# **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**



Baylor in St. Andrews semester study abroad program is well-suited for any student interested in the Arts and Humanities, and especially appropriate for students interested in philosophy and religion and their intersections and manifestations in culture and history.

Students will study at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, one of the most prestigious universities in the U.K. St. Andrews has an outstanding international reputation and is especially strong in philosophy, religion, classics, history, art history, political science, psychology, and film & digital media. The academic opportunities presented at St. Andrews may be especially appealing to students in the Honors College.

A Baylor faculty program director will join the students for the duration of the program. Students are required to take the course taught by the director. All other courses will be chosen from St. Andrews' undergraduate curriculum.

Curricular options are available for students in a wide variety of academic disciplines. The semester calendar is much like Baylor's. Courses are a combination of lecture and tutorial.

In addition to coursework, students will be expected to participate actively in the educational and extracurricular





## HOW TO APPLY

Only serious students who have completed at least 30 hours at Baylor should apply.

Students must have a minimum 3.2 GPA (this will be assessed at the end of each semester).

Students must have a clear judicial record or consent to go by the Center for International Education and the director.

The program is limited to 20 students.

## **Applications are available at:**

www.baylor.edu/st\_andrews or http://bearsabroad.baylor.edu.

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# BAYLOR IN ST. ANDREWS



## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS

Founded in the fifteenth century, the University of St. Andrews is Scotland's oldest university and the third oldest in the United Kingdom. The university lies in the heart of the town of St. Andrews. Unlike Baylor, everything is not gathered in one place, but spread throughout the town. The University of St. Andrews is an educational hub for a bustling international community with students and faculty from over 80 different countries. With a diverse student body of approximately 6,000 students, approximately 1/3 are from Scotland, 1/3 are from the United Kingdom and European Union, and 1/3 are from the rest of the World.



## **ABOUT ST. ANDREWS**

Set on the beautiful Fife coast, St. Andrews, population 18,000, is a university town with both ancient ruins and one of the world's most famous golf courses, the Old Course. For more then a thousand years, St. Andrews has been the focal point of bishops and kings, martyrs, saints, and scholars. The ruins of the castle and a large cathedral, consecrated in 1388 under Robert the Bruce, dominate the landscape near the bay. St. Salvator's Chapel, with a high clock tower, is one of the finest examples of medieval architecture in Scotland. This town and the university are dear to Christians, both Catholics and Protestants, and their stories are interwoven in the cultural, historical, and intellectual life in Scotland.

## Cost: Baylor Tuition (ABOUT \$15,500) + Program Fee (ABOUT \$7000)

#### **Includes:**

- Full tuition
- Housing and meals
- Britrail train pass
- International health insurance
- Group trip to London

All financial aid applies. Does not include administrative fee (\$100) or study abroad fee (\$300). Students will **not** be charged the general student fee (a \$1500 savings).

Students will be required to purchase their own airfare.

### **DEPOSITS**

Students will be required to provide two deposits. The first, \$500, is due upon acceptance into the program. This refundable deposit will hold the student's place. The second, \$1500, is due March 1. After March 1, all deposits are nonrefundable.

All deposits are credited to the program fee. Checks should be made payable to *Baylor University*.



### OTHER ATTRACTIVE FEATURES

**Edinburgh**, about one hour from St. Andrews, has significant cultural, historical, philosophical and religious importance to our own history and the larger history of the West.

Also, within access by Britrail, are London, Cambridge, Oxford, Salisbury, Stonehenge and Bath.



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

## Dr. Derek Dodson Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

Dr. Dodson began teaching at Baylor University in 2007 after receiving his Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Baylor in 2006. His area of research and academic interest is in the Gospels and Acts as well as other early Jewish and Christian narratives. He also has an interest in the hermeneutical task of appropriating the Christian scriptures for theological and ethical reflection. Dr. Dodson is also an ordained minister, having served as pastor in churches in Kentucky and Texas. Dr. Dodson will be joined in St. Andrews with his wife Sherrie, who works in University Development, and his daughter Emily, a then-to-be 8<sup>th</sup> grader

## ABOUT THE DIRECTOR'S COURSE

#### **REL 4315: The Birth of the Messiah**

This course offers a detailed study of the so-called "infancy narratives" in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Our reception of these texts has tended to be a harmonized version, so that our traditional Christmas plays and crèches combine elements from both Gospels—shepherds, angels, and a manger along with magi and a star. Our curriculum, however, will take seriously the unique accounts of each Gospel. We will explore these texts primarily in terms of their literary and theological functions, but questions of history and tradition will also be considered. Our study will be guided by Raymond Brown's magisterial *The Birth of the Messiah: A Commentary on the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke*, updated edition (Doubleday, 1993).

All students are required to take Dr. Dodson's course. All other courses will be chosen from the 2013-2014 University of St. Andrews course list.