

Admissions

Key Facts & Figures for Academic Session 2014/15

“Scotland’s first university”

- We are the oldest University in Scotland, dating from 1413.
 - The original Papal Bull can be viewed in the Library’s Special Collections.
- We are the top-ranked University in Scotland and we have been awarded Scottish University of the Year in The Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2015.

In addition:

- We are the third oldest University in the English speaking world.
- We are consistently ranked as one of the top ten universities in the UK, and usually in the top five.
- We are also ranked amongst world’s top universities according to the most recent global ranking systems.

How many students do we have?

- The 2014-15 Semester 1 data snapshot showed we had 8,206 students:
 - 6,654 undergraduates.
 - 1,552 postgraduates.
 - 81.1% UG / 8.9% PGT / 10.1% PGR.
 - 27.7% Scotland / 27.2% RUK / 13.4% EU / 31.6% Non-EU (see countries below).

League Tables

- Guardian University Guide 2015: 1st in Scotland / 3th in UK.
- Times and Sunday Times University Guide 2015: 1st in Scotland / 3rd in UK.
- Complete University Guide 2015: 1st in Scotland / 4th in UK.
- QS World University Rankings 2014: 88th in the World.
- THE World Ranking 2014/15: 33rd in world for Arts and Humanities.

For reference, there are 20 Scottish higher education institutions [HEIs] and 325 UK HEIs in the UCAS system; and there are 20 members of “Universities Scotland” and 133 members of “Universities UK”.

Student Satisfaction

- National Student Satisfaction Survey (NSS) – Year-on-year, over 90% of students stated that they were satisfied with the quality of the course here at St Andrews. Consistently ranked amongst top mainstream universities since 2006. Currently ranked 1st in UK.

Completion Rate

- We have the best first year retention rates in Scotland: around 98% of our students successful continue in their studies at St Andrews; 1 % transfer to other universities, and only 1% drop out of HE altogether .

Research

- The results of the 2014 Research Excellence Framework can be found at <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/research/quality/ref2014/>
- Headlines are that:
 - St Andrews came 2nd in Scotland and 19th in the UK overall in the REF 2014.
 - St Andrews is top in Scotland and 14^{th*} in the UK for the quality of its research publications
 - 100% of research is internationally recognised; 80% is world leading or internationally excellent.

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Internationalisation

- We are the most international of Scotland's universities and one of the most international in the UK. In 2014-15 the top 10 non-EU were:

	Total			UG			PG		
1	United States	1204	14.7%	United States	1029	15.5%	United States	175	11.4%
2	China	261	3.2%	Canada	145	2.2%	China	119	7.7%
3	Canada	174	2.2%	China	142	2.1%	Canada	29	1.9%
4	India	94	1.1%	Hong Kong	85	1.3%	India	20	1.3%
5	Hong Kong	90	1.1%	India	74	1.1%	Scotland	16	16.4%
6	Norway	76	1.0%	Norway	71	1.1%	Russia	16	1.0%
7	Russia	68	0.8%	Russia	52	0.8%	Taiwan	14	0.9%
8	Malaysia	55	0.7%	Malaysia	50	0.8%	Mexico	11	0.7%
9	South Korea	39	0.5%	South Korea	33	0.5%	Ukraine	9	0.5%
10	Singapore	36	0.5%	Singapore	33	0.5%	Thailand	8	0.5%

- We received **applications** from 141 different countries for 2014 Entry. The top 10 non-EU were:

	Total		UG		PG	
1	China	2757	United States	1555	China	2433
2	United States	1993	China	324	United States	439
3	India	480	Canada	265	India	248
4	Canada	329	India	232	Taiwan	138
5	Hong Kong	218	Hong Kong	176	Thailand	112
6	Singapore	157	Singapore	144	Syria	106
7	Taiwan	150	Norway	68	Nigeria	106
8	Malaysia	146	Malaysia	68	Malaysia	78
9	Thailand	136	Pakistan	64	Canada	65
10	Pakistan	128	South Korea	62	Pakistan	64

- Our students have the chance to participate in exciting exchanges or study abroad opportunities in Europe, North America, China, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Middle East, Uruguay and Australia.

Employment

The sector uses the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey to measure employment rates. According to the most recent survey (2012-13), 93.9% of undergraduate first degree level graduates were in either full time employment or further study.

University Rector is Ms Catherine Stihler MEP, she has been a Member of the European Parliament for Scotland since 1999 and is currently the only female MEP representing Scotland. Catherine is a St Andrews graduate (MA International Relations and Geography 1996, MLitt International Security Studies 1998) and a former student president.

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Tuition Fees:

Undergraduate

- Scottish students (2014/15): £1,820 (Arts, Science, Divinity), £2,895 (Medicine). 2015/16 to be confirmed.
- Rest of UK (2015/16) = £9,000.
- International (2015/16) = £ 17,040 or £24,500 for Medicine.

Postgraduate

- 2015/16 Taught and Research for most subjects: Home/EU £5,500 – £9,340. See web for full details by subject.
- PGR/T Overseas £15,440 - £19,300. See web for full details by subject.
- Individual fees for PG courses vary, in particular: Divinity, IR, Economics & Finance, Management and Marine Biology are all more expensive.

Semester Dates 2015/16

- Martinmas Semster – 14th September to 21st December (teaching).
- Candelmas Semester – 25th January to 18th April (teaching).

BA (International Honours) – Joint degree with the College of William & Mary

The University of St Andrews has partnered with the College of William & Mary in Virginia, USA, to offer an exciting undergraduate degree. This degree combines the best of both historic universities to create an exciting international joint programme. First graduating class will be in June 2015.

Raisin Monday

Every year hundreds of first year students enjoy November sunshine during the Raisin Monday foam fight in St Salvator's Quad. The tradition dates back to the early days of the University when new students would give senior students one pound of raisins in gratitude for their help in adapting to university life, in exchange for a receipt written in Latin. Failure to produce such a receipt could result in a dousing in the local fountain. Nowadays the raisins have been replaced with a bottle of wine and the dousing with foam.

University Motto: 'Ever to Excel' taken from a speech in Homer's Iliad.

Symbolism of elements of the shield (above is 1905 design):

- the **crescent moon** represents Peter de Luna, the given name of Pope Benedict XIII who issued the bulls of foundation of the University in 1413;
- the **lion rampant** is taken from the Royal Arms of Scotland and represents the royal authority of King James I (1406-1437) who was associated with the foundation;
- the **gold diamonds (*mascles or*)** are taken from the personal arms of Henry Wardlaw, Bishop of St Andrews 1404-1440 who issued the original charter which incorporated the Studium Generale in 1411-12;
- Finally, **the open book with the red page edges** represents learning
- and **the blue and silver cross** represents the saltire of Scotland.

