



Forever St. Andrews FAST FACTS

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Academics

1. The most popular degree program on campus is Business (including several specialized programs of study within the Business major).
2. The second most popular degree program on campus is Sport Management.
3. The third most popular degree programs (tied) are Biology and Sport Performance, Health, and Fitness.
4. Since 2018, 12 new undergraduate degree programs have been added to the St. Andrews catalog, and one new graduate program in Masters in Education Instructional Design and Curricular Supervision.
5. St. Andrews offers 22 undergraduate majors, 22 minors, and two Master's programs.
6. The new Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Assisting (OTA) with a minor in Health Sciences Administration will be one of the first six bachelor OTA programs offered in the United States.
7. Our students have served in a variety of faith-based, social justice internships, including the Miller Summer Youth Institute at Pittsburgh Seminary and the Gambrell Fellows in Social Justice Program at Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our faculty are deeply involved in the local community, serving as pulpit supply in regional churches, teaching adult discipleship courses in Scotland, Moore, and Robeson Counties, aiding with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and working with local non-profit organizations.
8. The Philosophy & Religious Studies Program has recently helped place students at Duke University Divinity School and the joint MA in transcultural studies program at Heidelberg/Kyoto Universities in Japan and Germany. We also have students intending to matriculate into the Master of Divinity program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania and other regional schools of theology.
9. St. Andrews offers on-line, in-seat, and hybrid classes.
10. St. Andrews now offers a Master's degree in Instructional Design and Curricular Supervision.

11. Undergraduate new majors added to our curriculum include BS Nursing, RN to BSN, BS Occupational Therapy Assisting, Health Services Administration, Sport Management, Sport Management with a concentration in Esports Management, Sport Performance, Health, and Fitness, Biology with a specialization in Biomedical Science, Business Administration with a specialized program of study in Criminal Justice Management. Also, Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Pre-Doctor of Physical Therapy, Secondary Grades Education, Forensic Science with Concentrations in Chemistry and Psychology.
12. St. Andrews offers over 10 different courses in religion and philosophy, including the Anthropology of Religion, Modern Christian Theology, the Life & Teachings of Jesus, the Hebrew Prophets, Ethics, Religion in America, Christianity & Social Action, Justice, and Theology from the Margins.

Advancement/Fundraising/Giving

1. The *Forever St. Andrews Annual Appeal*, the LAC, and Tower Club gifts are unrestricted to support the greatest need, including scholarships, academics, athletics, and general operations of SAU.
2. The Laurinburg Area Campaign is a united effort among Laurinburg and Scotland county residents and alumni to raise awareness of the university and provide unrestricted funds in support of St. Andrews.
3. The Tower Club is a group of individuals, foundations, and organizations who hold a special place in their hearts for St. Andrews University and make unrestricted financial contributions of \$500 or more (formerly \$1,000) on an annual basis.
4. Through the generosity of many individuals, organizations, foundations, and alumni, St. Andrews has established many endowed scholarships, scholarship funds, and degree programs, and departmental endowments and funds.
5. The *St. Andrews Heritage Society* honors those alumni and friends who make a commitment to the future of the college through a bequest, charitable remainder trust, life insurance policy, or life income gift to the Presbyterian Church Foundation for the benefit of St. Andrews.
6. SAU has a new Grants Writing Committee, comprised of key faculty members who can now research and write grants to benefit capital improvements, academic programs, athletics, student development, equipment, and technology. This is above and beyond the grants applied for by the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Alumni

1. The SAU bi-monthly eNewsletter, *By The Lakes Updates*, has released 17 issues since July 2020, going to 90,800 email addresses of alumni, friends, and supporters of St. Andrews.
2. There are over 11,000 SAU alumni from the combined Flora Macdonald College, Presbyterian Junior College, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, and St. Andrews University.
3. Recent graduates rated the overall quality of their academic program as 4.56 stars out of 5.

