



University
of Otago

ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST UNIVERSITY



Study Abroad & Exchange at
New Zealand's first university

2027 - 2028

Kia ora! Welcome to the University of Otago, New Zealand

A once in a lifetime experience.

Immerse yourself in the New Zealand culture here in Oceania's only true student city. Discover our unique Kiwi hospitality and an energy and atmosphere you won't find anywhere else.

Embark on a culturally enriching adventure guaranteed to expand your worldview and broaden your horizons.

New Zealand's iconic natural environment and picturesque landscapes await you.

The University of Otago is an approved signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.





New Zealand at a glance

Population: 5 million

Languages: English, Te Reo Māori, NZ Sign Language

3rd safest country in the world¹

3rd in the world for Human Freedom²

1. Global Peace Index 2025 2. Human Freedom Index 2025 3. Transparency International 2025



4th least corrupt in the world³

4th most gender-equal country in the world⁴

25th on the Global Sustainable
Competitiveness Index⁵

26th most innovative country in the world⁶



4. World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Report 2025 5. Global Sustainable Competitiveness Index 2025
6. Economist Intelligence Unit 2019

Our location – Dunedin city Otago's main campus

Population 130,000

Welcome to Ōtepoti Dunedin! Ōtepoti is the Māori name used for the city and refers to the upper harbour area where Dunedin city was developed.

A walkable city

Dunedin is located on the East Coast of New Zealand's South Island, and unlike larger cities, you don't need a car to get around. It's a 10-minute walk from the University into the centre of town, and Dunedin has an extensive inner and outer-city bus network that makes it easy to explore. Most of our cafés, music venues, boutique stores, museums and galleries are just a short walk from campus.

Wildlife capital of New Zealand

Dunedin is home to an amazing variety of unique wildlife, such as the Yellow-Eyed Penguin, New Zealand Sea Lion and the Royal Albatross. The coastal terrain, secluded beaches and bush clad hills of the Otago Peninsula are the perfect backdrop for students to connect with nature.





Gateway to New Zealand's best

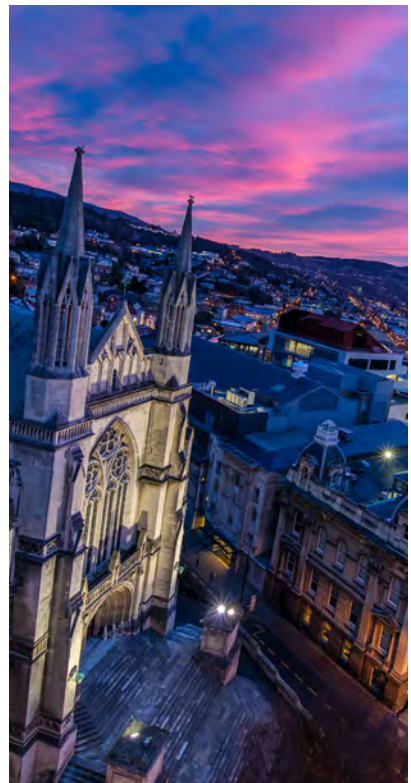
No other university campus in New Zealand has the same range, quality and accessibility of outdoor activities. From surfing and kayaking to mountain biking and snowboarding, students love to make the most of their free time and weekends here at Otago.

Getting around the South Island

Dunedin's proximity to some of New Zealand's most iconic natural scenery makes travelling easy. Within a 3.5-hour drive, find yourself in Queenstown – the adventure capital of the world and the perfect setting for skydiving, skiing, bungee jumping and white-water rafting. Visit Fiordland, one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand, and experience the "Great Walks" of the Routeburn, Milford and Kepler tracks – just a 4.5 hour drive away.

Small city, big personality

We might be a small city, but we don't sacrifice on fun. From world-famous performers and international sports events at New Zealand's largest stadium, to a burgeoning local culinary, cultural and arts scene – there is something for everyone, no matter your interests. Discover more of what Dunedin has to offer at dunedinnz.com



Dunedin city

Adventure on your doorstep





Flagstaff walking track



St Clair beach



Otago Peninsula



New Zealand's
only true student city



The Octagon



Forsyth Barr Stadium



Dunedin Airport



Heritage Coffee Cafe

Gateway to New Zealand's best





Blue Pools



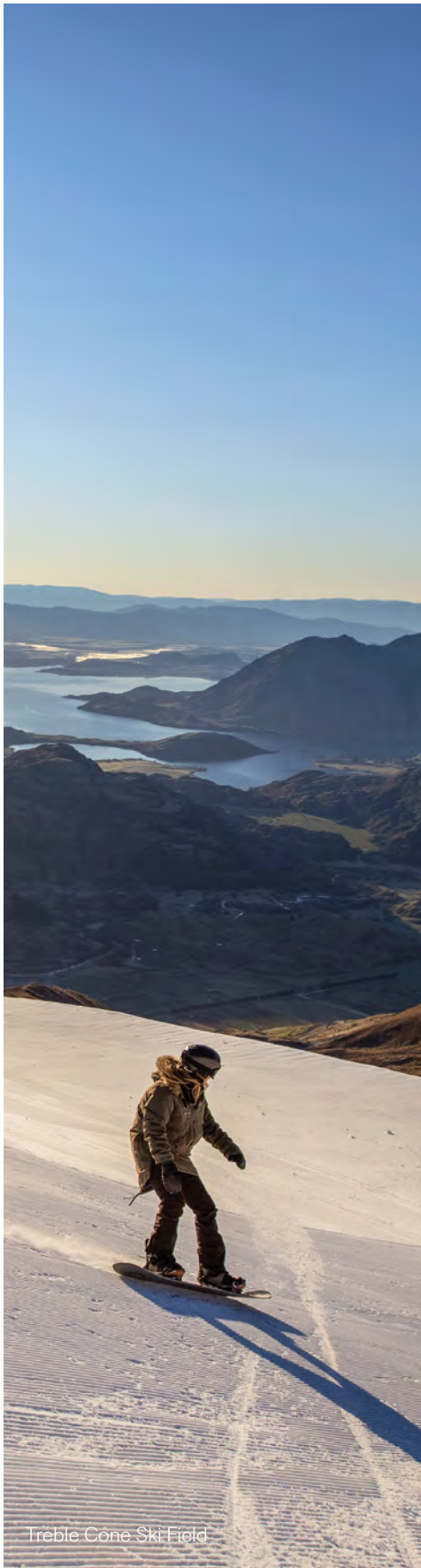
Lake Wanaka



Moke Lake

Explore the stunning South Island





Treble Cone Ski Field



Lake Tekapo



Queenstown

Why Otago?

New Zealand's first university





#1

In New Zealand for Student Academic Performance
(TEC Educational Performance Indicators 2025).

155th

TIME World's Top Universities 2026

197th

QS World University Rankings 2026

17th

Most photogenic university in the world
(MSN 2025)

86%

Of our students move to Dunedin from across New Zealand, and the world (from over 90 countries) to study at the University of Otago.

110th

In the world (QS Sustainability Rankings 2026).

170+

Student clubs and societies.

