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 pre-health students.

Students may enroll in the fall term in Organic Chemistry I under supervision from UR faculty, which receives credit and a grade on the Richmond transcript. Additionally, students may opt to take biology coursework (for credit only) that is equivalent to BIOL 200 at Richmond and/or a special pre-medical seminar offered by a member of the St Andrews Medical Faculty that includes site visits to area hospitals and clinics. A broad range of St Andrews courses in the Faculties of Arts, Divinity and Science are also available.

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.

CH2201 will be transcripted as CHEM 204 (1.5 units; with grade). BL2301 and BL2302 will be transcripted as BIOL 206 and BIOL 902, respectively (1.1 units each; without grade).

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 cost estimates.

**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).

**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. Krista Stenger, 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.