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Ever to Excel

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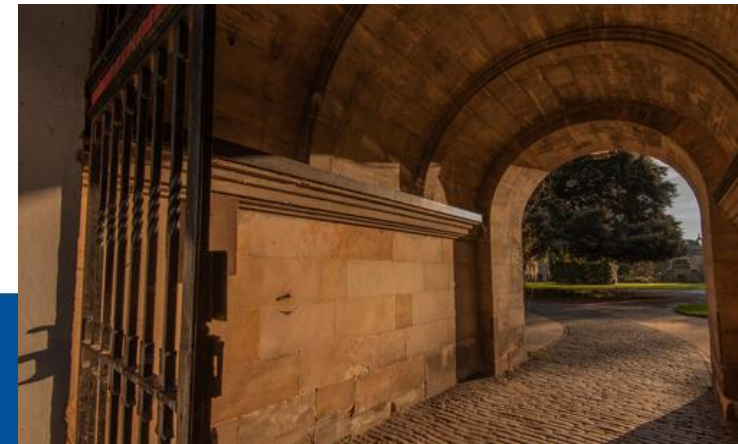
# Why St Andrews?

- Founded in 1413, it is **Scotland's first University** and the third oldest in the English-speaking world.
- In 2023-2024 the University had **10,234 students** enrolled. 8388 undergraduate, 883 taught postgraduate and 964 postgraduate research students
- We are the most international of Scotland's universities and one of the most international in the UK. There were **more than 135 countries represented** in the 2023-2024 student population.
- For 2023 entry we received **applications from 182 different countries**.
- The University of St Andrews has been **ranked the top university in the UK** for the second year running, according to The Guardian University Guide 2024.
- Students at St Andrews are more positive about their education than those at any other mainstream university in the UK, according to the results of the National Student Survey 2023 & 2024.
- Scottish University of the Year 2025 and University of the Year for Student Experience 2025
- Social Anthropology, Classics and Ancient History, English, French, German, International Relations, and History were ranked as the best in the UK



# Why St Andrews?

- 18,000 residents
- Safe, supportive and international
- Beautiful seaside town on Scotland's east coast with 4 beaches
- Home to the Old Course, home of Golf!
- Well connected to Edinburgh, Glasgow and London





*“St Andrews is a place where students can feel supported, encouraged and have the freedom to explore their passions, coupled with an unrivalled learning and teaching experience, and unique traditions that make this place so special.*

