



University of St Andrews
Scotland's first university – 1413

A photograph of two graduates, a woman and a man, walking towards the camera on a paved path. The woman is on the left, wearing a white shirt, a dark skirt, and a black graduation gown with a pink stole. The man is on the right, wearing a white shirt, a dark suit, and a black graduation gown with a red stole. In the background, there is a stone wall on the left, a tall stone tower with a cross on top in the center, and a stone building with a gabled roof on the right. A black lamppost is on the far right. The sky is clear and blue.

Europe

Postgraduate Student Guide

Why St Andrews?

1st
in the UK for
student academic
experience

(National Student Survey
2024)

Carbon
net zero
by 2035

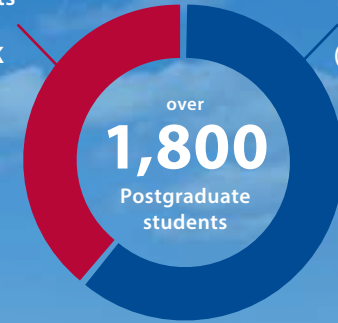
Over 88%
of research carried out
by the University is
**world-leading or
internationally
excellent**

(UK Research Excellence
Framework 2021)

Students from over
135
countries and
territories

36%
Students
from
the UK

64%
International
students
(23% students
from Europe)



*"I have some of the best
researchers of their field
as professors and the
possibility to work with
them on a day-to-day basis
is truly amazing"*

(Flora) Sophie Lemburg
(Aachen, Germany)

*"The postgraduate community
at St Andrews is a tight-
knit and friendly community.
Given the size of the town
and campus, expect many
fun random encounters with
friends and acquaintances
when walking around."*

Balla
(Budapest, Hungary)

What can I study?

Taught courses

The majority of our taught courses are completed in one full 12-month year and most offer the opportunity to write a dissertation during the summer.

Discover
your course



Research courses

Our most common research degree is a PhD, which is usually three and a half years full time.

All prospective PhD, MSc (Res) or MSt (Res) students will work with an individual supervisor or supervisory team within a School, Centre or Institute.

If you are unable to identify a possible supervisor, please contact the relevant School directly. They will be happy to advise you.

Choose from over 120 programmes in the following academic areas:

Art History	Earth and	Medieval Studies
Biology	Environmental Sciences	Modern Languages
Business School	English	Philosophy
(Economics, Finance and	Film Studies	Physics and Astronomy
Management)	History	Psychology and
Chemistry	Interdisciplinary Studies	Neuroscience
Classics	International Education	Social Anthropology
Computer Science	International Relations	Sustainable Development
Divinity	Mathematics and Statistics	TESOL
	Medicine	

"I chose St Andrews because of the impeccable reputation as well as the opportunity to study in a multinational environment"

Konstantin
(Germany)



Discover our Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Studies to learn across subject boundaries and develop practical skills.

Online study

With our knowledge and expertise from over 600 years of educating the brightest minds, we have crafted a learning experience for the modern age.

Whether you are halfway around the globe or just around the corner, you will be part of our vibrant student network, accessing world-class teaching resources, and engaging with leading academics.

Our tailored online courses are designed to allow you to maximise your potential and further advance your career. You can learn at a pace and in a way that suits you, wherever you are.

University of St Andrews Online Postgraduate study will deepen your advanced subject knowledge and research skills. You will also expand your existing skills in:

- critical thinking and creativity
- analysis and appraisal
- problem solving and decision making
- personal leadership and project management
- interpersonal communication and team working

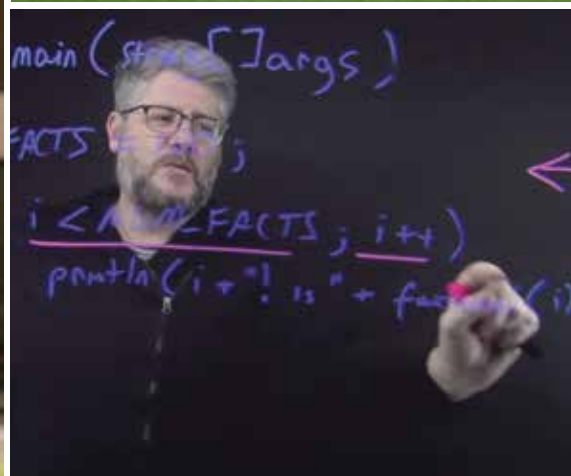
Despite learning online, you won't be alone. You will be part of an internationally diverse student body.

