

St Andrews

Where our students are at the very heart of everything we do.





Dear Parents and Students

ISSOS is a unique and exclusive summer school that prides itself on focusing on the individual needs of each and every one of our students. We offer the highest standards of education in order to assist our students to achieve their personal goals and maximise their own potential.

Our balanced summer program offers our students the opportunity to take exceptional academic courses, combined with a wide range of cultural, social and sporting activities. We believe in offering broad-based learning opportunities to develop the whole student, as well as concentrating on their academic achievements. Unlike other summer schools we only accept 10% of students from any single nationality, thereby offering a truly international summer experience.

The locations for our summer schools are both safe and inspirational for our students. Every summer we welcome students from over 64 nationalities, many are returners, brother and sisters of alumni or new students.

ISSOS, St Andrews is set in the grounds of St Andrews University, providing a safe location where students are surrounded by beaches, the University, and of course, the world famous golf courses.

ISSOS is a truly unique experience and we endeavor to give our students the edge both academically and socially. If by our words and actions we inspire our students to dream, learn and become more, we will have succeeded.

Our uniquely balanced summer school program has been specifically designed to address today's challenges in order that our students can look forward to tomorrow with confidence.

If you would like to speak with a parent or student who has experienced ISSOS please contact our admissions department who would be happy to put you in touch.

I look forward to welcoming you to St Andrews this summer.

Kind Regards,

Jen Muno

Jen Munro Founder and Director



Program Structure

The exclusive summer program of ISSOS offers high school students (age 13-18) the unique opportunity to combine learning, creative enrichment and action-packed adventure in the historic and picturesque coastal town of St Andrews.

Students who gain a place at ISSOS will be able to create a personalised three-week program to suit both their academic needs and wider interests, by choosing one academic and one elective program.

We accept a maximum of 10% of students from any single nationality in order to offer a truly international summer experience. In addition, all students enrolled in an IB school can gain CAS hours for all electives and activities taken at ISSOS.



Cultural Experience & Activities

At ISSOS, we never forget that our students are on their summer holidays and we provide a summer adventure like no other! In addition to our exceptional academic programs and exciting afternoon electives, each of our students will also benefit from a broad ranging and all-inclusive activities program. During their three weeks, we will immerse our students in Scotland's rich and unique culture and introduce them to some of its best-loved landmarks, cities and breath-taking natural wonders.

From discovering Braveheart country to learning to kite-board on the beach, our fun-filled and action-packed activities program has been designed to give all our students the opportunity to enjoy new and stimulating experiences. With an exhilarating selection of outdoor activities, day trips and evening entertainment, as well as the exclusive ISSOS highland Games, we guarantee that our students will have the experience of a lifetime.

Academic Program

Mornings at ISSOS are dedicated to academic study and our high quality academic programs. Classes meet daily for three hours and unlike other summer schools, we limit numbers in order to guarantee that all our students will benefit from small class sizes and individual attention.

Academic Program Options:

- · English Language
- IB Program
- Debate
- Youth Leadership
- · Creative Writing



