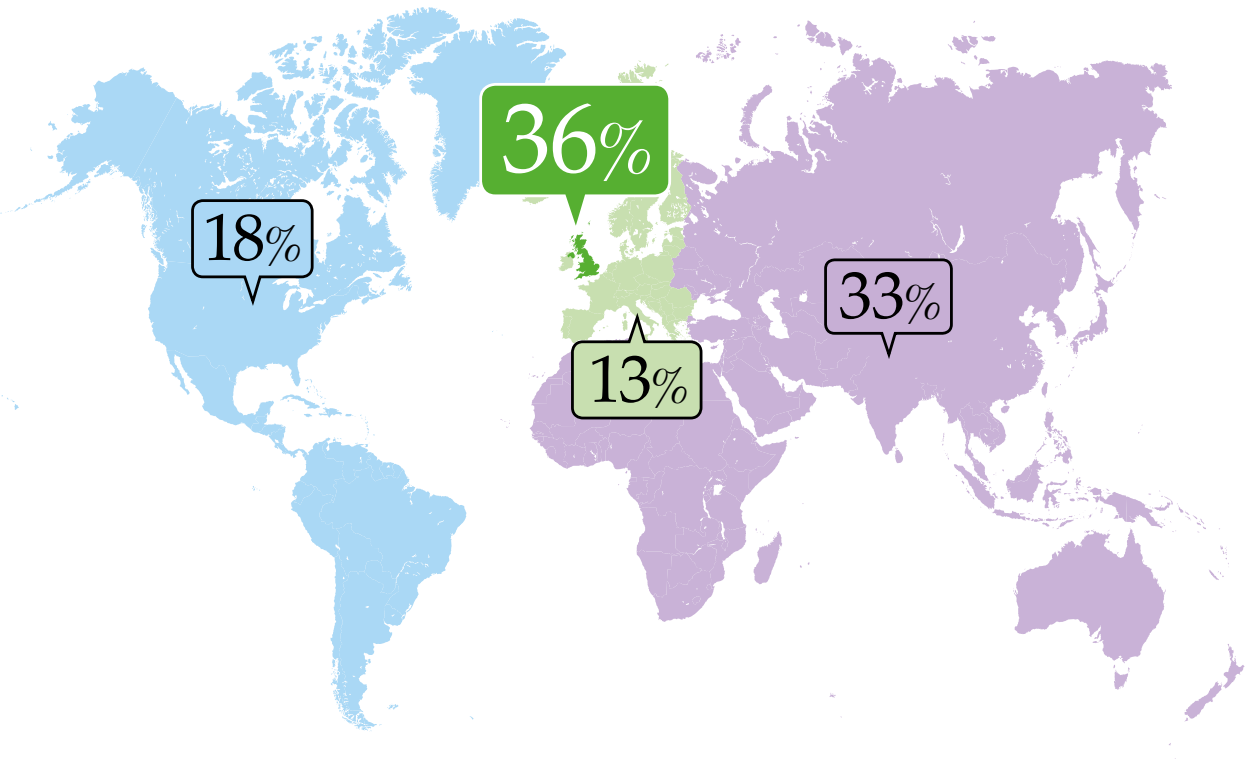
*Professor Dame Sally Mapstone DBE FRSE  
Principal and Vice-Chancellor*

# Where is St Andrews?



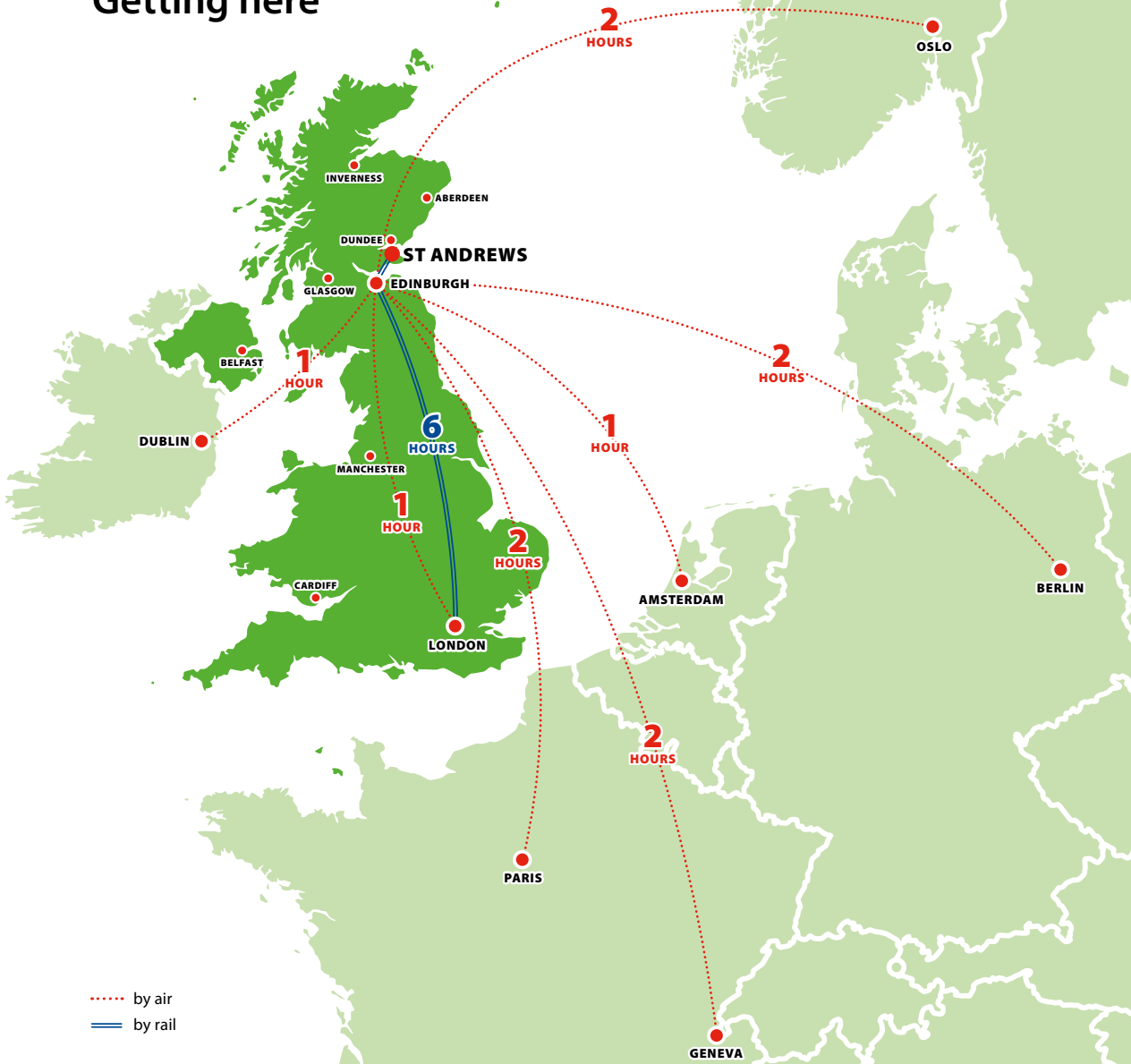
With over 130 countries and territories represented in our student body, the town is welcoming, diverse and has a highly global outlook, which benefits everyone who studies here.

**Where does our 2023-2024 postgraduate community of 1,846 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 flights to the USA, Canada and hubs in the Middle East.

# Why St Andrews?

A group of six students is sitting on a circular lawn in front of a large, historic stone building. The building has multiple windows and a central entrance with a staircase. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear blue sky.

*"I have made wonderful new friends, attended stimulating lectures and seminars and become part of a thriving international postgraduate community."*

**Molly** (Somerset, England)



# Internationally diverse and welcoming, the postgraduate community at St Andrews will **support** you while you realise your **potential, explore** your field and **expand** your horizons.

St Andrews is about learning, research and people. Your postgraduate studies are unique to you – whether you choose a taught Masters programme or a research-based degree, to study in St Andrews or learn remotely. We are here to help nurture your interests, build upon your knowledge, and help you develop and grow intellectually. Studying with us will challenge you. It will make you question, shape and refine what you already know, as well as introduce you to other aspects of your subject with which you may be less familiar but are curious to learn more about. With the support and community of St Andrews, you can change, challenge and develop your future.

Studying for a postgraduate degree allows for both personal and professional growth. Whether you are looking to enhance your skills and experiences to make you more competitive in the global workplace, take the next step towards working in research and academia, or further explore a subject that you are deeply passionate about, St Andrews can provide these opportunities. Our postgraduate programmes give you the chance to explore your subject area further, and work towards a qualification highly sought after by employers around the world.

You will also have access to our established network of alumni, specialised employability workshops and extracurricular support, alongside award-winning teaching from leading academics. Only you can realise your full potential, but we will be here to support you every step of the way.

With over 75,000 alumni worldwide, we will help you build relationships globally and become part of an international and lifelong community after you have graduated. Discover where our alumni are now: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/career-options/my-degree/destinations/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/career-options/my-degree/destinations/)

## Your postgraduate experience

St Andrews offers an unparalleled experience to its postgraduate students. You will be part of a community that is safe, warm and welcoming. We are both a town and a university, small, historic and vibrant, with a forward-thinking, global outlook.

We will challenge you to question what you know and encourage you to consider new ideas. You will have the opportunity to work closely with leading academics and will be provided with access to an extensive range of support with all of the tools you need to thrive and grow.

St Andrews is a global research hub. Throughout the year academic staff from disciplines across the University, and beyond, deliver a wide range of talks, lectures and seminars that are open to you. Topics are varied and can focus on the global impact of the University's research as well as the specialisms of visiting speakers. Your classes will be enhanced by the latest research produced by your lecturers, allowing you to benefit from current developments, techniques and thought in your subject. Throughout your programme you will develop the ability to think critically and engage with multiple perspectives and viewpoints. Ideas and concepts are discussed in an open atmosphere with both your peers and teachers, and you will be encouraged to take these ideas beyond the classroom to investigate them independently.



# Programmes for career enhancement and development

A **postgraduate taught (Masters) degree** is a fantastic opportunity to expand your knowledge, your skills, and **gain an advantage** for your chosen career. Your degree will involve intensive study, but also provide you with an invaluable array of development opportunities.

At St Andrews, the dynamic postgraduate community offers a vibrant academic environment. Your Masters degree will introduce you to people from around the world, allowing you to make lasting connections with both your peers and academic staff. Students come to enhance their knowledge, gain a qualification and leave with networks and experiences that last a lifetime. Our teaching methods and opportunities for extracurricular skills development all contribute to the quality of your degree and your future prospects.

