



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF  
**WELLINGTON**  
 TE HERENGA WAKA  
 NEW ZEALAND



**2025-2026**

# INTERNATIONAL PROSPECTUS

**TOP 2%  
 OF THE WORLD'S  
 UNIVERSITIES\***

\*Source: QS World University  
 Rankings 2025



**#1 IN NEW ZEALAND FOR  
 RESEARCH INTENSITY\***

\*Latest Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation



# DISCOVER WELLINGTON

## NEW ZEALAND

Wellington is the geographic, political, and cultural heart of New Zealand. You'll find a great quality of life, a strong global outlook, and a study experience to remember in our beautiful harbour city. There is no better place to shape your future.



For more information, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/why-wellington](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/why-wellington)

## WELLINGTON IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO STUDY

### CREATIVE

Wellington is New Zealand's most creative city. It has topped the list for the past 20 years. You can find Wētā Workshop and the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa here.

*(Infometrics Creativity Index 2023)*

### SAFE

Wellington is a safe and friendly place to live. It's ranked among the top 20 safest cities in the world.

*(Safest Cities in the World 2024, World Population Review)*

### CLEAN AND GREEN

Renowned for its clean, fresh air and green outdoor spaces, Wellington city has more than 100 parks and playgrounds, as well as a stunning waterfront, beaches, forests, and coastline.

### WALKABLE

Wellington is New Zealand's most walkable city, with the average time for any Wellingtonian to walk to all amenities being 14 minutes.

*(Urban Intelligence 2023)*

### HIGH TECH

Wellington is at the forefront of technology and innovation, with many tech companies calling it home. It's named as one of the world's '21 Places of the Future'.

*(Cognizant Center for the Future of Work 2021)*

### HAPPY

New Zealand is known for being one of the world's most sociable and supportive countries. It's no surprise that it ranks as the eleventh happiest country in the world.

*(World Happiness Report 2024)*



# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Our students come from about

# 120

countries around the world

# Top 1%

of the world's universities in 15 subject areas  
*(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024)*

# ZERO CARBON BY 2030



# Top 100

in the world in 10 subjects

*(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024)*



# 96%

of graduates were employed prior to or within six months of completing their degree  
*(2022–2023 Graduate Destinations Survey)*

**3,000** of our **17,000** students are international students

**170+** programmes

**40+** research institutes

**4** libraries

**140+** clubs and societies



**3 CENTRAL CITY CAMPUSES IN WELLINGTON**



**KELBURN**



**PIPITEA**



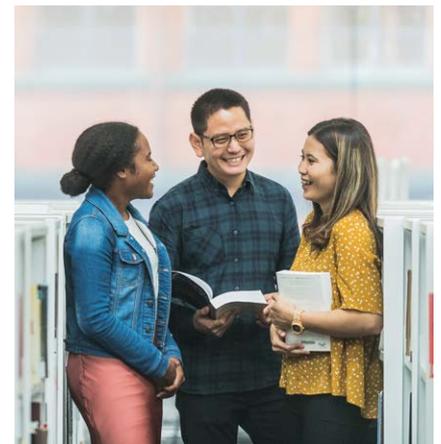
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“Victoria University of Wellington’s excellent research facilities, approachable academic staff, and overall culture of friendliness and support really made it stand out compared to other schools. I love my daily commute along the coast. I’ve also really loved the café culture.”

**Georgia Westfall**

Student, Master of Science in Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience  
United States of America





# SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

At Victoria University of Wellington, we provide our students with a strong, relevant education in nearly 200 programmes.

Our graduates are prepared for work with diverse, marketable skills in a fast-changing world. With us, you can develop strong employability skills in critical and creative thinking, enhance your ability to work both independently and collaboratively with others, and engage constructively with your local and international communities.

In the following pages, explore our areas of study and discover the right programme for you.



Prospective students are encouraged to discuss their study plans with our international team. Email [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international@vuw.ac.nz) and our team will be able to provide you with information and advice.



# EXPLORE OUR SUBJECTS

Victoria University of Wellington currently offers more than 170 different subjects.

To find out more, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes)

## ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES AND BUILDING SCIENCE

Architecture  
Architecture History and Theory  
Building Science  
Construction Law\*  
Interior Architecture  
Landscape Architecture  
Project Management  
Sustainable Engineering Systems  
Urban and Regional Planning\*

## BUSINESS

Accounting  
Actuarial Science  
Banking  
Business Administration\*  
Business Analysis\*  
Commercial Law  
Data Science  
Econometrics  
Economics  
Finance  
Global Business\*  
Human Resource Management and Employment Relations  
Information Systems  
Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
International Business  
Management  
Marketing  
Public Management\*  
Public Policy  
Sustainability and Ethics in Business  
Taxation  
Tourism Management

## COMMUNICATION

Intercultural Communication  
Language Sciences  
Literary and Creative Communication  
Marketing Communication  
Media Studies  
Political Communication  
Science Communication

## DESIGN, FILM, AND MEDIA

Animation and Visual Effects  
Communication Design  
Design for Social Innovation  
Design Technology\*  
Fashion Design Technology  
Film  
Game Design  
Industrial Design  
Interaction Design  
Media Design  
Media Studies  
User Experience Design\*  
Visual Narratives\*

## EDUCATION AND TEACHING

Education  
Educational Psychology  
Teacher Education (Early Childhood)  
Teacher Education (Primary and Secondary)\*\*

## ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Artificial Intelligence  
Computer Graphics and Games  
Computer Science  
Cybersecurity Engineering  
Data Science  
Electrical and Electronic Engineering  
Electronic and Computer Systems  
Software Engineering

## ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing\*  
English Literature

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Climate Change Science and Policy\*  
Climate Science  
Conservation Biology\*  
Earth Science  
Ecological Restoration\*  
Ecology and Biodiversity  
Education for the Environment  
Environment and Society  
Environment and Sustainability  
Environmental Design  
Environmental Humanities  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Marine Biology  
Marine Conservation\*

## HEALTH

Health Informatics  
Health Leadership and Management\*  
Health Policy and Innovation  
Health Policy, Planning, and Service Delivery\*  
Health Promotion  
Health Psychology  
Midwifery  
Nursing Practice\*  
Physical Activity and Hauora  
Professional Practice\*  
Workplace Health and Safety\*

## HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

Art History  
Classical Studies  
History  
Museum and Heritage Studies\*  
Philosophy

## LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

Academic and Professional Writing  
Applied Linguistics\*  
Asian Studies  
Chinese  
English  
French  
German  
Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation\*  
Japanese  
Language Sciences  
Literary Translation Studies\*  
Modern Language Studies  
New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Studies  
Pacific Studies  
Samoan Studies / Matā'upu tau Sāmoa  
Spanish  
Te Reo Māori  
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)\*

## LAW

Construction Law\*  
International Trade\*  
Law

## MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Actuarial Science  
Applied Statistics\*  
Data Science  
Mathematics  
Statistics

## MUSIC AND THEATRE

Audio Production and Recording  
Classical Performance  
Digital Music and Audio Production  
Electronic Music  
Ethnomusicology\*  
Instrumental/Vocal Composition  
Jazz Performance  
Musicology\*  
Music/Sound\*  
Music Studies  
Music Therapy\*  
Performance\*  
Popular Music Studies  
Songwriting  
Theatre

## POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

International Relations  
Migration Studies\*  
Political Communication  
Political Science  
Public Management\*  
Public Policy  
Strategic Studies\*

## PSYCHOLOGY

Brain Sciences and Mental Health  
Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience\*  
Cognitive Science  
Criminal Justice and Psychology  
Cross-cultural Psychology\*  
Educational Psychology  
Forensic Psychology\*  
Health Psychology  
Māori Psychology  
Mental Health Principles and Applications  
Psychological Science  
Work and Organisational Psychology

## SCIENCE

Biology  
Biomedical Science  
Biotechnology  
Cell and Molecular Bioscience  
Chemistry  
Climate Change Science and Policy  
Data Science  
Development Studies  
Drug Discovery and Development\*  
Ecology and Biodiversity  
Geography  
Geology  
Geophysics\*  
Human Genetics  
Information Systems  
Marine Biology  
Molecular Microbiology\*  
Molecular Pathology  
Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry  
Physics  
Renewable Energy Systems\*  
Science Communication  
Science in Society  
Space Science