Electives

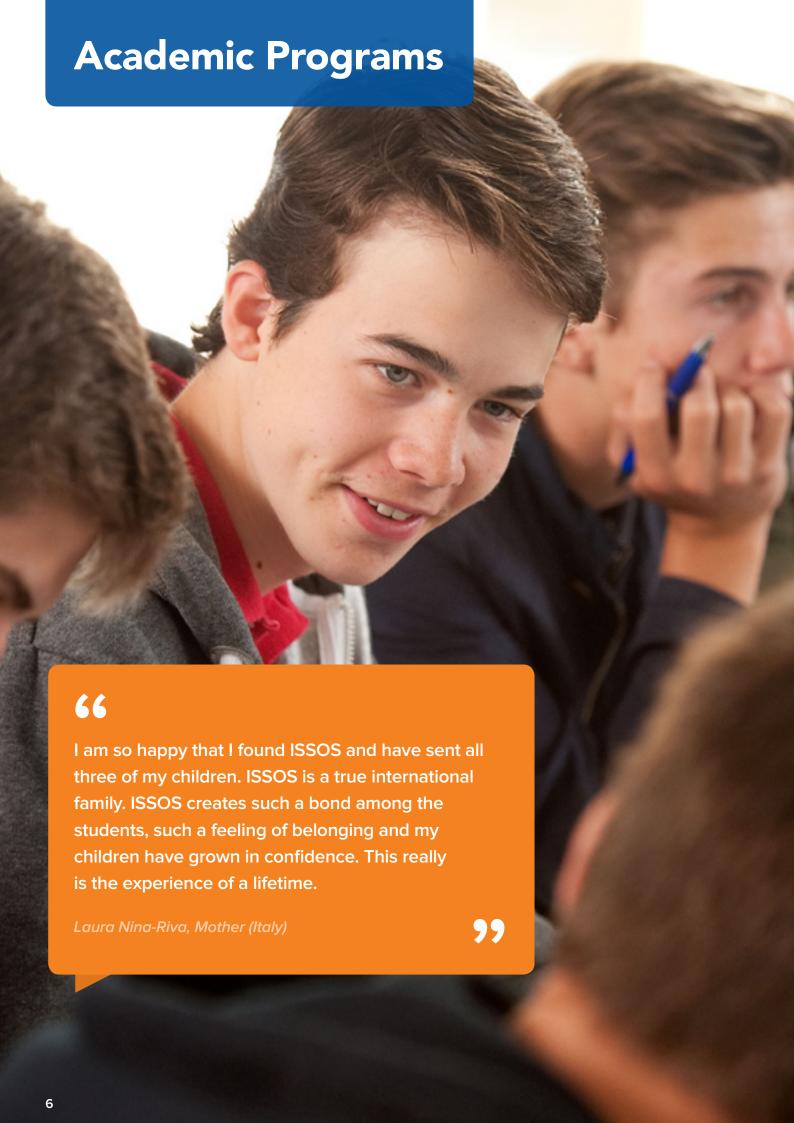
Afternoons allow students to broaden their experience and knowledge. Each student is able to combine their academic program option with one of our unique, in-depth electives, timetabled four afternoons per week. These fun-filled and action-packed courses enable students to discover and participate in exciting subjects while gaining new skills and expertise.

Electives Course Options:

- Golf
- Theatre
- Tennis
- Film
- Art



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English Language

Learning English at ISSOS is about more than studying words and phrases – we offer our students the chance to explore new ideas and cultures and develop communication skills that will open doors across the globe. This exciting interactive program caters for all ability levels and helps students to become proficient in the English language by immersing them in an English-speaking environment.



- Benefit from experienced CELTA qualified teachers and individual attention
- Significantly improve your academic and social communication skills
- Focus on core skills speaking, reading, writing and listening
- Stay motivated with our fun and interactive syllabus

On arrival in St Andrews students will be given an English language proficiency test so that we can establish their English level. Classes are divided so that students are taught with others of the same level.

During their three-week stay students will receive daily instruction from experienced CELTA qualified teachers. The syllabus provides a successful blend of opportunities for our students to use and develop English and ensures that all core skills (speaking, reading, writing and listening) are practiced. A wide variety of supplementary materials including video, music, newspaper and magazine articles, as well as out of classroom assignments, ensure that classes are fun and students are motivated. Students will learn to improve their conversation skills including their grasp of real, colloquial language and, at the same time, will develop their understanding and use of English grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening and speaking skills as required within a formal classroom environment.

Our tailor-made syllabus ensures that every one of our students will improve their English skills within the classroom and beyond.

Advanced English Program

Designed to help students whose spoken English is considered to be advanced, but who need to specifically improve their written English, our Advanced English classes help students to develop the skills to:

- Improve the formation of coherent arguments and structure in formal essay writing
- · Explore a range of writing styles

The Advanced English program will benefit students who wish to significantly improve their written English and, in particular, students who are moving to an English speaking school system or are about to start the IB program. It has been designed to assist students to reach an appropriate level of English proficiency.

