

# Studying Economics in Scottish Paradise



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Located right by a steep coastline overlooking the North Sea, the School of Economics and Finance in St Andrews is a small faculty offering great views, close supervision and small learning groups. The personal character of the learning environment and the high academic standards were my main reasons for choosing St Andrews for my master's degree in Economics.

The intense character of the programme at St Andrews has already allowed me to advance my knowledge of economic theory and empirical methods and get a deeper understanding of what it means to conduct economic research. In line with my interests, my studies are focused on the field of macroeconomics, especially monetary policy and financial intermediation. I am very thankful for the support and care that many lecturers provide to their students and am very happy to have chosen this programme.

St Andrews itself cannot be described as anything but a small Scottish paradise. The ruins of the St Andrews cathedral tower over the little old town by the sea and provide an historical backdrop to the university life that is spread all over town. Student societies regularly

light communal bonfires on one of the two beaches and some time-honoured traditions like the May Dip become unforgettable experiences for the students who take part in them.

Over the course of the year, I have made wonderful friends from all over the world. With some I have bonded over the demanding requirements of our studies and the time spent in the library, whereas I have gotten to know others while hiking in the beautiful Scottish landscape or listening to live music in one of the many pubs.

Apart from the university, St Andrews' image is dominated by the sport of golf. The St Andrews Old Course is known to be the oldest golf course in the world, dating back to the early 15th century. Against the background of this legacy, I have chosen to take beginner's lessons to learn about the fascination that so many people share.

With Brexit looming, I believe that the informal ties between continental Europe and the United Kingdom are only becoming more important. I am glad to have been able to experience Scotland and the United Kingdom in this time of change. For supporting me and my studies, I am very thankful to the BCCG Foundation. |