200+

Undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

Otago Rankings

Ranked 155th | 197th in the world

TIME Magazine 2026

QS World Rankings 2026

Top 50 universities in the world for:

Dentistry & Oral Sciences

#21 best in the world

Sports-Related subjects

#22 best in the world

Anatomy and Physiology

#36 best in the world

Hospitality and Leisure

Management

#50 best in the world

Top 51-100 universities in the world for:

Archaeology

Classics and Ancient History

Philosophy

Theology, Divinity & Religious Studies

Source: QS World Rankings 2026, QS World Rankings by Subject 2026, Shanghai Academic Subject Rankings 2025



Top 101-150 universities
in the world for:

Anthropology

Earth Sciences

Food Science & Technology

Life Sciences & Medicine

Nursing

Pharmacy & Pharmacology

Public Health

Top 151-200 universities
in the world for:

Agriculture and Forestry

English Language & Literature

Law & Legal Studies

Geography

Medicine

Psychology



What can I study at Otago?

With more than 3500 courses to choose from across Commerce, Humanities, Sciences and Health Sciences, there's something for everyone. The next few pages feature some popular themes and course options for our incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students. Keep an eye out for fieldwork and New Zealand/Pacific focused options to maximise your time here.







New Zealand Focused Fieldwork courses

At Otago, fieldwork isn't an add-on - it's part of the culture. With a high concentration of opportunities across disciplines, students don't just learn about the world, they get out into it. From rugged coastlines to native bush, the natural environment becomes your classroom. Our uncapped field classes mean more students can take part and gain hands-on experience that brings theory to life. Whether it's a day trip or an extended expedition, fieldwork at Otago is immersive, accessible, and woven into the fabric of the student experience.

ANTH324 Archaeological Practice

Focuses on archaeological field methods, resource management, and cultural heritage practices. Includes practical training in site mapping and data collection during a supervised visit to a local archaeological site.

BTNY202 Plant and Fungal Diversity

Explores the diversity and evolutionary relationships of land plants and fungi, particularly within a New Zealand context. Field studies at local sites support the identification and understanding of key species.

BTNY203 Marine and Freshwater Botany

Covers the taxonomy, ecology, and physiology of aquatic plants and algae across marine and freshwater environments. Fieldwork includes observation and sampling in coastal and riparian zones.

EAOSIII Earth and Ocean Science

Introduces Earth system science, covering the ocean, atmosphere, climate, plate tectonics, and the impact of human activity. Includes practical exploration of regional geological and environmental features through two local field days.

ECOL212 Ecological Applications

Applies ecological theory to contemporary environmental issues and management practices. A weekend field course provides opportunities to apply concepts in practical ecological assessments and planning.

ECOL313 Ecology Field Course

Offers in-depth training in ecological research methods, sampling techniques, and data analysis. Students participate in a seven-day residential field course involving hands-on ecological research under academic supervision.

GEOL112 Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective

Explores the dynamic geological processes shaping our planet, including plate tectonics, natural hazards, Earth structure, and the formation of New Zealand (Zealandia). Emphasis is placed on real-world examples from the local landscape. The paper includes three full-day weekend field trips to explore geological features firsthand.

GEOL252 Field Studies and NZ Geology

Develops practical skills in geological mapping and interpretation, with a focus on New Zealand's geological history and structures. Includes two residential field camps in Central Otago and Fiordland for intensive hands-on learning.

GEOL273 Modern and Ancient Sedimentary Systems

Examines sediment transport and deposition in both modern and ancient environments, with connections to climate change, tectonics, and glaciation. Students participate in two back-to-back weekend day trips along the South Otago Coast to study sedimentary systems in the field.

MARI112 Marine Biology: The Living Ocean

An introduction to the physical, chemical, and biological processes that shape life in the oceans. Covers marine biodiversity, ocean formation, and human impacts. Includes hands-on fieldwork and practical sessions aboard the University's research vessels, offering real-world experience in marine science.

MARI322 Coastal and Shelf Seas Oceanography

Focuses on the biological and physical interactions in ocean systems, with attention to productivity and the distribution of marine organisms. Field experiences in coastal and open ocean environments provide practical insight into oceanographic research.



TOUR219 Destination Management

Focuses on the management and development of tourism destinations, with topics including accessibility, demand, sustainability, stakeholder collaboration, and crisis response. The paper includes a three-day field experience working with tourism operators and planners.

TOUR306 Ecotourism and Sustainable Development

Explores the principles and practices of ecotourism and nature-based tourism, with an emphasis on sustainable development, community involvement, and conservation. Students may visit an operational site to gain insight into real-world ecotourism management.

ZOOL221 Animal Designs for Living

Examines the structural diversity and adaptations of animal phyla, using examples from local fauna. Field experiences are used to gather observational and experimental data for analysis and reporting.





New Zealand Māori/Pacific Focused courses

Otago's NZ and Pacific-focused courses offer a distinctive academic experience, grounded in place and enriched by Māori and Pacific perspectives. From indigenous identities and regional politics to ecology, health, performance art and language, these papers bring local context to global conversations. We invite students to broaden their worldview while gaining insight into the unique cultural and environmental landscape of Aotearoa New Zealand and the wider South Pacific.

ANTH 204 - Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology

This course explores the Pacific's archaeological history, from the first human arrivals 50,000 years ago to the nineteenth-century colonial era, tracing the vast maritime migrations from Southeast Asia to Aotearoa.

ANTH205 - Anthropology and the Contemporary Pacific

An introduction to contemporary Pacific cultures, exploring social and environmental change, human rights, and resilience through ethnography and case studies.

HIST206 - An Introduction to Pacific History

This paper explores the diverse histories of the Pacific by following the movement of people, things and ideas - between islands, with nations on the ocean's rim and with the wider world. Key themes include maritime explorations, cross-cultural encounters, colonial rule and political, social and environmental change.

INDS301 - Indigenous Governance and Ethics

This paper engages with ideas of Indigenous development, governance and ethics through learning about how cultural, social, environmental and economic variables work towards effecting intergenerational development for Indigenous peoples.

INDS307 - Ancient East Polynesian Histories

Topics in ancient pre-contact Indigenous histories of selected East Polynesian societies, such as Aotearoa/New Zealand, Cook Islands and Hawai'i.

MAOH201 - Hauora Māori in Practice: Working with Individuals and Whānau

An introductory to provide students with a foundation in theory and practice for roles engaging with Māori as individuals and whānau in health, disability and social sectors.

MAOR102 - Māori Society

An introduction to the theory and practice of Māori culture and society in traditional and contemporary contexts.

MAOR108 - Waiata: Te Timatanga

An introductory study of various forms of waiata (Māori performing art) including haka from traditional to contemporary times. A practicum component is also included.

MAOR110 - Introduction to Conversation Māori

An introduction to Māori language with emphasis on pronunciation, greetings and forms of language in particular cultural contexts.

MAOR202 - Māori and Tikanga

An examination of Māori culture in traditional and contemporary contexts.

MAOR203 - Ngāi Tahu Society

An introduction to traditional Ngāi Tahu society, covering lifestyles, mythical ancestors, whakapapa, and food, with field trips to important local sites.



MAOR204 - Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The history and politics of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) in both its historical and contemporary contexts which advance an Indigenous position.