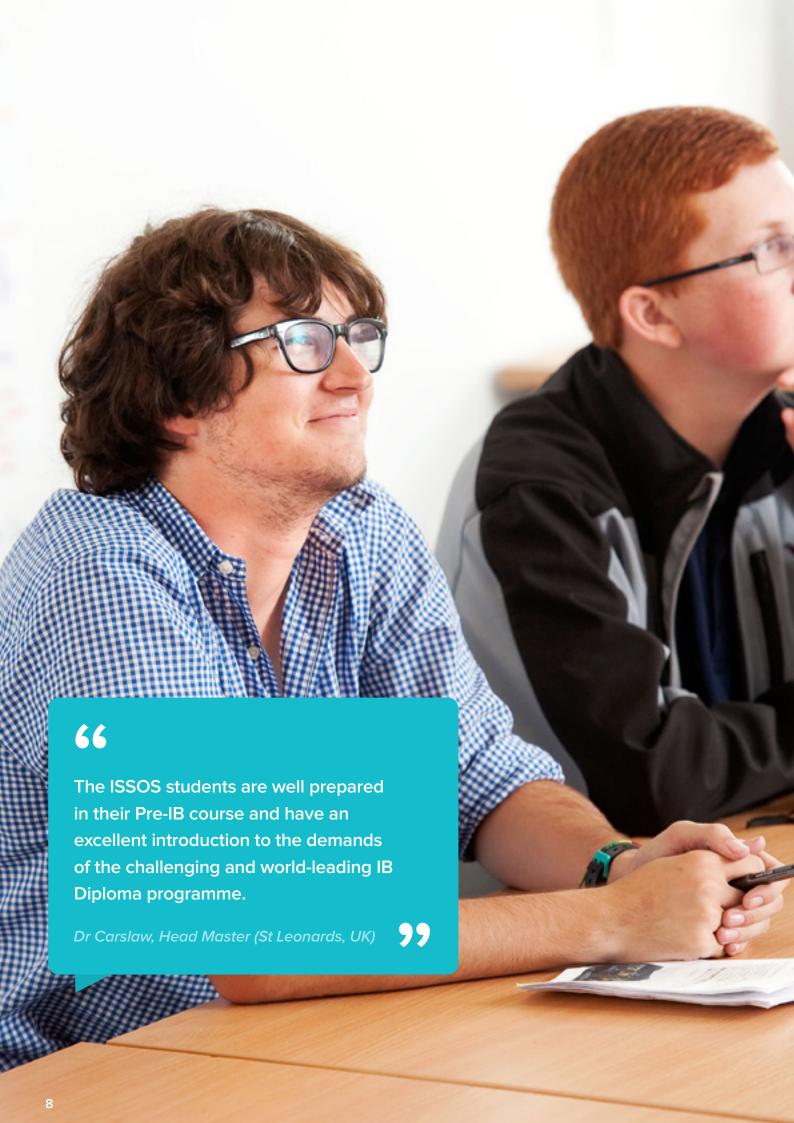
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Our son arrived home so enthusiastic about the program, the friends he made and the way English was taught was stimulating and motivating. We could not have asked for more from a summer program.

Hale Sahin, Parent (Turkey)

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International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate is a challenging and demanding program and whether you are feeling left behind – or simply want to get ahead – this course will give you the skills and experience to feel prepared, confident and ready to achieve your personal best.

Designed to offer students a combination of supervised individual research, study periods and personal attention from highly-qualified teachers and mentors, this three-week program is guaranteed to help every student maximise their academic achievement and IB experience.

All students enrolled in the IB Diploma can gain CAS hours for electives and activities taken at ISSOS.

Pre IB

We recognise that the IB Program is one of the most challenging available to young people today and, in view of this, our Pre-IB program is designed to prepare students for the rigorous demands of their final school years. Focusing on improving their work habits and general academic performance, students develop a range of academic skills such as critical thinking, writing and internet research, all of which are indispensable for success in the IB Diploma.

Students will take part in a number of seminars covering topics essential to academic success including:

- · Time management and organisation
- Essay writing for IB
- · Presentation skills
- Research skills

All students will work with tutors to produce IB level essays on subjects of their choice.

Our aim is to improve our students' overall approach to studying, as well as to prepare the students for their final years of high school.

IB Extended Essay

This program is designed to offer all students currently working towards their IB extended essay the chance to combine interactive skills seminars and in-depth individual research with personal attention from highly qualified mentors.

The interactive skills seminars are designed to equip students with the know-how, skills, experience and confidence necessary to achieve their personal best as well as to pave the way for success in higher education.

