



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

NEW ZEALAND

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE GUIDE





Front cover photo: Hamilton Campus University of Waikato
This photo: Raglan surf beach, Waikato

KIA ORA, WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Where academic excellence meets stunning natural beauty!

We're committed to ensuring you have an enjoyable and rewarding academic experience at Waikato, no matter how long or short your time with us. You'll be studying at a world-ranked university along with 12,500 students, including over 1,500 international students.

Nestled in the heart of New Zealand and the mighty region of Waikato, our university offers a vibrant and inclusive community for students from around the globe.

Whether you're drawn to our world-class research facilities, stunning campuses, or the warmth of Kiwi hospitality, you find endless opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.

Join us on a journey of discovery, innovation, and cultural exchange at the University of Waikato, your gateway to a brighter future!

Ko Te Tangata | For The People



WHY CHOOSE WAIKATO?



#235 TOP UNIVERSITY GLOBALLY QS RANKINGS 2025

#1

FOR RESEARCH IN NEW ZEALAND BY QS RANKING 2024

60+




DIFFERENT CLUBS



WORK EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS
THROUGH THE WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING PROGRAMME



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

MORE THAN
**100**
SUBJECTS TO CHOOSE FROM



16 SUBJECT AREAS ARE RANKED AMONG THE
BEST IN THE WORLD



DEDICATED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICE



QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING
BASED ON CITATIONS PER FACULTY
#1 IN RESEARCH IN NEW ZEALAND
2025

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING
TOP 3 IN NEW ZEALAND
2025

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING
TOP 235 IN THE WORLD
2025

AACSB ACCREDITED

EFMD **EQUIS** ACCREDITED

ASSOCIATION OF **AMBA** ACCREDITED



WELCOME TO NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a small yet mighty country located in the South Pacific; our closest neighbours include Australia and Fiji. Our claims to fame include kiwis (the bird and the fruit!), Sir Edmund Hillary, the All Blacks rugby team, Sir Peter Jackson, Taika Waititi, Lydia Ko, Steven Adams, and Lorde - to name a few.

A study and travel experience in New Zealand is transformative. You'll join a world-class education system, meet friendly locals, see amazing sights and enjoy a healthy balance between life and studying.

In our culture, we celebrate our indigenous people, Māori, and their cultures and traditions are woven into various aspects of New Zealand life. At the airport, spot Māori translations on signage, and during your travels take the opportunity to watch a spine-tingling haka (traditional war dance) performance.

New Zealand boasts a mild climate, with warm summers and "chilly", but not freezing winters. That said, there is plenty of snow on the mountains in winter.

At the University of Waikato, experience all of this and more. We can't wait to meet you.

PEACEFUL: 4th safest country in the world (2023 Global Peace Index)

STUNNING LANDSCAPES: go from mountains to beaches to forests in one afternoon

POPULATION: 5.1 million

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: English, Te Reo Māori, NZ Sign Language

HAPPINESS: we're a happy bunch, ranking 10th happiest country (World Happiness Report 2023)

INTEGRITY: 3rd least corrupt country in the world. (Corruption Perceptions Index 2023)

INNOVATION: 'thinking outside the box' is the New Zealand way of life



DISCOVER NEW ZEALAND



TONGARIRO



WANAKA



WELLINGTON



AUCKLAND



ROTORUA



OTAGO

DISCOVER WAIKATO



HOBBITON



WAITOMO CAVES



SURFING AT RAGLAN



HAMILTON GARDENS



ROTORUA TRACKS



WAIKATO RIVER



TWO CITIES, TWO CAMPUSES

HAMILTON

Hamilton is New Zealand's fourth largest city and the perfect launching point for exploring the North Island.

Central location

Hamilton is well positioned near the centre of the North Island. It's close to New Zealand's biggest city, Auckland, as well as beautiful beaches, native forests, and snowy mountains.

Affordable cost of living

Hamilton has the perks of city life with lower prices when compared to larger cities. Rent and food costs are lower, and the city bus costs less than NZ\$2 a ride when you use a student ID.

Café culture

Hamilton is one of New Zealand's fastest growing cities and as the city grows, so do the number of cafés and restaurants. The suburb of Hamilton East is close to campus and full of great options including locally made ice-cream, quirky cafés, and vintage shops.