MAOR207 - Ngā Kōrero Nehe - Tribal Histories

Explore Māori tribal histories and the traditions used to pass them down through generations. This paper focuses on oral narratives, whakapapa, and the cultural significance of these histories in shaping Māori identity and preserving knowledge.

MAOR213 - Te Mana o Te Reo

This paper explores the history of Māori in education and the development and status of the Māori language within the education system. It examines the period from 1816 to the present day, from the introduction of Western education by missionaries to the Māori Renaissance and ongoing assertions of indigenous sovereignty.

MAOR327 - Ngā Pakanga Nunui: New Zealand Wars

An investigation into New Zealand's nineteenth-century colonial conflicts, including their causes and repercussions.

PACII01 - Pacific Societies

An introduction to selected Pacific societies in traditional and contemporary contexts, with a focus on indigenous perspectives.

PACII03 - Languages and Cultures of the Pacific

An introduction to a select Pacific language. In 2025: An introduction to Tongan language and culture. It focuses on the main aspects of the Tongan culture as well as basic conversational and written Tongan in the New Zealand context.

PACI201 - Contemporary Pacific Island Issues

Contemporary social, political and economic issues affecting peoples living in the Pacific region. Focus on urbanisation, land, poverty, climate change and social issues.

PACI301 - Gafa o Tagata Pasifika - Pacific Diaspora in New Zealand

The Pacific diaspora living in New Zealand, including issues such as identity, culture, spirituality, education and contemporary music.

PACI310 - Special Topic: Pacific People, Climate Change and Power

Explores diverse perspectives of climate change in the Pacific, focusing on power dynamics, activists and community movements, intergenerational narratives and research through the lenses of relevant Pacific methods and methodologies.

POLS319 - Te Tiriti/Treaty Politics

Explores key Treaty of Waitangi issues, including settlements, Crown-Māori relations, and contemporary topics like constitutional reform, representation, and social policy.

RELS111 - Māori Spirituality and the World's Religions

A uniquely Aotearoa New Zealand introduction to Māori and global spiritual traditions, exploring how they shape daily life, ethics, and social connections.

Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

AGRI 101	Agricultural Innovation	GEOG 281	Topics in Physical Geography
AGRI 221	New Zealand Agriculture ●	GEOG 282	Climate Change: Present and Future
AGRI 321	Agriculture Production and Food Security	GEOG 288	Rivers and Runoff
AGRI 322	Innovation and Healthy Soils	GEOG 298	Coastal Geomorphology
ECOL 111	Ecology and Conservation Diversity	GEOG 376	Geographies of Contestation, Action and Change
ECON 207	Environmental Economics	GEOG 384	Envisioning Sustainable Cities
ENVI 111	Environment and Society	GEOG 388	Climate Change: Present and Future
ENVI 211	Environmental History of New Zealand ●	GEOG 394	Rivers and Runoff
ENVI 311	Understanding Environmental Issues	GEOG 397	Environmental Management: Policy and Practice
ENVI 312	Interdisciplinary Aspects of Climate Change	GEOG 398	Coastal Geomorphology
FINC 320	Sustainable Investing	GEOG 465	Advanced Topics in Structural Geology
FOSC 111	Food in a Changing World	GLBL 201	Cultures of the Environment
FOSC 201	Food Components, Processing and Functionality	MANT 337	Organisations and Sustainability
GEOG 102	Geographies of Sustainable Futures	PHIL 235	Environmental Philosophy
GEOG 215	Envisioning Sustainable Cities	PHSI 243	Environmental Physics
GEOG 216	Environmental Management: Principles and Values	POLS 224	Current Issues in Environmental Politics
GEOG 228	Geographies of Global Development and Sustainability	POLS 307	Nature, Conflict and the State
GEOG 265	Natural Hazards of NZ and Beyond ●●	SURV 303	Urban Design 1
GEOG 276	Geographies of Contestation, Action and Change	TOUR 306	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development ●

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/study/subjects/environment-climate-change-and-sustainability

Key

Fieldwork ●

New Zealand focused ●

Marine Science, Animals and Life Sciences

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

ANTH 321	Archaeozoology	MARI 112	Marine Biology: The Living Ocean ●
AQFI 352	Fisheries Ecology	MARI 201	Oceanography: The Physical Ocean
BIOA 101	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	MARI 202	Ecology and Biology of Marine Invertebrates ●●
BIOL 112	Animal Biology	MARI 301	Marine Ecology and Ecosystems ●
BIOL 123	Plants: How They Shape the World	MARI 302	Biology and Behaviour of Marine Vertebrates ●
BITC 202	Animal Ethics	MARI 322	Coastal and Shelf Seas Oceanography ●
BTNY 201	Plant Functional Biology and Biotechnology	PLBI 301	Applied Plant Science
BTNY 202	Plant and Fungal Diversity ●	ZOOL 221	Animal Designs for Living ●
BTNY 203	Marine and Freshwater Botany ●	ZOOL 222	Evolutionary Biology
BTNY 301	Plant Ecology ●	ZOOL 223	Animal Physiology
BTNY 302	Plant Interactions	ZOOL 313	Animal Function and Environment
BTNY 461	Plant Physiology and Biotechnology	ZOOL 314	Neurobiology
ECOL 111	Ecology and Conservation of Diversity ●	ZOOL 315	Behavioural and Evolutionary Ecology
ECOL 211	Ecology of Communities and Ecosystems ●	ZOOL 316	Biological Data Analysis and Computing
ECOL 212	Ecological Applications ●	ZOOL 318	Freshwater Ecology ●
ECOL 313	Ecology Field Course* ●	ZOOL 319	Conservation Biology
ECOL 321	Ecology of Species Introductions and Invasions ●	ZOOL 422	Advanced Topics in Animal Behaviour

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/study/subjects/animals-and-life-sciences

*The fieldwork component of this paper commences prior to Semester 1 start.

Physical Sciences

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

ASTR 101	Introduction to Astronomy	GEOL 252	Field Studies and NZ Geology* ●
CHEM 111	Chemistry: Molecular Architecture	GEOL 265	Natural Hazards of NZ and Beyond ●●
CHEM 201	Physical Chemistry and its Applications	GEOL 273	Modern and Ancient Sedimentary Systems ●
CHEM 202	Organic Chemistry	GEOL 353	Earth Evolution and Plate Tectonics
CHEM 206	Analytical Chemistry 1	MATH 201	Real Analysis
CHEM 301	Physical Chemistry	MATH 202	Linear Algebra
CHEM 302	Organic Chemistry 2	MATH 203	Calculus of Several Variables
CHEM 303	Inorganic and Organometallic Chemistry	PHSI 131	Fundamentals of Physics I
CHEM 306	Analytical Chemistry 2	PHSI 132	Fundamentals of Physics II
EAOS 111	Earth and Ocean Science ●	PHSI 221	Classical and Quantum Mechanics
EMAN 201	Thermoprocesses 1	PHSI 222	Electromagnetism
EMAN 204	Renewable Energy Technologies	PHSI 331	Quantum, Atomic and Particle Physics
GEOG 101	Physical Geography ●	PHSI 341	Thermal and Condensed Matter Physics
GEOG 102	Geographies of Sustainable Futures	PHSI 343	Waves in Physical Systems
GEOG 289	Coastal Geomorphology	PHSI 381	Experimental Physics II
GEOG 397	Environmental Management: Policy and Practice ●●	SURV 120	Surveying and Spatial Science ●
GEOL 112	Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective ●●	SURV 130	People, Place and the Built Environment
GEOL 251	Minerals and Rocks		