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

Area and Cultural Studies  
Criminology  
Cultural Anthropology  
Cultures and Identities  
Development Studies  
Ethical Leadership and Intercultural Communication  
Gender and Sexuality Studies  
Global Health and Wellbeing  
Globalisation Movement and Change  
Human Rights, Justice and Peace  
Indigenous Studies\*

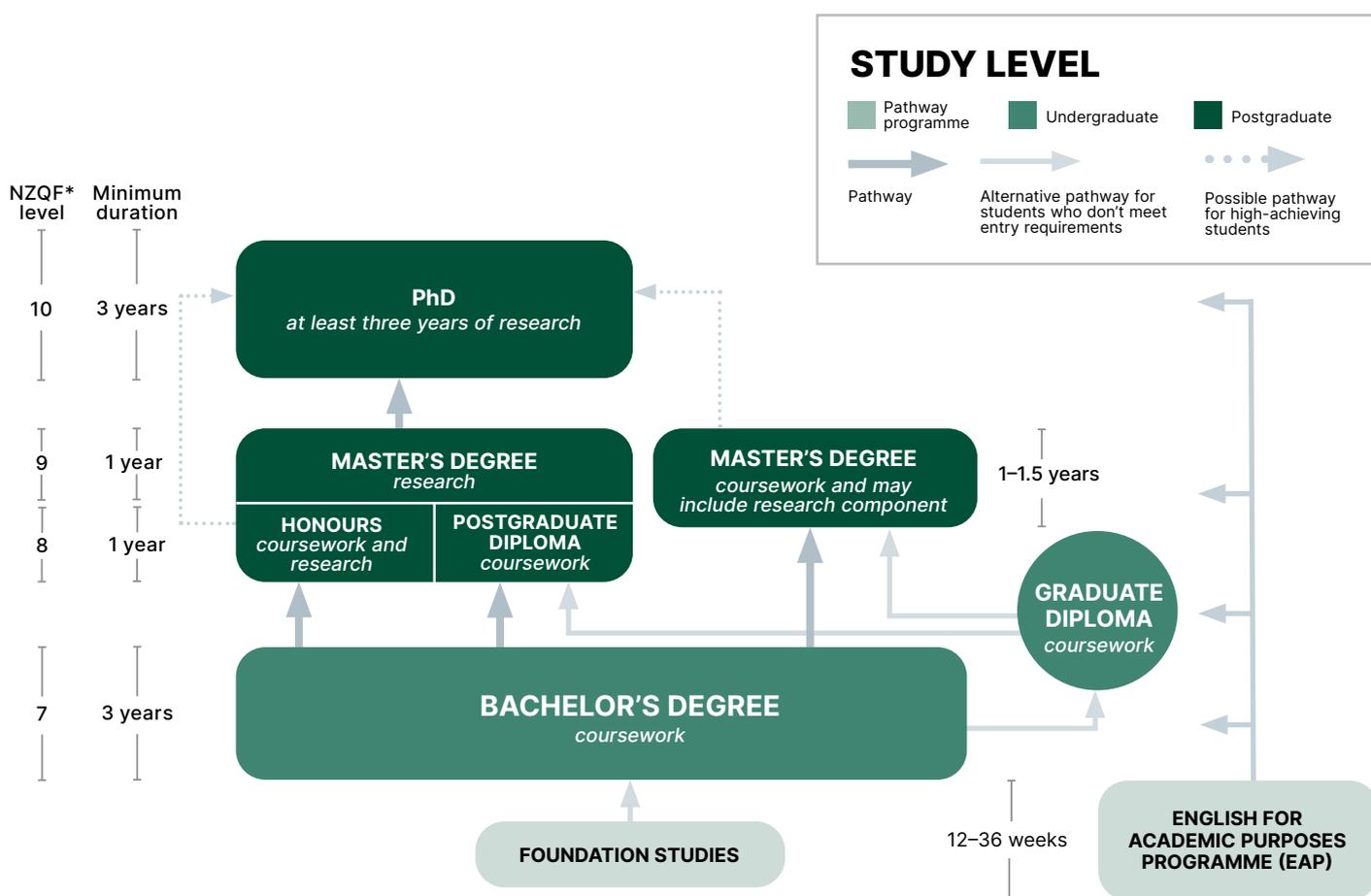
Kaitiakitanga  
Māori Studies  
Religious Studies  
Social Policy  
Sociology  
Study of Religion

World Affairs and Organisations

\*Available at postgraduate level only.

\*\*Available at graduate diploma level only.

# HOW OUR PROGRAMMES WORK



\*New Zealand Qualifications Framework

## BACHELOR'S DEGREES

A Bachelor's degree—also called a first or an undergraduate degree—is made up of courses, some prescribed and some chosen by you. Most non-professional first degrees take three years to complete and require at least one major.

### Major

- ▶ Refers to the specialist subject of a degree
- ▶ Most degrees allow for a single or a double major

### Minor

- ▶ Adds an additional area of focus for a degree
- ▶ Similar to a major but requires fewer courses
- ▶ Having a minor is optional for most degrees

### Double degree

- ▶ Refers to the study of two degrees, either at the same time or consecutively
- ▶ It is possible to cross-credit up to 120 points

## POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

Postgraduate study normally requires good marks in your first degree, with a major in the same area of study. We also offer conversion degrees, which let you gain a postgraduate qualification in a different subject to your undergraduate studies with some coursework and research.

### 1 YEAR → GRADUATE DIPLOMA

Specialise in an area not included in your first degree.

### 1 YEAR → HONOURS DEGREE OR POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

Explore areas of interest in your chosen field through higher-level coursework and research.

### 1-2 YEARS → MASTER'S DEGREE\*

Advance your understanding and skill in your undergraduate major or undertake study in a new professional area.

### 3-4 YEARS → DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

Enhance your degree and expand your knowledge through advanced study and research. See page 17 for more information.

\*A Master's degree by research can be started anytime in the academic year. Students must identify a supervisor before applying.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/finding-supervisors](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/finding-supervisors)

# PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

## ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

Delivered by the English Language Institute at Victoria University of Wellington, our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme can help you improve your English and prepare you for your academic studies. The length of your programme will depend on your English language ability and your study goals. The EAP students who meet the University's minimum English-language entry score will be awarded a Certificate of Proficiency in English. For postgraduate-level study, a higher level of achievement is required.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/eap](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/eap)

## PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

If your qualification does not meet our minimum entry requirements, a recognised pathway programme can be an alternative entry into a Bachelor's or postgraduate degree. Successful completion of these programmes meets the academic entry requirements and may fulfill the English language requirements.

### Foundation Studies

The Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies programme helps international students who don't meet our entry requirements to prepare for undergraduate study. It offers successful students guaranteed entry into the University's undergraduate programmes. The programme is delivered by our partners at UP Education.

This programme offers flexibility with four intakes per year and online study. Course options can take six, nine, 12, or 18 months (two, three, four, or six terms, respectively), depending on your academic background and level of English.

[www.wgtn.up.education](http://www.wgtn.up.education)

## International pathways

Victoria University of Wellington offers a variety of international pathways that allow you to select international institutions and programmes to gain direct entry or receive recognised credits towards your studies at Victoria University of Wellington. These pathways enable you to begin your undergraduate or postgraduate degree at VUW and start your academic journey in New Zealand.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes/pathways-to-study](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes/pathways-to-study)

## NEW ZEALAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

International students can study towards New Zealand secondary school qualifications and qualify for entry to university. New Zealand schools have an excellent reputation for their teaching quality and academic facilities. Pastoral care for international students often includes home-stay accommodation with a family. Victoria University of Wellington works closely with schools to ensure a smooth transition from secondary school to university.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/apply-from-nz-school](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/apply-from-nz-school)

## STUDY ABROAD

If you don't want to commit to a long-term degree, you can still choose to study abroad. You can study for a trimester or a year at Victoria University of Wellington and earn credits towards your home university qualification. It will be a study experience to remember as you enhance your degree in our world-class learning and teaching environment while exploring the many wonders and adventures that Wellington and the rest of New Zealand have to offer.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-abroad](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-abroad)



# ARCHITECTURE

# AND DESIGN INNOVATION

Shelly Bay Community Library model by Danbie Bong  
for ARCI 212 Architecture Design Integration.