## Where will your Masters degree take you?

Our postgraduates have gone onto a wide variety of careers around the world: from technology giants to setting up their own businesses, working with national governments or international NGOs, global banks or consultancy firms, journalism or activism, and everything in between. Find out where graduates in your subject are now: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/career-options/my-degree/destinations](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/career-options/my-degree/destinations)

From the start of your studies, you will have access to our dedicated Careers Centre as well as continuing support from the International Education and Lifelong Learning Institute (IELLI). You can also choose to participate in our MSkills programme for your continuing professional development. These programmes are comprehensive and designed to boost your transferable skills and increase your employability. Through transitions support, workshops, lectures,

online resources, and networking events, you can be confident that you will leave St Andrews as a highly desirable candidate in either your chosen profession or your academic career.

You will gain sought-after specialist skills as well as a deep understanding of your field. You will quickly find yourself at the forefront of your subject through your interaction with academics who are research active in their fields and who, in many cases, will have written the books you are reading. Studying a Masters at St Andrews sets you on the path towards making a positive change in the world, and by the very nature of our teaching methods, you will gain the practical ability and knowledge to do exactly that.

# 93%

**of taught postgraduate students are either in employment or further study after graduation**

*(Graduate Outcomes survey 2020/21)*

## Saints Skills Awards

While studying for your degree you can work towards our Saints Skills Awards, which help you develop and articulate a range of graduate attributes that employers value.



## Entrepreneurial St Andrews

Together Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Education (EE) and the Entrepreneurship Centre support the entrepreneurial journeys of our students, staff, academics, alumni and non-University members through a range of programmes and training initiatives.

Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Education's opportunities for students include the Social Innovation Sprint, the 'Enterprising Mind of the Year' Award, and Pecha Kucha evenings to enable postgraduate students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset. Professional development opportunities for research postgraduates are available through coaching and tutoring roles on the Summer Teams Enterprise Programme (STEP) and other taught modules.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/education/enterprise](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/education/enterprise)  
[enterprising@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:enterprising@st-andrews.ac.uk)

The Entrepreneurship Centre, a team of experienced in-house experts, is part of St Andrews Innovation and provides commercial support to connect students and staff with industry. Through one-to-one support and inspiring programmes and events, the Centre supports entrepreneurs in developing successful, scalable, and sustainable business start-ups and spin-outs for real-world societal and environmental benefit

The Centre also unlocks funding opportunities, providing advice on 'translational' or early-stage funding, including grant funding, to help you scope the commercial potential of your idea. Further, the Centre will expand your investor network by creating links to a network of later-stage investors, including angel investors and venture capitalists.

<https://innovation.st-andrews.ac.uk/enterprise-services/entrepreneurship-centre>  
[entrepreneurship@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:entrepreneurship@st-andrews.ac.uk)



Discover the  
Entrepreneurship  
Centre



# Programmes for careers in research and academia

Whether you are looking for a one-year **research Masters** programme, a **PhD** or a step in between, our programmes will put you in control, helping you make an **impact** on the latest research and **innovation** in your field.

Our research is considerable for a university of our size. According to the latest UK Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021, more than 88% of research carried out by the University of St Andrews is world-leading or internationally excellent.

St Andrews offers you an intensive research environment, which is a vital step in your journey to a career in research and academia. Pursuing a specialism is a fulfilling path to undertake, and our research degrees are fully supervised and integrated into the research interests of our academic staff. At St Andrews you will be contributing to the ground-breaking research we produce and making a significant contribution to the development of your academic field. Our international reputation is reflective of the quality of our education; from day one you will also be involved with leading researchers and the ongoing active research into your subject area or research field.

We are internationally recognised for our research specialisms and the University supports a variety of world-class, often cross-discipline or cross-institutional, research centres and institutes.

The impact of our research has led to changes or improvements in local and global policy and law, health and welfare, the economy, culture, technology and the environment. Our online research portal highlights the work in each of our academic Schools from the local to the global, showcasing our work across disciplines with research impact, public engagement, stories and blogs. It also gives you case studies and examples of current active areas of research, as well as a list of our research centres and institutes to help you decide in which area to specialise.

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

## Skills development

While on any of our postgraduate research programmes, you will have access to a range of research skills development and training opportunities, which are designed to help you make the most of your postgraduate experience. These opportunities range from skills sessions that increase your research capabilities to employability workshops and online resources. These support and development opportunities are available to all research students through the University's GRADskills programme. There are also additional opportunities within academic Schools, providing specialist skills training, as well as information and support for doctoral students who will be teaching undergraduates. <https://stleonardscollege.st-andrews.ac.uk/skills-and-training/research-students-skills>

**97%**

**of research postgraduate students are either in employment or further study after graduation**

*(Graduate Outcomes survey 2020/21)*

## Graduate destinations

Our research graduates go on to further studies and academic positions around the world or a range of professions outside of academia. Destinations of graduates from your subject can be explored online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/career-options/my-degree/destinations](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/careers/career-options/my-degree/destinations)



Explore our graduate destinations



# Taught programmes



One-to-one discussion, School of English

From in-person **Masters programmes** to online certificates, postgraduate study will provide you with an **invaluable** opportunity to expand your **academic** expertise and continue your **professional development**.

Whether you are looking to gain a full Masters degree or a Postgraduate Certificate, study in St Andrews full time, or online part-time, our postgraduate community has a place for you.

Our taught degrees are more specialised than you will have experienced at undergraduate level, and you will quickly find yourself more integrated with the academic staff. Programmes have a substantial taught element with additional emphasis on independent research and, where relevant, practical work.

Your degree is usually completed by an extended dissertation or project which is supervised. Although challenging, it will demonstrate your research skills and scholarly expertise.

#### **Master of Letters (MLitt)**

The Master of Letters degree is a postgraduate degree awarded by universities like St Andrews, where the Master of Arts is traditionally awarded as an undergraduate qualification.

Lasting for one full year, two-thirds of your degree will be taught modules and the remaining third comprises a dissertation, normally completed in the final months of the programme.

#### **Master of Science (MSc)**

The Master of Science programmes are offered in science subjects or those with a practical component.

MSc programmes involve two semesters of taught modules and independent research, plus an extended project or dissertation where you can further explore a topic of your choosing.

#### **Enter a new subject area**

The Business School, Philosophy, Psychology and the Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Studies provide opportunities to study a completely new subject without prior relevant or subject-related experience. The MLitt in Management is designed specifically for those without previous business or management experience. The Graduate School offers programmes in a wide variety of areas that have no subject-specific entry requirements.

The Conversion in Philosophy Graduate Diploma is for those who wish to pursue the study of philosophy at postgraduate level but have studied little or no philosophy in their undergraduate degree. It builds a firm foundation for those looking to undertake research in philosophy.

The MSc in Psychology is a conversion route for students who hold an undergraduate Honours degree in a subject other than psychology. The course equips students with the necessary skills to pursue a research degree at MPhil or PhD level in psychology or to go on to a clinical training programme.

#### **Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificates**

Some programmes also offer the option of a Postgraduate Diploma (the taught component of an MLitt or MSc) or a Postgraduate Certificate (half of the taught component of an MLitt or MSc). These programmes would suit someone looking to develop their skills but not undertake the final project or dissertation of a Masters programme.

# Flexible online programmes



Learn from anywhere with our online postgraduate study options



Our tailored **online programmes** are designed to allow you to **achieve your potential**, to **expand your knowledge and skills**, and to **advance your career**.

Learn at a pace and in a way that suits you, wherever you are.

Our interactive online postgraduate programmes are ideal if you are looking to develop your skills and advance your career. The online postgraduate programmes are tailored towards those who are interested in further study that fits around their current lifestyle. If you want to join the St Andrews community without having to leave home, our online programmes are the right fit. One thing that our students have in common, no matter where they are or where they are from, is that they are extraordinary individuals. Our diverse student life and community reflects that.

With multiple exit routes and modules specifically designed for online learning, these programmes are tailored to students who are looking to undertake Masters-level study on a part-time basis. On our online programmes you will undertake more specialised study than that at undergraduate level, and you will quickly find yourself integrated with the academic staff, even though you are not physically in St Andrews. Learn through a mix of led and independent study, with synchronous and asynchronous teaching. You will have the opportunity, depending on your path of study, to choose from a range of optional modules to help tailor your programme to your interests.



As an online learner you will be part of our vibrant student community. You can connect online or, if you are ever in St Andrews, join us in-person. As an online student you can:

- Use online library resources, with 24/7 access to journals, e-books and electronic databases. You can chat to our library staff online (9am-5pm UK time).
- Attend a range of concerts online or improve your playing skills with one-to-one virtual lessons from the Music Centre (costs apply).
- Connect with Student Services to look after your mental health, wellbeing and more (learn more on page 30).
- Connect with our Chaplaincy through livestreamed services.

### **Master of Letters (MLitt)**

Online MLitt degrees are achieved within three years of part-time study, depending on the programme. Two thirds of your degree will be taught modules and the remaining third comprises a dissertation.

### **Master of Science (MSc)**

Online MSc degrees are achieved within three years of part-time study, depending on the programme. Two-thirds of your degree will be taught modules and independent research, and the remaining third comprises an extended project or dissertation.

### **Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)**

Postgraduate Certificates are achieved within a maximum of one year, depending on the programme. PgCert applicants can commit to the PgDip, MLitt or MSc routes at a later date.

### **Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)**

Postgraduate Diplomas are achieved within a maximum of two years, depending on the programme. PgDip applicants can commit to the full MLitt or MSc routes at a later date.

# Research programmes



Graduation procession

Research programmes involve periods of **intense research** and independent study. At St Andrews your degree will be supervised by an expert in your field of study, and your research will **contribute** to the development of your **academic discipline**.

Whatever your chosen discipline, you will find yourself closely integrated with teaching staff, giving you plenty of opportunities to network with top scholars at both St Andrews and other universities. Your research will be supervised by leading academics, and you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and resources needed to help you achieve your ambitions.

#### **Master of Research (MRes)**

#### **Master of Science by Research (MSc(Res))**

#### **Master of Studies by Research (MSt(Res))**

If your intention is to progress onto a research programme, St Andrews offers several Master of Research degrees. These are designed to provide advanced training in research techniques and skills through a year-long project. By the end of the year you will be confident and qualified to progress onto a research career.

#### **Master of Fine Arts (MFA)**

This two-year programme is run by the School of English's Creative Writing research group. In your first year you will be taught through technical seminars, workshops and individual tuition. In the second year you will produce a substantial body of work under the supervision of a leading academic.

