

STUDYING AT THE “HOME OF GOLF”

St Andrews is not only well-known for its famous golf courses but for its great university, founded back in the 15th century. After completing my Bachelor of Arts in European Studies – an interdisciplinary program of law, business administration, history and European culture studies – at the University of Passau, I decided to broaden my knowledge and skills in the field of business. Universities in the UK are known for offering master's programmes in management for students with a non-business-related undergraduate degree: the perfect opportunity for me.

St Andrews offered a perfectly planned orientation programme, which made it more than easy to get acquainted with other international students, as well as with native British students. A proper social life is the basis for successful academic performance. Also, several sports and cultural societies offer great opportunities for everyone to integrate into university life. Due to the long tradition of golf in St Andrews, I started to learn how to play the sport, and joined the Men's Golf Club. The university offers affordable golf lessons taught by pros of the St Andrews Links Golf Academy.

Social life and sports are important, but my top priority during my time in Fife is to give my best toward completing my master's degree with the best possible results. As a conversion programme for business studies, the MLitt in Management offers insights into the key academic fields of this discipline: corporate finance, accounting, marketing, human resource management and strategic management. I am fascinated by the way of teaching at the University of St Andrews. The personal contact to professors is very close. Working in preassigned (international) groups improves our interpersonal and intercultural collaborative skills and teamwork. Being able to adjust our own perspectives to a global context and find compromises will be an important part of our future professional lives, so every chance to practice these skills is important.

In conclusion, I would gladly choose the University of St Andrews again. It offers a warm, welcoming atmosphere in which to study; and I have had the feeling of being part of a family from the very first day. I want to thank the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany, the BCCG Foundation and British Airways for their very generous support. You sustained my academic career in a special way, and I am very grateful for that. Thank you.

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