## STAND OUT WITH CREATIVITY

Discover a world-class education in architectural studies, building science, and design innovation in the vibrant centre of New Zealand's capital city.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our expert staff and state-of-the-art facilities at Te Aro campus and the Miramar Creative Centre will equip you with industry-level skills and experience, setting you up for success in your chosen field.

## ACCREDITATIONS

### Master of Architecture (Professional)

- ▶ New Zealand Registered Architects Board

### Master of Interior Architecture

- ▶ International Federation of Interior Architects / Designers
- ▶ Interior Design / Interior Architecture Educators Association

### Master of Landscape Architecture

- ▶ New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects

### Master of Urban and Regional Planning

- ▶ New Zealand Planning Institute (the programme is currently being assessed for full accreditation)

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

<sup>2</sup>Entry into the second year is competitive, based on first-year grades.

<sup>3</sup>Students can only enter the programme in Trimester 1.

For more information, see pages 18–19.

ARCHITECTURE QUALIFICATIONS		
Subject area	Qualification	Years <sup>1</sup>
Architecture	Bachelor of Architectural Studies <sup>2 3</sup>	3
	Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Architecture	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Architecture	1
	Master of Architecture (Professional)	2
	PhD	3–4
Architecture History and Theory	Bachelor of Architectural Studies <sup>2 3</sup>	3
	Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Architecture History and Theory	1
	Master of Architecture	1
	PhD	3–4
Building Science in Project Management or Sustainable Engineering Systems	Bachelor of Building Science	3
	Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Project Management or Sustainable Engineering Systems	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Architectural Science	1
	Master of Architectural Science	1
	Master of Architectural Science (Research)	1
	PhD	3–4
Construction Law	Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Law	1
	Master of Construction Law	1–1.5
Interior Architecture	Bachelor of Architectural Studies <sup>2 3</sup>	3
	Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Interior Architecture	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Interior Architecture	1
	Master of Interior Architecture	2
	PhD	3–4
Landscape Architecture	Bachelor of Architectural Studies <sup>2 3</sup>	3
	Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Landscape Architecture	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Landscape Architecture	1
	Master of Landscape Architecture	2
	PhD	3–4
Planning	Postgraduate Diploma in Designed Environments, Urban and Regional Planning	1
	Master of Urban and Regional Planning	2
	PhD	3–4



“The University fully exceeds my initial expectations. The School of Architecture’s interdisciplinary approach bridging Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Building Science provides a broader, collaborative understanding of designing for the built environment. We are taught by the best in Aotearoa [New Zealand]—the academic staff are industry professionals who expose us to various areas of expertise.”

**Danbie Bong**

Graduate, Bachelor of Architectural Studies in Architecture  
New Zealand



“I am glad I studied for a Bachelor of Design Innovation because it changed my perspective on design and its importance in the world we are living in. Being surrounded by many creative people from different design areas at the faculty constantly sparks my creativity to work on future projects.”

**Ricardo Arévalo**

Graduate, Bachelor of Design Innovation  
Recipient of a Te Rautaki Maruako Tutor Excellence Award from the University  
Venezuela

**DESIGN INNOVATION QUALIFICATIONS**

Subject area	Bachelor of Design Innovation	Graduate Diploma in Design Innovation	Postgraduate Diploma in Design Innovation	Master of Design	Master of Design Innovation	PhD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	1	1	1	1.5	3-4	
Animation and Visual Effects	•	•	•	•	•		Master of Design Technology (13-18 months)
Communication Design	•	•	•	•	•		
Design for Social Innovation	•	•	•	•	•		Master of User Experience Design (13-18 months)
Fashion Design Technology	•	•	•	•	•		
Game Design	•	•	•	•	•		Master of Design Technology (13-18 months)
Industrial Design	•	•	•	•	•		
Interaction Design	•	•	•	•	•		Master of User Experience Design (13-18 months)
Media Design	•	•	•	•	•		Master of Design Technology (13-18 months)
Design						•	

3D model of a character by Adam Goodyear for ANFX 201 Animation and Visual Effects II.

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

For more information, see pages 18-19.



# BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT

## BE AN INNOVATIVE LEADER

Study at the Wellington School of Business and Government, which is located at the heart of New Zealand's leadership, policymaking, and creative capital.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our students are led by staff who present original research at international conferences, publish in the best academic journals, and work closely with other universities and outstanding international companies.

## INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

You'll benefit from the meaningful connections we have with the organisations around us, through guest lectures from industry professionals, professional networking opportunities, and real-world projects.

## ACCREDITATIONS



BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT QUALIFICATIONS						
Subject area	Bachelor of Commerce <sup>2</sup>	Graduate Diploma in Commerce	Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)	Master of Commerce <sup>3</sup>	PhD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	1	1	1.5	3–4	
Accounting	•	•			•	Master of Professional Accounting—traditional pathway (12 months/3 trimesters) Master of Professional Accounting—CA fast-track (12 months/3 trimesters)
Actuarial Science	•	•	•	•		Postgraduate Diploma in Actuarial Science (8 months/2 trimesters) Master of Actuarial Science (12 months/3 trimesters)
Business Administration						Executive Master of Business Administration (16 months/4 trimesters)
Business Analysis						Master of Professional Business Analysis (16 months/4 trimesters)
Commercial Law	•	•				
Data Science	•					
Economics	•	•	•	•	•	
Finance	•	•	•	•	•	
Global Business						Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters)—specialisations available
Governing for the Future			•	•		
Human Resource Management and Employment Relations	•	•	•	•	•	
Information Systems	•	•	•	•	•	
International Business	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters)
Management	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters) Executive Master of Business Administration (16 months/4 trimesters)
Marketing	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters)
Public Management		•				Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management (8 months/2 trimesters) Master of Public Management (16 months/4 trimesters)
Public Policy	•	•			•	Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy (8 months/2 trimesters) Master of Public Policy (16 months/4 trimesters)
Sustainability and Ethics in Business	•					
Taxation	•	•				
Tourism Management	•	•	•	•	•	

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

<sup>2</sup>Minors are also available in Banking, Econometrics, and Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

<sup>3</sup>Following a Bachelor of Commerce or equivalent.

For more information, see pages 20–21.

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# EDUCATION

## BECOME A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATOR

Make a positive difference to the lives of children with our teacher education qualifications. You'll learn to provide quality education and care in the capital of New Zealand.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our university is ranked in the top 200 universities worldwide for education (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024).



“I chose to study early childhood education because I wanted to make a genuine and positive change in the world—I also wanted to enjoy waking up and going to work each day! At Victoria University of Wellington, I've found a passionate learning community with a spirit of playfulness and a drive to support young children to become confident, curious, and adventurous citizens.”

### Josh Allen

Graduate, Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood New Zealand

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Our graduates are equipped to take up the challenges of the rapidly changing world of education. Our teacher education graduates are qualified to teach in New Zealand early childhood, primary and/or secondary schools depending on their programme of study, and are eligible for provisional teacher registration from the New Zealand Teachers Council.

Teaching experience is also built in to our teacher education programmes, where students gain valuable experience by being placed in classrooms as part of their programme.

EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS		
Subject area	Qualification	Years <sup>1</sup>
Early Childhood Teacher Education	Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood	3
	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)	1
Education	Bachelor of Arts in Education <sup>2</sup>	3
	Bachelor of Arts in Educational Psychology <sup>2</sup>	3
Primary and Secondary Teacher Education	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary)	1
	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)	1
Postgraduate Education	Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Education <sup>2</sup>	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Education	1
	Master of Arts in Education <sup>2</sup>	1
	Master of Education	1.5
	Master of Educational Psychology	2
	PhD	3-4

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

<sup>2</sup>These qualifications are offered through the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

For more information, see pages 20–21.





# ENGINEERING

## TRANSFORM INDUSTRIES AND SOCIETIES

Study and develop digital technology right in the centre of New Zealand’s technology and innovation capital.

## INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

The Industry Alliance Programme supports the delivery of several of our industry-focused postgraduate degrees built on connections between the University and local industry—providing industry-relevant skills and experience with real-world projects.

“I have enough resources to complete my project—the world-leading experimental platforms, and the positive research environment. But I think the thing that makes me happiest here is that my voice and ideas are valued.”