#### **Master of Philosophy (MPhil)**

This is a stepping stone between a one-year Masters and doctoral level degrees and takes two years to complete. The first year of the programme comprises taught classes with the second year being dedicated to further guided research and writing a thesis.

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

This research degree usually takes three-and-a-half to four years of full-time study. The

qualification is achieved upon submission and defence of a substantial thesis of original research. You will be supported by a dedicated supervisor throughout your studies.

#### **The Engineering Doctorate (EngD)**

This is a four-year degree programme with a strong industry focus. A substantial amount of time is spent on research, usually on a placement with a sponsor company, with other taught elements of the programme delivered at St Andrews.

#### **The Professional Doctorate (DProf)**

This programme is of variable length and is obtained while in full-time employment by the submission of a portfolio of work representing an outstanding level of professional practice development.

#### **Further support**

St Andrews is a member of Vitae, the global leader in the professional development of researchers. You will gain free access to Vitae's Researcher Development Framework, which helps you to identify strengths and areas for your personal and professional development.

[www.vitae.ac.uk](http://www.vitae.ac.uk)

We also encourage you to attend conferences in your field of interest, providing you with a fantastic opportunity to expand your network. The University can provide travel bursaries to support you. You will also have the opportunity to present your research at our regular Postgraduate X-Change seminars which allow our students to present and discuss their work in a supportive environment.



# International students

*"The academic atmosphere, community, traditions, and town make it a wonderful place to live and study."*

**Grace** (New Hampshire, USA)

Study space in the Gateway building

The postgraduate community in St Andrews is **truly international**. Across the University, our students and staff come from more than **134 countries and territories**, giving us a globally engaged perspective.

### **Support for international students**

Our International Advice team is dedicated to assisting our international students with the transition to living in the UK, and throughout their programmes. As well as easy-to-access support through the central team, there are international advisers who can give more specific advice.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/support/international-students](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/support/international-students)

### **Academic English Pre-sessional Courses**

The University offers academic literacy and English language courses leading into your degree programme. These are specifically designed to help you develop and extend your ability to use English effectively in the context of your academic discipline. We introduce you to the University's facilities, including the Library and Student Services, and you will experience social and cultural life at St Andrews early so you can start your degree with confidence. All postgraduate students who use English as an additional language can apply for the four-week course, while the ten-week course is reserved for taught postgraduate students whose offers are conditional on providing evidence of English language ability. Both the four- and ten-week pre-sessional courses can be used to satisfy the English language elements of a conditional offer to study in selected Schools at St Andrews. Application information and entry requirements for these programmes can be found online.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/short-courses/pre-sessional](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/international-education/short-courses/pre-sessional)

The **ten-week course** develops your academic English language skills, including presentation and writing skills. There are lectures and seminars across a range of subject areas which help you improve your listening, note-taking and speaking skills. You will also become used to different lecturing styles and gain confidence in this new teaching environment.

The **four-week course** provides a focus on developing the academic language and the English language skills you will need. Learning the conventions of essay writing, planning, structuring, drafting and using sources critically is a key component of the course, and one-to-one feedback helps you to develop your abilities. Lectures and seminars delivered by staff from various Schools in the University allow you to build on your listening, note-taking and speaking skills.

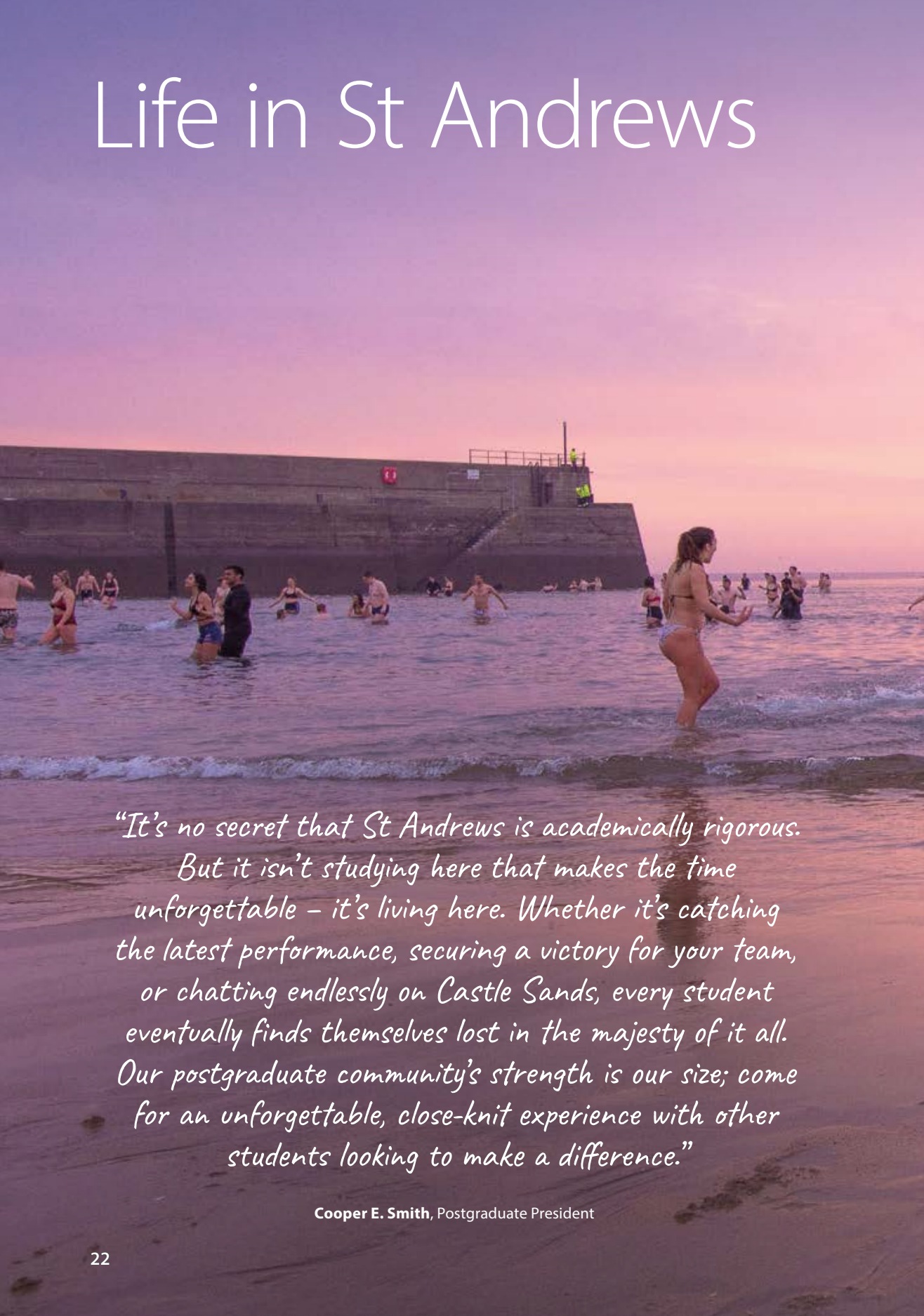
### **Academic English Service**

This free service runs throughout the academic year for all those who use English as a second or additional language. The Academic English Service offers workshops on critical thinking, academic writing, grammar, listening, pronunciation and speaking, as well as one-to-one tutorials. If you are a Masters student, you may also receive support with assignment writing as part of some of your modules. The Academic English Service supports doctoral researchers by offering regular one-to-one tuition on building your research communication skills, including writing your thesis, conference abstracts and papers for publication. We also support students in the development of presentation skills.

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



# Life in St Andrews



*“It’s no secret that St Andrews is academically rigorous. But it isn’t studying here that makes the time unforgettable – it’s living here. Whether it’s catching the latest performance, securing a victory for your team, or chatting endlessly on Castle Sands, every student eventually finds themselves lost in the majesty of it all. Our postgraduate community’s strength is our size; come for an unforgettable, close-knit experience with other students looking to make a difference.”*

**Cooper E. Smith**, Postgraduate President



# Community

**Welcoming and internationally diverse**, being a part of our postgraduate **community** at St Andrews opens up many opportunities. Life in St Andrews is varied and flexible to suit your lifestyle and, as a postgraduate student, you can get involved with as many societies, sports clubs, academic talks and events as you wish.

## **Postgraduate community**

St Leonard's Postgraduate College forms the heart of our postgraduate community at St Andrews. The social side of postgraduate student life offers a broad range of activities from Postgraduate Cafes in the Old Burgh School and pizza nights, to pub quizzes, special events and many opportunities to network and experience the town with like-minded individuals.

## **Academic talks and lectures**

Throughout the year there is a wide range of talks, lectures and seminars which are open for you to join, featuring guest speakers and academics from across the University and beyond. Topics vary throughout the year, focusing on the global impact of the University's research and the various specialisms of visiting speakers.

## **The town**

St Andrews is a truly special Scottish coastal town. Measuring barely three miles end-to-end, and combining its medieval and contemporary features, St Andrews has a fascinating history and offers a unique combination of ancient and modern, local and global with a distinctly cosmopolitan air. Our location on the east coast of Fife also means we have some beautiful beaches, fresh air and easy access to many outdoor spaces. The town is also well connected to the rest of the UK and beyond, with easy transport links via the town's bus station and the nearby train station at Leuchars.

## **The Students' Association**

At St Andrews you automatically become a member of the Students' Association and over 20 subcommittees under its umbrella. The subcommittees support a variety of activities, ranging from volunteering and charity work, to debate, radio, and On the Rocks (a student-run arts festival). The subcommittees include BAME, LGBT+, Disabled Students' Network, and Carers, Commuters, Mature and Flexible Learners Forum among others. Further, you can join any of the 160+ student societies for different faiths, cultures, interests and hobbies.

The Students' Association independently represents all students at the University, with six elected Sabbatical Officers and Postgraduate Officers whose remits cover everything from wellbeing to student development and events. Democratically elected Class Representatives are supported by the Postgraduate Academic Convenor and the full-time Director of Education.

[www.yourunion.net](http://www.yourunion.net)

## **Traditions**

As you might expect from an ancient university, there are a number of traditions throughout the year that help to make the St Andrews experience unique. Whether taking part in Raisin Weekend or the May Dip, traditions are a way of celebrating our students throughout history, often with a contemporary and fun twist.





Explore life in  
St Andrews



# Study facilities

As a postgraduate student, you will have access to a range of **libraries, facilities** and **study areas** throughout the University. This includes research rooms and dedicated spaces in academic Schools, letting you find a **study environment that suits you.**

Our extensive collections include archives of rare books, photographs, films, artworks and historical artefacts, all of which are accessible to students.

## **Dedicated postgraduate study spaces and resources**

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 spaces including a dedicated postgraduate area, group study rooms, spaces for collaboration or silent study and a café.