Seminar topics and exercises will cover a wide variety of essential skills such as:

- Essay writing (including research techniques, outlining and structuring an argument, editing and formatting)
- · Oral presentations and public speaking
- Independent study
- Time management and organisation

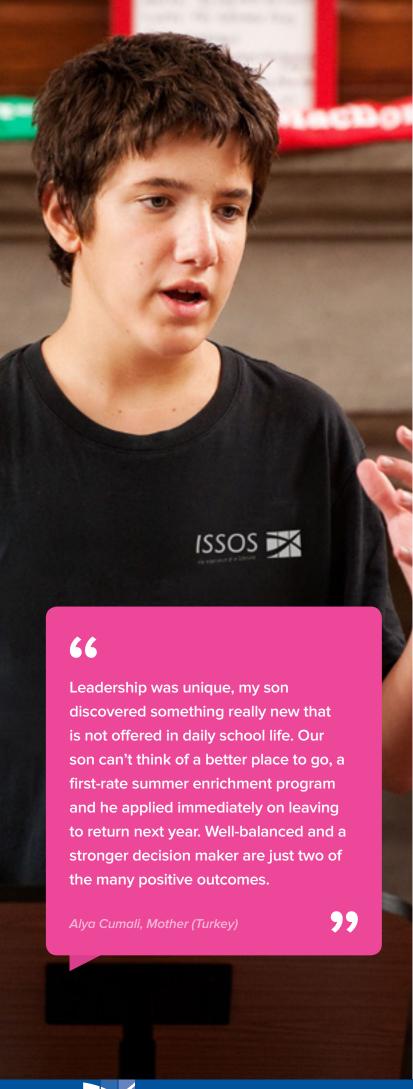


Supervised individual research periods are designed to help students put these skills into action and to make significant progress on the Extended Essay and/or other course work of their choice. Held in the renowned Main Library of the University of St Andrews, these research and study periods provide students with:

- · An ideal work environment
- Access to the Main Library of the University of St Andrews – one of the best research facilities in the world
- Thousands of books, journals and reference materials
- Qualified supervisors and mentors to help students access the materials they require

We can give you the skills, experience and resources that will enable you to feel prepared, confident and ready to achieve your personal best.





Youth Leadership

At ISSOS we believe that each student deserves to discover their potential and acquire the skills, confidence and motivation to bring about change.

Over three weeks, our Youth Leadership Program will give students the unique opportunity to take part in a series of interactive workshops, energetic activities and fun-filled challenges. These are specifically designed to inspire and enable each and every student to uncover their unique abilities, develop greater confidence and master strategies for success in the classroom and beyond.

Rather than focusing on any specific school curriculum, this program will offer hands-on learning, leadership and interpersonal skills, enabling all students, regardless of background, experience or ability level, to get ahead. We want to help students eliminate school stress, while at the same time showing them ways to express themselves, pursue goals, solve problems, resolve conflicts and bring about positive change.

Learn to Lead

Our workshops, activities, individual and group challenges have been designed to encourage and empower young people to become conscientious leaders by giving them the tools and confidence needed to meet today's real-life challenges head-on. Students will learn life skills to help them express themselves and communicate clearly and effectively, as well as develop friendships, support their peers and help others.

Participants are challenged to further develop their interpersonal and leadership skills and confidence through an enhanced curriculum including:

- · Self-expression and communication
- · Team-building and small group facilitation skills
- Goal-setting and personal motivation
- · Social responsibility

Let us help you build your self-confidence and enhance your motivation and ability to make things happen.

Creative Writing

Our bespoke Creative Writing program is designed for students of all levels and interests who have a desire to explore their own potential and challenge themselves creatively.

Introductory and advanced workshops will introduce students to all phases of the writing process, including generating ideas, writing and revising drafts and editing.

- Discover writing through a range of creative projects including essays, short stories and poetry
- Learn the necessary tools and strategies to discover your own voice
- Study the work of individuals and find out how to use the world around you as a source of ideas and inspiration
- Benefit from regular writing practice and balanced critical evaluation
- See your work in print by contributing to the publication – The ISSOS Times

Students write extensively and the course is intended for those who want to understand and harness the forces of creative language to produce original poems, scenes from a play or movie and short stories.

All students will work together to produce *The ISSOS Times*, which will include a selection of their creative work.

Challenge yourself creatively and learn to write in one of Scotland's most inspiring environments.

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My daughter was utterly inspired by her creative writing course, it was not like anything she had done before. ISSOS allowed her the opportunity to explore so many forms of writing. She has already signed up for next year.