**Dr Yueming Sun**

Graduate, Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering

## ACCREDITATIONS

**Cybersecurity Engineering major in the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours**

- ▶ Granted provisional accreditation by Engineering New Zealand (under the Washington Accord) and will follow the standard process of full accreditation

**Electrical and Electronic Engineering major in the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours**

- ▶ Engineering New Zealand (under the Washington Accord)

**Software Engineering major in the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours**

- ▶ Engineering New Zealand (under the Washington Accord)
- ▶ IT Professionals New Zealand (under the Seoul Accord)



## LEARN FROM THE BEST

The School of Engineering and Computer Science brings together the best of engineering and computer science from a well-established group of international staff with a depth of experience in research and in industry.

ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS									
Subject area	Bachelor of Science	Graduate Diploma in Science	Bachelor of Engineering with Honours	Bachelor of Science with Honours	Postgraduate Diploma in Science	Master of Engineering	Master of Science	PhD	Other qualifications
<b>Years<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>3-4</b>	
Artificial Intelligence	•	•		•	•		•	•	Master of Artificial Intelligence (1-2 years)
Computer Graphics and Games	•	•		•	•		•	•	
Computer Science	•	•		•	•		•	•	Master of Computer Science (1-2 years)
Cybersecurity Engineering			•			•		•	Master of Engineering Practice (1 year/ 3 trimesters)
Data Science	•	•		•	•		•	•	Master of Data Science (2 years)
Electrical and Electronic Engineering / Electronic and Computer Systems	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Engineering Practice (1 year/ 3 trimesters) Master of Renewable Energy (1 year)
Software Engineering			•			•		•	Master of Engineering Practice (1 year/ 3 trimesters) Master of Software Development (1 year/ 3 trimesters)

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

For more information, see pages 22–23.





# HEALTH

## SHAPE A HEALTHY FUTURE

Pursue your passion for improving people's health and wellbeing in the heart of New Zealand.

## ACCREDITATIONS

### Bachelor of Midwifery

- ▶ Midwifery Council of New Zealand

### Master of Nursing Practice

- ▶ Nursing Council of New Zealand

### Workplace Health and Safety specialisation of the Postgraduate Diploma of Health and Master of Health

- ▶ Institution of Occupational Safety and Health



“No other university I looked at offered this programme, and Victoria University of Wellington is a top-ranked university for research, which really solidified my choice.”

“There are so many different cultures in Wellington, I feel like I fit in, and the support from the lecturers and administrative staff has been so amazing.”

### Pramishka Madurapperuma

Graduate, Postgraduate Diploma in Health (Health Leadership and Management)

Sri Lanka

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

We bring together teachers, researchers, and health practitioners to help prepare you to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of diverse communities.

HEALTH QUALIFICATIONS		
Subject area	Qualification	Years <sup>1</sup>
Health Informatics	Bachelor of Health	3
Health Leadership and Management	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Health Policy and Innovation	Bachelor of Health	3
Health Policy, Planning, and Service Delivery	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Health Promotion	Bachelor of Health	3
	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Health Psychology	Bachelor of Health	3
	Postgraduate Diploma in Health Psychology	1
	Master of Health Psychology	2
Health Research	Master of Health Research	1
Midwifery	Bachelor of Midwifery	4
Nursing	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
	Master of Nursing Practice	2
Physical Activity and Hauora	Bachelor of Health	3
	Postgraduate Diploma of Physical Activity and Hauora	1
	Master of Physical Activity and Hauora	1
Professional Practice	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Workplace Health and Safety	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Health and Master of Health can also be studied without any specialisation.

PhD study is possible in subjects in which expert supervision is available.

For more information, see pages 22–23.





# HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

## THINK CRITICALLY AND CREATIVELY

Broaden your knowledge in New Zealand’s creative and cultural capital, where you will be at the centre of politics, culture, foreign embassies, and the public service.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our university is ranked in the top 200 universities worldwide for arts and humanities, anthropology, development studies, English language and literature, history, linguistics, modern languages, performing arts, politics and international studies, religious studies, and sociology (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024).



“Wellington is New Zealand’s political and diplomatic hub and, given the openness of New Zealand politics, a very accessible one. Studying Politics and International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington has been so much more relevant and meaningful, knowing that down the road, debates are happening in the House [Parliament], bills are being passed, and state visits are taking place.”

### Darryn Ooi

Graduate, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and International Relations  
 Graduate, Bachelor of Laws with Honours  
 New Zealand

## INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Many programmes have connections in Wellington that create unrivalled opportunities for students to engage in. These include Archives New Zealand, the Government and Parliament, the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, the New Zealand Film Archive, professional and amateur theatre, and the city’s thriving digital and film industries.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES QUALIFICATIONS							
Subject area	Bachelor of Arts <sup>2</sup>	Graduate Diploma in Arts	Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	Bachelor of Arts with Honours	Master of Arts <sup>3</sup>	PhD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	1	1	1	1	3-4	1
Applied Linguistics <sup>4</sup>			•		•	•	Master of Applied Linguistics <sup>5</sup> Master of TESOL <sup>5</sup>
Art History	•	•	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Practice Master of Museum and Heritage Practice
Asian Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Chinese	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Classical Studies / Classics	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Creative Writing <sup>4</sup>	•				•	•	
Criminology	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Criminology
Cultural Anthropology	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Development Studies <sup>6</sup>	•	•					
Economics <sup>6</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Education	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Education
Education and Psychology <sup>6</sup>	•	•					Master of Educational Psychology
English (Literature)	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Film	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)
French	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Geography <sup>6</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	
German	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Greek	•	•	•	•	•	•	
History	•	•	•	•	•	•	

## HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Arts <sup>2</sup>	Graduate Diploma in Arts	Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	Bachelor of Arts with Honours	Master of Arts <sup>3</sup>	PhD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	1	1	1	1	3-4	1
Indigenous Studies			•				Postgraduate Diploma in Indigenous Studies Master of Indigenous Studies
International Relations	•	•	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations Master of International Relations Master of International Trade
Japanese	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Kaitiakitanga	•	•					
Language Sciences <sup>7</sup>	•	•					
Latin	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Linguistics <sup>8</sup>					•	•	Master of Applied Linguistics <sup>5</sup> Master of TESOL <sup>5</sup>
Māori Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Mathematics <sup>6</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Media Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	Bachelor of Communication (3 years) Postgraduate Diploma in Communication Master of Communication
Modern Language Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation
Museum and Heritage Studies					•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Practice Master of Museum and Heritage Practice
Music	•	•	•	•	•	•	For specialist qualifications, see the Music Qualifications table at right. Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)
Pacific Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Philosophy	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Political Science	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Master of Political Science
Psychology <sup>6</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Public Policy <sup>6</sup>	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sāmoan Studies / Matā'upu tau Sāmoa	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sociology	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Spanish	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Strategic Studies							Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Studies Master of Strategic Studies
Study of Religion	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Te Reo Māori	•	•	•	•	•	•	
TESOL <sup>9</sup>			•		•	•	Master of Applied Linguistics <sup>5</sup> Master of TESOL <sup>5</sup>
Theatre	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)
Translation							Postgraduate Diploma in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

<sup>2</sup>Minors are also available in Creative Writing, Data Science, Gender and Sexuality Studies, New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL), Popular Music Studies, and Social Policy.

<sup>3</sup>A Master of Arts can be completed in one year of study/research only after an Honours year in the same subject area, or equivalent.

<sup>4</sup>Courses are available at undergraduate level in these subjects, but the subjects are not Bachelor of Arts majors.

<sup>5</sup>The Master of TESOL and Master of Applied Linguistics may be available in part by distance learning.

<sup>6</sup>These subjects are offered for Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences qualifications, but are taught by other faculties.

<sup>7</sup>Subject to regulatory approval.

<sup>8</sup>Linguistics major to be replaced by Language Sciences, subject to regulatory approval.

<sup>9</sup>TESOL major to be replaced by Language Sciences, subject to regulatory approval.

For more information, see pages 24–27.

## COMMUNICATION QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Communication	Postgraduate Diploma in Communication	Master of Communication	PhD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	1	1	3-4	
Intercultural Communication	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation (1 year) Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation (1 year)
Literary and Creative Communication	•	•	•	•	
Media Studies	•	•	•	•	Bachelor of Arts (3 years)
Political Communication	•	•	•	•	
Science Communication	•	•	•	•	Bachelor of Science (3 years)

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

For more information, see pages 24–27.