Raglan beach

The cool little town of Raglan is a 45-minute drive from Hamilton. It is home to world renowned surf beaches, being famous for its left hand break, and has some of the best fish and chips in the country.

Rugby

Hamiltonians love their rugby – playing, watching and talking about the game. A rugby game at Waikato Stadium is a popular activity, with student tickets beginning from NZ\$15.

Hiking

The Waikato region is known for its untouched nature and rolling green hills. There are lots of popular hiking trails to try such as Hakarimata Summit Track, Blue Spring, and Mt Te Aroha Summit Track.

Find out more about Hamilton and the Waikato region at waikatonz.com



TAURANGA

Tauranga is one of the most sought-after locations to live in New Zealand - combining beautiful beaches, a relaxed lifestyle, and world-class university study.

State-of-the-art campus

Opened in 2019, the Tauranga campus offers a growing range of programmes. This small campus, located in the city centre, is a good option for students looking for a more independent study experience.

Coastal Marine Field Station

The University of Waikato is one of the premier universities in New Zealand for multidisciplinary aquatic science. The Field Station is a hub for a wide range of ground breaking research focused on marine biology and coastal processes, including marine biodiversity, coastal erosion, environmental monitoring, aquaculture, and ecotoxicology.

Explore

Find locally made treats dotted around the city, climb Mt Maunganui to enjoy sweeping views of the Bay of Plenty coastline, take a dip in a natural hot pool or head to nearby Rotorua to experience geysers, Māori culture, mountain biking and more.

Coastal living

With golden sand beaches at your doorstep, you will be spoilt for rock pools, swimming, and surfing spots.

Find out more about Tauranga and the Bay of Plenty region at bayofplentynz.com



View from the top of Mt Maunganui



AREAS OF STUDY

Arts, Psychology, Social Sciences, and Law

Anthropology
Arts and Social Sciences*
Chinese
Climate Change
Creative Writing
Creative Media
Digital Learning
English*
Ethics
Forensic Psychology
French
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Geographic Information Systems
Geography*
Global Arts
History
International Languages and Cultures
International Relations
Japanese
Law*
Linguistics
Media Production
Music
Philosophy*
Political Science
Population Studies
Psychology*
Public Policy
Relational and Inclusive Practices
Screen and Media Studies
Social Policy
Sociology*
Spanish
Theatre Studies
Writing Studies

Business & Management

Accounting*
Agribusiness
Banking, Finance and Technology
Business*
Business Analytics

Communication
Digital Business
Economics*
Finance*
Global Markets
Human Resource Management
International Management
Leadership*
Leadership and Communication
Marketing
Management and Sustainability
Public Relations
Strategic Management
Supply Chain Management
Tourism and Hospitality Management*

Computing and Mathematical Sciences

Applied Computing
Applied Digital Communication
Communication Design
Computer Science*
Data Analytics
Embedded Systems
Esports
Industrial Design
Interface Design
Mathematics
Media Design
Practical Mathematics and Statistics

Education

Education*
Education and Society
Human Development
Māori Education
Teaching

Engineering

Chemical and Biological Engineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Electronic Engineering

Engineering
Environmental Engineering
Materials and Process Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mechatronics Engineering
Software Engineering

Health

Biomedical Sciences
Community Health
Health Promotion*
Healthy Active Living
Human Development
Human Performance Science*
Population Health
Sport Development and Coaching*

Māori and Indigenous Studies

Māori Language/Te Reo Māori
Māori and Indigenous Studies
Pacific and Indigenous Studies

Science

Animal Behaviour
Aquaculture (Marine)
Biochemistry
Biomedical Sciences
Chemistry
Crime Science
Earth Sciences
Ecology and Biodiversity
Electronics
Environmental Planning
Environmental Sciences*
Geology
Materials Processing
Materials Science
Molecular and Cellular Biology
Science

**Globally-ranked subject areas (QS World Subject Rankings 2024)*

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT?

We offer a range of interesting courses, including some that are distinctly New Zealand.