Debate

This three-week course offers our students, whether experienced or inexperienced in the art of debate, the opportunity to discover and immerse themselves in the exciting academic world of debate.

At ISSOS, we combine interactive workshops with professional coaching and a variety of informal and formal debating opportunities to create an exhilarating and stimulating experience second to none.

- · Discover your voice and acquire the ability and confidence to use it
- Learn techniques and structures from leading debate coaches
- · Take part in energetic debates on exciting contemporary issues of your choice
- Learn new and valuable skills including critical thinking and how to present your arguments effectively
- Debate in The University of St Andrews' historic debating chambers



Academic Programs



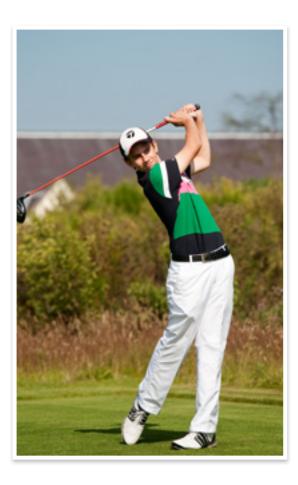
Debaters of all ability levels, from beginners to seasoned debate veterans, will benefit from interactive workshops ranging from the most basic of introductions and public speaking techniques to advanced argument theory and the intricacies of formal British Parliamentary debate. Leading debate coaches will guide students through all aspects of debate including delivery, organisation, evidence analysis, argument invention and debating theory and students will have the opportunity to take part in energetic debates on exciting contemporary issues of their choice. Debates will be held in a variety of venues including The University of St Andrews' impressive debating chambers, once the seat of the Scottish Parliament and home to the oldest university debating society in Britain.

Through the development of skills including oral communication, presenting arguments effectively and critical thinking, this course will offer students the chance to learn new and valuable skills. On a personal level, debating encourages students to express themselves with confidence and flair, not just in the classroom but in all aspects of their lives. Also, as entry into the world's leading universities becomes increasingly competitive, many top institutions are now eager to find applicants who have the confidence and ability to think critically and articulate their views.

Guaranteed to give students the edge, inspire them to discover their voice and develop the skills and the confidence to express themselves effectively.











Golf

Set in St Andrews, the internationally renowned home of golf, ISSOS offers a truly unique and incomparable golfing experience. Students who choose our golf elective will be offered the unrivalled opportunity to play and learn the game of golf at the St Andrews Dukes Golf Course under PGA qualified instructors.

- Experience playing in St Andrews the internationally renowned home of golf
- · Learn from professional PGA qualified coaches
- Benefit from small group lessons and individual attention
- · Improve your skills and maximise your potential
- Discover the game and its fascinating history

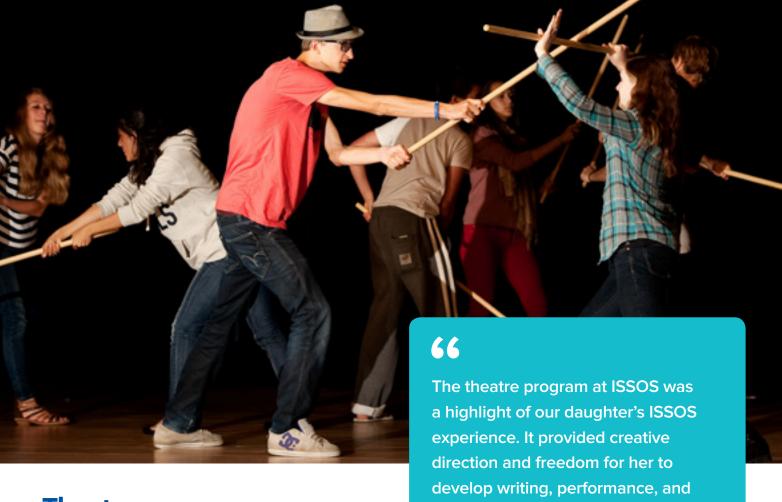
This three-week course is designed for students of all abilities, from beginners through to experienced players. Professional coaching and small group lessons, as well as individual tuition, will motivate each player to improve their skills and maximise their potential. In addition, players who already have the appropriate handicap will be offered the outstanding opportunity of playing the most famous golf course in the world – The St Andrews Old Course.

