



Global Office

Exchanges & Study Abroad at the University of St Andrews

Information for Partner Institutions 2025-2026

Information herein is designed for colleagues at partner institutions. Please direct students to our [website](#). All information is correct at time of publishing but subject to change.

Contact Information

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Emergency contacts	<u>Office hours</u> (Monday to Friday 8.45am - 5pm) Contact the Global Office <u>Out of hours</u> University switchboard (24/7/365): +44 (0)1334 46 8999

Nominations and Applications

Nominations	<p>We are grateful to partners for nominations via email to studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk.</p> <p>Please nominate your students before they complete our application form and contact us if you are unable to make our deadlines.</p> <p>We kindly ask that you include the following information in your nomination email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student name • Student email • Student degree subject • Is the nomination for undergraduate or postgraduate study? • Are you nominating your student for exchange or International Study Abroad Programme (ISAP)? • Are you nominating your student for a full year or single semester of study? • Please notify us of the exchange subject at the point of nomination and if there are any mandatory modules the student must take. 	
Nomination deadlines	<u>September 2025 entry</u> Deadline: 1 April	<u>January 2026 entry</u> Deadline: 30 September
Application deadlines	<u>September 2025 entry</u> Applications open: 14 February Deadline: 15 April	<u>January 2026 entry</u> Applications open: 1 September Deadline: 31 October

Application supporting documents	A completed application must include an application form , recent academic transcript, academic reference on letterheaded paper, and proof of English language proficiency if appropriate. Taught postgraduate applicants must also include a transcript of their undergraduate study.
Entry requirements	<p>For undergraduate applications, candidates should have an average grade of 3.2 (on a US 4.0 GPA scale) or equivalent.</p> <p>For postgraduate programmes, applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree with Honours (or equivalent) in a relevant subject, with an overall grade of 2.1 (UK), 2.2 or B+ (Europe), 3.6 GPA (USA) or equivalent and have a strong average grade in their current degree programme.</p> <p>All undergraduate and postgraduate candidates whose first language is not English will be expected to meet our English language requirements. Full details, including accepted tests, are available online.</p>
Applying to St Andrews	<p>Undergraduate applicants should apply online. Undergraduate Exchange students must be nominated by their home institution first and will be sent the relevant application link directly.</p> <p>Postgraduate applicants should contact the Study Abroad team via email to check whether an application is possible. Applicants will then be sent a Postgraduate Application Form directly which must be returned by email alongside all supporting documents.</p> <p>China Scholarship Council application guidance is available here.</p>
Offer of a place	Applicants can normally expect to hear a decision from us via email within four weeks of submitting a complete application. Applicants will be invited through our applicant portal to confirm that they wish to accept their offer of a place.

Academic Calendar, 2025-2026

Martinmas Semester (Semester 1)	Accommodation entry date Matriculation and Advising (Compulsory) Orientation week begins Teaching begins Exams begin Exams end Accommodation departure date	6 September 8 September 8 September 15 September 6 December 22 December 23 December
Candlemas Semester (Semester 2)	Accommodation entry date Matriculation & Advising (Compulsory) Teaching begins Exams begin Exams end Accommodation departure date	21 January (TBC) 23 January (TBC) 26 January 2026 9 May 25 May TBC

Travel and Visa

International students [travelling](#) to the UK usually require a visa to live and study here. The [type of visa you'll need depends](#) on your nationality and the length of your course. Some students do not need a visa. The [University's Student Immigration Service](#) provides specialist support to international students who require a visa to study at the University of St Andrews. Please note the UK government introduced a replacement for short term visitor visas in November 2024 called [Electronic Travel Authorisation](#) (ETA). Please refer to the [UK Government website](#) for more information.

Immigration and Healthcare Surcharge

Student visa students	The immigration healthcare surcharge affects all Student Visa students. It is collected by the Home Office at the point of visa application and goes directly to the National Health Service (NHS). Payment of the Surcharge gives migrants access to the NHS on the same terms as permanent UK residents.
Short-Term Study Visa students	Standard Visitor Visa (ETA) students will not be liable for the Surcharge but will be charged for some NHS medical treatments they receive and so they should ensure that they obtain medical insurance before travelling to the UK. Emergency medical care remains free of charge.