- Climate Change
- Crime Science
- Culture and Power in the Pacific
- Education and New Zealand Society
- Esports
- Freshwater Ecology
- Introducing the Māori World
- Introduction to Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies: The Climate Change Crisis
- International Relations: The Context, Theory and Practice of New Zealand Foreign Policy
- Kapa Haka: Noble Dances of the Māori
- Māori and Treaty History in Professional Practice
- Māori and Pacific Health and Wellbeing
- Marine Ecology
- New Zealand Politics and Policy
- Pacific Migration, Diaspora and Identity
- Planning in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Planning for a Changing Environment
- Sustainability in Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Contexts
- Terrestrial Ecology
- Understanding Crime Events

IMPACT LAB

The Impact Lab bridges academic learning with practical experience. Students enrolled in this programme work in multi-disciplinary teams to tackle real-world sustainability challenges throughout a trimester. Each team has students from a variety of study areas, and one or more staff mentors from either across the university or locally.

Past projects include:

- Climate literacy training for globally mobile students
- Transforming waste into eco-friendly gold
- Saving plywood cut-off's at Action Manufacturing to reduce excess
- Investigating sustainable transport options for students
- Rejuvenating the Trees at the Meteor event for ALL locals to enjoy

Find out more waikato.ac.nz/industry-partners/work-integrated-learning/the-impact-lab/



PAPER CATALOGUE

papers.waikato.ac.nz

At Waikato, we use the term 'papers' instead of 'courses'.

YOUR WAIKATO EXPERIENCE

Gain real-world work experience by interning, researching, or volunteering while studying abroad at the University of Waikato.

STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE

Academic Year

The University operates with a trimester based academic year:

- A Trimester: February to June
- B Trimester: July to November
- C Trimester: November to February.

The core academic year is made up of A and B Trimesters, each offering an 18-week long experience from arrival to departure.

Academic Credit and Workload

A typical full-time workload at Waikato is 60 points per trimester (4 papers at 15 Waikato points each).

Minimum enrolment is 45 points and maximum is 60 points per trimester.

In general, 15 Waikato points = 3 or 4 US credits, or 7.5 ECTS, but please seek further guidance from your home university.

When choosing your papers, be sure that they are taught in your chosen campus and trimester.

A 15 point paper equates to 150 hours of study.

See more about how to read the paper codes, levels, and the types of assessments used in our papers: waikato.ac.nz/study/apply/info-for-new-students/

Entry Requirements

- Minimum B grade average: equivalents vary by country
- English proficiency (if applicable): waikato.ac.nz/study/enrolment/undergraduate-international
- Completed at least two trimesters/semesters at your home university when you start your studies at Waikato.

STUDY + INTERN

Looking for international work experience? The Study + Intern programme allows you to work part-time with a local organisation on a specialised project and gain valuable experience in your field of study. You'll acquire practical skills, and enhance your employability, both at home and in New Zealand. Open to all majors and both study abroad and exchange students can apply.

Internship Experience

Time per week: 15 hours, spread over 2-3 days (the days will depend on your scheduled academic class times)

Total time at internship (unpaid): 180 hours

Workload: You will be enrolled in your academic courses while also interning part-time in a local organisation, please note that this will mean a higher workload overall.

Optional Academic Credit

You have the option to earn academic credit for your internship experience officially represented on your Waikato transcript.

You will need to leave space for one (1) of your papers to be your subject-specific internship paper.

Credit: 15 points at 300 level (3-4 US credits or 7.5 ECTS)

Entry Requirements

3rd year or higher, with some knowledge of your chosen subject internship area.

Internship Placement Cost:	NZD \$1,550
Optional credit:	15 points (3-4 US credits, 7.5 ECTS)
Application Deadline:	A trimester: 15 November B trimester: 1 May



STUDY + RESEARCH

Want to apply your science knowledge to hands-on research and learning? Experience a science research environment, hone your ability to conduct research, all while learning from subject experts.

Programme Highlights:

- Papers: SCIEN 301 (group) or 313 (individual): Undergraduate Research Project (15 points)
- B trimester only (July-November)
- Several projects to choose from (group) and in some cases the flexibility to choose your own research topic (individual)
- Integrate and synthesise prior knowledge and learning, while working effectively in a team environment to contribute to a substantive project
- Work with world-renowned faculty in areas of animal behaviour, chemistry, coastal processes, earth sciences, ecology and biodiversity, environmental sciences, hydrology, and more.

Entry Requirements:

- Science student in your third year or higher
- Some research projects may require specific knowledge or experience with instruments or research methods.

STUDY + VOLUNTEER

Contribute to the Waikato Region all while gaining work-ready skills through volunteer activity, university participation, and workshop attendance. The University of Waikato Employability Plus Award (EPA) gives students the opportunity to work with partner organisations or contribute to campus events.