The Dukes Course and the ISSOS golf academy offer the most comprehensive golf teaching available. First class facilities include a driving range, putting green and chipping bunker area, as well as access to the world class Dukes Course.

All ability levels welcome, all equipment provided.

Additional Golf

Students who have a low handicap and wish to play some of St Andrews Links courses may opt to miss cultural trips in order to increase the time spent on the course. This will be at an additional cost to the student but will allow those who are good golfers to maximise their golfing experience in the home of golf and use the coaching offered to take full advantage of some of the worlds best championship courses.



Theatre

The imaginative and inspirational theatre course gives students the opportunity to explore and extend their theatrical skills and devise a unique piece of theatre.

Over the three-week period this elective course will combine a series of skill-based masterclasses and ensemble workshops in which students will work as a team under the guidance of a theatre professional to create an exciting piece of original theatre, which will be performed in the final week.

- Develop your performance skills
- Benefit from professional guidance and instruction
- · Come together to develop and perform a unique piece of theatre

Electives

· Discover your talents and boost your self confidence

communication skills in a unique international environment.

Julie Scanlan, Mother (Australia)

This course has been designed specially by theatrical professionals to enthuse all students with a keen interest in the performing arts regardless of previous experience. The combination of classes and ensemble workshops will help students develop a wide variety of skills relating to voice and movement including story-telling, mime and improvisation, as well as giving them experience of ensemble based and devised theatre. Participants will also be offered the opportunity to learn and assist with directing, production and set design.

This course will encourage all students to discover their theatrical talents and develop their self-confidence, which will stand them in good stead on the stage and beyond.



Art

The ISSOS art elective enables students of all levels and abilities to uncover their artistic potential. The course is set to be a unique experience, providing group teaching in an array of styles to ensure that every student finds an area in which to shine.

Whether students already have a passion for a particular artistic technique or are beginners hoping to awaken their creativity, this program offers something for everyone. Students will study a wide range of methods, from line drawing and oil painting to more contemporary practices such as still photography and cartoon illustration. Their projects could be as diverse as painting a self-portrait onto canvas to designing an album cover for their favourite band – the possibilities are endless!

In terms of location, few settings lend themselves to the budding artist as well as St Andrews. Not only is the superb natural scenery a stunning subject for landscape art, we are also ideally placed to visit some of Britain's best-known art galleries in nearby Glasgow and Edinburgh.

We take full advantage of all these possibilities and ensure that our students are never short of inspiration.

- Explore your artistic ability in a fun and relaxed setting
- Gain inspiration from visits to famous art galleries and exhibitions
- Develop and hone your skills in a range of artistic techniques
- Have your work showcased in the ISSOS art exhibition

The advantages of the relaxed and stimulating environment we offer at ISSOS are clear in the work that is produced by the students during their stay. To acknowledge their achievements, work is put on display in a final week art exhibition for all to admire.





Tennis

Students at ISSOS will have the opportunity to work with our professional tennis coaches to learn new skills, achieve their personal goals and develop a love of the game. The course is designed to meet the needs of every student, whether a complete beginner or an advanced level tennis player.

- Benefit from professional and enthusiastic coaching
- · Experience tournament and match play
- Develop fundamental skills to improve your game
- · Learn the importance of good sportsmanship
- · Combine fitness and fun in a learning environment

Beginners will benefit from individual attention and constant encouragement, as well as being taught the skills to develop their basic tennis strokes. Intermediate players will refine their strokes and will learn how to use

their strengths to give them an advantage every time they walk on the court. More advanced players also cover spin techniques, positional play, footwork and tactical awareness.

All players have the opportunity to play full-length games and to learn the rules of the game as well as good tennis technique, sportsmanship and general fitness.

This three-week elective will culminate in the ISSOS Tennis tournament, in which all students are invited to participate.

Film

Our three-week film elective gives students the unique opportunity to discover the fascinating world of film-making and to let their imaginations run free.

The course provides a practical introduction to all aspects of film craft through a combination of interactive seminars, technical training and hands-on experience behind the camera. Armed with this knowledge, students will then create their very own short films to be screened in front of the entire Summer School.