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Athletics

1. SAU has 25 varsity intercollegiate sports, two JV teams, and three competitive equestrian teams.
2. Esports, women's wrestling, and women's beach volleyball athletic teams were added in the 2020-21 school year.
3. The SAU Esports Valorant team finished the fall season ranked fifth in the United States.
4. Since 1983 the St. Andrews Equestrian teams have competed 834 times, bringing home countless ribbons, awards, and titles in Hunter Jumper, Dressage, and Western Pleasure disciplines.

Capital Improvements

1. In March 2021, new Cisco Wi-Fi access points were installed in four residence halls, replacing 10-year-old technology.
2. In December 2020, some 109 new Cisco internet network switches were installed on campus, replacing 20-year-old technology.
3. The Morgan-Jones Science Building contains one of the largest science laboratories in the United States at 20,000 square feet.
4. According to the SAU Vice President of Administration, over the past 24 months, some \$750,000 in renovations have taken place on campus, with an additional \$5 to \$7.5 million currently underway or beginning in the next three years. These expenditures are above and beyond the annual operating budget.

Community Impact

1. St. Andrews has 416 total employees (273 full and part-time faculty and staff, and 143 student workers) with an annual payroll of \$8,284,509 in 2020.
2. The community service project of the SAU Women's Basketball team has provided the volunteers for the local Kiwanis Club annual two-day Pancake Feat fundraiser, traditionally held in March.
3. The regional economic impact (greater Scotland County and beyond) of St. Andrews based on the number of employees, payroll, visitors to campus, budget, and other multipliers equals \$25 to \$30 million.
4. Summer camps offered on campus include pre-veterinary, two special education day camps, a wrestling camp, and other sports camps hosted by SAU coaches for the local community.
5. Across Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram social media platforms, St. Andrews has more than 26,500 followers.

COVID

1. From March 2020 through August 2020, SAU recorded zero active COVID cases on campus. During the Fall and Spring semesters, only two faculty members and 10 staff members had COVID, and no students, faculty, or staff were hospitalized.

Enrollment

1. The Laurinburg main campus has students from 35 states and 26 countries. Forty-five percent of students are from North Carolina.
2. The total population increased by 33% from Fall 2018 to Fall 2020 – from 666 students to 885 students. This increase occurred when two major natural disasters took place, Hurricane Florence, and COVID-19.
3. The number of prospective student visits is up 16% despite COVID-19.
4. SAU enjoys a 14 to 1 student to faculty ratio.
5. Recent graduates have secured employment with these companies, among many others, KPMG, GMC, Walt Disney, Walmart, Cargill, US Army, Royal Bank of Scotland, Lee County Schools, Amazon, Gaines Oil Company, TEAL Marketing, Northwestern Mutual, Novartis, United States Coast Guard, and the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Faculty

1. Fourteen new faculty members of St. Andrews were added since 2019.
2. For the first time in 11 years, the Rev. Cynthia Purvis, a Presbyterian minister, was hired in August 2020 as the full-time Campus Chaplain,
3. SAU faculty has academic credentials that include 18 Ph.Ds. Eight have other doctorate degrees (such as DBA, DVM, Ed, D.); 13 have Master's degrees.

Financial Aid

1. Some 90% of students receive financial aid, with 45% of students federal Pell Grant eligible.
2. In 2020, our SAU students received scholarships that averaged 44% of tuition, fees, and books.
3. In the 2018 – 2019 academic year, on average St. Andrews undergraduate students received \$18,495 in student grants or scholarship aid.
4. Recent data shows that 80.2% of the class of 2018 had become employed, continued their education, joined the military or service organization within one year after graduation.