Partner organisations include Blind Low Vision NZ, Girl Guiding New Zealand, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice Waikato, Red Cross, and Refugee Orientation Centre.

Programme Highlights:

- Be a part of the university experience. Join a club, be a class representative, mentor, or help out at campus events
- Receive an official supplementary record to go alongside your transcript
- Participate in as many opportunities as you can to really make your CV stand out.

Learn more at:

waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroad-options



ENGLISH + STUDY ABROAD

Students who don't quite meet our English language entry requirements for study abroad are encouraged to enrol in our English + Study Abroad programme.

Improve your English by enrolling in an English language programme at The University of Waikato College in order to meet entry requirements for our trimester Study Abroad Programme. Eight to ten weeks of study (one block) is equivalent to a 0.5 increase in IELTS level. Please note, this programme is only available to students who are fee-paying trimester study abroad students. Exchange students are unable to participate due to visa restrictions.

B trimester - Study Abroad

May – June

Eight week intensive English language programme at The University of Waikato College

July – November (B trimester)

Papers in various subjects at the University of Waikato

A trimester - Study Abroad

November – January

Ten week English language programme at The University of Waikato College

February – June (A trimester)

Papers in various subjects at the University of Waikato

See pricing and entry requirements at waikato.ac.nz/go/studyabroad-options

SHORT PROGRAMMES

The University of Waikato offers a range of short programmes designed to provide focused, practical learning experiences that cater to various professional and student interests. Programmes span from a few days to several weeks, and cover areas such as marine science, education, and indigenous. Highlights of these short programmes include industry-relevant content, expert instruction from experienced faculty, and the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning. Participants can benefit from the university's strong connections with industry and its commitment to delivering high-quality, accessible education.

Current programmes on offer:

- Marine Science for Conservation
- Education Internship
- Te Ao Hurihuri (indigenous to indigenous engagement)
- Faculty-Led and Customised

Visit waikato.ac.nz/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/short-programmes

STUDENT SUPPORT AND LIFE

Our campus culture is friendly and relaxed. Experience events by the lake, DJs and live music on the Village Green, and meet friends at one of our on-campus cafés. Join a diverse student community with students from more than 85 countries and feel at home in no time.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Our dedicated International Student Services Office provides assistance to help you make Waikato your home.

The International Student Advisors are here to support you with your adaptation to New Zealand, and answer your questions you may have about your time studying at the University.

The International Student Services Office also organises on-campus and regional events to help you make new friends and see more of New Zealand.

STUDENT CLUBS

There are a variety of student-run clubs and societies for you to join, ranging from academic and cultural clubs, to sports and religion. Clubs Day happens each trimester on Wednesday, in the first week of classes. There you'll have the chance to discover student clubs at Waikato and meet their members! Visit wsu.org.nz/clubs

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION

Your first week at Waikato will be our Academic Orientation, which includes sessions specifically for study abroad and exchange students to make you feel right at home. Begin the week with a traditional Māori pōwhiri (welcome) at our campus marae (meeting grounds), complete your enrolment at the student centre/library, enrol in papers and become familiar with your new local study spots and relevant academic divisions. Your classes will start the week after the Academic Orientation.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

If you're more the creative type, our award-winning Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts offers the opportunity to perform in theatre, dance, and music, and attend events ranging from classical opera, to ballet, and traditional Māori performances.



HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

STUDENT HEALTH

Students can access a range of health services at both Hamilton and Tauranga campuses, including general practice doctors (GPs), sexual health services, meningococcal vaccines, violence prevention, mental health services, and wellbeing tools and strategies.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/health-wellbeing/student-health/

SPIRITUALITY

Support is available for faith and religion on campus. We have Prayer Rooms at both our campuses and local places of worship in Tauranga and Hamilton city for a number of religions, including: Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian (all denominations), Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh. For details, contact Brother Andrew: chaplain@waikato.ac.nz.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/spirituality

ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility Services works collaboratively with students at the University of Waikato to empower individuals with impairments to reach their goals and achieve their full academic potential. Students with impairments or support needs are encouraged to register with Accessibility Services before coming to Waikato or very early in their experience.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/health-and-wellbeing/accessibility-services

GENDER

Recognising our duty in promoting equality of opportunity and furthering social inclusion, the university provides support to those who identify as LGBTIQ+.

