

Biology and Philosophy

University of St Andrews

Content

Biology involves the study of life at all levels, from the molecular biology of virus replication to the study of animals and plants in their natural habitats. Biology also touches on many aspects of contemporary life, from drug design and investigating the molecular basis of Alzheimer's disease, to the migration and conservation of marine mammals – all of which can be studied at St Andrews.

The study of philosophy is concerned with trying to make sense of ourselves and the world we live in through rational argument. It is a highly inter-disciplinary subject that examines and attempts to answer questions raised by natural science, by the study of art and literature, by the nature of language and communication, and by history.

At St Andrews, you will become familiar with views put forward by the principal figures of the philosophical tradition, and learn how to rationally and independently assess your own arguments. Studying philosophy is thus a means of acquiring skills of criticism and analysis, of clear thinking and principled debate.

Start Date

September

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

BSc Hons

UCAS Code

CV16

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

Faculty of Science

Department

Biology

Entry Requirements

2026 entry requirements

Standard entry:

4 Highers at AAAB including Biology (or Human Biology) and Maths, Chemistry or Physics plus English at National 5 at B.

Widening access entry:

4 Highers at AABB including Biology (or Human Biology) and Maths, Chemistry or Physics plus English at National 5 at B. (You may gain entry to the Gateway programme with 4 Highers at BBBB).

SCQF Level

10

Progression Routes

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Combination Courses

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