

Exchange & Study Abroad

Information for Partner Institutions 2025-2026

Information herein is designed for colleagues at partner institutions. Please direct students to our [website](#).

All information correct at time of publishing but is subject to change.

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Nominations & Applications

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

Deadlines

Nomination deadline for January 2026 entry: 30th September 2025
Application window: 1st September to 31st October 2025

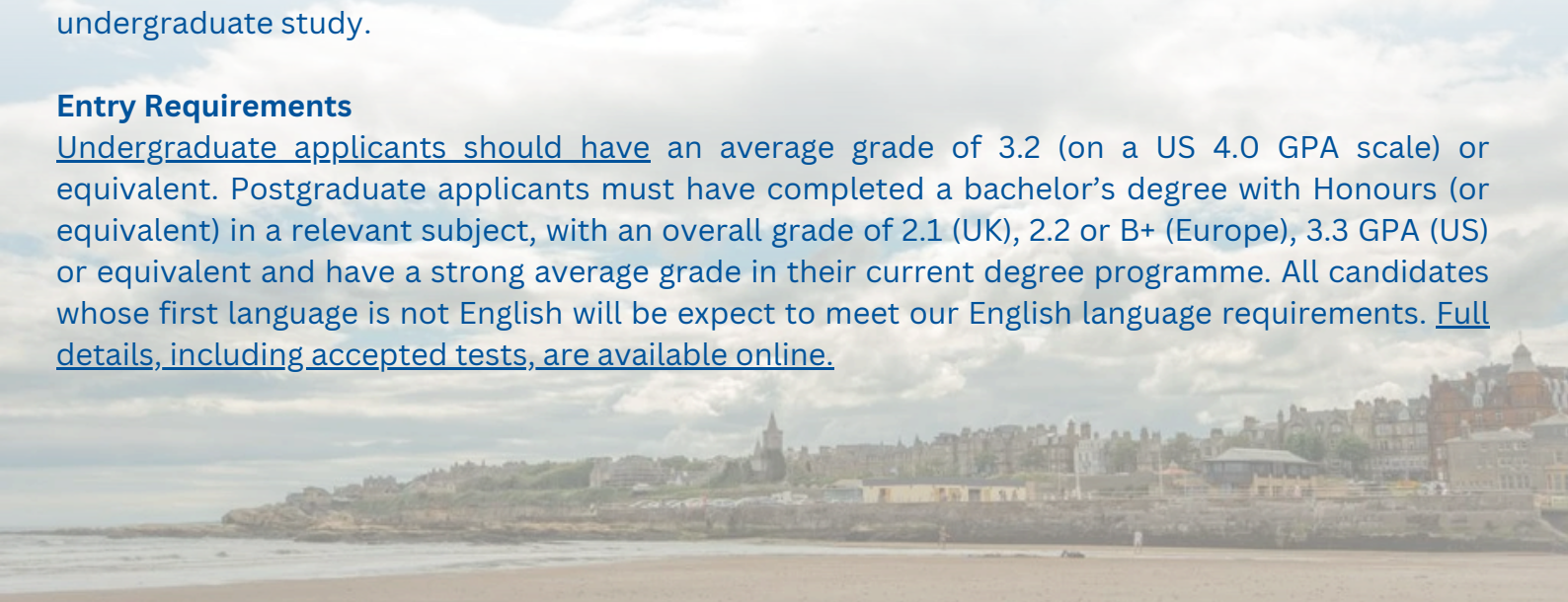
Nomination deadline for September 2026 entry: 1st April 2026
Application window: 14th February to 15th April 2026

Application Supporting documents

A completed application must include an application form, recent academic transcript, a recent 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

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 expected to meet our English language requirements. Full details, including accepted tests, are available online.



Applying to St Andrews

Applicants should [apply online](#). Undergraduate exchange students must be nominated by their home university first and will be sent the relevant application link via email. Postgraduate applicants should contact the Study Abroad team via 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 complete application form. Applicants should monitor their online portal regularly for a decision. Applicants can use the portal to respond to their offer. 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 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. Standard Visitor Visa (ETA) students will not be liable for the surcharge but may be charged for NHS medical treatment and may want 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: 6 September

***Matriculation: 8 September**

Orientation week begins: 8 September

Teaching begins: 15 September

Exam diet: 6 to 22 December

Accommodation departure date: 23 December

Candlemas Semester (Semester 2)

Accommodation entry date: 21 January

***Matriculation: 23 January**

Teaching begins: 26 January

Exam diet: 9 May to 25 May

Accommodation departure date: 30 May

***Matriculation is compulsory.**



English Language Courses

The University offers [pre-session courses](#), [in-session support](#), and modules for students whose first language is not English. Study Abroad 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, their conditional or unconditional offer to study at St Andrews. Confirmation of allocated accommodation is sent through 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, 2025/26: £11,350

ISAP fees for a full year, 2025/26: £22,700

Postgraduate ISAP fees can be found on our fees and financial information [webpages](#).