- · Immerse yourself in the process of film-making
- · Learn to use industry standard equipment
- · Benefit from professional guidance and instruction
- Develop your teamwork and leadership skills as you embark on your own projects
- Discover the excitement and satisfaction of seeing your ideas come to life

Throughout this course, students of all ability levels will benefit from expert tuition on script writing, directing, production management, cinematography and editing, right through to location scouting and set design.

Each student will also receive instruction in the use of industry standard cameras and learn to edit on the most up to date version of Final Cut Pro. Working in small teams, students will then learn to work within a production crew taking turns to direct, produce and create their own unique films.

This elective has been designed to give students a practical introduction to film-making, while at the same time, helping them to appreciate the rewards of teamwork and the satisfaction of putting their own ideas into action. Students will not only create their own unique films, they will also gain the confidence to express and discuss their ideas, learn what it takes to put their ideas into action and discover the rewards of seeing their ideas come to life on the big screen.





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I spent two summers at ISSOS and discovered a passion for filmmaking and improved my English. I made so many friends from all over the world, my time at ISSOS was magical, it really was the experience of a lifetime.

Julia Franceschini, Student (Italy)

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Electives the experience of a lifetime www.issos.com























Evening Programs and Activities

In addition to cultural excursions, afternoon activities are planned every day after electives. These include football, basketball, photography and many others. Every evening there are also other planned activities, ranging from dodgeball and softball to film nights, talent shows and discos. With such a varied selection of activities on offer, we are confident that each and every student will enjoy this aspect of ISSOS.

Weekend Workshops

Students will also have the opportunity to choose from a variety of Sunday workshops – fun additions to the weekly program that provide our students with the chance to try their hand at something different. Whether this involves handball, volleyball on the beach, learning to write a comedy sketch, or honing skills in still photography, our action-packed Sunday program offers activities to suit every taste.

the staff to the students and activities, nothing is less than brilliant! I've made so many new friends that I keep in touch with until this very day! At ISSOS friendships are made, life lessons are learned, and the definition of fun is raised to another level. I am going back for my fourth year this summer, because each year is a new experience.

Joe Box, Student (UK)

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Cultural Trips

Over the course of three weeks all of our students will experience the best of Scotland in an incredibly varied day trip program. Students will have the opportunity to discover our stunning capital city, Edinburgh, as well as a number of Scotland's beautiful castles and fascinating cultural sites. The aim of our cultural program is to provide a wide range of trips and visits to suit all tastes, ensuring that every student gets the most out of their time in this spectacular country.

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In less than a month, our son met new friends from around the globe, gained a broader perspective through debate classes, enjoyed the freedom of the campus and the town of St. Andrews.

Janet Ortaga, Mother (Brazil)

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St Andrews

Based in the Royal Burgh of St Andrews, the home of golf and the oldest seat of learning in Scotland, there is no better place to spend this summer than at ISSOS.

The town of St Andrews is packed with history, tradition and culture; and the golden beaches of this idyllic coastal location provide not only a unique and breathtaking backdrop but also a stimulating, exciting and, above all, safe environment for students to spend their summer.

History is ingrained in every stone of St Andrews. This fascinating town is the internationally renowned home of golf and every year thousands of golfers and tourists travel to St Andrews to behold the world famous Old Course and Royal and Ancient Golf Club and to experience and admire some of the most famous golf courses in the world. St Andrews is also home to Scotland's oldest university, founded in 1412. The elegant, ivy-clad buildings and delightful quadrangles and gardens of St Andrews University have seen a procession of famous graduates, including John Knox and John Napier – and, more recently, Prince William.

Although St Andrews is large enough to contain all the facilities that young people seek including theatres, cinema, museums and a number of restaurants and cafés, together with a wide range of shops, it remains at heart a small coastal town that provides a safe environment for young people.

St Andrews is renowned worldwide for its picturesque scenery, stunning golf courses, its rich history, ancient buildings and of course, the University. Spending the summer at ISSOS, St Andrews will be, undoubtedly, one of the most exciting, stimulating and memorable experiences of any student's life.





Accommodation

ISSOS is based in the extensive and beautiful grounds of The University of St Andrews. Our students are housed in the historic halls of residence and this accommodation provides them with a comfortable and safe 'home away from home' for the duration of the three-week program. With their oak panelled common rooms, expansive dining areas, beautiful libraries and picturesque gardens, these halls of residence have been home to many famous scholars.