Cam Brown, President of the University of St Andrews Student Association

# Student Feedback

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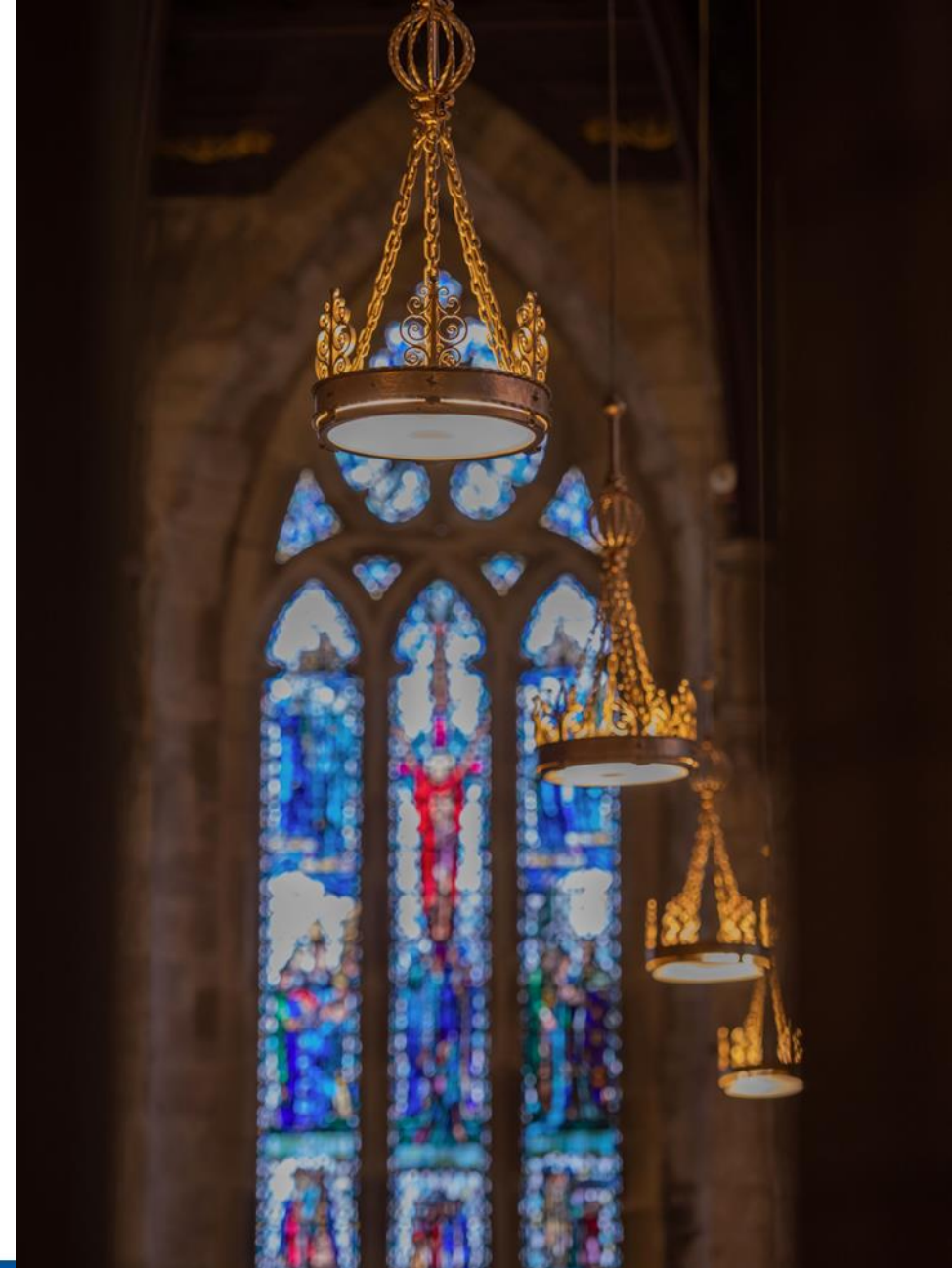
*"Let them know that coming here would be the best decision they've ever made! That the people are kind, the university and town are lovely, and the activities and opportunities are endless."*

Gustave, October 2024



# Research Centres and Institutes

- University of St Andrews 70+ research centers within Schools promoting interdisciplinary, inter-institutional and world-leading work in research. Key ones include;
- Scottish Oceans Institute
- Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence
- Center for Cultural Identity and Memory Studies Institute
- Sir James MacKenzie Institute for Early Diagnosis
- Institute of Iranian Studies



# What can I study?

- Study Abroad students can apply to our 3 faculties:
  - Faculty of Arts
  - Faculty of Divinity
  - Faculty of Science

No modules are closed to study abroad students (except for Medicine)



# Subjects

Ancient History  
Classics  
Film Studies  
Italian  
Neuroscience  
Spanish  
Arabic  
Comparative Literature  
French  
Latin  
Persian  
Statistics  
Archaeology  
Computer Science  
Geography

Management  
Philosophy  
Sustainable Development  
Art History  
Divinity  
German  
Marine Biology  
Physics & Astronomy  
Biology  
Earth & Environmental Sciences  
Greek  
Mathematics  
Psychology  
Chemistry  
Economics

History  
Middle Eastern Studies  
Russian  
Chinese Studies  
English  
International Relations  
Music  
Social Anthropology

# Credit Load

- Students usually take 60 University of St Andrews credits (30 ECTS) per semester or 120 credits (60 ECTS) per academic year. This translates to around three to four modules per semester, depending on the weighting of each module.
- As a study abroad student, you can take modules from Faculties other than your own (except Medicine).
- Most modules come in values of 10, 15, 20 or 30 credits. One credit represents the outcome achievable by the average student through 10 notional hours of learner effort. This means that you might take fewer classes than you would at home (for example, two 30-credit modules per semester).