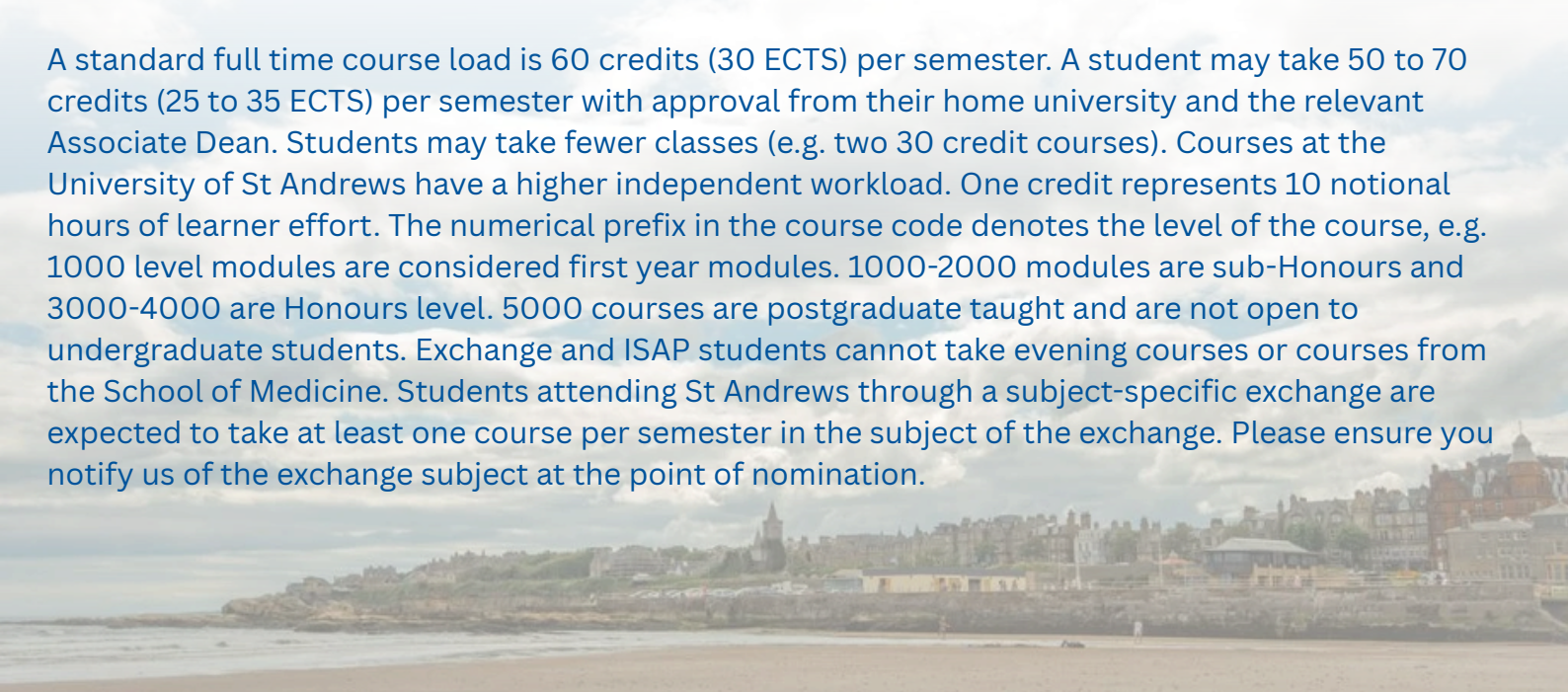
Programme fees cover tuition only. Accommodation fees are available online. Where students are [sponsored by a partner institution](#) for tuition and/or accommodation, invoices will be sent in September/October and January/February of each year. Guidance on how to pay fees as an [undergraduate](#) and [postgraduate](#) is available [online](#).

Academic Information

The course catalogue has information about all available courses, including a brief description of 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 transfer credit, please contact the Global Office.

Students will select departments/schools of interest upon point of application. If a student has a course they must take while abroad to maintain their pathway to graduation, please notify the Global Office. We can then work with the student to ensure they meet the course entrance requirements and potentially reserve a space for them. Pre-advising will open approximately one month prior to the semester beginning where students will make their provisional course selections. Course enrolments will be finalised during Academic Advising. Advising appointments will take place online a week prior to Matriculation.

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 university and the relevant Associate Dean. Students may take fewer classes (e.g. two 30 credit courses). Courses at the University of St Andrews 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 level. 5000 courses are postgraduate taught 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 from Tuesday - Thursday and students are also free to make appointments with the Student Mobility Officer. The Global Office also hold social events throughout the semester.

Students should regularly check their St Andrews email account for updates including Global Office organised online information sessions which may cover useful topics including University accommodation, the student experience, and Advising and Matriculation information. Students can learn about [life in St Andrews](#) as well as the role of [student societies online](#).

Policy

Our Exchange and Study Abroad Student Policy is published online.

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 had four summer courses running. Our 3-week residential courses (7 to 28 June 2025) Scotland's History: Kingdom, Nation, People, offered by the School of History as well as the inclusion of a new Student-Athlete Global leadership course taught by the International Education and Lifelong Learning Institute (IELLI). Medieval History also offered a 4-week (7 June to 5 July 2025) archaeological fieldwork course, Monastic Scotland, with the opportunity to take part in excavations at Lindores Abbey (12th century monastery). The Blue Carbon Summer Programme (29 June to 12 July 2025) allowed students to follow a course programme that builds a strong theoretical framework for blue carbon science, giving students an opportunity to design field sampling strategies, carry out fieldwork, and follow their own sampling back to the laboratory for hands-on analytical work and data analyses; the course culminated in coursework assessment. Contact shortcourses@st-andrews.ac.uk for more information.

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