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/study/subjects/physical-sciences

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Fieldwork ●

New Zealand focused ●

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Technology, Information and Computer Science

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

AIML 401	Programming for Artificial Intelligence	INFO 302	Information Systems Strategy and Governance
ASIA 201	Asian Popular Cultures	INFO 310	Software Project Management
COMO 101	Modelling and Computation	MATH 140	Fundamentals of Modern Mathematics
COMO 204	Differential Equations	MATH 342	Modern Algebra
COMO 303	Numerical Methods	MATH 424	Techniques in Applied Mathematics I
COMP 151	Programming for Scientists	PHSI 365	Computational Physics
COMP 210	Information Assurance	SPEX 311	Sports Technology
COSC 201	Algorithms and Data Structures	STAT 110	Statistical Methods
COSC 202	Software Development	STAT 210	Applied Statistics
COSC 203	Web, Databases, and Networks	STAT 260	Visualisation and Modelling in R
COSC 204	Computer Systems	STAT 270	Probability and Inference
COSC 301	Network Management and Security	STAT 310	Statistical Modelling
COSC 312	Cryptography and Security	STAT 312	Modelling High Dimensional Data
COSC 326	Computational Problem Solving	STAT 370	Statistical Inference
COSC 341	Theory of Computing	STAT 404	Advanced Statistical Inference
COSC 342	Visual Computing: Graphics & Vision	STAT 435	Data Analysis for Bioinformatics
COSC 343	Artificial Intelligence	SURV 204	Land Development Engineering
COSC 344	Database Theory and Applications	SURV 220	Geographic Information Science
COSC 345	Software Engineering	SURV 314	3D Reality Capture
COSC 349	Cloud Computing Architecture	SURV 319	Spatial Algorithms and Programming
INFO 203	Human-Computer Interaction and User Experience	SURV 320	Spatial Analysis and Visualisation
INFO 204	Introduction to Data Science		

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/cosc

Sport, Nutrition and Wellbeing

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

ANAT 101	Anatomy for Sport Exercise	SPEX 202	Motor Behaviour
FOSC214	Psychology of Food	SPEX 203	Exercise Physiology
HUNT 141	Understanding Human Nutrition	SPEX 204	Psychology of Sport and Exercise
HUNT 241	Fundamentals of Nutrients and Health	SPEX 205	Physical Activity and Health
HUNT 243	Lifecycle Nutrition	SPEX 206	Te Pū o te Ora: Māori Physical Education and Health ●
HUNT 245	Sport and Exercise Nutrition	SPEX 207	Understanding Sports Coaching ●
HUNT 246	Applied Nutrition	SPEX 208	Sociology of Sport and Exercise
HUNT 345	Applied Sports Nutrition	SPEX 209	Sport Development and Management
MART 207	Sports Marketing	SPEX 301	Performance Analysis
PACH 201	Pacific Health: New Zealand and the Pacific Region ●	SPEX 304	Sport Psychology
PHSL 101	Physiology for Sport and Exercise	SPEX 305	Athletic Conditioning and Rehabilitation
PUBH 202	Health Promotion ●	SPEX 307	Coaching, Leadership and Mentoring
SOCI 209	Health and Society	SPEX 308	Psychology of Physical Activity
SPEX 101	Sport, Science and Society	SPEX 309	Active Living and Environment
SPEX 102	Principles of Exercise for Health and Performance	TOUR 216	Sport Tourism
SPEX 201	Biomechanics		

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/spnu



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Fieldwork ●

New Zealand focused ●

Health and Biomedical Sciences

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

ANAT 241	Human Biology: Cells to Systems	HUBS 191	Human Body Systems 1
ANAT 331	Functional Anatomy	HUNT 141	Understanding Human Nutrition
ANAT 335	Neurobiology	MICR 221	Microbes to Medicine
BIOA 101	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	MICR 223	Infection and Immunity
BIOC 192	Foundations of Biochemistry	MICR 334	Advanced Immunology
BIOC 221	Molecular Biology	MICR 335	Molecular Microbiology
BIOC 222	Proteins in Industry and Medicine	MICR 337	Virology
BIOC 223	Cellular Biochemistry and Metabolism	MICR 464	Medical Microbiology and Immunology
BIOC 351	Advanced Protein Biochemistry	NEUR 201	Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience
BIOC 352	Advanced Molecular Biology and Bioinformatics	NEUR 303	Neuroendocrinology
BIOC 463	Contemporary Technologies in Biochemistry	NEUR456	Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Neuroscience
BITC 201	Bioethics and the Life Sciences	PATH 201	Foundations in Human Pathology
BITC 301	Bioethics: Healthcare Issues and Global Perspectives	PHAL241	Pharmacology: Drugs to Medicine
BMSC 307	Selected Topics in Neurobiology	PHSI 191	Biological Physics
CELS 191	Cell and Molecular Biology	POPH 192	Population Health
CHEM 205	Biological and Medicinal Chemistry 1	PSCI 201	Pharmaceutical Chemistry
CHEM 305	Biological and Medicinal Chemistry 2	PSCI 302	Medicinal Chemistry
CMHC 201	Human Health Across the Lifespan	PSME 201	Human Sexuality and Health
FORS 201	Analytical and Forensic Science	PUBH 203	Health Policy and Politics: Global and Local
GENE 221	Molecular and Microbial Genetics	PUBH 204	Hauora Māori Challenges and Opportunities (Māori public health) ●
GENE 222	Genes, Chromosomes and Populations	PUBH 211	Epidemiology of Global Health Conditions
GENE 223	Developmental and Applied Genetics	PUBH 311	Public Health Research
GENE 315	Genomes	STAT 115	Introduction to Biostatistics
GENE 412	Current Topics in Genetics		

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/study/subjects/health-and-biomedical-sciences

Business, Tourism, Marketing and Management

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

ACCT 211	Financial Accounting and Reporting	MANT 250	Managing People
ACCT222	Cost and Management Accounting	MANT 251	Managing Organisations
ACCT 260	Introduction to Accounting Analytics	MANT 252	Developing Responsible Leadership
ACTP 312	Taxation Practice	MANT 301	Managing Innovation and Growth
BSNS 111	Business and Society ●	MANT 303	Entrepreneurship
BSNS 114	Financial Decision Making	MANT 330	Leadership and Change
ECON 112	Principles of Macroeconomics	MANT 332	International Management ●
ECON 201	Microeconomics	MANT 337	Organisations and Sustainability
ECON 206	The World Economy	MANT 340	Indigenous Management and Organisation
ECON 271	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory	MANT 342	Global Business Strategy
ECON 301	Labour Economics	MART 112	Marketing
ECON 302	International Trade	MART 201	Integrated Marketing Communications
ECON 303	Economics of Developing Countries	MART 207	Sports Marketing ●
ECON 306	Economics of Health and Education	MART 210	Consumer Marketing
ECON 308	Public Economics	MART 211	Products to Market
ECON 377	Mathematical Economics	MART 212	Understanding Markets
ENTR 111	Responsible Entrepreneurship	MART 304	Sales and Sales Management
ENTR 112	Business Model Development and Innovation	MART 306	Market-Led Innovation
ENTR 211	Entrepreneurial Capital and Valuation	MART 308	Integrated Digital Marketing
ENTR 212	Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Practice	MART 328	Business to Business Marketing
FINC 203	Financial Data Analysis	MART 449	Creative Marketing for Behaviour Change, Sustainability and Social Good
FINC 206	Fundamentals of Corporate Finance	PMAN 401	Project Management
FINC 302	Applied Investments	TOUR 101	Introduction to Tourism ●
FINC 305	International Financial Management	TOUR 102	Global Tourism
FINC 306	Derivatives	TOUR 217	Tourist Behaviour
FOSC 112	Introduction to Food Marketing	TOUR 219	Destination Management ●
GEOG 216	Environmental Management: Principles and Values	TOUR 301	Cultural and Heritage Tourism ●
MANT 101	Managing for Performance	TOUR 305	Tourism Product Development
MANT 217	International Management	TOUR 306	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development
MANT 222	Interpersonal/International Business Communication ●		