Postgraduate students, alongside academic staff, have exclusive use of the Thomson Reading Room within the Richardson Research Library at Martyrs Kirk, which also includes a space where University collections can be studied.

In the Old Burgh School, a part of the University's St Leonard's Postgraduate College, we provide dedicated desks, drop-in study spaces and informal areas for social interaction and a hub for the postgraduate community. Postgraduate events and training also take place in this building. Our Academic Schools and St Leonard's Postgraduate College also provide postgraduate research students with their own allocated desks (often with individual lockers).

Each academic School has resources tailored to the specific needs of its postgraduate students, whether this is access to materials, laboratories or software. These will vary by subject area, but should you have any specialist requirements your academic School will be happy to help you.

## **Additional Library spaces**

In the centre of town you will have access to St Mary's College Library, which houses collections for Divinity and Medieval History. Located in St Mary's Quadrangle, this also contains the King James Library, thought to be the oldest library reading room in Scotland.

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 offers yet more study space, with desks, PCs and more relaxed seating.

## **With our libraries you can:**

- Find study space and gain access to resources in a number of buildings, whether you're working in the town centre, on the North Haugh, or in the Walter Bower House Reading Room on the Eden Campus.
- Access our collection of over one million print volumes, as well as an extensive collection of digital resources, including thousands of journals and e-books, as well as theses, newspapers, music, film, television and theatre performances, all of which are available both on and off campus.
- Get expert one-to-one support from specialist Academic Liaison librarians.
- Get help and training on finding the information you need, both online and in person.
- Use our Inter-Library Loan service to access items held at other institutions, and suggest titles for the collection via our Morebooks service.

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

X: @StAndrewsUniLib

Facebook: @StAndrewsUniversityLibrary

Instagram: @StAndrewsUniLib





Martyrs Kirk



Study desks, Main Library



Postgraduate lounge



King James Library

# Accommodation

There is a **range of accommodation** options **specifically designed to meet the needs** of postgraduate students.

**All postgraduates** can apply for University accommodation.



Learn more about accommodation

## Key information

- Applications open on 1 March each year.
- You can apply for University accommodation once you have accepted your offer (and made the pre-payment, if required).
- Apply as early as possible, postgraduate accommodation is limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- There are options for couples and families.
- There are a number of rooms guaranteed for postgraduate taught students which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. You are encouraged to apply for accommodation as soon as possible.

## Halls of residence

There are a number of halls of residence for postgraduate students spread across the University. We also have accommodation in nearby Leuchars. These include catered or self-catered, en suite rooms or shared facilities, and studio apartments. The details of all our accommodation options can be found online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/halls/postgraduate-halls](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/halls/postgraduate-halls)

## Private accommodation

Many students consider renting privately either in St Andrews or the surrounding area. StudentPad is the University's student accommodation search engine, which allows you to find accommodation in or near St Andrews. It lists properties that are available to rent directly from landlords. [www.standrewsstudentpad.co.uk](http://www.standrewsstudentpad.co.uk)

There are private student accommodation providers and estate agents that also offer accommodation [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/private](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/private)

The Students' Association also provides advice and support for students renting privately.

[www.yourunion.net/helphub/accommodation](http://www.yourunion.net/helphub/accommodation)

## Students with disabilities

The University offers appropriate support to disabled students and those with limiting long-term illness. To enable us to work with you to help meet your individual requirements, please include on your accommodation application form details of the support you need.

We understand that disability is not always visible or related to physical impairments. Student Services and Wardennial teams can also provide additional support. We have various adapted rooms and encourage you to visit us for the chance to see the accommodation facilities and speak to Student Accommodation Services before accepting a place of residence.

## Support

Postgraduates living in David Russell Apartments, Fife Park and Powell Hall can access support from the onsite Wardennial team. The team provides out-of-hours support and facilitates community-building activities. They are the first point of contact if a health crisis occurs, or you are experiencing other difficulties.

Postgraduates living in other University residences or private accommodation can access out of hours support via the Student Services Response Team who are on-call overnight and during the weekend.

## Contact

More information about accommodation can be found online or by contacting Student Accommodation Services.

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/accommodation@st-andrews.ac.uk](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/accommodation/accommodation@st-andrews.ac.uk)  
+44 (0)1334 462510







# Support and wellbeing

The **network of support facilities available** to all students at St Andrews ensures that help is on hand should you need it.

Student Services provides a range of support services, including:

- The Advice and Support Centre (the ASC), an information centre for students
- Disabilities team
- Wellbeing advice
- Counselling and mental health support
- Advice on money and finances
- Advice on academic issues
- Health Hub
- Wardennial and residential support for students in University residences.

## **The ASC**

Staff at the ASC (Advice and Support Centre) are happy to answer any question, from paying bills to obtaining an academic transcript, seeking advice on visas, looking for help with a personal issue, or any other student matter. The team can also help you book appointments with a Student Services adviser for further support and advice.

## **Postgraduate Advisers**

Our dedicated Postgraduate Advisers are also available to help you throughout your time studying with us. Progress reviews, relationships with supervisors and peers, managing wellbeing, motivation and goal setting can all present challenges. Whether your concern is academic or personal in nature, the Postgraduate Advisers can offer support, guidance, access to resources, and further referrals to relevant services when required.

## **Disability support**

Within the Student Services team, there are advisers to support disability and learning difficulties. They can be contacted at any stage of the application process for information, advice or support by emailing [disability@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:disability@st-andrews.ac.uk). Applicants are encouraged to make their needs known on their application.

## **Wellbeing, counselling and mental health**

If you find you need professional support to help you resolve difficulties, assistance is available through our counselling, mental health and wellbeing services.

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

## **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.

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

## **Chaplaincy and faith**

The University Chaplain, Assistant Chaplains and a large team of Honorary Chaplains from different faiths and beliefs offer friendly, non-judgemental support to all students. The Chaplaincy offers worship in the University and looks after space which is available for prayer and meditation.

The Chaplaincy also 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](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/chaplaincy)

## **Family and childcare**

If you are bringing your family to St Andrews and require information about available resources, including childcare provision and schooling in the area, please contact Student Services via the ASC.

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

## **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](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/student-services)

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

+44 (0)1334 462020



*“The proximity to the beach allowed for many memorable moments ...”*

Skyla (Wiltshire, England)

West Sands

# Sport

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

St Andrews students have access to top-class sports facilities 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 also 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**

Sports scholarships are available to talented student athletes looking to extend their playing career while furthering their education at St Andrews. There are no eligibility restrictions on playing sport and representing the University whilst studying for a postgraduate qualification at St Andrews. Scholarships are available across our performance teams and to exceptional individuals competing at an elite level (usually internationally depending on the sport and nationality). Talented

golfers may also apply for the prestigious Arnold Palmer Scholarship or an R&A Bursary. For more information please contact: [sportscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:sportscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk)

## **St Leonard's Masters Scholarships**

St Leonard's Masters Scholarships are open to UK and international applicants for all postgraduate (taught) Masters degree programmes. The scheme aims to allow applicants to draw on their professional and life experiences to demonstrate resilience, resourcefulness, and commitment. We welcome applications from talented student athletes from around the world who can add value to our programmes whilst representing St Andrews, and who can demonstrate non-academic excellence and/or leadership qualities in their chosen sport.

## **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 and is tailored to suit all levels and abilities. With more than 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 complete 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 volunteering projects in Africa.

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





Sport at St Andrews

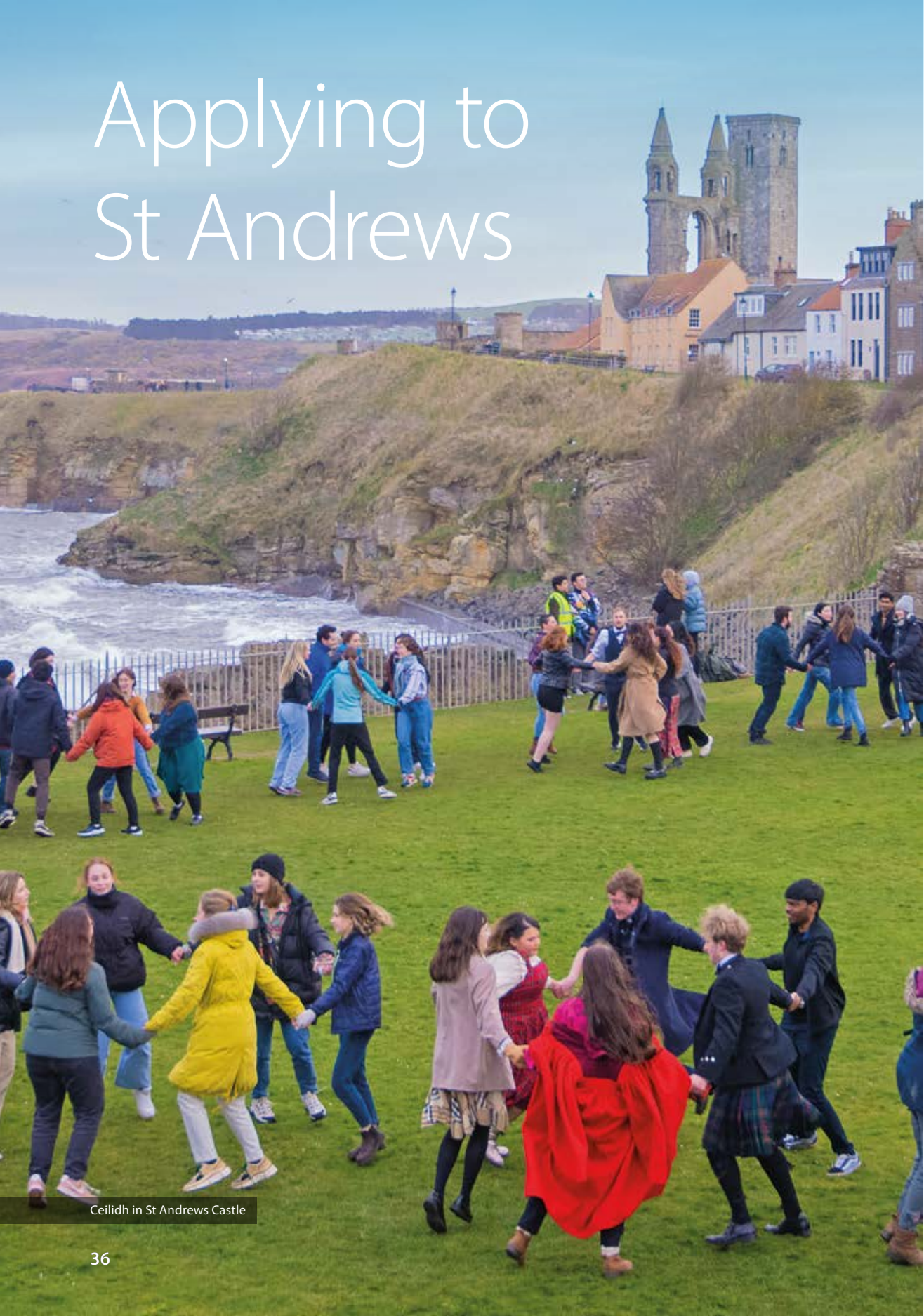








# Applying to St Andrews



Ceilidh in St Andrews Castle

Applications for all of our postgraduate programmes are made directly through our **online application system**. Information about our programmes, entry requirements and the application process can be found **on our website**, or by **contacting our Admissions team**.

