

Academic Programs

International Programs

St. Andrews encourages international experiences for all its students. Opportunities for such educational/cultural experiences abroad are offered in four different categories.

Students planning to participate in these study abroad opportunities normally must be rising sophomores, have declared a major, and have earned a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. The College assists students in preparing applications and securing passports and visas and often serves as an advocate in securing financial assistance. The College policy on uses of St. Andrews Financial Aid Awards for Foreign Study is included under Academic Policies.

Students who have been in residence on the Laurinburg campus as full-time students for at least one year are eligible to have their summer session tuition fees waived for one St. Andrews summer short course of study abroad. To be eligible, a student must be fully paid up on all College financial bills at the time of application and be pre-registered for the following fall semester. An administrative charge of \$200 is required. See “Summer Study Abroad Programs” on page 37.

St. Andrews Residential Programs Abroad

European Languages & Cultures: Brunnenburg Castle, Italy

Since 1983 the College has offered a full fall semester in the Tyrolian Alps of northern Italy. Ten to 14 students are selected to participate in that extraordinary program, offering challenging yet flexible opportunities for students to experience European culture while studying a variety of academic subjects. Courses at the castle are taught by one faculty member from St. Andrews and by two other professors—one a literary scholar and the other an anthropologist—who live at the castle. The semester begins in mid-August and concludes in late November. The semester carries 12-18 credits, depending upon the student's schedule.

Conversational study of German and Italian is required to allow greater interaction with the local community.

Chinese Language & Culture: Beijing, China

Since January 1988, St. Andrews has offered a Spring Semester in Beijing for selected College students. Participants engage in intensive Chinese language study and benefit from a broad and varied cultural engagement with China.

Students are housed at Capital Normal University in the western part of Beijing. There are numerous day and weekend excursions throughout the semester. A week-long spring break is provided for additional travel. Teachers for the Chinese language courses are Chinese language scholars. The residency staff is under the direction of CET. Faculty members are China experts. Staff members are Chinese who speak English or Americans who speak Chinese fluently. From time to time a St. Andrews faculty member may accompany students in the program and offer an additional class at the University taught in English. Participation by St. Andrews faculty is contingent on their appointment as faculty-in-residence by CET. The normal student load is 15 credits, consisting of courses in Mandarin Chinese and in selected topics of Chinese culture.

Students who have completed at least 30 credits with a G.P.A. of 3.0 will be eligible to apply for admission to the China residential program abroad.

Latin American Language & Culture: Cuenca, Ecuador

Established in 1991, the Ecuador Program exchanges students and faculty with the Universidad de Cuenca. Cuenca is Ecuador's third largest city, and is about 8,000 feet above sea level, in a valley in the Andes Mountains in southern Ecuador.

Each fall a group of Ecuadorian students and their professor travel to St. Andrews for a semester. Each summer St. Andrews students and a member of the faculty/staff travel to Ecuador for six weeks to study Spanish and other subjects. The Program includes several excursions to points of historical or cultural interest.

Junior Year Abroad Program

St. Andrews has formal exchange agreements with Kansai Gaidai University in Japan and with Han Nam University in Korea.

Summer Study Abroad Programs

A student may be exempted from tuition charges for one Summer Study Abroad Course of 1 to 3 credits offered by St. Andrews, if he/she has been enrolled as a full-time degree student for the preceding academic year, is pre-registered for the next Fall Semester, and does not have a past-due balance with the Business Office. All students accepted into the courses must pay an administrative charge of \$400, and a fee that will be charged to cover the non-tuition costs of the course, including such costs as agency fees and pro-rated travel costs of the leader.

A faculty member teaching a Summer Study Abroad Course will do so as part of his/her regular teaching load. That is, he or she will teach one less course during the academic year following the summer in which the course is taught.

The College reserves the right to cancel a Summer Study Abroad Course at any time preceding the actual start of the course. The number of courses and the minimum enrollment for each course will be established by the Dean of the College, but normally a course must enroll eight or more students, in order to cover expenses, before it will be offered. Past offerings have included study/travel in Scotland, India, Greece, Vietnam and Australia.