The Rainbow Staff/Student Alliance is a group for staff and students and provides a forum for networking, discussion and progression of LGBTIQ+ issues.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/advice-and-support/rainbow-alliance

MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health and wellbeing team provides free short-term mental health and counselling support to all University of Waikato students. The team includes mental health nurses, counsellors, a social worker, and an alcohol and other drug clinician, all providing you the support you need to achieve your health, wellbeing, academic, and personal goals.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/health-wellbeing/student-health/mental-health/

LEARNING NEEDS

Our Student Learning team provides a university wide service to assist students with their academic learning needs.

Dedicated tutors provide personalised free advice and assistance with assignment preparation, referencing and citations, reading, exam preparation, language development or any learning matter.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/student-life/advice-and-support/student-learning





SPORT AND WELLBEING

SPORTS

Whether you're a high performing athlete or want to try something out for the first time, from traditional sports such as rugby, netball, or cricket to more niche sports such as Esports, fencing, and parkour, there is something for everyone!

Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/sport/clubs/

WELLBEING HUB

The Wellbeing Hub is a space for all students to chill, participate in activities, study and generally take time to rest and recharge.

Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/health-wellbeing/wellbeing-hub/

ADAMS CENTRE

For high performing athletes, the University of Waikato Adams Centre, in Tauranga, offers world-class facilities, equipped with the latest in sports science and research capability.

Visit uowadamshpc.co.nz/

UNIREC

Based at the Hamilton campus, Unirec provides a great range of exercise facilities and expertise to students and staff. With a sports hall, classes, cardio and weights room, personal trainers, and a traditional gym.

Visit unirec.co.nz/

FACILITIES

Waikato boasts the largest sports fields out of all other NZ universities. Students have access to squash courts, an outdoor fitness area, tennis, netball and basketball courts, among many other outdoor facilities!

Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/sport/sports-facilities/

WAHINE (WOMEN) MOVEMENT

Wāhine is the māori word for women – join the Waikato Wāhine Movement, designed to get women moving their body, their way. With dedicated women only events and training opportunities, meet the amazing women at Waikato while moving your body!

Visit waikato.ac.nz/students/sport-and-wellbeing/waikato-wahine-movement/

ACCOMMODATION

At Waikato, on-campus accommodation is guaranteed* for study abroad and exchange students.

Living on campus provides the ultimate Kiwi student experience - it's a great way to meet new people and immerse yourself in student life. Plus, you're never more than a 10 minute walk from class. If you're looking to improve your English or want a home away from home, try a homestay and live with a New Zealand family.

HAMILTON ACCOMMODATION

College Hall 🍷🍳

College Hall is the largest hall and most recently renovated. It has modern lounges on each floor for study and leisure. It's close to the schools of Management, Education, and Law, as well as the swimming pool and sports courts.



Student Village 🍷🍳

Student Village is unique in that students live in pods of six residents meaning your pod becomes like your family while you're in the hall. It is located closest to the schools of Arts and Sciences, UniRec gym, Student Centre, and Village Green.



Bryant Hall 🍷🍳

Bryant Hall is the smallest hall, creating a tight-knit community of residents and staff who all look out for each other and are focused on balancing study and the student lifestyle. It's close to the schools of Arts and Sciences, UniRec gym, Student Centre, and Village Green.



Silverdale Apartments 🍳

Perfect for a more independent student who is after privacy with the convenience of living on campus. These apartments are equipped with a kitchen, bathroom, queen bed and a living/study space. Students can also access the nearby shared facilities at Orchard Park including; TV room, pool table, table tennis and BBQ area.



Orchard Park 🍳

Orchard Park is designed for students who want to live in a flatting situation with a good balance between meeting new people and being independent, while enjoying the security of being on campus. All rooms at Orchard Park are self-catered. Each cottage has its own living, dining and kitchen areas, and there is a recreation room for all residents to use. Orchard Park is popular with second to fourth year students, international and postgraduate students.



Bleakley Place Apartments 🍳

Live like a local student in a flat (house) located across the road from the university. Each student will have their own bedroom, and will share living and kitchen spaces with their 'flatmates'.



TAURANGA ACCOMMODATION

Selwyn Street Studios 🍳

Our newly-built studios are located just a 5-minute walk from our Tauranga Campus. Students enjoy views over the harbour and the privacy of their own en-suite bathroom. Rooms also include a king single bed, desk, chair, bookshelf, wardrobe, mini fridge and there's free Wi-Fi. This complex is self-catered.



