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

Two courses at St Andrews are currently offered as regular UR courses under supervision from UR faculty for qualified students. Students register for these courses as UR courses although they are primarily taught at St Andrews.

These courses will receive a grade on the UR transcript from the UR supervising instructor, and credit is determined by UR. The available courses are:

- Organic Chemistry I
- Cell Structure and Function

Students may also take a broad range of courses on Scotland’s culture or other courses unique to St Andrews, for which they will receive credit but the grade will not be reflected on the UR transcript.

Of particular interest to pre-medical students is the course titled, The Art of the Medical Practitioner.

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. 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. Michelle Hamm in the UR Chemistry Department and students planning to take Cell Structure and Function 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. Email studyabroad@richmond.edu with any application questions.