## MUSIC QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Music <sup>2</sup>	Bachelor of Popular Music	Graduate Diploma in Music	Postgraduate Diploma in Music	Bachelor of Music with Honours	Master of Music	Master of Musical Arts	PhD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3-4	
Audio Production and Recording		•							
Classical Performance <sup>3</sup>	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Composition (Instrumental and Vocal)	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice) (1 year)
Digital Music and Audio Production	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice) (1 year)
Electronic Music		•							
Jazz Performance	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Music Studies	•		•		•	•			
Music Therapy									Master of Music Therapy (2 years)
Popular Music Studies		•							
Songwriting <sup>4</sup>		•							

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

<sup>2</sup>Minors are also available in Composition, Music Technology, Performance, and Popular Music Studies.

<sup>3</sup>Performance students are selected by audition.

<sup>4</sup>Offered from 2026.

For more information, see pages 24–27.

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# LAW

## LEAD THE CHANGE

Advance your knowledge of law at a capital-city law school with a global outlook—right in the legal and political heart of New Zealand.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our Law School is frequently ranked among the top 100 law schools in the world, and our faculty is in a privileged position to inform thinking and lead debate on legal, policy, and governance issues in New Zealand and beyond.

We hold public lectures and seminars in collaboration with legal professionals, the judiciary, domestic and international experts on current issues, and our three leading research centres: the New Zealand Centre of International Economic Law, the Centre for Justice Innovation New Zealand, and the New Zealand Centre for Public Law.



“As a law student, you’re just across the road from the Beehive, the seat of the New Zealand Government, and the courts, so you’re very close to all the action. There are a range of courses to choose from, including an opportunity to complete an internship in a firm, office, court, or government department. I was an international student, and the internship gave me some much-needed insights into the practice of law in New Zealand.”

### Nilu Ariyaratne

Graduate, Master of Laws  
Sri Lanka

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Because our campus is close to New Zealand’s Parliament and the district, high, and supreme courts, it makes for a unique centre for students, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

Student-led seminars provide a forum for analysis of current legal issues and result in a substantial body of research. Some of this is published in the Faculty’s journals, the *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review* and the *New Zealand Journal of Public and International Law*, and other academic journals.

LAW QUALIFICATIONS		
Subject area	Qualification	Years <sup>1</sup>
Law	Bachelor of Laws <sup>2</sup>	4
	Bachelor of Laws with Honours <sup>3</sup>	4–5
	Graduate Certificate in Law <sup>4</sup>	0.5–1
	Graduate Diploma in Law <sup>4</sup>	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Law	1
	Master of Construction Law	1–1.5
	Master of Laws by coursework <sup>5</sup>	1.5
	Master of Laws by coursework and dissertation (35,000 words) <sup>5</sup>	1–1.5
	Master of Laws by thesis (50,000 words) <sup>5</sup>	1–1.5
	Master of International Trade	1.5
PhD	3–4	

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

<sup>2</sup>Entry into the second year is competitive, based on grades in the first year.

<sup>3</sup>The Honours programme runs parallel to the Bachelor of Laws in its final two years—entry is by invitation after high achievement in second or third year.

<sup>4</sup>If you’re a legal practitioner from overseas who needs to meet New Zealand Council of Legal Education requirements, the Graduate Certificate of Law will help you meet them.

<sup>5</sup>The Master of Laws is usually taken to focus on a specific aspect of law—it does not entitle a graduate to practise law in New Zealand. For information on obtaining a practising certificate, go to [www.nzcle.org.nz](http://www.nzcle.org.nz)

For more information, see pages 26–29.

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# SCIENCE

## STAND ON THE EDGE OF DISCOVERY

Gain real-world industry experience while you study in New Zealand's science capital.

## LEARN FROM THE BEST

The Faculty of Science is led by staff at the cutting edge of discovery, with Development Studies, Earth and Marine Sciences, Geography, Geology, Geophysics, and Psychology ranked in the world's top 150 in the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject.

## LEADING RESEARCH

Several noteworthy research centres and institutes are based at the University. These include the MacDiarmid Institute for Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials, the Malaghan Institute for Medical Research—New Zealand's top research institute in material science and largest private medical research institute—and the Antarctic Research Centre, a leading research group on Antarctic research and the global climate system.

## INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

The Industry Alliance Programme supports the delivery of several of our industry-focused postgraduate degrees built on connections between the University and local industry—providing industry-relevant skills and experience with real-world projects.

SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS										
Subject area	Bachelor of Science <sup>2</sup>	Bachelor of Biomedical Science	Bachelor of Environment and Society	Bachelor of Psychology	Graduate Diploma in Science	Postgraduate Diploma in Science	Bachelor of Science with Honours	Master of Science	PhD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1-2	3-4	
Actuarial Science	•				•				•	Master of Actuarial Science (1 year)
Applied Statistics										Master of Applied Statistics (1 year)
Artificial Intelligence	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Artificial Intelligence (1 year)
Biology	•				•					
Biotechnology	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Brain Sciences and Mental Health				•						
Cell and Molecular Bioscience	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Chemistry	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Climate Change Science and Policy						•				Master of Climate Change Science and Policy (1-2 years) Postgraduate Certificate in Science majoring in Climate Change Science and Policy (1 year)
Climate Science	•		•		•					
Clinical Immunology										Master of Clinical Immunology (1 year)
Clinical Research										Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Research (1 year) • Master of Clinical Research (1 year)
Cognitive Science				•						
Computer Graphics and Games	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Computer Science	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Computer Science (1 year)
Conservation Biology						•	•	•	•	Master of Conservation Biology (1 year)
Criminal Justice and Psychology				•						
Data Science	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Data Science (2 years)
Development Studies	•		•		•			•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies (1 year) Master of Development Studies (1 year)
Drug Discovery and Development										Postgraduate Diploma in Drug Discovery and Development (1 year) Master of Drug Discovery and Development (1-2 years <sup>3</sup> )

## SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Science <sup>2</sup>	Bachelor of Biomedical Science	Bachelor of Environment and Society	Bachelor of Psychology	Graduate Diploma in Science	Postgraduate Diploma in Science	Bachelor of Science with Honours	Master of Science	PHD	Other qualifications
Years <sup>1</sup>	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1-2	3-4	
Earth Science	•		•		•					
Ecological Restoration						•		•	•	
Ecology and Biodiversity	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Educational Psychology				•						
Electronic and Computer Systems	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Environmental Science	•		•		•	•		•	•	Master of Environmental Science
Environmental Studies	•		•		•					Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (1 year) Master of Environmental Studies (1-2 years <sup>3</sup> )
Geography	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	
Geology					•	•	•	•	•	
Geophysics						•	•	•	•	
Health Psychology				•						
Human Genetics		•								Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours (1 year) Postgraduate Diploma in Biomedical Science (1 year) Master of Biomedical Science (1-2 years)
Information Systems	•									
Māori Psychology				•						
Marine Biology	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Marine Conservation									•	Master of Marine Conservation (1-1.5 years <sup>4</sup> )
Mathematics	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Mental Health: Principles and Applications				•						
Molecular Microbiology						•	•	•	•	
Molecular Pathology		•								Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours (1 year) Postgraduate Diploma in Biomedical Science (1 year) Master of Biomedical Science (1-2 years)
Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry		•								Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours (1 year) Postgraduate Diploma in Biomedical Science (1 year) Master of Biomedical Science (1-2 years)
Physical Geography									•	
Physics	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Psychology / Psychological Science	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Science in Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience (2 years <sup>5</sup> ) Master of Science in Cross-Cultural Psychology (2 years <sup>5</sup> ) Master of Science in Forensic Psychology (2 years <sup>5</sup> )
Science Communication <sup>6</sup>	•				•					
Science in Society						•		•	•	Master of Science in Society (1 year)
Space Science	•				•					
Statistics	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Applied Statistics (1.5-2 years)
Work and Organisational Psychology				•						



“I’m loving being in this environment. Most of the time, I’m just sitting in the School of Biological Sciences surrounded by so many biologists from different fields, and you have nice, interesting conversations, and you can make friends really easily.”

“My research might have the potential to have such a big impact, or not—we just don’t know yet. When it comes to biology, every little step on the journey is important.”

### Lisa Wolf

Candidate, PhD in Science  
Germany

<sup>1</sup>One year = two or three trimesters.

<sup>2</sup>Minor is also available in Science in Society.

<sup>3</sup>Can be completed in one or two years depending on academic background.