As part of your application, you will need to submit supporting documents and references. You should check the specific requirements for your programme on our website before you apply.  
**[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects)**

#### **Supporting documents and references**

An application to St Andrews is considered complete when copies of the following documents have been submitted:

- A copy of your CV/résumé.
- Evidence of your qualification(s) (for example, your degree certificate and transcript).
- One or two signed academic references as required.

References can be uploaded to your application or you can provide details of your referees who we can contact. Applicants remain responsible for ensuring that references are sent to us.

Some of our programmes require additional written work and proposals, you should check all the requirements of your intended programme on our website for full details. These can include:

- A sample of written academic work.
- A personal statement.
- A research proposal (research programmes).
- A supplementary application form.

Further information can be found online:  
**[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate)**

#### **English language requirements**

If you are an international applicant you may be asked to provide evidence of your English language proficiency. Full details of our English language requirements can be found online:

**[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry/language-requirements/postgraduate](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/entry/language-requirements/postgraduate)**

#### **Admissions policy**

The University manages applications within the framework of our admissions policy, which can be found online.

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

#### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about making an application, please contact our Admissions team: [admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk)



Read more about how to apply

# Taught programmes: in person or online

## Find your programme

Before making your application, you should look at all the taught programmes offered by the University.

The programmes available for 2025 entry can be found on pages 60-62. Full details can also be found online. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects)

## Apply online

Applications for our taught programmes open in early August for the following academic year. Deadlines for applications vary by programme, so please check each deadline carefully.

Your application will not be assessed until it is complete. This includes the submission of the required supporting documents and references.

You can apply for a taught programme while still completing your current studies.

## Decisions on applications

We aim to make a decision on applications within one to three weeks of submission. With some programmes, we wait until the closing date has passed to read all applications. In this case, it may take longer to communicate our decision. The outcome of your application will be communicated to you by email. There are three decision types:

**Unconditional** – all academic conditions for entry

have been met; **Conditional** – you have not yet satisfied all the academic conditions for entry, the condition(s) you are still to meet will be detailed in your offer; **Unsuccessful** – we are unable to offer you a place.

## Next steps (in-person programmes)

After you have applied and have been offered a place you should consider:

- Accepting your offer (online)
- Pre-payments (online)
- Accommodation (page 28)
- Finance options (page 40)
- Pre-sessional courses (page 21)
- Visas and moving to the UK (online)

## Next steps (online programmes)

After you have applied and have been offered a place you should consider:

- Accepting your offer (online)
- Pre-payments (online)
- Finance options (page 40)

## Questions?

Before you apply: [admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk)

After you apply: [pgt.application@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:pgt.application@st-andrews.ac.uk)



Management business class



# Research programmes

## When to apply

There is no fixed deadline for applying for the majority of research programmes, however, some Schools do have specific deadlines by which an application has to be made in order to be considered for scholarships or funding opportunities. For more information visit: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/research](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/research)

## Finding a supervisor

All prospective PhD, MSc(Res) or MSt(Res) students will work with an individual supervisor or supervisory team within a School, Centre or Institute. It is important that you look at staff research interests within the University and ensure that your project matches an existing area of research before you apply.

If you are unable to identify a possible supervisor, please contact the School directly, who will be happy to advise you of the most appropriate academic for your chosen research area.

Applicants for the MFA, MRes or MPhil programmes are not generally required to contact a possible supervisor before making an application. Please consult the subject webpages before completing your application.

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

## Apply online

All applications for research programmes are made through the University website. Information on our entry requirements, required supporting documentation and research proposals can be found online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/research](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/apply/postgraduate/research)

## Decisions on applications

Decision times on applications will vary depending on the programme and subject you are applying for.

The outcome of your application will be communicated to you by email. There are three decision types: **Unconditional** – all academic conditions for entry have been met; **Conditional** – you have not yet satisfied all the academic conditions for entry, the condition(s) you are still to meet will be detailed in your offer; **Unsuccessful** – we are unable to offer you a place.

## Next steps

After you have applied and have been offered a place you should consider:

- Accepting your offer (online)
- Accommodation (page 28)
- Finance options (page 40)
- Pre-sessional courses (page 21)
- Visas and moving to the UK (online)

## Questions?

Before you apply: [admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk)

After you apply: [pgr.application@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:pgr.application@st-andrews.ac.uk)

# Fees, funding and scholarships

Fees, funding opportunities and scholarships **vary each year**. The latest information is always available **online**.

Tuition fees vary depending on the programme you are studying and the fee status the University assesses you to be. Postgraduate programme fees and other information about postgraduate finance can be found online. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate)

## Financing your studies

There are many ways to finance your studies and the method you use is normally dependent on the type of programme you are applying for, as well as where you are from. Financial assistance can come from research councils, government agencies, trusts and scholarships. More information about how St Andrews can help support you along with potential financing opportunities can be found online. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/financial-assistance](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/financial-assistance)

Many governments offer financial assistance for those overseas students applying to taught postgraduate programmes. In the UK, **postgraduate loans** are available through the national student funding bodies in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. More information can be found online. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/loans](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/loans)

## Scholarships

St Andrews is committed to attracting the very best students to the University, regardless of their financial circumstances. The range of **bursaries and scholarships** available to both taught and research postgraduate students aims to help students support themselves during their studies.

A **graduate discount** of a 15% reduction on postgraduate research and postgraduate taught tuition fees is available for St Andrews students who have graduated from the University and those who have successfully completed a study abroad or exchange programme. Please see the full terms and eligibility requirements online: [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships/scholarships-catalogue/postgraduate-scholarships/recent-graduate-discount/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/scholarships/scholarships-catalogue/postgraduate-scholarships/recent-graduate-discount/)

The **Accommodation Award** is aimed at reducing the cost of university or private accommodation. Open to all postgraduate students, this award is based on financial need. More information can be found online. [www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/scholarships](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding/postgraduate/scholarships)

Financial support available for research postgraduates is aimed at actively investing in the next generation of world-leading researchers. This ranges from individual grants, or a contribution towards the cost of tuition fees, to full tuition fee support with a maintenance stipend to cover living costs.

## Contact

Fees: [fees@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:fees@st-andrews.ac.uk)  
Scholarships: [pgscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:pgscholarships@st-andrews.ac.uk)



University of St Andrews  
Lower & Upper  
College Halls



Fees and funding  
information



# Subjects



St Andrews from St Salvator's Chapel tower





Explore our subjects  
online





*“Building professional and personal relationships with staff and postgraduate students has made studying here a really rewarding experience. The sense of a close-knit and vibrant academic community with fantastic research resources is what I’ll cherish the most and will take the support network with me into my postdoctoral career.”*

**Julia** (Toulouse, France)  
PhD Art History



*“The exposure to various research groups is a great way to stay updated on current research. Having access to the telescopes in Spain for remote observations meant that I gathered a lot of first-hand experience. Studying here has helped me weigh up my options and opened up a world of opportunities.”*

**Tanvi** (Haryana, India)  
Astrophysics

## Art History

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

Join one of the largest and most prominent Art History departments in the UK. Teaching and research interests in Art History extend from the medieval to the modern periods, focusing on painting, sculpture, architecture, print culture, and photography. Art History is taught in a relaxed but stimulating atmosphere. You will be part of an active and diverse postgraduate community, offering research seminars, symposia, and collaborations with regional collections.

- Access to the University’s historical collections of rare books, photography, and other materials
- Opportunities to visit art collections in Europe as well as exchange programmes with partner institutions
- Research centres include: the Centre for Contemporary Art, the Museums, Galleries and Collections Institute, the Institute of Medieval Studies and the St Andrews Scottish Studies Centre.
- Class trips to art museums, studios, and conservation labs
- Research specialisms by our 26 academic staff include African art; Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-century Art; European and American Modernism; Islamic Art; Medieval and Renaissance Italy; Medieval Europe and the British Isles, including Scotland.

**Art History taught programmes:** Art History; Digital Art History (online only); History of Photography; Museum and Heritage Studies; Museums, Heritage and Society (online only).

## Astronomy

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

St Andrews is internationally recognised for research in the areas of astronomy and astrophysics and this research complements and guides teaching at all levels.

- Access to the University Observatory and James Gregory Telescope allows you to gain hands-on experience and develop your observational expertise for your research projects.
- Small-group teaching fosters interaction with other students and teaching staff.
- The University is a member of the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA).
- There is extensive experimental infrastructure to support research in astronomy.
- Dynamic research in astronomy informs our teaching at all levels. Details of the current specialisms are online: <https://astronomy.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/research>

**Astronomy taught programme:** Astrophysics.



## Biology

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

Biology is taught in one of the largest Schools in the University with over 140 Academic staff and postdoctoral research fellows, a combined complement of around 100 PhD students, around 35 taught MSc students (on site) and 75 technical and administrative support staff. There are three major interdisciplinary centres: Biomedical Sciences Research Complex (BSRC), the Centre for Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Scottish Oceans Institute (SOI). Research and teaching activities span from the molecular level to the behaviour of animals in their natural habitats, and the functioning of entire ecosystems.

- Relevant staff specialisations include Behavioural Biology, Bioacoustics, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Conservation Policy with Management, Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, Infection Biology, Marine Biology, Molecular Biology, Population Biology.
- The BioNetwork provides a great social and academic forum bringing together Masters and PhD students at different stages of their training.
- Postgraduate students are encouraged to get involved in departmental seminars, research group meetings, and informal discussions with staff, postdoctoral researchers and students with similar research interests.

**Biology taught programmes:** Animal Behaviour, Marine Ecosystem Management, Marine Mammal Science, Sustainable Aquaculture (online only).