OTHER ACCOMMODATION

Homestay: Hamilton and Tauranga 🍷

Students can also choose the homestay option and live with a New Zealand family. We have a wonderful network of families and this is a great way to learn more about Kiwi culture. It's also an excellent option for non-native English speakers to practise their English. You will have your own furnished room.



Accommodation applications must be submitted before the application deadline to be guaranteed a place. Deadlines on page 22.

🍷 Fully catered 🍳 Self-catered



Scan the QR code
to learn more

HOW DO I APPLY?

- 1 The first step is to talk to your home university's education abroad office or your chosen education consultant. They will be able to advise you of their internal processes and make sure you meet their requirements to study abroad.
- 2 Check that you meet our entry requirements listed on the page titled "Your Waikato Experience" (page 14 in this guide)
- 3 Apply online waikato.ac.nz/study/international/study-abroad-exchange/apply/ to enrol with Waikato.

To apply you will need:

- An official copy of your university transcript
- Copy of your passport (or other identification)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (if applicable) waikato.ac.nz/study/apply/undergraduate-international/
- An approximate paper selection

Your Offer of Place (formal or conditional) will be issued in your "MyWaikato" account.

If your offer is conditional, please submit requested documentation ASAP so that your 'formal' offer can be issued.

- 4 Once your formal offer has been issued: Accept your offer in "MyWaikato"
- 5 Formally submit your paper selection for approval. Submit your top 4 (or 3) papers
- 6 Follow prompts to accept your enrolment until it doesn't allow you to go any further.

Likely an 'error' will appear and 'sanctions' will appear on your account.

The sanctions will reference your passport and student visa. This is normal. They will disappear when you arrive on campus and complete the enrolment process in person.
- 7 Pay your tuition fees to Waikato (unless you're an exchange student or payment is filtered through your home university)
- 8 Receive a tuition receipt for your visa application (if Immigration New Zealand request one).
- 9 Arrive at the university in person and complete enrolment using your passport and student visa.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Check with your home university, as they likely have an earlier internal application deadline. Deadlines applicable to the applications for Enrolling, Accommodation, and the Study + Intern Programme are listed below:

Nomination deadline

- A Trimester (February – June): November 1
- B Trimester (July – November): April 1

Application to enrol to study

- A Trimester (February – June): December 1
- B Trimester (July – November): May 1

Accommodation

- A trimester - Opens: 1 August - Due: 1 December
- B trimester - Opens: 1 April - Due: 1 May

Internship (part-time)

- A trimester - 15 November
- B trimester - 1 May

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CODE OF PRACTICE

The University of Waikato has agreed to observe and be bound by The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. Copies of the Code are available from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at [education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz)

APPLY ONLINE



LIVING COSTS AND FEES

TUITION AND FEES

Fee-paying Study Abroad Students

Study abroad students pay a fixed study abroad fee that includes:

- Tuition
- Student Services Levy
- Official Transcript
- Airport pick-up on arrival (if applicable)

2025 trimester fee: \$13,850 NZD

Consult your home university about the Waikato study abroad fee that's applicable to you or visit our Tuition Fees & Other Costs page.



Exchange Students

Exchange students are not required to pay tuition to Waikato, as this is paid to your home university. Check here if your university is an exchange partner to Waikato. The free airport pick-up on arrival is available to exchange students.



OTHER COSTS

Student health insurance: NZD \$508 (per trimester)

(All international students are required by New Zealand law to purchase student health insurance).

Please note, these values are subject to change.

LIVING COSTS

Hamilton is a very affordable city in comparison to New Zealand's larger metropolitan areas. Below is an indication of how much a trimester (18 weeks) might cost a student for their living costs, including accommodation, food, local travel and minor fun activities.

The more you save, the more you will be able to explore New Zealand and participate in activities.

Approximate living costs:

- \$11,000 NZD
- €6,150 Euro
- \$6,500 USD
- \$8,900 SGD

For a more comprehensive breakdown of costs scan the QR code



BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Up to USD\$5,000

Open to US citizens who are undergraduate students and receive the Pell Grant. Education New Zealand has committed additional funding to support Gilman scholars to study in New Zealand. Applications are due early October for A Trimester and early March for B Trimester. Apply at gilmanscholarship.org.

GET IN TOUCH



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