Courses include:

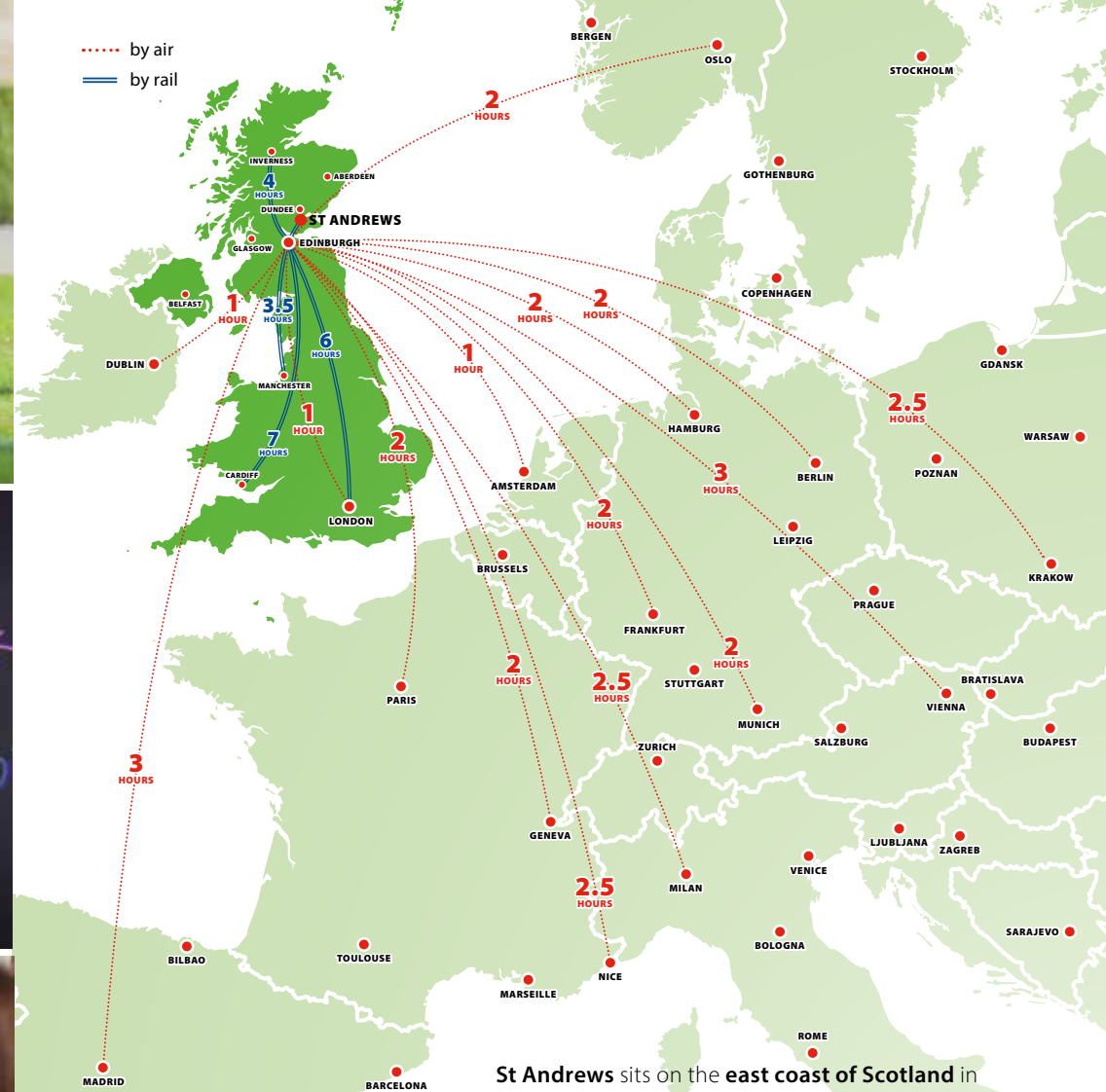
- Bible and the Contemporary World
- Data Literacy for Social and Environmental Justice
- Data Science
- Digital Art History
- Digital Humanities
- Health Professions Education
- International education
- Iranian Studies
- Sustainable Aquaculture
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Terrorism and Political Violence
- The Psychology of Dementia Care



Discover our flexible
online postgraduate
courses



Where is St Andrews?



St Andrews sits on the **east coast of Scotland** in **Fife**, about an hour **north of Edinburgh**. The town has a population of just over 20,000 – almost half of which are students or University staff – creating a unique sense of community.

Our closest international airports are Edinburgh and Glasgow. From here you can fly to destinations across the UK, Europe and further afield.

Explore our
online and
in-person
visit options



Your future

St Andrews graduates can be found in companies, organisations, universities and governments all over the world. The quality of our graduates combined with the experience they gather at St Andrews provides a platform from which to **build their careers or pursue further studies.**

Skills development

From the start of your studies, you will have access to our dedicated Careers Centre as well as continuing support from the Centre for Educational Enhancement and Development (CEED). Taught postgraduates can also choose to participate on our MSkills programme for continuing professional development.