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Fieldwork ●

New Zealand focused ●

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/apply/tour

History and Anthropology

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

ANTH 103	Introduction to Anthropology	GLBL 110	Mapping our Interconnected World
ANTH 105	Global and Local Cultures	GLBL 201	Cultures of the Environment
ANTH 106	Human Origins and Civilisations	GLBL 202	A World of Stories: Global Storytelling in the Digital Age
ANTH 203	Asian Archaeology	HIST 102	The Global Twentieth Century
ANTH 204	Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology ●	HIST 107	New Zealand in the World from the 18th Century ●
ANTH 205	Anthropology and the Contemporary Pacific	HIST 108	From Medieval to Modern Europe
ANTH 321	Archaeozoology	HIST 123	Revolutions
ANTH 330	New Zealand Archaeology ●	HIST 229	Darwin versus God? Science and Society, 1789–1914
BIOA 301	Biological Anthropology of the Human Skeleton	HIST 244	New Zealand Society and Religion ●
CLAS 105	Greek Mythology	HIST 245	Global Migrations: From Slavery to Refugees
CLAS 108	Classical Art and Archaeology: Of Heroes, Gods and Men	HIST 303	Modern India
CLAS 109	Roman Social History: Gladiators, Sex Workers, and the Enslaved	HIST 308	New Zealand Society and Religion ●
CLAS 238	Fantasies, Phobias and Families in Graeco-Roman Myth	HIST 328	Irish and Scottish Migrations in the 19th and 20th Centuries
EURO 202	The Culture of the European City	HIST 347	Empires Strike Back: A Global History of Decolonization
EURO 302	International Trade	LING 111	A World of Languages
GEOG 280	Engaging with People and Place: Doing Geographical Research	LING 217	What's Behind Language: Sound and Structure

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/study/subjects/history-philosophy-people-and-society

Psychology, Criminology, Sociology, Law and Gender

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

BLAW 212	Business Law Relating to Obligations	PSYC 210	Principles of Psychological Research
CRIM 101	Crime, Deviance and Social Transformation	PSYC 211	Brain and Cognition
CRIM 201	Crime, Justice and Society	PSYC 212	Social and Applied Psychology
CRIM 202	Theories of Justice	PSYC 311	Quantitative Methods
CRIM 203	Decolonising Criminology	PSYC 313	Cognition and Neuropsychology
CRIM 209	Critical Victimology	PSYC 315	Social Psychology
CRIM 214	Power, Inequality and Social Harm	PSYC 318	Developmental Psychology
CRIM 225	Crime and the Media	PSYC 319	Comparative Cognition
CRIM 236	The Treaty and Social Services	PSYC 323	Sensation and Perception
CRIM 301	Theories of Punishment	PSYC 324	Health Psychology
CRIM 311	Interventions in Sexual Violence	PSYC 325	Psychology in Legal Contexts
CRIM 312	Crime, Technology and Social Change	PSYC 328	Behaviour Analysis in Everyday Life
ECON 318	Behavioural Economics	PSYC 329	Cultural Psychology ●
GEND 101	Gender in Everyday Life	PSYC 330	Drugs, Behaviour, Addiction and Policy ●
GEND 102	Bodies, Sexualities and Society	SOCI 101	Sociology of New Zealand Society ●
GEND 205	Gender and the Media	SOCI 102	Cultural and Social Identities
GEND 206	Gender, Work and Consumer Culture	SOCI 103	Crime, Deviance and Social Transformation
GEND 208	Governing Bodies	SOCI 202	Big Ideas in Sociology
GEND 210	Gender, Crime and Justice	SOCI 203	Young People and Society
GEND 306	Gender, Work and Consumer Culture	SOCI 205	Social Inequality
GEND 311	Interventions in Sexual Violence	SOCI 207	Families and Society ●
GEND 401	Debates in Gender and Sexuality	SOCI 208	Environmental Sociology
LAWS 353	The Law in the South Pacific	SOCI 209	Health and Society
LAWS 403	Immigration and Refugee Law ●	SOCI 211	Colonisation, Globalisation and Social Justice ●
LAWS 440	Environmental Law	SOCI 213	Concepts of the Self
LING 140	Language, Brain, and Being Human	SOCI 302	Theories of Social Power
MANT 347	Occupational Psychology	SOCI 306	Public Sociology
POLS 202	Theories of Justice	SOCI 310	Social Movements and Popular Protest
PSYC 111	Brain and Behaviour	SOCI 312	Crime, Technology and Social Change
PSYC 112	Human Thought and Behaviour	SOCI 313	The Subject in Postmodern Society
PSYC 203	Abnormal Psychology	SOWK 111	Working with People: The New Zealand Context ●

Key

Fieldwork ●

New Zealand focused ●

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/crim

Politics, Philosophy, Religion and Society

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

ANTH 312	Cultural Politics	PHIL 333	Philosophy of Mind and Language
BIBS 112	Interpreting the Old Testament	PHPE 201	Political Economy I: Method, Philosophy, Applications
BIBS 121	Interpreting the New Testament	POLS 102	New Zealand Politics – Introduction ●
CHTH 102	The History of Christianity	POLS 104	International Relations – Introduction
CHTH 111	Doing Theology	POLS 105	Comparative Politics – Introduction
CHTH 131	God and Ethics in the Modern World	POLS 110	Political Ideas in Action
LING 230	Interaction and Identity in Context	POLS 216	Politics of the European Union
PHIL 101	Mind and Reality	POLS 218	Interventions, Peacekeeping and the Global South
PHIL 103	Critical Thinking	POLS 224	Current Issues in Environmental Politics
PHIL 105	Ethical Issues	POLS 237	New Zealand Government and Constitution ●
PHIL 106	Radical Philosophy	POLS 250	International Security in a Globalising World
PHIL 222	Introduction to Formal Logic	POLS 307	Nature, Conflict, and the State
PHIL 228	Ethics	POLS 318	Chinese Foreign Policy
PHIL 229	Reason, Belief and the Sacred	POLS 324	Current Issues in Environmental Politics (Advanced)
PHIL 233	Philosophy of Mind and Language	RELS 110	Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion
PHIL 234	Are there moral facts?	RELS 237	Psychology of Religion
PHIL 240	Epistemology: The Theory of Knowledge	RELS 238	Religion and Human Behaviour