English Language Courses

The University offers pre-sessional courses, in-sessional support and modules for students whose first language is not English. Study Abroad students cannot use these courses to satisfy the University's English language requirements. Courses exist to help ensure enrolled students are academically successful.

Academic Information

Course catalogue & information	The course catalogue has information about all available modules, including a brief description of content, credits, level, semester availability, contact hours and independent study hours, and assessment. Get in touch with us if you would like further information on any of our modules to help your students prepare.
Course load	A standard full-time course load is 60 credits (30 ECTS credits) per semester, though students may be approved for 50 to 70 credits (25-35 ECTS credits) per semester on an individual basis with approval from the home institution.
Modules (courses)	<p>Most modules are 10, 15, 20 or 30 credits, so students might take fewer classes than at home (e.g., two 30 credit modules), but each module has a high workload. One credit represents 10 notional hours of learner effort.</p> <p>Modules at first and second year level (1000 and 2000, e.g. AS1101 or AS2101) are known as 'sub-Honours', while modules at third and fourth year level (3000 and 4000, e.g. IR3022 or IR4401) are known as 'Honours'. Level 5000 modules (e.g. CS5014) are taught at a postgraduate level and are not open to undergraduates.</p> <p>Study abroad and exchange students are not eligible to take modules from the School of Medicine or evening modules.</p> <p>Students attending St Andrews through a subject-specific exchange are expected to take at least one module per semester in the subject of the exchange. <u>Please notify us of the exchange subject at the point of nomination.</u></p>
Enrolment & academic advising	<p>Students will be asked to complete pre-advising online, but course enrolments will only be finalised during Academic Advising, when students will have the opportunity to discuss their programme with an Academic Adviser. Attendance at this in-person appointment is mandatory.</p> <p>Read FAQs here.</p>

Accommodation

Applying for accommodation	<p>Undergraduate exchange and study abroad students are guaranteed University accommodation if they apply by Accommodation Service deadlines. Applicants can apply from 1st March for September 2025 entry.</p> <p>Students will only be invited to apply for accommodation 48 hours after receiving and accepting either a conditional or unconditional offer to study at St Andrews.</p> <p>Confirmation of allocated accommodation is sent to incoming students throughout the summer period (for semester one or full year entry) and January (for semester two entry).</p>
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Fees and Expenses

International Study Abroad Programme fees	Academic year 2025-2026 £22,700	Single semester 2025-2026 £11,350
	Programme fees cover tuition only. Postgraduate ISAP fees can be found on our fees and financial information webpage.	
Accommodation fees	Undergraduate and Postgraduate residence fees are available online. Partners who require residence fees by semester may contact the Global Office.	
Partner institution sponsorship	Where students are sponsored by a partner institution for tuition and/or accommodation, invoices will be sent in September/October and January/February of each year.	
Self-funded students	Guidance on how to pay your fees as an undergraduate and postgraduate is available online.	

Student Experience

Student life	Students can learn about life in St Andrews as well as the University's range of student support options online.
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Policy

Policy Document	Read our Exchange and Study Abroad Student Policy here .
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St Andrews Summer Study

[St Andrews Summer Study](#) offers international undergraduate students from around the world the opportunity to spend 3-4 weeks studying at the University of St Andrews, enabling students to experience the academic rigour and feel of St Andrews and Scotland, first-hand. Learning takes place inside and outside the classroom as courses integrate field trips and environmental learning into the curriculum. There is an additional social programme of activities and excursions alongside their studies allowing students to experience Scotland's culture, famous cities and stunning landscapes. All courses are credit-bearing, meaning that students may be able to transfer credits back to their home institution. In 2025, we have three summer courses running: our 3-week residential courses (7 - 28 June 2025) [Scotland's History: Kingdom, Nation, People](#) is offered by the School of History with the inclusion of a new [Student-Athlete Global leadership course](#) taught by the International Education and Lifelong Learning Institute (IELLI). Medieval History also offer a 4-week (7 June - 5 July 2025) archaeological fieldwork course, [Monastic Scotland](#) with the opportunity to take part in excavations at Lindores Abbey (12th century monastery). Contact shortcourses@st-andrews.ac.uk for more information.