Graduate training scheme

Whilst studying for your degree you can get involved with our Professional Skills Curriculum (PSC), which is endorsed by the Institute of Leadership and Management. This programme helps to equip you with essential skills to boost your employability.

Our students also have access to:

- Dedicated careers advisers.
- Workshops on skills, employability and getting the most out of university.
- Presentations and sessions with leading employers.
- Global alumni network and events.

94% of graduates are in work or further study within 15 months of graduation

Application timeline

September	October	November
Applications open. Apply directly through our online application system. Don't forget to check programme requirements.		Some applications may have deadlines as early as November. Don't forget to check the deadline for your chosen course!
December	January	February
	Some scholarships have deadlines early in the year, or sooner. If you are looking for funding, check the relevant deadlines and prepare your funding applications in time.	
March	April	May
Applications for University accommodation open. Apply as early as possible.	Attend university information sessions. Meet any conditions in your offer before the given deadline and apply for your student visa.	Attend university information sessions. Meet any conditions in your offer before the given deadline and apply for your student visa.
June	July	August
Attend university information sessions. Meet any conditions in your offer before the given deadline and apply for your student visa.	Attend university information sessions. Meet any conditions in your offer before the given deadline and apply for your student visa.	Application deadline for many programmes. This is also the deadline for providing supporting documentation.

Questions?

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

Spotlight on...

Some of our academic Schools	Examples of alumni career destinations	<i>The Guardian Guide 2024</i> subject rankings*
Computer Science	Google, Amazon, Daimler, Bloomberg, Cisco, The Hut Group, IBM, McKinsey, Accenture. User Experience Designer, Technology Analyst, Software Engineer, Risk Analyst, Research Fellow.	Computer Science and IT 3rd in the UK
Economics	The World Bank, Blackrock, Deloitte, LGT, Bank of America, Merrill, Goldman Sachs. Data Analyst, Management Consultant, Investment Banking Analyst, Accountant.	Economics 2nd in the UK
English	BBC, Cambridge University Press, Harper Collins and various universities. Poet, Publishing Assistant, Teacher, PR & Communications Executive, Marketing Coordinator, Journalist.	English 1st in the UK
International Relations	United Nations, Mercedes Benz, CBS News, WaterAid, various governments and universities. Strategy Adviser, Reporter, Security Analyst, Researcher, Policy Adviser, Intelligence Officer.	International Relations 1st in the UK
Management	HSBC, EY, Siemens, Oracle, Bosch, Lufthansa, Unilever, Deutsche Bank, JP Morgan. International Business Analyst, Management Consultant, Marketing Executive, Project Manager, Strategy Consultant.	Business and Management 1st in the UK
Mathematics and Statistics	Barclays, Morgan Stanley, PwC, KPMG, Astra Zeneca, Credit Suisse, various universities. University Lecturer, Research Fellow, Data Scientist, Artificial Intelligence Consultant, Accountant.	Mathematics 2nd in the UK
Philosophy	Various schools, universities and governments. Teacher, Research Associate, Politics News Writer, Communications Adviser, Civil Servant.	Philosophy 2nd in the UK
Psychology	NHS, various councils and universities, Office for National Statistics. Youth Mental Health Advisor, Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner, Social Worker, Lecturer, Research Officer, Psychologist.	Psychology 1st in the UK

* The Guide's data focusses on full-time first degree students and is not postgraduate specific.

Over 120 masters programmes available

Scholarships and visas

Scholarships

We have a number of scholarships, largely based on academic excellence or financial need.

You can apply for the scholarships that you are eligible for after you submit your application to St Andrews. You do not need to wait for a decision on your application to apply for scholarships.

Explore our internal scholarships and check application deadlines



There are also a number of external funding options that can be explored, here are some compiled by the British Council



"The DAAD scholarship has enabled me to pursue my chosen course of study at St Andrews. The support both before and after my studies has provided lots of useful preparatory information and has enabled me to form a community of other scholarship recipients who are now in the UK"

Ulrike
(Germany)



Find out more about fees and funding

Student visa

EU, EEA, Swiss and other international students studying in the UK for more than six months will likely need to apply for a Student visa before entering the UK. Our International Advice team offers support with this process.



Find out more about student visas

Working in the UK

Students on a Student visa can work during their studies. The visa will detail the amount of hours you are permitted to work, along with any restrictions.

The Graduate route is a working visa route for those on a Student visa who would like to stay in the UK after successfully completing their degree. **Most successful applicants can stay in the UK for two years after graduation** and PhD graduates can stay for three years.

