



Exchange & Study Abroad

Information for Partner Institutions, 2026-2027

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

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[Contact the University of St Andrews](#)

Nominations & Applications

Nominations should be emailed to studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk. Once you have nominated your students, we will email your students with instructions on how to apply, including a link to our [application form](#). We ask that you include the following information in your nomination email: the student's full name, email address, degree title and level of study (undergraduate or postgraduate taught/research) and state if your nomination is for [exchange or the International Study Abroad Programme \(ISAP\)](#). If exchange, share the relevant exchange subject, and if there are any mandatory modules the student should enrol in at St Andrews. Please note, we are always willing to be as flexible as possible with our partners.

Deadlines

Nomination deadline for September 2026 entry: 1st April 2026

Application window for September 2026 entry: 2nd February to 15th April 2026

Nomination deadline for January 2027 entry: 30th September 2026

Application window for January 2027 entry: 1st September to 31st October 2026

Application Supporting Documents

A completed application must include an application form, up to date academic transcript, a recent academic reference on letterheaded paper from the applicant's home institution, and proof of English language proficiency if appropriate. Postgraduate Taught applicants must include a transcript for both postgraduate and undergraduate study. Applicants, and their referees, should be encouraged to upload all supporting document, and any conditional documents, direct to the online applicant portal however we can accept some documentation by email.

Entry Requirements

Undergraduate applicants should have an average grade of 3.2 (on a US 4.0 GPA scale) or equivalent. Postgraduate 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), 3.3 GPA (US) or equivalent and have a strong average grade in their current degree programme. All candidates whose first language is not English will be required to meet our English language requirements as the University of St Andrews must adhere to UK government guidelines. Full details, including accepted tests, are available online.

Applying to St Andrews

Students should not submit an application form until nominated by their home institution. Nominated applicants will be sent further information, including a link to the application form, by email. Applicants must [apply online](#).

Students not due to be nominated by their home institution, but still wish to study abroad at St Andrews, are welcome to apply independently at any point during our application window [using the ISAP application forms](#).

Postgraduate Research applicants should contact the Global Office by email to check whether an application is possible. Applicants will then be sent instructions on how to apply.

[China Scholarship Council \(CSC\) application guidance](#) is available online.

Offer of a Place

Applicants can [normally expect to receive our decision](#) via email within 2-4 weeks of submitting a completed application. Applicants should monitor their online portal regularly for a decision. Applicants can use the portal to respond to their offer. Applicants in receipt of a conditional offer should upload conditional supporting documents to the applicant portal by the deadline stated by the University in their offer email. The Global Office is here to support students through the application process and can help with application queries.

Travel & Visa

International students travelling to the UK may require a visa to live and study here. [The type of visa required depends on nationality and course duration](#). The University's [Student Immigration Service](#) provides specialist support to international students who require a visa to study at St Andrews. Please note the UK Government introduced a replacement for short term visitor visas in November 2024 called Electronic Travel Authorisations (ETA). Please refer to the [UK Government website](#) for more information.

Immigration & Healthcare

The [immigration healthcare surcharge](#) affects all Student Visa students. It is collected by the UK Home Office at the point of visa application and goes directly to the UK's [National Health Service \(NHS\)](#). Payment of the surcharge gives migrants access to the NHS on the same terms as permanent UK residents. Standard Visitor Visa (ETA) students should not be liable for the surcharge, but may be charged for NHS medical treatment, and may wish to consider obtaining medical insurance prior to travelling to the UK. Emergency medical care remains free of charge.

Academic Calendar

Martinmas Semester (Semester 1)

Accommodation entry date: 5 September

***Matriculation:** 7-11 September

Orientation week begins: 7 September

Teaching begins: 14 September

Exam diet: 5 to 21 December

Accommodation departure date: 22 December

Candlemas Semester (Semester 2)

Accommodation entry date: 20 January

***Matriculation:** 22 January

Global orientation events: 20 to 22 January

Teaching begins: 25 January

Exam diet: 8 May to 24 May

Accommodation departure date: TBC

***Matriculation is in-person and compulsory.**



English Language Courses

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

Accommodation

Undergraduate exchange and study abroad students are guaranteed university accommodation if they apply by Accommodation Services deadline. Students will only be invited to apply for accommodation 48 hours after receiving, and accepting, a conditional or unconditional offer to study at St Andrews. Confirmation of allocated accommodation is sent throughout the summer (for September entry) and December (for January entry) to students in receipt of an unconditional offer.