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/philosophy-politics-and-economics

Media, Literature, Communications and Performing Arts

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

DANC 101	Dance and Popular Culture	MFCO 312	Communication and the City
DANC 201	Contemporary Dance Fusions	MFCO 313	Culture, Politics and Media
ENGL 120	Creative Writing: How to Captivate and Persuade	MFCO 315	Digital Media and Society
ENGL 121	English Literature: The Remix	MFCO 318	Indigenous Media
ENGL 127	Essentials of Writing	MUSI 101	Materials of Music 1
ENGL 128	Essentials of Communication	MUSI 103	Popular Music
ENGL 131	Controversial Classics	MUSI 104	World Music
ENGL 220	Creative Writing: Reading for Writers	MUSI 131	Composition 1
ENGL 230	Creative Writing for Games and Interactive Media	MUSI 132	Music Production 1
ENGL 242	New Zealand Literature: Connecting Worlds ●	MUSI 135	Songwriting
ENGL 277	Public Prose: Feature Writing, Creative Nonfiction	MUSI 140	Performance Studies 1
ENGL 320	Creative Writing: Crafting Voices	MUSI 144	Music Ensemble 1
ENGL 353	Reading Minds: Literature and Psychology	MUSI 191	Introduction to Music
FREN 131	Introductory French 1	MUSI 232	Music Production 2
FREN 333	Advanced French 1	MUSI 233	Electronic Music Production
GEND 205	Gender and the Media	MUSI 234	Contemporary Composition
JAPA 131	Introductory Japanese 1	MUSI 334	Music Production Projects
MFCO 101	Screen Form and Culture	SPAN 131	Introductory Spanish 1
MFCO 102	Media, Power, Society	SPAN 132	Introductory Spanish 2
MFCO 103	Introduction to Communication Studies	SPAN 232	Intermediate Spanish 2
MFCO 202	Theory of Communication Studies	SPAN 331	Advanced Spanish 1
MFCO 210	Theory of Film and Media	SPEX 315	Sport Media
MFCO 212	Media and Intercultural Communication	THEA 153	Voice and Movement
MFCO 213	Media Genres	THEA 154	Staging Worlds: Theatre and Performance
MFCO 216	Cinema of Aotearoa New Zealand ●	THEA 241	Writing for Stage and Screen
MFCO 220	Writing for the Media	THEA 252	The Actor
MFCO 223	Documentary and Reality Media	THEA 341	Advanced Writing for the Stage and Screen
MFCO 251	Television Studio Production	THEA 352	Directing
MFCO 301	Critical Problems in Film and Media		

Key

Fieldwork ●
New Zealand focused ●

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/study/subjects/media-literature-communication-and-performing-arts

Education and Teaching

Sample of popular courses.

Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

EDUC 101	Education and Society	EDUC 307	Child Development
EDUC 102	Human Development	EDUC 308	Future-Focused Literacies
EDUC 105	Disability Studies: An Introduction	EDUC 311	Contemporary Understandings of Young Children as Learners
EDPR 240	Engaging in Teaching	EDUC 313	Equity in Education
EDUC 251	Education in New Zealand: Policy and Treaty Issues ●	EDUC 318	Gender Issues in Education
EDUC 252	How People Learn	EDUC 321	Educational Psychology
EDUC 254	Family Resources, Culture, and Education	PACI 210	Special Topic: Pacific Education
EDUC 259	Educating Global Citizens for the 21st Century		

For all courses check here: otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/educ





Otago

Academic year



Semester 1

Late-February to mid-June

Starts in the New Zealand summer and finishes as winter sets in.



Semester 2

July to mid-November

Starts in winter and finishes as the New Zealand summer season begins.



Summer School

January/February

Six weeks – limited course options.

Finding a course (paper)

At Otago, stand-alone courses or modules are called 'papers'.

To find Otago's full range of papers, go to: otago.ac.nz/courses/papers/ and search by subject, keywords or semester.

Alternatively, you can browse through subject themes: otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/index.html

Levels of study are indicated by the paper code number – 100 level is first year of undergraduate study, 200 is second year and so on.

Be sure to check the semester of study and any pre-requisites (or the equivalent at your home institution).

An updated list of papers for the following academic year is published by September each year.

Workload/credits

Most Otago papers are single semester and are typically worth 18 points each.

A full-time course is generally 54–72 points in any one semester (three to four papers).

It is important to speak to your home institution before selecting your papers, in case of workload or paper requirements at Otago.

You can expect to spend approximately 15 hours per week for each single-semester paper (18 points). These hours are made up of a combination of lectures, tutorials/laboratories, assignments and readings.

18 points at Otago are worth approximately 9 ECTS and 3–5 US credits.

Uniquely Otago

Where weekend playgrounds
are our weekday laboratories





UniFlats accommodation

The classic Otago student flatting experience



More than just a room, a University Flat (UniFlat) offers a memorable experience with like-minded flatmates.

UniFlats are shared, villa-style houses with four to six students, each with their own room. Located around the heart of the Otago campus, getting to class is just a short 2-10 minute stroll.

The best part? We match you with other students who share similar interests, so you'll have a group of international friends as soon you arrive.

For many of our flats, you will also have a 'Kiwi Host' – a friendly New Zealand student already studying at Otago. They will help you with all the best tips for settling into student life and exploring this part of the country.





UniFlats Experience

- Guaranteed* room for Study Abroad and Exchange students.
- Unique opportunity to live the Otago student lifestyle.
- Fully furnished private bedrooms and shared living spaces. Each flat has its own laundry.
- Close walking distance to campus.
- Easiest way to secure a trustworthy rental agreement that is in line with the Otago academic calendar.
- Great value with an all-inclusive semester fee to cover Wi-Fi, electricity, utilities, flat maintenance and activities.
- Opportunity to drop off your bags and explore the country before students arrive for Semester 1, or stay on after Semester 2 exams for travel before your flight home.
- Uniflats community events and activities to get involved in.

*Applications made after the annual deadline may not be guaranteed.

Sustainability neighbourhoods



A joint initiative between UniFlats and the Sustainability Office, the Otago Sustainability Neighbourhoods offer a unique flatting experience with the added layer of making an impact.

The Sustainability Neighbourhoods include a limited group of flats dedicated to selected environmentally conscious students who actively work to reduce their environmental impact. The neighbourhoods are set up for residents to:

- grow their own food
- compost
- recycle
- be energy efficient
- lead an active, healthy lifestyle
- work as a team to stay accountable.

Get involved

Become the best version of yourself at Otago, where joining clubs, stay active, volunteering and good citizenship are part of our University culture.



Join student clubs



Over 170 student-led clubs and societies!

Our Study Abroad and Exchange students particularly love these popular clubs, but there are so many more to get involved with, such as:

- Snow Sports
- Tramping (hiking)
- Canoeing
- Climbing
- Anime Club
- OUSA Futsal Club
- Environmental Club
- Dunedin K-Pop Crew
- Photography Club
- Cheerleading Club
- Performing Arts Club

Whether you're seeking adventure, new skills, or a community that shares your passions, you'll find your place here.



ousa.org.nz/clubsandsocs/clubs/clubs-list



Stay active

It's not difficult to maintain a healthy, balanced and fun lifestyle while studying at Otago. With so many opportunities for recreation on and off campus, there really is something for everyone.