Bedrooms

Rooms are single or shared and include a regular cleaning service. Laundry is also included and will be done once a week.

Classrooms

All classrooms are centrally located and are only a short walk from the halls of residence. Elective courses are taught in a variety of locations, as we believe in taking full advantage of the fantastic surroundings of St Andrews and the wider area. It is not unheard of to find rehearsals for the theatre program taking place on the beach!

Sports Facilities

All students will have access to the university's sports complex and can take advantage of its extensive facilities.

Computer Facilities

All students will have access to WiFi in the common areas as well as in their own rooms. In addition there is a small computer room on campus that students can access.

Teachers and Students

At ISSOS we pride ourselves on a professional, highly qualified and motivated staff. All of our teachers have been carefully selected from academic institutions around the world for their qualifications, expertise and experience, they bring with them an energy and enthusiasm for teaching and interacting with young people within both our academic and extracurricular programs that is second to none.

In addition to teaching staff we have a team of summer school counselors who are dormitory residents and are responsible for the pastoral care of all the students. Our counselors are brilliant role models and inject energy and enthusiasm into ISSOS that is infectious. The success of our program rests on our dedicated and enthusiastic teachers and counselors and their common goal to make ISSOS a truly unique and rewarding experience for every student.





ISSOS attracts students from all over the world, representing over 64 nationalities, thereby creating an international community and exposing students to an exciting variety of cultures, languages, and backgrounds. It is important to note that we only accept 10% of any one nationality to guarantee a truly international mix.

There is a staff:student ratio of 1:5 and classes are intentionally kept small in order to provide individual attention and personalised instruction. This creates an encouraging and supportive learning environment for our students, who also have the opportunity of having fun and making new friends from around the world. The close interaction of staff and students, both in and out of the classroom, greatly enriches the academic and elective experience and contributes to the summer being a productive and enjoyable experience for all.

We work together, we play together, we live & grow together. We are the ISSOS International Family.

A TYPICAL DAY AT THE SUMMER SCHOOL							
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
7.30	Counselors wake students					Wake-up	10am
8.00	Breakfast					Breakfast	Wake-up, Breakfast, Free time
9.00 - 12.00	Academic Classes					Cultural Trip	
12 noon	Lunch						
1.00 - 4.00	Elective	Classes Cultural Trip		Elective Classes			Workshops
4.00	Sporting Activ	rity / Free Time	Cultural IIIp	Sporting Activ	rity / Free Time		
6.00	Evening Meal					Evening Meal	
7.30 - 9.30	Evening Activity					Evening Activity	
11.00	Lights Out					Lights Out	

Please note that students participating in the golf elective will spend two hours at The Dukes Course and an hour taking part in a golf related activity, this allows all students maximum use of the golfing facilities.

Teachers and Students the experience of a lifetime www.issos.com

Additional Information

Eligibility

Students must be aged 13-18 years old and returning to high school.

Dates and Cost

For this years dates and costs please contact our head office or go to our website; **www.issos.com**

The cost of the summer school covers: tuition, accommodation, course materials and equipment; trips and excursions; evening activities and cultural events; the highland games and airport transfers from/to Edinburgh International Airport.

How To Apply

Apply online on our website **www.issos.com/apply** and fill in the application form.

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Our daughter has made so much progress at ISSOS, her English has improved significantly, she has a wonderful network of friends from all over the world and she feels confident about applying to University. A brilliant experience that I would recommend to everyone.

Sofie Planner, Mother (Switzerland)

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Travel Arrangements

Parents are responsible for making the travel arrangements for students to reach Scotland. All students will be met by a member of ISSOS staff at Edinburgh International Airport and accompanied on their journey to St Andrews.

Questions

Our admissions office will be happy to help with any queries or issues that you may have regarding the application process.

Please call us on **+44(0) 3300 777 247**, we look forward to speaking with you.







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ISSOS is unlike any other summer school we have experienced, from the first phone call we felt comfortable, safe and genuinely cared for. At the summer school our son grew in confidence, he made lovely friends from all over the world and learnt so much about different cultures and himself. He returned home motivated, happy and confident.

I think what makes ISSOS so different is that they really care about their students and make sure they have the best possible experience. I met the staff at the parents reception, what amazing role models and genuinely friendly people.

I wish I could have gone to ISSOS.

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Caroline Powell. Mother (Switzerland)



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