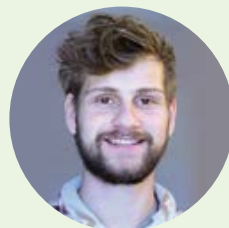
## Chemistry

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

You will receive a fundamental and thorough training in Chemistry with cutting-edge research and support facilities. You will be able to specialise in areas including materials, catalysis, nanotechnology, chemical biology, computational chemistry and surface science. There are strong interdisciplinary links between chemistry and materials science, physics and biomolecular sciences.

- You will join a student population of around 140 research postgraduates and 80 postdoctoral researchers. Chemistry is taught by around 50 full-time academic and academic-related staff and supported by 16 technical staff. There are regular specialist seminars and colloquia by leading researchers from around the world.
- The key areas of research at present are Catalysis and Synthesis; Functional Materials; Chemistry/Biology Interface; Energy, Environmental and Sustainable Chemistry; Synthetic Chemistry and Chemical Dynamics.
- EaSI-CAT (incorporating an EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training) is a PhD programme co-ordinated by St Andrews with other universities, providing excellent teaching and research opportunities in all areas of catalysis.
- Chemistry graduates have gone on to chemical and pharmaceutical companies such as AstraZeneca, BP, Siemens, GSK and Pfizer.

**Chemistry taught programmes:** Catalysis, Chemical Science.



*“Highlights have been working in small classes with leading ecologists, statisticians, oceanographers and policy advisors, while gaining practical experience of environmental sampling. There is a vibrant, welcoming student community and plenty of opportunities to find your niche, with a huge variety of sports clubs and societies.”*

**Patrick** (Edinburgh, Scotland)  
Marine Ecosystem Management



*“The staff are very supportive, and I truly feel like I am part of the academic and research community. Support from other postgraduates has been incredibly helpful in handling stressful periods or just looking for a way to wind down.”*

**Viktorija** (Vilnius, Lithuania)  
Catalysis



*“The postgraduate community is very welcoming with plenty of resources. Classics here is progressive and pushes the discipline further. The programme includes a digital humanities component, which is an area of interest for me. There is an open atmosphere at the University, and it is easy to find your niche as there is truly something for everyone.”*

**Kiara** (Pennsylvania, USA)  
Classics



*“It’s a stimulating environment – engaging with different perspectives and having my views challenged has been beneficial to me both personally and to my academic growth. I’ve had the chance to meet new scholars, organise conferences, build my academic portfolio and teach. Be prepared to work hard but also you will have the best time of your life.”*

**Nicola** (Livorno, Italy)  
PhD Comparative Literature

## Classics

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/classics-greek-latin](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/classics-greek-latin)

Classics at St Andrews offers outstanding research by internationally renowned academics in Greek and Latin Literature, Ancient History, Art, Archaeology, Ancient Philosophy and Classical Reception. You will be taught by one of the largest concentrations of classicists in the UK whose research directly informs the material in taught programmes.

Whilst many postgraduate students are initially attracted by the international reputation of the programme, it is the active role that they play in the research community that stays with them.

- Language modules are available at different levels. You may choose to take a pair of modules at beginner or intermediate level in Greek or Latin. For advanced students, there are opportunities to develop your language skills further.
- Current concentrations of expertise include Classical, Hellenistic and Imperial Period Greek Literature; Platonic and Post-classical Philosophy; Greek and Roman archaeology; environmental history and archaeology; Roman Imperial Literature and History; Late Antiquity; engagement with the Classics from the Renaissance to today.

**Classics taught programme:** Classics.

## Comparative Literature

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

You will have the opportunity to work with academic staff specialising in Arabic, Chinese, French and Francophone, German, Italian, Persian, Russian and Hispanophone literatures and cultures, from the medieval period to the twenty-first century, as well as with translations and Anglophone materials.

Explore the transnational understanding of literature and culture, through a critical evaluation of theoretical approaches combined with the intensive study of an extremely broad range of texts and their relationship to other literatures.

Develop your ability to work comparatively across a range of national literatures, media, and historical periods and to think creatively about the theories and practices of the discipline.

- Key research interests include Affect Theory, Postcolonial Studies, Cultural Memory, Early Modern Studies, Environmental Humanities, Transnationalism and Intertextuality, Medical Humanities..
- Classes are delivered through a mixture of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Flexibility is built into the programme allowing you to specialise in your own areas of interest.
- As well as continuing to PhD study, recent graduates have also gone on to work in fields as diverse as financial services, recruitment consultancy, university administration, PR and communications.

**Comparative Literature taught programmes:** Comparative Literature; German and Comparative Literature; Global Languages, Literatures and Cultures. See also **Modern Languages** page 54.

## Computer Science

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

You will learn about cutting-edge developments in Computer Science and develop transferable skills to increase your employability. You will be taught by excellent staff, highly ranked for teaching and research, with an emphasis on personal and small group teaching. Join a cohort of around 100 taught postgraduate students using top-class, purpose-built facilities with 24-hour access.

- Research specialisms include Artificial Intelligence, Computer Systems, Health Informatics, Human Computer Interaction, Programming Languages, Systems Engineering.
- Graduates are successful throughout the world as business analysts, systems architects and analysts, software developers, testers and verifiers, technical writers, IT trainers and user advisers, project managers. Employers visit on a regular basis, which provides a good opportunity for you to expand your network and ask questions about working in industry.

**Computer Science taught programmes:** Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Computing and Information Technology, Data Science (online only), Global Digital Humanities (online only), Human Computer Interaction, Software Engineering.

## Divinity

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

You will receive advanced training in theological or biblical studies, developing your understanding and research skills and addressing questions of faith in the contemporary world. St Andrews has, since 1579, gathered one of the most outstanding communities of internationally-renowned scholars. There are currently 30 members of staff undertaking research in a wide range of specialisms and approximately 80 postgraduates. The close-knit community of academics and postgraduates provides a context in which to engage in stimulating theological explorations.

- Collaborations, liaisons and networks are a distinctive aspect of the way research has developed here. Scholars come together and share their discoveries on several fronts: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies; Early Jewish Studies; New Testament Studies; Church History; Contextual Theology (including religion and politics); History of Biblical Interpretation; Practical Theology; Systematic, Historical and Analytical Theology; Theology and the Arts.
- Postgraduate taught students routinely participate in doctoral research seminars and specially organised colloquia and conferences.

**Divinity taught programmes:** Analytic and Exegetical Theology, Bible and the Contemporary World (online only), Biblical Languages and Literature, Sacred Music, Systematic and Historical Theology, The Study of Judaism and Christianity, Theology and the Arts.



*“Every member of staff is knowledgeable in their field, are friendly and always keen to help. Not only can you ask questions about your studies, but also get guidance from them about your future career. The town is peaceful and safe, and I feel that I am an active member of the University community.”*

**Yuxuan** (Guangxi, China)  
Artificial Intelligence



*“Studying here has inculcated in me critical thinking, rigour and precision in writing. The lecturers are always available and ready to help clarify an issue, answer a question, advise or give a listening ear. St Andrews is a unique family – home to students from a diversity of continents, cultures, races and languages.”*

**Mathew** (Kumbo, Cameroon)  
Biblical Languages and Literature





*“I have felt very welcomed in this community – being able to talk to someone is particularly important as an international student. The academic environment is challenging and inspiring with field trips, laboratories and state-of-the-art equipment. Furthermore, I can find inspiration just walking round the historic town and its beaches.”*

**Ana** (Buenos Aires, Argentina)  
Geochemistry



*“There are valuable one-to-one interactions with lecturers and the small tutorial size allows for intellectually stimulating discussions with my peers. Beyond the enriching academic experience there are ample social events. The weekly postgraduate café is a perfect place to meet like-minded people, engage in intriguing conversations, and learn different perspectives.”*

**Shivani** (Mumbai, India)  
Finance and Economics

## Earth and Environmental Sciences

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/earth-environmental-sciences](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/subjects/earth-environmental-sciences)

Study broad and important topics such as past and current climate change, exploration of natural resources, origins of life, composition of oceans, rivers and the atmosphere, evolution of the Earth and other terrestrial planets, and exploration for habitable planets.

- You will join a dynamic and research-intensive community with expertise in the fields of environmental science, geology, oceanography, climate, geochemistry, mineralogy, economic geology and geophysics, underpinned by new state-of-the-art laboratory facilities.
- Our research is grouped into three themes: Planets and Life; Climate, Society and Environmental Change; Earth Resources and Sustainability. Students can apply for our MSc Research Programme or for PhD studentships within these themes.
- PhD studentships are also available as part of the Training and Research Group for Energy Transition Mineral Resources (TARGET), a UKRI NERC sponsored Centre for Doctoral Training.
- Graduates have gone on to work in the energy, natural resources and environmental sectors, as well as in the wider science and policy areas.

**Earth and Environmental Sciences taught programmes:** Environmental Science, Geochemistry.

## Economics

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

Economics is a social science that is concerned with the optimal allocation of scarce resources, especially the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services. The available courses provide structured explorations of key concepts, methods of analysis and techniques in economics.

- The courses enhance your analytical and decision-making abilities through training in problem solving, specifically through the use of quantitative and model-based methods of analysis.
- Regular seminars and workshops bring you into contact with a community of academics who have research strengths in Applied Economics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Finance.
- The emphasis on smaller group teaching allows a high level of interaction between students and teachers, encouraging a warm and friendly learning environment. There are guest lecturer seminar series and you may attend international events, broadening your interests and enabling exploration of the widest application of economic theories.
- Recent graduates work across the world in areas such as academia, banking, commerce, government, industry and insurance.

**Economics taught programmes:** Economics, Finance and Economics. See also **Finance** page 50 and **Management** page 52.

## English

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

Our programmes span the history of English literature from the Medieval period to the present, and explore works from diverse literary cultures drawn from across the world. You will join a vibrant postgraduate community of more than 80 students from around the globe, and over 30 permanent members of staff with expertise in a range of specialisms. The programmes will challenge you to consider the ideas, human values, and history behind a broad variety of texts.

- Ranked 1st in the UK in both The Guardian University Guide 2024.
- Creative Writing and Playwriting/Screenwriting classes are taught by award-winning novelists, poets and playwrights with strong links to the University-managed Byre Theatre and the StAnza Poetry Festival.
- Access to rare books and manuscripts in the Library's Special Collections, an archive built up since the 15th century.
- Join our Research Groups to work with the School's outstanding academic researchers, visiting speakers, and the School's postgraduate community in research seminars, lectures and workshops.

**English taught programmes:** Creative Writing; Medieval English; Modern and Contemporary Literature and Culture; Playwriting and Screenwriting; Shakespeare and Renaissance Literary Culture; Women, Writing and Gender.