Unipol is a comprehensive, free student facility that includes weight training and cardio rooms, team sports, subsidised fitness classes and social areas where students can meet up and keep active.

Student outdoor equipment rentals

Whatever you're into – whether it be hiking, surfing or skiing – Unipol also has your outdoor rental equipment needs covered.

High-quality rental equipment includes:

- personal locator beacon (a must-have for hiking)
- snow equipment and clothing
- surfboards and wetsuits
- tents and sleeping bags
- sports equipment (tennis, volleyball, cricket, etc.).

Learn more: otago.ac.nz/recreation



Find your community



Through our Social Impact Studio, UniCrew volunteers, Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) and University groups, there are many opportunities to get connected and become socially, environmentally and inclusive global citizens.

- Tree planting
- Good Deed and Feed
- Food drives
- Mending café/ sustainable fashion initiatives and more...!

Global Impact Scholar Programme

A unique opportunity for study abroad and exchange students to develop leadership skills, volunteer in the local community, and make a meaningful impact during their time at Otago.

Experience the benefits of getting involved and contribute to positive change while gaining valuable experience and strengthening your future career prospects. Learn more: unicrewotago.org/global-impact-scholars

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STUDIO**



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te oraka

Te Oraka – NZ's only on campus thrift shop

Our student-run thrift shop and community hub is where you can find affordable second-hand items, join workshops, attend events, and connect with like-minded students. From refurbished tech to pre-loved bikes and sustainable living initiatives, it's a great place to save money, reduce waste, and feel part of the Otago community. Learn more: teoraka.co.nz/

OUSA Queer Support

One-on-one support including confidential chats, peer support, resources, group events and more.

Multi-faith chaplaincy

Faith Space at the University of Otago is a welcoming and inclusive area designed for students and staff of all faiths (or none) to have a quiet place for prayer, meditation, or reflection.

For a full list of support services, please visit our website: otago.ac.nz/administration/service_divisions/student-experience/student-development/services



Caledonian Ground



Moana Pool



Otago Rowing Club



Forsyth Barr Stadium



University of Otago Oval

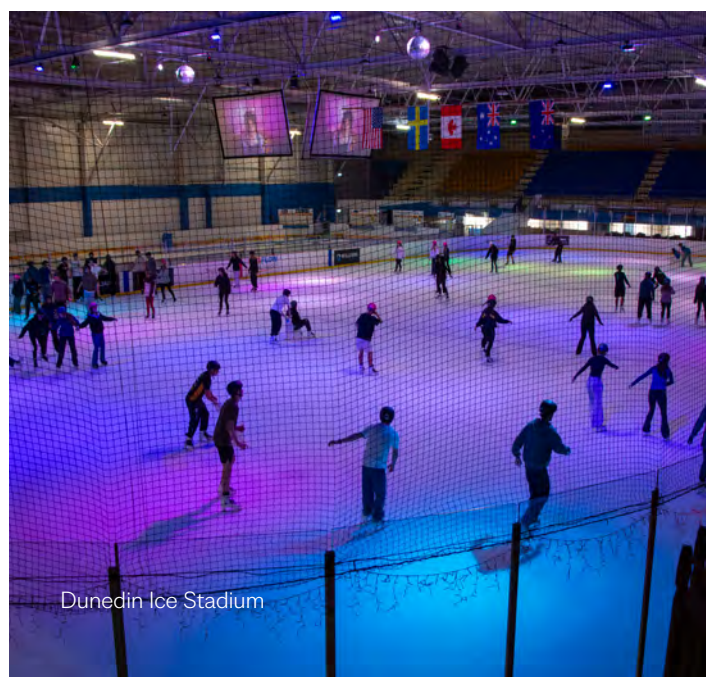
St Clair Salt Water Pool



Tāhuna Park



Logan Park Turf



Dunedin Ice Stadium



Edgar Centre

How to apply for Study Abroad

1. Talk to your home institution

The first step is to talk to your home institution's Study Abroad/Exchange office, or a specialist Study Abroad provider/education consultant. They can help you with the nomination application process and check that the credits earned at Otago can be transferred back to your degree at your home institution.

2. Check Otago's entry requirements

To be eligible for Study Abroad at Otago, you usually must:

- be currently enrolled and have completed at least one semester of study at an accredited institution
- have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 minimum on a 4-point scale, or have a credit, "good", or above average results.

Students who do not meet these criteria should speak to their home institute for further guidance on eligibility.

3. Check English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency with one of the following:

- IELTS: 6.0 in the academic module (with no individual band below 5.5).
- TOEFL iBT: Overall score of 80 and a writing score of 20.
- Denmark: 7 in English A, and 10 in English B in the Upper Secondary School examination/Studentereksamen.
- Germany: 3 or below (6–1 grading scale) or 8 or above (1–15 grading scale) in Abitur English Language; or B2 or C1 in the DAAD test.
- Norway: 4.0 or higher in the student's final year of English for Vitnemål for videregående opplæring.
- Sweden: Grade of C (VG) or better in English 5 and 6 (English A and B) for Slutbetyg/Examensbevis från Gymnasieskolan.

If the above options are not able to be provided, a statement from the student's home institute testifying that the student's language ability is deemed sufficient to meet language entry requirements may be considered.

For a full list of accepted English language proficiency evidence, visit:

otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/entrance-requirements/english-language-requirements

4. Otago application tips

Whether an application is submitted by you directly, or by your home institute/specialist Study Abroad provider/education consultant, please note the following:

- You must select 'Certificate of Proficiency – Incoming Study Abroad' in our Otago eVision application system (do not select the name of the degree programme you are studying at your home institution).
- Your 'sponsor' is either your home institution, specialist Study Abroad provider or education consultant.
- Your passport must be officially certified by either your home institution, specialist Study Abroad provider or education consultant.

Other academic transcripts and English language evidence must be official 'certified true copies' that include the certifying person's position, name, signature and official stamp. This can be done by your home institution, specialist Study Abroad provider, education consultant or Notary Public.

5. Accept your offer

You will receive a digital Offer of Place letter in your eVision portal – use the buttons at the bottom of the letter to accept your place at Otago. You will need your Offer of Place as part of your student visa application.

6. Select your papers

Once you have accepted your Offer of Place, you can select papers in your eVision portal. Please check with your home institution for any workload or prescribed course requirements. Review pages 18–29 in this guide for inspiration or check the subjects and papers section on the University website to search for papers on offer. Make sure the papers you're interested in studying are offered in the same semester that you will be at Otago.

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/

7. Special Permission process

For papers above 100-level (first year) that require Otago prerequisites, students need to apply for Special Permission. This is a normal step for most Study Abroad students. The relevant department(s) will review your request and your previous studies. Once a decision has been made, this will be communicated to you via an alert in your eVision portal.

8. Apply for UniFlats housing

Apply for your place in a UniFlat by navigating to the 'Apply for Accommodation' section in your eVision portal. Provide as much information about yourself as possible, as this is used to match you with other like-minded international students.