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# Outside the Classroom

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- [St Andrews Innovation](#) – St Andrews Innovation is an incredible resource available to students who are interested in leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship. The service offers students the opportunity to have one on one support to make their business ideas a reality through mentorship and start up courses focusing on discovering tools and frameworks to explore the desirability, feasibility and viability of research or idea in the marketplace. Students can also avail of advice on funding opportunities and can be linked with networks of investors and venture capitalists.
- [Transition University of St Andrews](#) – Transition is a sustainability hub based in St Andrews developed i which aims to create a more climate resilient St Andrews. The group is combined of students, staff and local St Andrews residents as a community collective. The group spans the themes of smarter travel, community engagement, repair & reuse, local food, climate know-how & action and green spaces & wildlife. Students can get involved in the community events such as beach cleans, skills share workshops, cooking clubs, community gardening initiatives, foraging sessions and lots more events such as climate change discussions.
- [Careers Centre & Saints Connect](#) – Saints Connect can link students with University of St Andrews alumni based anywhere in the world based on their area of professional interest. It opens up the University of St Andrews alumni network to study abroad students which is an invaluable resource. Students have the opportunity to have a [‘virtual’ cup of coffee monthly](#) with an alumni who is currently working in their field of interest allowing them to discuss their predicted career path and ask for guidance and mentorship.

# Summer

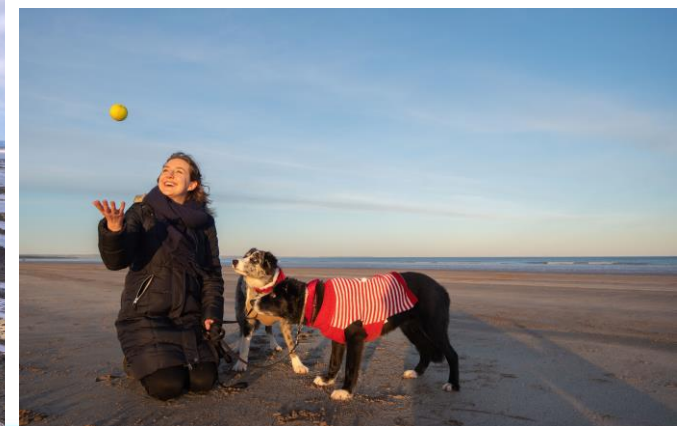
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- Scotland's History: Kingdom, Nation, People - 6 ECTS credits
- Monastic Scotland: History & Archaeology – 8 ECTS credits
- **Course dates: June - July 2025**
- Residential Courses (3-weeks):  
Saturday 7 June - Saturday 28 June 2025  
Fieldwork Courses (4-weeks): Saturday  
7 June - Saturday 5 July 2025



# Student Life

- Students' Association (the Union) is home to events every week, student representation, and **over 150 student clubs and societies**.
- Laidlaw Music Centre: **orchestra and other classical groups, a cappella groups, choirs, and lessons** are available. You can also enjoy live music like the weekly sessions in the Union café.
- **Student networks:** Peer Support, StAnd Together, Saints LGBT+, BAME Students' Network, buddy schemes and others. [Find more info and contact details here.](#)





# Student Life

- The **Postgraduate Society** run a range of events and gatherings throughout the year to let you meet and network with other students.
- Throughout the year there are a wide range of **academic talks, lectures and seminars** featuring guest speakers and academics from across the University and beyond.

## Other things to look out for:

- ✓ Sands International Film Festival
- ✓ On the Rocks Festival
- ✓ StAnza Poetry Festival
- ✓ St Andrew's Day
- ✓ Robert Burns Night

# Saints Sports

- More than 50 sports at all levels.
- Chance to compete at inter-hall, national and international sports competitions.

[Find out more about sport at St Andrews](#)

## Sports Centre facilities:

- ✓ Gym
- ✓ Strength and conditioning suite
- ✓ Technical climbing wall
- ✓ All-weather pitches
- ✓ Four-court indoor tennis centre
- ✓ Eight-court indoor sports arena





# Traditions

- Red academic gown
- Pier walk
- Academic families
- Raisin Weekend
- Raisin Monday Foam Fight
- PH initials and “academic sins”
- May Dip
- Final exam soakings

[Learn more about traditions at St Andrews](https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk)





