University of St Andrews for Science & Pre-Med Students

About the Program

This partnership with the University of St Andrews is specifically designed for students in the sciences and/or those who wish to go abroad and take courses that meet the requirements of U.S. medical schools. Students may enroll in the fall term in specific science classes offered under supervision from UR faculty, which receive credit and a grade on the Richmond transcript. A broad range of St Andrews courses in the Faculties of Arts, Divinity and Science are also available.

Students also may participate in a special pre-medical seminar offered by a member of the St Andrews Medical Faculty. This course includes site visits to area hospitals and clinics.

Founded in 1413, St Andrews is Scotland’s oldest university. It has been ranked #1 in student satisfaction in the U.K. for the past 5 years. Out of 6,000 undergraduates, one-third are international, from 120+ countries.

About the City

Located in the stunning coastal town of St Andrews on the east coast of Scotland about 55 miles from Edinburgh, St Andrews is truly a ‘college town’ where university students mix with the town’s residents. With a total population of around 20,000, St Andrews provides a unique campus environment and a close-knit community.

Who is eligible?

This program is open to all class years except seniors. St Andrews requires a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better. Pre-med students must have also completed the pre-requisite courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better before final approval.
Academics at St Andrews

Qualified students may enroll in one or more of the following pre-health science courses offered at St Andrews:

**Cell Biology (BL2301)**

**Molecular Biology (BL2302)**

**Organic Chemistry I (CH2201)**

Students who complete Cell Biology and Organic Chemistry I at St Andrews will be able to proceed directly into BIOL 202 and CHEM 206, respectively, upon their return to Richmond.

Although not required, pre-health students and biology majors/minors are strongly encouraged to take Molecular Biology at St Andrews to be better prepared for national tests (e.g., MCAT) and upper-division biology courses.

Costs

Students pay UR tuition to Richmond. Room fees are paid to St Andrews. See Richmond website for up-to-date cost estimates.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Financial aid is available to eligible students studying abroad. See [http://financialaid.richmond.edu/undergrad/study-abroad.html](http://financialaid.richmond.edu/undergrad/study-abroad.html).

Additional scholarships are available from the OIE, from other departments on campus, and from many national organizations. All students receive a travel allowance.

How Do I Apply?

Students planning to take **Organic Chemistry I** must be pre-approved by Dr. Kristine Nolin in the UR Chemistry Department and students planning to take **Cell Biology/Molecular Biology** must be pre-approved by Dr. April Hill, Chair of the Biology Department at UR. Pre-approval deadline: **October 15** of the year prior to the study abroad experience.

For more information and to apply, see [http://studyabroad.richmond.edu](http://studyabroad.richmond.edu). Email studyabroad@richmond.edu with any application questions.

Room and Board

Students who meet the stated deadlines are guaranteed on-campus housing at St Andrews. Halls are either self-catered (students cook for themselves) or catered (with a meal plan). UR students are fully integrated with other international, European, and British students. More information is available online at [http://studyabroad.richmond.edu](http://studyabroad.richmond.edu).