<sup>4</sup>January or June start; can be completed in 1 or 1.5 years depending on background.

<sup>5</sup>The first year of this degree is also offered as a Postgraduate Diploma in Science.

<sup>6</sup>The Science Communication major must be taken alongside another major or minor from the BSc or BMedSc degrees. The Science in Society minor does not fulfil this requirement.

For more information, see pages 28–31.





# AN INSPIRING

# RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

Victoria University of Wellington offers PhD candidates a thriving and focused academic experience. Our partnerships help build the capability of researchers, delivering knowledge and understanding that improve social, cultural, and economic outcomes in the Asia-Pacific region.

## OUR RESEARCH IS WORLD LEADING

The University has research strengths in many areas, including business and government, culture and creativity, design and manufacturing, health and wellbeing, science and digital engineering, and sustainability and resilience.

We have researchers of national and international repute working at the forefront of knowledge in a diverse range of disciplines. Our researchers win major grants in highly competitive environments and publish regularly in leading international journals and with top academic publishers.

Our state-of-the-art technical resources help facilitate the research by staff and students, together with a range of international research services and access to collaborative networks.

## #1 IN RESEARCH INTENSITY\*

Aside from having strong partnerships with four national Centres of Research Excellence, the University is home to more than 40 world-leading research institutes and centres that have significant roles in graduate teaching and research. These include the:

- ▶ Centre for Strategic Studies
- ▶ Ferrier Research Institute
- ▶ International Institute of Modern Letters
- ▶ MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology
- ▶ Malaghan Institute of Medical Research
- ▶ New Zealand Climate Change Institute
- ▶ New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre
- ▶ New Zealand India Research Institute
- ▶ Victoria University Coastal Ecology Laboratory.

\*Victoria University of Wellington has been the top-ranked university in New Zealand since 2012, as measured by the six-yearly Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) evaluation exercise run by the New Zealand Tertiary Education Commission.



“I considered all reputed international options and zeroed in on Victoria University of Wellington as the perfect choice for further studies. The emphasis on original research and critical thinking made Victoria University of Wellington the natural and only choice for me.”

### Prakriti Bhatt

Candidate, Doctor of Philosophy in Law  
Wellington Doctoral Scholarship recipient  
India

## STUDY FOR YOUR PhD WITH US

Whatever your aspirations, we can offer you a postgraduate programme that will widen your skills and deepen your knowledge in your chosen subject.

### Benefits of a PhD in New Zealand

- ▶ International students pay the same fees as domestic students.
- ▶ Enjoy excellent work rights both during and after your PhD.
- ▶ Partners can apply for an open work visa.
- ▶ Children can enrol in New Zealand state schools.

### Application information

Apply for your PhD through the Faculty of Graduate Research. Scan the code for more information about PhD degrees, admission requirements, contacting potential supervisors, the application process, and scholarship funding.

Applications are considered in three rounds each year, with closing dates of:  
1 March, 1 July, and  
1 November.

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# PROGRAMME INFORMATION

PROGRAMME	Intake (start date) <sup>1</sup>	Estimated duration <sup>2</sup>		Total points for full qualification
		Trimesters	Years <sup>3</sup>	
<b>PATHWAY PROGRAMMES AND STUDY ABROAD</b>				
English for Academic Purposes (EAP)	Feb, Jun, Sep	12 weeks <sup>4</sup>	–	60
Foundation Studies (delivered by UP Education)	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct	–	6, 9, 12, or 18 months	–
Study Abroad: Undergraduate	Feb, Jul	1 or 2	18 months	–
Study Abroad: Postgraduate				
Study Abroad: First year				

<b>ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN INNOVATION</b>				
Bachelor of Architectural Studies	Feb	6	3	360
Bachelor of Building Science	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Design Innovation	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Graduate Diploma in Design Innovation	Feb	2	1	120
Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Architectural Science	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Designed Environments	Feb	2	1	120
Master of Architectural Science	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Architectural Science (Research)	Anytime	–	1	120
Master of Architecture (by thesis)	Anytime (except Dec and Jan)	–	1	120
Master of Architecture (Professional)	Feb	4	2	240
Master of Construction Law	Feb	3	1.5	180
Master of Design (by thesis)	Anytime	–	1	120
Master of Design Innovation	Feb	4	1.5	180
Master of Design Technology	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice) in Design	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Interior Architecture	Feb	4	2	240
Master of Landscape Architecture	Feb	4	2	240
Master of Urban and Regional Planning	Feb, Jul	4	2	240
Master of User Experience Design	Feb	3	1	180
PhD	Anytime	–	≥ 3	360

<sup>1</sup>Starting trimester may vary depending on major subject or specialisation. The duration of some programmes may be affected by your chosen start date.

<sup>2</sup>These are estimated durations. Durations may vary depending on availability of courses, workload, and a student's capability.

<sup>3</sup>The University year has three trimesters, starting in February, July, and November. Courses are not available for all programmes in Trimester 3.

<sup>4</sup>Tuition fees are estimated and subject to change. They do not include other costs such as the student services levy and insurance. Go to page 36 for more information.

<sup>5</sup>This is the minimum upfront payment for visa applications.

<sup>6</sup>You may need to take several consecutive courses (20–30 weeks) to reach the required level of English for your intended university degree or programme.

<sup>7</sup>Fees can differ depending on the subject.

<sup>8</sup>Some Honours subjects do not have a July start.

<sup>9</sup>Costs associated with field trips are not included in these fee estimates. In particular, there are substantial extra costs for field trips for the Master of Conservation Biology and the Master of Marine Conservation.

A six-month Graduate Certificate is also available in most subjects.

Online study options are available for some programmes. To learn more, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-online-study](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-online-study)

For more information, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz) or contact [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international@vuw.ac.nz)

Estimated tuition fees 2025 (NZ\$) <sup>4</sup>		Coursework (C)	Research (R)	Minimum general entry requirements (See our website for full details.)
Per 120 points <sup>5</sup>	For full programme			
–	\$6,750 per 60 points	•		You need to have a pre-intermediate level of English before beginning this course—at least Duolingo 70, IELTS 4.5, or TOEFL iBT 34. You will need to submit your English test results with your application. Your English test results will indicate how many English courses you need to enrol in. If you do not have English test results, contact <a href="mailto:eli@vuw.ac.nz">eli@vuw.ac.nz</a>
–	Varies per student	•		Go to <a href="http://www.wgtn.up.education">www.wgtn.up.education</a>
\$13,500 per trimester	\$13,500 per trimester	•		Completion of at least one year of undergraduate study at a recognised tertiary institution with above-average grades.
		•		An equivalent of a New Zealand Bachelor's degree is required.
		•		Relevant country Bachelor's degree admission requirements.

		C	R	Portfolio	CV	Research proposal	Identify a supervisor	Statement of intent	Academic qualification	Grade	Additional requirements or information
\$42,000	–	•									Entry into second year is competitive and is based on your first-year results.
\$42,000	–	•									Entry into second year is based on passing all the required core courses in the first year. There is a longer duration to complete your programme if you commence in July.
\$39,550	–	•									
–	\$39,550	•		•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a design-related area.
–	\$42,000	•							Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an architecture- or building-science-related area.
–	\$45,700	•							Bachelor's degree	B	If you have previous work experience, you may provide some work samples or a portfolio.
–	\$45,700	•							Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an architecture-related area.
\$45,700	\$68,500	•							Bachelor's degree	B	If you have previous work experience, you may provide some work samples or a portfolio. Degree should be in architecture or building science.
–	\$45,700	•				•	•		Postgraduate diploma	B	Degree needs to be in an architecture- or building-science-related area.
–	\$45,700	•				•	•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an architecture-related area.
\$45,700	–	•	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an architecture-related area.
\$45,700	\$68,500	•	•					•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a law-related or built-environment-related area.
–	\$44,300	•	•	•		•	•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a design-related area.
\$44,300	\$66,450	•	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a design-related area.
\$44,300	\$66,450	•		•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a design-related area and portfolio must demonstrate student's capability in 3D-application software.
\$42,450	\$63,650	•		•				•	Bachelor's degree	B	Refer to the website for more information on early application deadlines, applying, and specific requirements.
\$45,700	–	•	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an interior-architecture- or architecture-related area.
\$45,700	–	•	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a landscape-architecture-related area.
\$45,700	–	•	•					•	Bachelor's degree	B	If you have extensive professional/practical experience, you may provide work samples.
\$44,300	\$66,450	•						•	Bachelor's degree	B	This degree is for designers upskilling and for non-design graduates moving into a design career. Please provide examples of your work if you are a designer.
Go to <a href="http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd-fees">www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd-fees</a> for full details		•	Go to <a href="http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr/prospective-phds">www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr/prospective-phds</a>								