# The Foam Fight

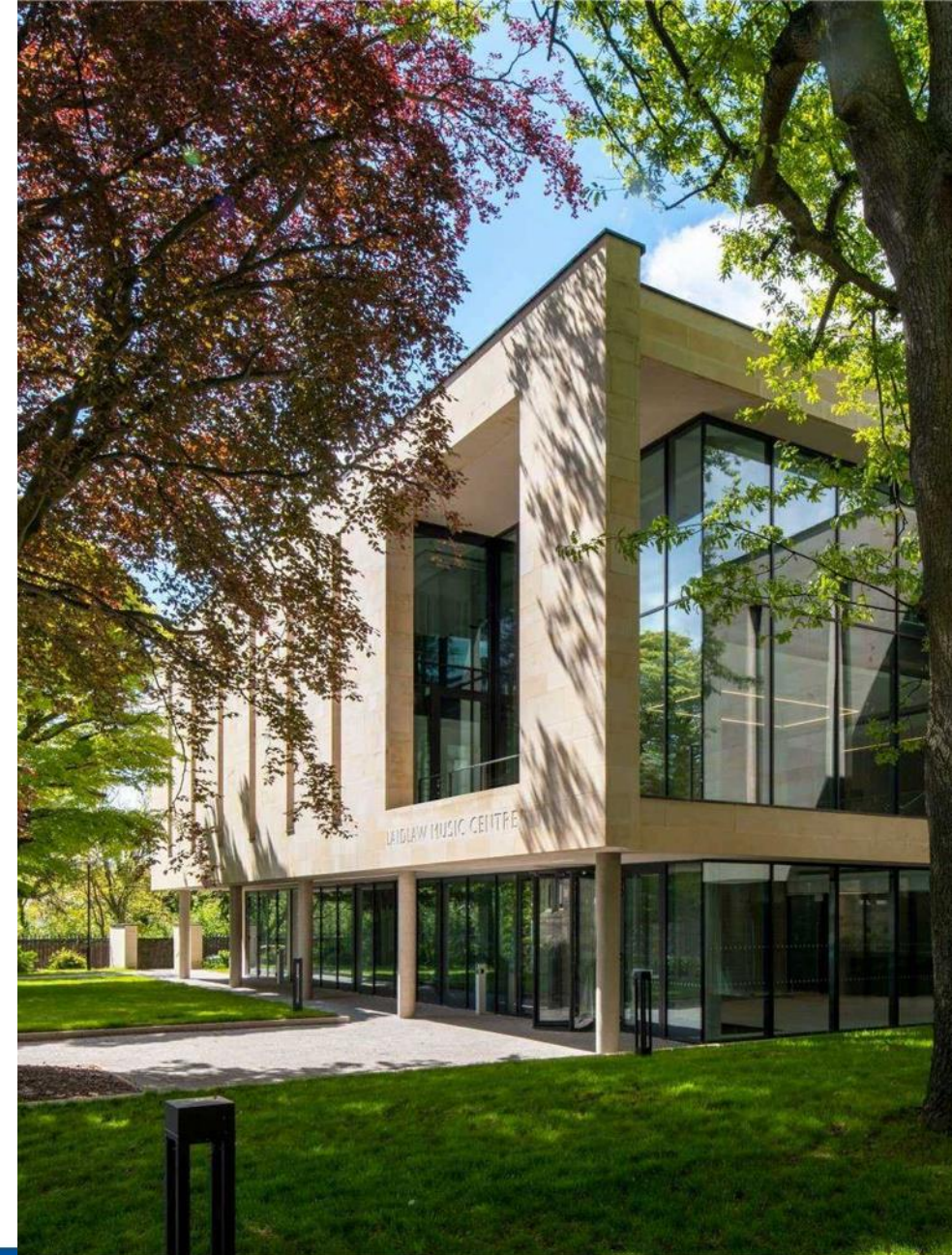


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# Music Facilities

- Award-winning state of the art facility; Laidlaw Music Center is open to University, community of Fife and beyond for membership. Events are running all year round.
- Weekly lessons are available from the Music Centre's internationally renowned team
- Undergraduate students can choose from a variety of music modules to form part of their degree studies.
- Postgraduate students can apply for the MLitt in Sacred Music or apply for PhD supervision.



# Where will I live?

Check the university [accommodation website](#) for a guide to your hall.

Accommodation is guaranteed

- A standard bedroom has shared toilet and shower facilities.
- An en-suite bedroom has private toilet and shower facilities.

Visit the [accommodation guides](#) for more information on living in University accommodation.