There are also other visa routes that will allow you to stay in the UK after graduation. Questions about visas can be sent to our International Advisers at:

advint@st-andrews.ac.uk

Student life

St Andrews offers you an **unforgettable student experience**. You will find more than you would ever expect from a town of our size. The University is packed full of **sports clubs, societies, events and traditions**.

Postgraduate community

The Postgraduate Society and St Leonard's College form the heart of our postgraduate community. The Postgraduate Society run a range of events and gatherings throughout the year to let you meet and network with other students. They also organise regular trips so you can explore Scotland beyond St Andrews.

Academic talks and lectures

Throughout the year there are a wide range of talks, lectures and seminars featuring guest speakers and academics from across the University and beyond. Topics vary, focusing on the global impact of St Andrews' research and the specialisms of visiting speakers.



"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)

Surfer on East Sands beach

Societies

Over 180 societies, including the Music society, Debating society and Breakaway Hill Walking group. Some societies focus on careers, academic subjects or languages and cultures (such as the French, German, Italian and Polish societies and many more). If you can't find the society you're looking for, you could start a new one!
yourunion.net/activities

"I entered the University as a mature student, with a decade of work experience, and my time at the university was fabulous. There are a plethora of opportunities for educational, professional and personal development. I enrolled in an evening language Japanese course, played badminton and tennis, and took part in personal growth workshops. I will never forget the captivating talk by then Head of MI6, Alexander Younger. The University of St Andrews is a vibrant and entrepreneurial place, so everyone can find their niche of interests."

Michael
(Switzerland)

[Watch a video about the postgraduate experience](#)





Sports

- More than 50 sports at all levels.
- Sports Centre facilities: gym, strength and conditioning suite, technical climbing wall, all-weather pitches, a four-court indoor tennis centre and an eight-court indoor sports arena.
- Chance to compete at inter-hall, national and international sports competitions.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk/sport



Traditions

- Postgraduate students are welcome to get involved in all of our wonderful traditions including academic families, raisin weekend and the May Dip.
- The PH initials are embedded in the pavement outside St Salvator's Quadrangle. Students avoid stepping on the initials or, legend goes, they will fail their degree. The only way to reverse this misfortune is to take part in the May Dip.
- The May Dip takes place just before dawn on 1 May at East Sands.



Postgraduate Freshers' Week



Patrick Hamilton initials – PH



May Dip



Laidlaw Music Centre

Music

- Our new Laidlaw Music Centre provides rehearsal rooms, instrument storage, and performance spaces.
- Choral and instrumental groups cater to all genres and levels.

Accommodation

There are a **range of accommodation** options for postgraduate students in St Andrews and wider Fife. **All postgraduates can apply** for University accommodation or explore private housing options.

Halls of residence

There are a number of halls of residence and properties available to postgraduate students across St Andrews and Leuchars. Some of these are exclusively for postgraduate students, whilst others share a site and some facilities with undergraduate students. These include catered or self-catered, en suite rooms or shared facilities and studio apartments.

University accommodation is not guaranteed, and you should apply as early as possible. You can apply for accommodation 48 hours after you receive and accept an offer of a place to study at the University. You should apply as soon as possible, regardless of whether your offer is conditional or unconditional.

Private accommodation

Many students look to rent privately either in St Andrews or the surrounding area which can be reached by bus in 30 minutes. The Students' Association provides advice and support for students looking to rent privately.

Contact

More information about accommodation can be found online or by contacting Student Accommodation Services at accommodation@st-andrews.ac.uk



Kitchen in David Russell Apartments



Powell Hall



Self-catered communal kitchen



Garden of Deans Court



Postgraduate halls of residence



The Grange



David Russell Apartments

Student testimonials

A day in the life

Hi! My name is Alex, and I'm a current taught postgraduate student studying Art History.

MORNING:

My days here at St Andrews are busy, yet flexible, and so much fun! During term-time, I only have class for 4.5 hours each week, so I spend most of the day outside that in one of our many libraries (I'm going to shout-out the postgraduate-only Martyr's Kirk library here as the best and most beautiful). Here, I'm doing lots of reading and writing for upcoming classes and assignments. Now that it's summer, I'm working singularly on my dissertation, with regular check-ins from my supervisor.

AFTERNOON:

Later in the day, I may give a tour to some prospective students, as I'm a member of the Student Ambassador team — this is a great part-time work opportunity, and a fantastic way to meet new people from all over the world. Afterwards, I may meet up with one of the societies I am a part of — could include a rehearsal for a play, or a workout with my sports team.

EVENING:



Continue
your research

My notes:

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or virtually



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with Admissions



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