PROGRAMME	Intake (start date) <sup>1</sup>	Estimated duration <sup>2</sup>		Total points for full qualification
		Trimesters	Years <sup>3</sup>	
<b>BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT</b>				
Bachelor of Commerce	Feb, Jul, Nov	6	3	360
Graduate Diploma in Commerce	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Bachelor of Commerce with Honours	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Actuarial Science	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy	Feb	2	1	120
Executive Master of Business Administration	Feb, Jul	4	2	180
Master of Actuarial Science	Feb, Jul, Nov	3	1	180
Master of Commerce (by coursework and thesis)	Feb	3–4	1–1.5	180
Master of Global Business	Nov	3	1	180
Master of Information Studies	Feb, Jul	3	1	180
Master of Professional Accounting (traditional pathway)	Feb, Nov	3	1	180
Master of Professional Accounting (CAANZ Chartered Accountants)	Feb, Nov	3	1	180 +22.5 CAANZ points
Master of Professional Business Analysis	Feb, Jul	4	16 months	180
Master of Public Management	Feb	4	1.5	180
Master of Public Policy	Feb	4	1.5	180
PhD	Anytime	–	≥ 3	360

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<b>EDUCATION</b>				
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood	Feb	6	3	360
Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood or Primary or Secondary)	Feb	2	1	155
Postgraduate Diploma in Education	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Master of Education	Feb, Jul	3	1.5	180
Master of Educational Psychology	Feb, Jul	4	2	240
Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary or Secondary)	Feb	3	1	180
PhD	Anytime	–	≥ 3	360

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Per 120 points <sup>5</sup>	For full programme			CV	Statement of intent	Reference letter	Academic qualification	Grade	Additional requirements or information
\$35,450	–	•						Limited courses offered in the November intake may lead to longer duration to complete programme.	
–	\$35,450	•				BCom degree	B	Enquire with International Office on intended major's availability for July start.	
–	\$36,600	•	•			Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be related to the selected major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors.	
–	\$41,300	•		•	•	Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in an actuarial-science-, finance-, or statistics-related area.	
–	\$36,600	•		•		Bachelor's degree		A CV to indicate at least two years of work experience in public sector or similar. Preferably, reference letter is from a current employer.	
–	\$36,600	•		•		Bachelor's degree		A CV to indicate at least two years of work experience in public sector or similar. Preferably, reference letter is from a current employer.	
\$42,400	\$63,550	•		•		Bachelor's degree	B	A CV to indicate at least five years of work experience in senior leadership position or similar. Questionnaire required upon application submission.	
\$41,300	\$61,950	•		•	•	Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in an actuarial-science-, finance-, or statistics-related area.	
\$36,600	\$54,900	•	•			Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be related to the selected major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors.	
\$36,600	\$54,900	•		•		Bachelor's degree	B	This is a conversion Master's where degree should not be in marketing/management area.	
		•	•	•	•	Bachelor's degree	B	This is a fully online programme. Degree needs to be in an information-studies-related area. If degree was from a non-related background, your CV should indicate any substantial work experience with information studies.	
\$35,000	\$52,500	•				Bachelor's degree	B	This programme fulfils the academic requirements for professional certification from Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and CPA Australia.	
\$35,000	\$52,500 + \$6,556.95	•				Bachelor's degree	B	This programme has additional courses to fulfil the academic requirements for professional certification from Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and CPA Australia.	
\$36,000	\$54,900	•		•	•	Bachelor's degree	B-	This is a conversion Master's where degree should not be in an information systems area or similar. Your CV must not indicate any substantial work experience in business analysis.	
\$36,600	\$54,900	•		•		Bachelor's degree		A CV to indicate at least two years of work experience in public sector or similar. Preferably, reference letter is from a current employer.	
\$36,600	\$54,900	•	•	•		Bachelor's degree		A CV to indicate at least two years of work experience in public sector or similar. Preferably, reference letter is from a current employer.	
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	C	R	Contact details of two referees	Overseas police certificate	Higher language report	Academic qualification	Grade	Additional requirements or information
\$33,400	–	•	•	•	Refer to programme page.			A selection meeting, and a numeracy and literacy assessment are required.
–	\$41,050	•	•	•	Refer to programme page.	Bachelor's degree	B	A selection meeting, and a numeracy and literacy assessment are required. Note early application deadline of 15 November.
–	\$36,150	•				Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an education- or psychology-related area. A CV may be provided if substantial teaching experience.
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in education- or psychology-related background. A CV may be provided if you have substantial teaching experience. Completion of this programme will not lead to registration in New Zealand.
\$42,900	–	•				Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an education-, psychology-, or educational-psychology-related area. A CV may be provided if you have substantial teaching experience. Completion of this programme will not lead to registration in New Zealand.
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•	•	Refer to programme page.	Bachelor's degree	B	In-person selection meeting, and a numeracy and literacy assessment are required. Note early application deadline of 15 November.
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		Trimesters	Years <sup>3</sup>	
<b>ENGINEERING</b>				
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours	Feb, Jul	8	4	480
Master of Artificial Intelligence	Feb, Jul	3	1–1.5	180
Master of Computer Science	Feb, Jul	3	1–1.5	180
Master of Engineering (by thesis and coursework)	Feb, Jul	3	1	120
Master of Engineering (by thesis)	Anytime	3	1	120
Master of Engineering Practice	Feb, Jul	3	1–1.5	180
Master of Renewable Energy	Feb	3	1–1.5	180
Master of Software Development	Jul	3	1	180
PhD	Anytime	–	≥ 3	360

<b>HEALTH</b>				
Bachelor of Health	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Midwifery	Feb	8	4	480
Graduate Diploma in Health	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Health	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Physical Activity and Hauora	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Master of Health	Feb, Jul	3	1.5	180
Master of Health Psychology (by coursework and research)	Feb, Jul	4	2	240
Master of Health Research	Anytime	–	1	120
Master of Physical Activity and Hauora	Feb, Jul	3	1.5	180
Master of Nursing Practice	Feb	4	2	240
PhD	Anytime	–	≥ 3	360

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Per 120 points <sup>5</sup>	For full programme			C	R	CV	Research proposal	Identify a supervisor	Statement of intent	Academic qualification	Grade
\$43,850	–	•									Entry into second year is competitive and is based on your first-year results. There is a longer duration to complete your programme if you commence in Trimester 2 (July).
\$46,650	\$70,000	•	•	•			•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a computer-science- or data-science-related area.	
\$42,900	\$64,300	•	•	•			•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a computer-science- or programming-related area.	
–	\$46,650	•	•	•	•	•	•	BEng degree	B+		
–	\$46,650		•	•	•	•	•	BEng degree	B+		
\$46,650	\$70,000	•		•				Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in an engineering-related area.	
\$46,650	\$70,000	•	•	•				Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in an engineering- or computer-science-related area.	
\$46,650	\$70,000	•		•				Bachelor's degree	B	This is a conversion Master's where degree should not be in a computer-science- or programming-related area. Your CV should not indicate any programming-related experience.	
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\$35,300	–	•									
\$35,300	–	•					Refer to programme page.			A strong background in biology and chemistry is required to meet the entry standards of the Midwifery Council of New Zealand. In-person selection meeting is required.	
–	\$35,300			•	•			Bachelor's degree	B		
–	\$35,750	•		•		•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a health-related area. Nursing and Professional Practice specialisation applicants must be registered health professionals. Midwifery specialisation is not available to international students.	
–	\$35,750	•		•		•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree can be in any area. Your CV could indicate at least three years of practical/professional experience in sports, active recreation, or the play sector.	
\$35,750	\$53,600	•	•	•		•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a health-related area. Nursing and Professional Practice specialisation applicants must be registered health professionals. Midwifery specialisation is not available to international students.	
\$42,900	–	•	•	•		•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a psychology- or health-psychology-related area. Completion of this programme will not lead to registration in New Zealand.	
–	\$35,750		•	•	•	•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a health-related area, and you must have significant relevant professional experience.	
\$35,750	\$53,600	•	•	•		•		Bachelor's degree	B	This is a conversion Master's where your degree can be in any area. Your CV should indicate at least three years of practical/professional experience in sports, active recreation, or the play sector.	
\$35,750	–	•		•		•	Refer to programme page.	Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a nursing- or health-science-related area. A selection interview is required.	
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		Trimesters	Years <sup>3</sup>	
<b>HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES</b>				
Bachelor of Arts <sup>6</sup>	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Communication	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Global Studies	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Music	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Popular Music	Feb	6	3	360
Graduate Diploma in Arts <sup>6</sup>	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Graduate Diploma in Music	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Bachelor of Arts with Honours <sup>8</sup>	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Bachelor of Music with Honours	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Linguistics	Feb, Jul, Nov	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Communication	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Indigenous Studies	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Practice	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Music	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Political Science	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Studies	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in TESOL	Feb, Jul, Nov	2	1	120
Master of Applied Linguistics	Feb, Jul, Nov	3	1	180
Master of Arts (by thesis) <sup>7</sup>	Anytime	-	1	120
Master of Communication	Feb	3	1	180