Your offer of accommodation will be sent to you directly from the UniFlats team. It is important you reply to the offer within the specified timeframe to guarantee your placement.

9. Pre-departure

Keep an eye out for information about our pre-departure steps and what to expect at orientation. Stay connected through our 'Your Otago' newsletter series and pre-departure webinars.

Otago Study Abroad application deadlines

Semester 1 (February–June): 1 December

Semester 2 (July–November): 30 April

Summer School (January–February): 31 October

UniFlats

Semester 1: Applications open 1 August. Applications received before 1 November will be processed in the first round of placements. Later applications will always be considered depending on availability.

Semester 2: Applications open 1 April. Applications received before 15 May will be processed in the first round of placements. Later applications will always be considered depending on availability.

Please note: Your home institute, specialist Study Abroad provider or education consultant may have additional important deadlines connected to your nomination and application.



English + Study Abroad



**Have the full experience!
Improve your English
language skills before
transitioning into a Study
Abroad semester at Otago.**

Spend your first semester settling into New Zealand life by gaining new language skills and confidence in your English communication level, while living with a friendly homestay family.

Next, get the full Otago experience by studying our popular academic course options as a Study Abroad student. Join your international peers and develop your independent living skills in our popular UniFlats student accommodation*.

*See pages 40–42

Contact
englishlanguage.groups@otago.ac.nz



otago.ac.nz/pathway

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Otago Exchange partners

The University of Otago has established exchange agreements with numerous institutions worldwide, facilitating reciprocal student exchanges. As an exchange student, you will continue to pay tuition fees to your home institution and will not be required to pay tuition fees at Otago. If you are enrolled at a partner institution, please contact your international office for information on the exchange nomination process, application procedures, and deadlines. For additional details, visit otago.ac.nz/otagoglobal

If your university is not listed below, you are welcome to apply as a Study Abroad student.

ARGENTINA	Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina
AUSTRALIA	University of Melbourne University of Sydney University of Tasmania University of Western Australia
AUSTRIA	Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien
BELGIUM	Catholic University of Louvain (Business School)
BRAZIL	Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV-EAESP) Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro
CANADA	Brock University Dalhousie University McGill University Memorial University of Newfoundland (Indigenous) Mt Allison University Queen's University University of Alberta University of British Columbia University of Toronto Western University and Richard Ivey School of Business York University, Schulich School of Business
CHILE	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
CHINA (Mainland)	Dalian University of Foreign Languages Fudan University Tsinghua University and Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management
CZECH REPUBLIC	Charles University Prague University of Economics and Business
DENMARK	Aarhus University and Aarhus University School of Business and Social Sciences University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Business School (CBS)
ENGLAND	Durham University University of Birmingham (Social Work) University of Bristol University of East Anglia University of Essex University of Exeter University of Leeds University of Manchester University of Southampton University of the West of England
FINLAND	Aalto University School of Business University of Helsinki
FRANCE	EM Normandie (Campus in France, Ireland, UK, UAE) Grenoble Ecole de Management Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3)

GERMANY	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg Universität Heidelberg (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität) Universität Leipzig, Social Sciences and Philosophy Universität Tübingen
HONG KONG	University of Cologne Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Science Chinese University of Hong Kong and CUHK Faculty of Business University of Hong Kong
HUNGARY	Corvinus University of Budapest
ICELAND	University of Iceland
INDIA	Ashoka University
INDONESIA	Universitas Indonesia
IRELAND	University College Dublin, National University of Ireland Lochlann Quinn School of Business Trinity College Dublin
ITALY	Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi Università of Bologna
JAPAN	Hirosaki University Hokkaido University Keio University Kyoto University Nagoya University of Commerce and Business Otaru University of Commerce Rissho University University of Tokyo
MEXICO	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Tecnológico de Monterrey
NORWAY	University of Bergen
POLAND	Warsaw School of Economics
PORTUGAL	Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Faculdade de Economia
SCOTLAND	University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde
SINGAPORE	National University of Singapore
SOUTH KOREA	Yonsei University
SPAIN	ESADE Fundación ESADE - Law, Politics and Economics Universidad Complutense de Madrid
SWEDEN	Lund University Stockholm School of Economics Umeå University Uppsala University
SWITZERLAND	Universität St Gallen
TAIWAN	National Taiwan University
THAILAND	Chulalongkorn University
THE NETHERLANDS	Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Management Leiden University University of Amsterdam
TURKEY	Middle East Technical University
USA	Boston College Duke University, Fuqua School of Business MBA Indiana University, Kelley School of Business MBA University of California (9 campuses) University of Colorado Boulder University of Hawai'i at Manoa University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, UNC Kenan-Flagler School of Business and UNC MBA Programme University of Richmond University of Texas University of Virginia Willamette University (Indigenous)
WALES	Cardiff University

Living costs



Dunedin is one of New Zealand’s most affordable cities. With students at the heart of the community, there are entertainment, food and transport options for all budgets.

Study Abroad and Exchange students should plan for the following budget per semester:

	\$NZD	\$USD	€EUR
Approximate total living costs per semester*	14,000	8,400	7,100

This amount is sufficient to cover accommodation, food, getting around and general leisure.

We recommend you bring extra funds for additional travel and activities outside of Dunedin.

**Based on currency conversion at the time of publication.*



Student support and essential information

Our top-quality education and facilities are matched by our range of student support services – dedicated to helping you get the very best out of your time at Otago.

- International Student Support Services, Orientation and Enrolment, Visa and Insurance Services.
- Student Health Services (nurses, doctors, mental health and wellbeing team).
- Disability Information and Support (academic accommodations).
- Multi-Faith Campus Chaplains.
- Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) support services, including Queer Support.
- Library Services and Resources.
- Course Advice.
- Student Learning Development (workshops, peer tutoring).
- Career Development Centre.
- Student IT Services.
- Ask Otago (one-stop help desk)
- Campus Watch (24/7 safety service)

Student visa

You must be granted a visa valid for study at the University of Otago before entering New Zealand, and continue to hold a valid visa throughout your enrolment period. The Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website provides full information.

immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas

Otago's Student Visa Services can provide assistance and support, including information for students on campus who need to renew their visa: student.visa@otago.ac.nz.

Work rights

Study Abroad and Exchange students may be eligible to work in accordance with their visa conditions; however, with limited time in New Zealand, many students choose to focus on their studies and exploring the country.

Working holiday visa (selected countries)

A working holiday visa allows students to study courses in New Zealand that can be completed within six months.

immigration.govt.nz/work/working-holiday-visas/

Medical and travel insurance

All international students are required to have comprehensive health and travel insurance while in New Zealand. The University of Otago's recommended policy is Studentsafe Inbound University. When you enrol you will automatically be covered by Studentsafe, and the insurance premium will be added to your student account.

otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare

Accident insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand. However, you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs.

acc.co.nz






The information provided in this guide is, as far as possible, up to date and accurate at the time of publication. Please check the website for the most up-to-date information. The University reserves the right to add, amend or withdraw courses and facilities, to restrict student numbers and to make any other alterations, as it may deem necessary. Published April 2026 by the International Office, University of Otago.



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 Queenstown

 Dunedin

 Invercargill



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