Fees & Expenses

ISAP fees for a single semester, 2026/27: £11,975

ISAP fees for a full year, 2026/27: £23,950

Postgraduate ISAP fees can be found on our fees and financial information webpages.

The above fees cover tuition only. Accommodation fees are available online. 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. Guidance on how to pay fees as an undergraduate and postgraduate is available online.

Academic Information

The course catalogue has information about all available courses (modules), including a description of course content, credits, level, semester availability, contact and independent study hours, and assessment. If you require a course syllabi in order to evaluate a course for credit transfer, please contact the Global Office.

Students will select Schools and subjects of interest upon point of application. If a student has a course they must take while at St Andrews, to maintain their pathway to graduation, please notify the Global Office. Students holding an unconditional offer will be invited to complete pre-advising approximately one to two months prior to the semester beginning. The pre-advising process allows students to make provisional course selections. Course enrolments will be finalised during Academic Advising. Beginning Semester 2, 2025/26, advising appointments will take place online, prior to the student's arrival in St Andrews, provided the student has completed all other application steps.

A standard full time course load is 60 credits (30 ECTS) per semester. A student may take 50 to 70 credits (25 to 35 ECTS) per semester with approval from their home institution and the relevant Adviser at St Andrews. Students may take fewer classes (e.g. two 30 credit courses). Courses at St Andrews often have a higher independent workload. One credit represents 10 notional hours of learner effort.

The numerical prefix in the course code denotes the level of the course, e.g. 1000 level modules are considered first year modules. 1000-2000 modules are sub-Honours and 3000-4000 are Honours. 5000 courses are postgraduate level and are not open to undergraduate students. Exchange and ISAP students cannot take evening courses or courses from the School of Medicine.

Students attending St Andrews through a subject-specific exchange are expected to take at least one course per semester in the subject of the exchange. Please ensure you notify us of the exchange subject at the point of nomination.

Student Support & Student Experience

Information covering the University's student support options and Student Services is available online. The Global Office offer weekly drop-in hours and appointment times will be shared with students at the beginning of each semester. Students are free to make appointments with the Student Mobility Officer in-person or online. The Global Office also holds social events throughout the semester. Students should regularly check their St Andrews email account for updates, including information on Global Office online drop-in sessions which cover topics like arriving in St Andrews, student accommodation, the student experience, and advising and matriculation. Student's can learn about life in St Andrews as well as the role of student societies online. Student's are encouraged to check their University email regularly, email is the University's main method of communication.

Policy

Our Exchange and Study Abroad Student Policy is published online.

St Andrews Summer Study (June - July 2026)

Students can experience a transformative summer at the University of St Andrews through our undergraduate-level Summer Study programme. St Andrews Summer Study offers international undergraduate students the opportunity to spend up to 4-weeks studying for credit while fully experiencing the intellectual and cultural life of one of the UK's most historic universities. Students will learn from expert academics, deepen their knowledge, develop critical thinking skills, and connect with a vibrant international community. Student learning extends beyond the classroom through immersive field trips, cultural experiences, and real-world case studies that bring studies to life in Scotland's unique environment. Alongside studies, there is an extra-curricular programme of excursions, cultural and social activities with peers that allow students to discover Scotland's rich heritage, cities, and stunning landscapes. The programme also encourages students to explore independently, giving them freedom to discover Scotland for themselves. All courses are credit-bearing, meaning that students may be able to transfer credits back to their home institution (students should check credit transfer arrangements with their home institution).

“St Andrews Summer Study provided a semester’s worth of experiences in just three weeks. Being immersed in real-life locations while learning was an increasingly rare, yet enriching opportunity. You won’t find this mix of academic experience and access to Scottish culture anywhere else”

Kate, St Andrews Summer Study

Applications for summer 2026 are now open. Further information on our available courses, dates, fees, entry requirements and how to apply can be found on our website. Explore our courses and select the one that best fits your summer to experience a unique combination of learning, cultural immersion, adventure, and personal discovery at St Andrews. The application deadline is **Tuesday 31 March 2026**. Contact shortcourses@st-andrews.ac.uk to get in touch with the Summer Study team.

Keep in touch!

You can find the St Andrews Global Office on Instagram (@standrewsglobal) and LinkedIn (*University of St Andrews Global Office*).

You can also visit the Global Office blog for regular updates and useful articles.



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