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## Map of University of St Andrews and Town

Units with staff in Walter Bower House at Eden Campus

(84 on inset map)

Accommodation, Conferences & Events

Admissions

Development

Energy Centre

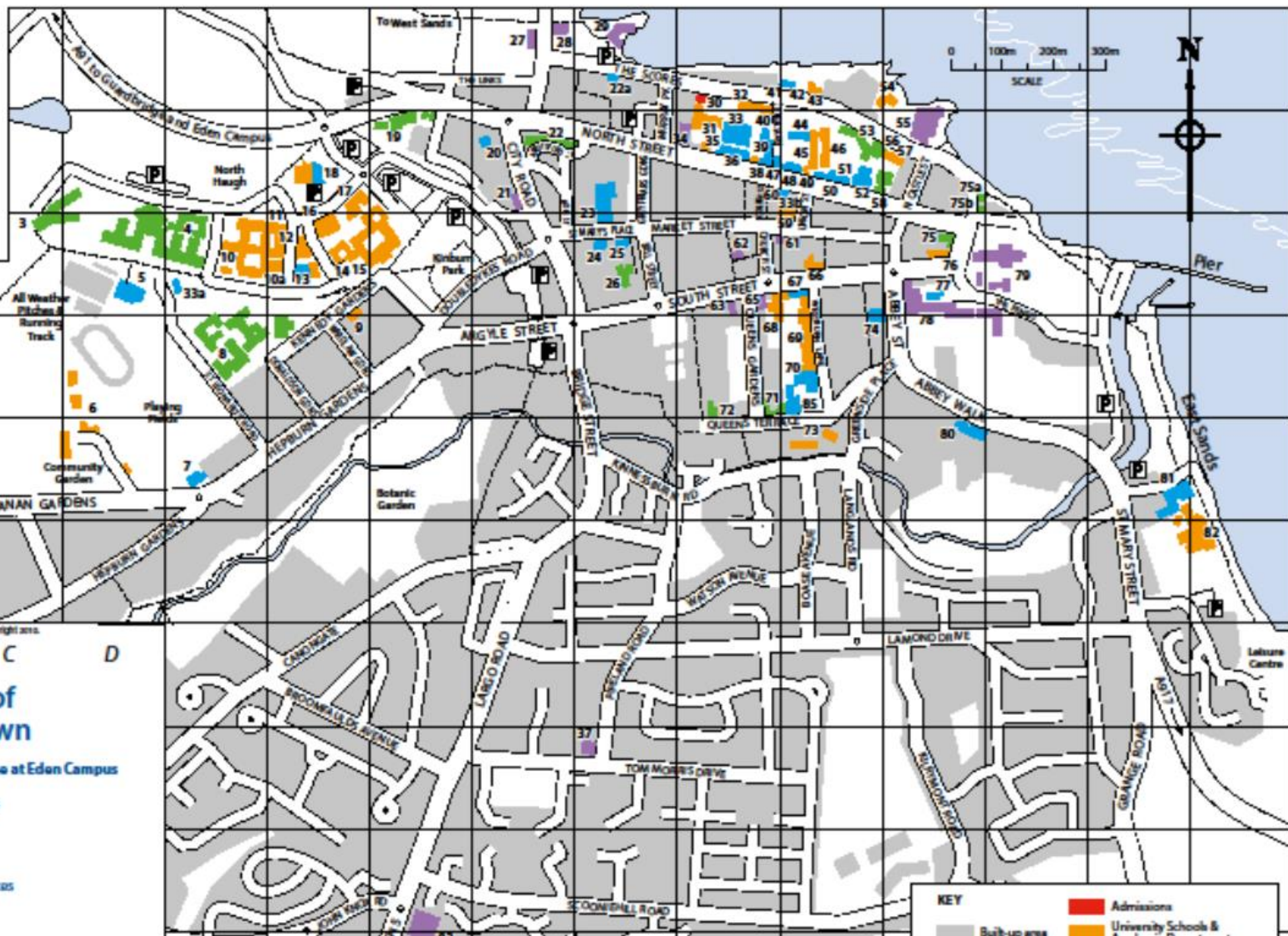
Entrepreneurship Centre

Environmental Health and Safety Services

Estates

Finance

Human Resources



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Admissions

University Schools &

Built-up area



# Public Transport in St Andrews

- [Stagecoach app](#) – 75% discount on bus travel within Fife
- [YoungScot card](#) – If you are under 22 you may be eligible for free bus travel via YoungScot.
- [Free Nightbus](#)
- Train Travel – you may be eligible to apply for a railcard for discounted travel.
- Bikes – look out for the [Transition](#) Bike Sale, [Bike Loan scheme](#), and other tips for [finding a bike in St Andrews](#).

Further information about [travel](#) can be found on the Students' Association website.