History & Institutional

1. The St. Andrews mission statement (which began as a statement of Aims and then became a Statement of Purpose, and then a Mission Statement) has been changed in some material way 13 times between its first appearance in 1961 and 2008. Since 2008, at least two more changes have taken place.
2. St. Andrews University is a branch of Webber International University, and both have always been not-for-profits. St. Andrews Presbyterian College dba St. Andrews University has its own Federal Tax Identification Number (56-0530240), distinct and different from Webber. St. Andrews also files separate federal tax returns (known as a 990 for non-profits,) which are free to view and easily found via an internet search. St. Andrews is a Liberal Arts University; Webber is a business-focused school. SAU has a separate budget, sets of books and financial statements, admissions office, and many distinctions in academic offerings. However, both have the same governing board because St. Andrews is a branch of Webber.
3. St. Andrews is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and does not have owners. SAU is governed by volunteer boards of trustees. If a school discontinues operations, the Attorney General distributes their assets to a similar charity or non-profit.
4. When St. Andrews was built, it was decided decades before most of the world knew or cared about the meaning of the expression “accessible.” The trustees at that time had the foresight to and was among those leading the way in making the benefits of a college education available to people with physical challenges who otherwise would have remained academically disenfranchised.
5. St. Andrews is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as of August 22, 2016.
6. St. Andrews has adult learning campuses in Charlotte and Pinehurst (Sandhills), NC, and Charleston, and Columbia, SC campuses have recently been approved to begin classes.

Scottish Heritage Center

1. In addition to our collections, The Center is the home to three significant archival collections for nationwide organizations. The Clan Donald USA Foundation located their archival collection and library here in 2020, with a ribbon-cutting for their collection and display room scheduled for October 1, 2021. The former President of the Association of Clan MacLeod Societies Worldwide (a man with Maxton roots) left his collection to the Center in 2013. The Center also holds the archive of the National Public Radio program “The Thistle and Shamrock,” hosted by Fiona Ritchie, M.B.E., the most famous music program on National Public Radio being heard weekly on over 500 nationwide NPR affiliates as well as on-line.
2. In 2008 William “Bill” Caudill, Scottish Heritage Center Director founded the Scotland County Highland Games with the assistance of a number of local and regional volunteers. He has been Chairman of that organization since its inception. This event is the largest tourism-related event held in Scotland County, and each year brings in several thousand visitors to our county and city.

3. The Center holds a number of important historical items in its displays, including one of only two artifacts known to survive from the first group of Highland settlers who came to North Carolina in 1739, other emigrant related personal items, as well as a rare model of a life-sized bronze statue of Robert Burns which was commissioned by Andrew Carnegie which was given to Flora Macdonald College in 1938.
4. The Center has on display several artifacts that belonged to the famed Scottish heroine Flora MacDonald, which were gifted to the former Flora Macdonald College by the Macdonald of Kingsburgh and Castle Camus family descendants of Allan Macdonald of Kingsburgh and his wife, the famed Flora.
5. The St. Andrews University Pipe Band was founded in 1991 and first performed in the winter of that year for the Scottish Heritage Awards Banquet held on campus in March of that year. The band first played for graduation in May of that year, wearing new kilts in the Earl of St. Andrews tartan.
6. In 2018 Director Caudill was the recipient of the "Order of the Longleaf Pine" from Governor Roy Cooper for his long-term efforts in the preservation of the Scottish history and cultural contributions to North Carolina.

Student Life

1. To graduate from St. Andrews, students must complete a minimum of 120 credits. Thirty-five of those credits provide "breadth and depth" as part of the general education program; 19 of those 35 credits are SAGE/WRT courses. The general education program was initially called C&C (Christianity and Culture), then SAS (St. Andrews Studies), and is now SAGE (St. Andrews General Education).
2. The number of students in the Honors program has jumped 182% from 17 students to 48 from Fall semester 2019 to Fall 2020.
3. SAU Student Affairs hosts more than 15 plus events each semester (in non-Covid times). These activities range from trips off campus to Myrtle Beach, Raleigh, and Laurinburg's local events, such as the Highland Games. Other activities include DYI projects, Grocery Bingo, Farrago parties, candle making, and canvas painting. We also brought back our Battle of the Dorms competition in the Fall semester with Kickball, Beach Volleyball, and a Homerun Derby.
4. Even in the face of COVID, we utilized Zoom for our ethical decision-making series. In the Fall, attendance ranged from 100-175 students per event. In these Zoom gatherings, students enjoy speakers or watch a common video along with group discussions around ethical dilemmas and other social subjects.