## Film Studies

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

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

- You will join a multicultural community with strong international academic experience. This cosmopolitan environment allows you to become familiar with cross-cultural issues and to develop personal contacts across Europe, Asia and North America – an important factor in your future specialist development.
- There is a vibrant film culture: from student-led filmmaking marathons and screening series to visits from world-renowned filmmakers and collaborations with international film festivals; you will have numerous opportunities to contribute to a community of cinephiles and film artists.
- Research specialisms by leading staff members include Activism and Advocacy, Documentary, Experimental and Avant-garde Cinemas, Global Film Cultures (archives, cinephilia, film festivals, film industries), Film Genres, Film History (including early cinema), Film Sound and Technologies (including VR and IMAX), Media Theory and History, Non-entertainment Film, Eco-cinema, Television, Streaming and Digital Media.

**Film Studies taught programmes:** Film Studies, IMACS: International Master in Audiovisual and Cinema Studies.



*“In class we work closely with our lecturers and supervisors, who are all experienced and accomplished writers. We review each other's writing weekly; it's such a brilliant way to improve your own work and learn from your peers. The postgraduate community in St Andrews is an incredibly diverse, bright, and committed group of students.”*

**Muriel** (Rhineland, Germany)  
Creative Writing



*“You are part of an outstanding, special community of scholars who care deeply about what they are learning whilst doing so in a beautiful part of the world. Every aspect of film and film cultures is considered noteworthy and so there is lots of exciting debate which makes the programme feel topical and engaged.”*

**Matthew** (North Yorkshire, England)  
Film Studies



*“The highlight of my programme has been the guest speakers who have come in and given talks on many different topics that have helped shaped my dissertation topic. Everyone I have met has been extremely friendly. Following my degree my plans are to work for an investment management company in London.”*

**Anand** (Surrey, England)  
Finance and Management



*“The highlights are having a flexible course, being able to tailor your degree around your specific interests and one-to-one tuition. The staff are leading academics in their field but also extremely supportive and approachable. St Andrews provides both an excellent academic and social experience in a pretty, historic town. You’re guaranteed to make some wonderful memories!”*

**Freja** (Warwickshire, England)  
Legal and Constitutional Studies

## Finance

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

Finance encompasses banking, investments and corporate finance. Our programmes explore key financial concepts, contemporary issues in global financial systems, and cutting-edge methods of financial data analysis.

- You will use quantitative and modelling-based software packages and state-of-the-art data facilities, gaining analytical skills and decision-making abilities.
- Through small group teaching, you will interact closely with a community of academics with research strengths in banking, investments and corporate and household Finance.
- Finance Masters students have access to the Masters Extra (MX) programme which focuses on careers and professional development through a series of talks, workshops, and guest lectures which provide networking opportunities and lead to a Certificate in Career Development.
- Graduates work globally in investment banks, commercial banks, central banks, asset management companies, financial consultancy firms, hedge funds, private equity, large corporations and academia.

**Finance taught programmes:** Banking and Finance, Finance, Finance and Economics, Finance and Management. See also **Economics** page 48 and **Management** page 52.

## History

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

You will experience a broad range of expertise in many historic periods and areas, from Scotland to Byzantium, the Americas, Russia, the Middle East and South Asia. Thematic interests include Environmental History, Religious History, Urban History, Nationalism and Transnationalism, Historiography and Intellectual History.

- History is taught by around 70 staff, who offer personalised attention across a varied portfolio of research expertise.
- Strong commitment to providing skills training to enhance the individual strengths and employability of our graduates.
- Students have numerous opportunities to hear and meet top scholars from across the globe through a series of vibrant seminars.
- Language bursaries may enable students to gain language skills in the summer before starting their postgraduate study.
- Financial assistance is available for History postgraduates specifically to subsidise research expenses.

**History taught programmes:** Early Modern and Reformation History; Environmental History; Global Social and Political Thought; Intellectual History; Iranian Studies (available online or in person); Legal and Constitutional Studies; Medieval History; Medieval Studies; Middle Eastern History; Modern History; The Book. History and Techniques of Analysis; Transnational, Global and Spatial History.



## Interdisciplinary studies

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

Interdisciplinary Masters degrees allow you to learn across traditional subject boundaries by engaging with various theoretical and methodological approaches within the humanities and social and physical sciences. This will enable you to broaden your learning and develop the ability to approach questions from different disciplinary perspectives. The emphasis of interdisciplinary degrees is on the development and application of practical skills in order to deepen your subject knowledge, solve problems creatively and with originality, and develop your understanding of research methodologies.

- You will be taught by experts from different disciplines across the University.
- Workshops and training materials will help you develop the broader personal and professional skills to succeed in your degree and enhance your employability.

**Interdisciplinary studies taught programmes:** Data-Intensive Analysis; Energy Policy and Finance; Gender Studies; Global Digital Humanities (online only); Global Social and Political Thought; Health Data Science; Legal and Constitutional Studies; Medieval Studies; Museum and Heritage Studies; Museums, Heritage and Society (online only); Global Sustainable Development.

## International Education

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

International Education provides the opportunity to integrate and explore theory and practice in the field of International Education. It is designed to be useful to experienced practitioners in the field of international education, as well as those considering working in this area. The programmes can be studied either in St Andrews or by distance learning starting in either September or January. The distance learning MScs are generally part time.

- Discuss theoretical concepts and frameworks in small groups and in writing in online forums with students studying both in St Andrews and around the world, and apply these through theoretical and more practical assessments.
- Relevant careers might include educators, managerial and administrative roles in international education organisations (eg schools, universities, education-facing NGOs), educational agencies, educational policymakers, International Officers, and education-related marketing roles.
- Distance learners have the option of completing a short summer residential course in St Andrews to give you the opportunity to be part of the community and work on a one-to-one basis with the staff.

**International Education taught programme:** International Education (available online or in person)



*“My work-based placement had allowed me to build connections within the digital museum industry and learn from first-hand experience of shadowing current working professionals in the field, and the exchange to study at the Ecole du Louvre was a unique opportunity.”*

**Janice** (Selangor, Malaysia)  
Museum and Heritage Studies



*“St Andrews offers a uniquely global yet personal experience for distance learners, combined with the welcoming environment and experienced staff. With modules placing students in small groups, each interaction I’ve had has led to a greater sense of belonging and purpose. Modules, materials, forums, and lectures are all readily available, which is essential as a distance learner.”*

**Ethan** (Utah, USA)  
International Education



*“I chose to undertake my postgraduate research studies at St Andrews due to the multidisciplinary approach to research, opportunities to engage with students, academics and researchers from inter-related fields that had the potential to expand my theoretical reach, research visibility and impact.”*

**Patrick** (Greater Accra, Ghana)  
PhD International Relations



*“I particularly liked gaining knowledge in various areas of business operations, i.e. finance, human resources, marketing etc. I especially appreciated the opportunity to work with real businesses for our Marketing module.”*

**Christine** (Paris, France)  
Management

## International Relations

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

While studying International Relations you will deepen your understanding of diplomatic history, international law, political theory, political economy and political science in order to provide theoretical perspectives to explain conflict and co-operation in the wider world.

- You will interact with many world-renowned scholars whose wide-ranging expertise and research specialisms include International Institutions and Law; International Security; International Theory; Peace and Conflict; Regional Studies; Strategic Studies; and Terrorism Studies.
- With 75 taught postgraduate and over 65 research students, 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 School of International Relations' distinctive multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach to the study of global politics.

**International Relations taught programmes:** International Political Theory; International Security Studies; Middle East, Caucasus and Central Asian Security Studies; Peacebuilding and Mediation; Strategic Studies; Terrorism and Political Violence (available online or in person).

## Management

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

Business and management is an interdisciplinary field encompassing and underpinned by a range of subjects – from strategy and leadership to marketing, consumer behaviour, finance, accounting and organisational and economic sociology. At St Andrews, you will engage in discussion and debate to better understand all types of organisations and the way they are managed. You will examine up-to-date case studies and engage with speakers from a range of businesses and other organisations to ensure you develop a wide, evidence-based understanding of the discipline you chose to study.

- You will learn to think and engage critically with your subject of study, developing your abilities and skills in team-working, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and application of ideas and concepts, which meet employer expectations and underpin successful careers.
- Through small group teaching you will interact with an international community of staff and students from over 40 countries and experience first-hand the way our world-class research is brought alive in the classroom.
- All Management students can join the Masters Extra (MX) programme which focuses on careers and professional development. The programme comprises a series of talks, workshops, and guest lectures which provide networking opportunities and lead to a Certificate in Career Development.

**Management taught programmes:** International Business, Management, Marketing, Finance and Management. See also **Economics** page 48 and **Finance** page 50.

## Mathematics

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

Your primary focus will be understanding patterns and structure and developing the tools with which to analyse them, and/or modelling and analysing complex dynamical systems.

- You will have access to a range of advanced mathematical courses across the entire spectrum of mathematics and statistics.
- Regular seminars and colloquia provide fascinating views on the latest research in a diverse array of fields.
- You will join one of the internationally leading research groups in the following areas: Algebra and Combinatorics, Analysis, Computational Algebra, Ecological and Environmental Modelling, History of Mathematics, Mathematical Biology, Solar and Magnetospheric Theory, Vortex Dynamics.
- St Andrews plays a key role in the Scottish Mathematical Sciences Training Centre (SMSTC) that provides a wide range of postgraduate lecture courses to PhD students at several universities in Scotland.
- Graduates go on to hold positions in industry and academia in areas such as business administration, computer science and the technology sector, the finance industry, mathematical modelling, wildlife and conservation.

**Mathematics taught programmes:** Mathematical Biology, Mathematics. See also **Statistics** page 56.

## Medicine

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

These programmes are suited to those who want to develop their knowledge and skills to influence the delivery of effective healthcare. Each provides high quality teaching and the opportunity to collaborate, all within a supportive learning environment.

- Health Data Science explores the principles and practice of digital health implementation and allows you to develop applied skills in medical data analysis and use of digital technologies to address healthcare challenges. This interdisciplinary programme has links with the Sir James Mackenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis, giving you access to research across different fields.
- The part-time online Health Professions Education programme is for those interested in developing themselves in a healthcare education role. The programme will cultivate teaching practice which instils the principles and values of interprofessional education to support the development of the future and current healthcare workforce.
- Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine (ScotGEM) is a partnership programme tailored to meet the contemporary and future needs of the NHS in Scotland, with a focus on clinical generalism and rural practice. This is a four-year undergraduate Medicine programme specifically designed for graduate entrants.

**Medicine taught programmes:** Health Data Science, Health Professions Education (online only), ScotGEM (Scottish Graduate Entry Medicine).