# Safety at St Andrews

- [Public safety at the University of St Andrews](#)

## Reporting safety and security incidents

- If you, or a person you are concerned about, is in immediate danger, please call the emergency services on 999 (if you're using a telephone connected to the University network, dial 9999).
- If you are in a hall of residence, please alert your wardennial team (evenings and weekends) or the residential services manager (daytime during the week) following a 999 call to inform them of the circumstances.
- If you are not in University-managed accommodation, please alert [Student Services](#) (+44 (0)1334 46 2020) during daytime hours or the [Security and Response Team](#) (+44 (0)1334 46 8999) after you have called 999.
- [Report & Support Tool](#)

# Wellbeing

- [Student Support Services](#)
- [The ASC](#)
- [Accessibility and Inclusion Services](#)
- [The Chaplaincy](#)
- [Wellbeing and Mental Health Support](#)
- [Students' Association - Wellbeing Subcommittee](#)

A-Z of Wellbeing

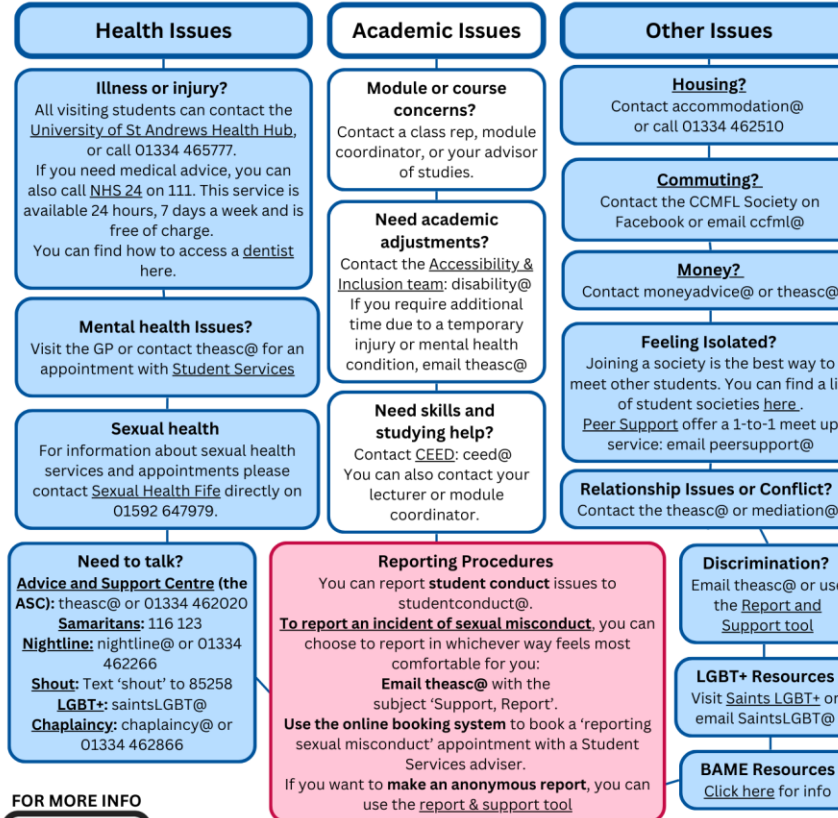




# Are you okay?

## Not sure who to talk to?

Adjusting to a new system can be difficult and often you are not sure who to ask when you have questions. The Global Office Team can always be your first option and help signpost you in the right direction. We have daily **consultation hours, Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and 2-4pm** and you can find us in room **A11, Bute Building** You can also call us on +44 (0)1334 46 2245 or email [studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@st-andrews.ac.uk). We have listed some other helpful resources below to help you navigate your new home.



FOR MORE INFO



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## Emergency Contacts

If you are concerned about yourself or another student, or if you need to report an incident, you can call the [Security and Response Team](#) on **01334 46 8999**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can contact the Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade on 999.

All email addresses are @st-andrews.ac.uk unless otherwise stated.

Add us on Instagram [@standrewsglobal](https://www.instagram.com/standrewsglobal) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/studyabroad.standrews>)  
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# Social Media

- Instagram: @standrewsglobal – tag us in your photos of St Andrews and your first week!
- Twitter/X: @standrewsglobal
- Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/studyabroad.standrews>
- Remember to join our [Inbound Student Facebook group](#).
- Read testimonials from previous study abroad students on our [Global Office Blog](#).
- Also make sure to follow @standstudentlife on Instagram for more tips on settling into St Andrews and signposting to support.





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# Any Questions?

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