*“The interdisciplinary nature of the programme means you can choose and learn across subject boundaries and develop personalised skills. The best part has been learning statistical methods from the academics who developed them, and they are very open to sharing their ideas. We were also able to carry out group studies in a seminar room all year.”*

**Lukmann** (Sarawak, Malaysia)  
Statistical Ecology



*“ScotGEM is an exciting and unique course that offers so many opportunities. It has allowed me to study and live all over Scotland, from St Andrews to Inverness. The rural focus of the course gives a unique medical experience whilst still offering plenty of opportunities to learn in hospital.”*

**Ryan** (Northumberland, England)  
ScotGEM





*“Engaging in graduate teaching and flexible work within the university have enriched my experience here. Throughout my PhD, I have taught core departmental modules, managed and developed curricula for undergraduate educational enhancement programs, and coordinated research and social events for fellow PhD students.”*

**Abdulrahman** (Saudi Arabia)  
PhD Language and Linguistics



*“This taught programme also provides guidance on improving your research skills and knowledge. The clubs and events are diverse and engaging so you get to know academic staff and students. The best was getting involved in student representation – postgraduate voices are so important!”*

**Jasmine** (Texas, USA)  
Neuroscience

## Modern Languages

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

You will not only develop a high level of proficiency in the language(s) you choose to study but will also be able to pursue your own specific research interests, including culture, history, film, literature, politics, medical humanities and history.

- A diverse and international student body from across Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, as well as the UK, providing a global outlook.
- There is a breadth of distinguished research within four research centres and institutes which span language, literary, and cultural studies across eight distinct language areas – Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Persian, Russian, and Spanish – but also a range of cultural-historical epochs from the Middle Ages to the present day as well as comparative literature.
- Specific research interests include Creativity and Performance, Memory Studies, Postcolonial and Transnational Studies.
- The highly successful annual programme of events, the ‘Byre World’ series, brings modern languages and cultural studies research to the wider community.

**Modern Language taught programmes:** German and Comparative Literature; Global Digital Humanities (online only); Global Languages, Literatures and Cultures. See also **Comparative Literature** page 46.

## Neuroscience

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

Learn the science behind how the brain and the nervous system work, focusing on the scientific understanding of the nervous system from genes to behaviour.

- Explore topics such as the neural control of movement, neuropharmacology and disorders of the nervous system, such as motorneuron disease (ALS) and dementia.
- Research is organised broadly around key themes in neuroscience, including Cellular, Developmental, Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience.
- At St Andrews, you will gain an understanding of neuroscience from the level of single proteins to higher brain functions such as memory formation and cognitive processing. You will also have access to state-of-the-art facilities to learn crucial laboratory skills and gain hands-on experience running your own experiments.
- You will conduct a year-long research project and learn relevant techniques and skills through coursework. Research projects are carried out in a single laboratory over the full length of the programme, giving students a unique opportunity to pursue research questions in depth. The overall aim is to help students acquire the skills needed to succeed as independent research scientists.

**Neuroscience taught programme:** Neuroscience.  
See also **Psychology** page 55.

## Philosophy

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

Philosophy is a highly interdisciplinary subject that examines and attempts to answer questions raised by human life and action, by natural science, by the study of art and literature, by the nature of language and communication, and by history.

- There are 30 to 40 taught postgraduate students admitted each year, drawn from the UK and around the world.
- Philosophers work on a wide range of research areas, including Epistemology, History of Philosophy, Logic and the Philosophy of Logic, Philosophical Methodology, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind and Perception, Applied Ethics, Ethical Theory, Meta-ethics, Political and Legal Philosophy, Aesthetics and Philosophy of Economics.
- The St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme (SASP) is highly regarded internationally.
- There is an annual Reading Party (retreat) in the Scottish Highlands for all taught and research postgraduates and staff.
- One of the most respected international philosophy journals, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, is edited from St Andrews.

**Philosophy taught programmes:** Conversion in Philosophy (Graduate Diploma), Philosophy.

## Psychology

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

Psychology at St Andrews focuses on the understanding of perception, cognition, motivation and behaviour at several different levels. Areas of research and teaching range from the study of the neural system to complex social interactions of humans and animals.

- You will join a community of approximately 60 academic staff, 80 postgraduate students, 20 postdoctoral researchers and 19 technicians and professional staff from around the world.
- You will have access to some of the best psychological laboratory facilities in the UK.
- Considerable contact time with researchers occurs via small group tutorials and research project supervision.
- Key research themes are Origins of Mind, including comparative psychological research on non-human primates and developmental psychology of infants and children, perception, cognition, memory, motivation, learning, emotion, action, and social and group processes.

**Psychology taught programmes:** Comparative, Evolutionary and Developmental Psychology; Origins of Mind; Psychology (Conversion); Psychology of Dementia Care (PG Certificate – online only); Research Methods in Psychology. See also **Neuroscience** page 54.



*“I have been able to choose my essays and write about a wide range of philosophical subjects that specifically piqued my interest. I have learnt that provided I work hard, refer to others when help is needed and have good friends to surround me, I can accomplish anything I put my mind to.”*

**Morayo** (London, England)  
Philosophy



*“As a Chinese student here, you can benefit from the excellent academic atmosphere, accessible resources and opportunities, and supportive staff. You can also enjoy the beautiful scenery along the coast, the hospitality of the local residents, and the diversity of both ancient and modern activities.”*

**Da** (Beijing, China)  
PhD Psychology



*“We learned how to conduct research in an embodied way, to think deeply about the role of our senses when collecting data in the field and to become attuned to varied ways in which people perceive and experience their world. As I was interested in creatively telling the stories of disadvantaged groups, it felt imperative that I work with people not about them.”*

**Ashley** (Tyne-and-Wear, England)  
Anthropology, Art and Perception



*“There is close contact between lecturers and students, providing opportunities to ask questions and have discussions. The coding exercises and hands-on work with statistical methods are a great opportunity to learn relevant skills. Postgraduate students come from a huge variety of backgrounds, so you are in touch with people from many disciplines.”*

**Tobias** (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany)  
Postgraduate Diploma in Statistics

## Social Anthropology

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

As a student of Social Anthropology, you will explore the rich diversity of ways humans establish and live social lives in the contemporary world. Knowledge of what it means to be human is always contested – you will learn how anthropology is a dynamic field of inquiry constantly generating new priorities and theories.

- Ethnographic fieldwork is the primary method helping anthropologists deepen our knowledge of the world and those we share it with. It can take place anywhere people are building a social life together.
- As a researcher you will develop a familiarity with field ethnography alongside a range of methods for representing and analysing data, including primary and secondary texts, film and other visual media, and oral and auditory sources.
- Research here is especially concerned with methodological experimentation toward understanding and comparing human social experience worldwide. Regional specialisms include: East and West Africa, the Pacific, South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Central and East Asia.

**Social Anthropology taught programmes:** Anthropology, Art and Perception; Social Anthropology.

## Statistics

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

Statisticians at St Andrews gain the analytical techniques, logical thinking, and deductive reasoning to apply their knowledge to almost any field. You will extrapolate and analyse data to see emerging patterns and apply these to real-life scenarios. Other programmes enable you to apply statistical techniques to understand and monitor wildlife populations, analyse large molecular data sets or estimate stock market probabilities.

- Regular seminars and colloquia provide fascinating views on the latest research in a diverse array of fields.
- You will join one of the internationally leading research groups in the following areas: Statistical Ecology, Statistical Medicine and Molecular Biology, Statistical Methodology.
- The Royal Statistical Society (RSS) has accredited the MSc programmes in Statistics, in Applied Statistics and Datamining, and in Data-Intensive Analysis.
- Recent graduates have started careers in large consulting firms and major financial institutions including Scottish and Southern Energy, RBS, Aviva, Lloyds, TSB, PwC, Capital One, American Express, Goldman Sachs, Tesco Bank and many others.

**Statistics taught programmes:** Applied Statistics and Datamining, Data-Intensive Analysis, Statistical Ecology, Statistics.  
See also **Mathematics** page 53.



## Sustainable Development

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

Sustainable Development provides a framework for addressing pressing environmental and development challenges while exploring transformative ideas for a better world. The programmes we offer foster critical and creative thinking and data literacy to promote inclusive, just societies.

- Develop your ability to evaluate and navigate the challenges of working towards sustainability and social and environmental justice using interconnecting themes such as (in)equality and (in)justice, partnership, and planetary boundaries.
- The range of learning and assessment formats offers the skills and competencies needed for a career in and beyond academia.
- Seminars are led by staff working on global community and policy projects, with particular strengths in environmental change, political ecology, population health, data analysis, and science communication.

**Sustainable Development taught programmes:** Data Literacy for Social and Environmental Justice (online only), Global Sustainable Development.

## TESOL

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

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

The various TESOL programmes are designed for more experienced practitioners as well as those considering English language teaching, and related fields, as a future career. The programmes can be studied either in St Andrews or by distance learning starting in either September or January. The distance learning MScs are generally part time.

- You will integrate theory and practice by discussing theoretical concepts and frameworks and applying these through a range of traditional and practical assessments. TESOL students both in St Andrews and distance learners share an online written discussion forum for each module.
- You will join experienced practitioners and scholars in the English language teaching community, with opportunities to be involved in ongoing professional development events and the annual English for Academic Purposes (EAP) conference.
- Distance learners have the option of completing a short summer residential course in St Andrews to give you the opportunity to be part of the community and work on a one-to-one basis with the staff.

**TESOL taught programmes** (available online or in person): TESOL, TESOL with a Specialism (choose one of five specialisms – Assessment and Evaluation, English for Academic Purposes, English Medium Instruction, Teaching Young Learners, Technology for Teaching).



*“The human centred element and interdisciplinary nature of the subject enables you to look at social and environmental issues from more than one perspective. I also enjoy chatting with other postgraduates who come from various backgrounds. They are progressive, innovative and passionate about their work and personal beliefs: it is inspiring.”*

**Yitongyue** (Xinjiang, China)  
Sustainable Development



*“As a distance learner, the programme has suited me well because I can watch lectures and complete assignments and tasks to my own schedule. I have felt part of the University community due to frequent seminars, conferences, workshops and professional skills development sessions, as well as virtual social events with other postgraduates and our tutors.”*

**Fahih** (Karachi, Pakistan)  
TESOL with a Specialism in Teaching Young Learners







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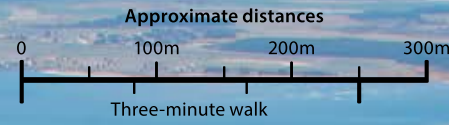
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