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\$33,400	-	•								
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\$33,400	-	•								
\$38,850	-	•		•						An audition recording is required for Classical Performance and Jazz majors and an interview will be scheduled following submission of application. There is a longer duration to complete your programme in Jazz Performance or Music Studies majors if you commence in July.
\$38,850	-	•		•						Audition recording or composition may be requested, depending on major. Songwriting major will be offered from 2026.
-	\$33,400	•		•				Bachelor's degree	B	Refer to programme page on availability of majors. FILM and THEA majors may have additional requirements. Statement of intent is required if degree background is in a different area of intended study.
-	\$38,850	•						Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be related to intended major. Audition recording or composition may be requested, depending on major.
-	\$36,150	•						Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be related to intended major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors.
-	\$41,850	•		•				BMus degree	B	An audition recording is required for Classical Performance and Jazz majors. Writing sample is required for Musicology major. Portfolio is required for Composition majors.
-	\$36,150	•			•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a linguistics-, education-, English-language-, or another language-related area.
-	\$36,150	•						Bachelor's degree	B	Refer to programme page on availability of majors. FILM and THEA majors may have additional requirements.
-	\$36,150	•						Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a media-studies- or communication-related area.
-	\$36,150	•			•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a social-sciences-related area.
-	\$36,150	•			•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an Indigenous-studies-related area. If your degree was from a non-related area, your CV should indicate any substantial work experience with Indigenous communities or organisations.
-	\$36,150	•			•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in advanced study in a language other than English.
-	\$36,150	•			•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	
-	\$36,150	•			•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Statement of intent and CV should highlight any career experience which is broadly related to strategic studies or international relations.
-	\$36,150	•			•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a linguistics-, education-, English-language- or another language- or TESOL-related area.
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•		•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a linguistics-, education-, English-language-, or another language-related background.
-	\$36,150	•		•		•	•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be related to intended major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors. CREW major has an early application deadline and requirements—check the website.
\$36,150	\$54,250	•						Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a media-studies- or communication-related area.

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Master of Criminology	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice) in Film or Theatre	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice) in Music/Sound	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Indigenous Studies	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation	Feb	3	1	180
Master of International Relations	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Museum and Heritage Practice	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Music	Anytime	–	1	120
Master of Music Therapy (by coursework and research)	Feb	4	2	240
Master of Musical Arts	Feb, Jul	–	1	120
Master of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Political Science	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Strategic Studies	Feb	3	1	180
Master of TESOL	Feb, Jul, Nov	3	1	180
PhD	Anytime	–	≥ 3	360

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<b>LAW</b>				
Bachelor of Laws	Feb	8	4	480
Graduate Certificate in Law	Feb, Jul	1	0.5	60
Graduate Diploma in Law		2	1	120
Master of Construction Law	Feb	4	1.5	180

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\$36,150	\$54,250	•			•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a social-sciences-related area.	
\$37,000	\$55,500	•		•	•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be related to intended major and provide extensive experience in a relevant field. Refer to the website for more information on early application deadlines, applying, and specific major requirements. Provide contact details of two referees.	
\$40,800	\$61,200	•		•				Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be related to intended major and provide extensive experience in a relevant field. Refer to the website for more information on early application deadlines, applying, and specific major requirements.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•			•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an Indigenous-studies-related area. If your degree was from a non-related background, your CV should indicate any substantial work experience with Indigenous communities or organisations.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•			•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in advanced study in a language other than English.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•		•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a strategic-studies-, international-relations-, or political-science-related area. A CV should highlight any career experience broadly related to international relations.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•		•	•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a museum-heritage-related area.	
–	\$41,850	•	•	•	•	•	•	BMus degree	B+	Degree in the same intended major with evidence of training/experience in CV. An audition recording is required for Performance major. Portfolio is required for Composition and Digital Music and Audio Production majors.	
\$41,850	–	•	•	•	•	•	•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a psychology- or social-science-related area. An audition recording is required, and an interview will be scheduled upon application submission.	
–	\$41,850	•	•	•		•	•	BMus degree	B	An audition recording and interview are required for Performance major. Portfolio is required for Composition and Digital Music and Audio Production majors.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an economics-, international-relations-, philosophy-, political-science, or public-policy-related area.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•		•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a strategic-studies-, international-relations-, or political-science-related area. A CV should highlight any career experience broadly related to political science.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•		•		•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a strategic-studies-, international-relations-, or political-science-related area. A CV should highlight any career experience broadly related to strategic studies, international relations, or political science.	
\$36,150	\$54,250	•	•		•			Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a linguistics-, education-, English-language or another language-, or TESOL-related area.	
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		C	R	CV	Contact details of two referees	Research and writing samples	Statement of intent	Higher language requirement	Academic qualification	Grade	Additional requirements or information
\$39,000	–	•									Entry into the second year is competitive and is based on first-year results, and entry into the parallel third- and fourth-year Honours programme is by invitation after high achievement in second year.
–	\$19,500	•							LLB degree		If seeking admission to the New Zealand Bar, an NZCLE letter specifying courses and English exemption are required.
–		•							LLB degree		If seeking admission to the New Zealand Bar, an NZCLE letter specifying courses and English exemption are required.
\$45,700	\$68,500	•	•	•			•		Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a law-related or built-environment-related area.

PROGRAMME	Intake (start date) <sup>1</sup>	Estimated duration <sup>2</sup>		Total points for full qualification
		Trimesters	Years <sup>3</sup>	
<b>LAW (continued)</b>				
Master of International Trade	Feb	3	1.5	180
Master of Laws (by coursework)	Feb, Jul	2–3	1	120
Master of Laws (by thesis)	Feb, Jul	2–3	1	120
Master of Laws (by dissertation and coursework)	Feb, Jul	2–3	1	120
PhD	Anytime	–	≥ 3	360

<b>SCIENCE</b>				
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Environment and Society	Feb	6	3	360
Bachelor of Psychology	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Bachelor of Science	Feb, Jul	6	3	360
Graduate Diploma in Science	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Bachelor of Science with Honours <sup>8</sup>	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Biomedical Science	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies	Feb	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Drug Discovery and Development	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Studies	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Postgraduate Diploma in Science	Feb, Jul	2	1	120
Master of Applied Statistics	Feb, Jul	3	1	180
Master of Artificial Intelligence	Feb	3	1–1.5	180
Master of Biomedical Science (by coursework and thesis)	Feb, Jul	4	2	240
Master of Climate Change Science and Policy	Feb	3	1.5	180
Master of Clinical Immunology	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Clinical Research	Feb	2	1	120
Master of Computer Science	Feb, Jul	3	1.5	180
Master of Conservation Biology	Jan, Jul	3	1	180

<sup>1</sup>Starting trimester may vary depending on major subject or specialisation. The duration of some programmes may be affected by your chosen start date.

<sup>2</sup>These are estimated durations. Durations may vary depending on availability of courses, workload, and a student's capability.

<sup>3</sup>The University year has three trimesters, starting in February, July, and November. Courses are not available for all programmes in Trimester 3.

<sup>4</sup>Tuition fees are estimated and subject to change. They do not include other costs such as the student services levy and insurance. Go to page 36 for more information.

<sup>5</sup>This is the minimum upfront payment for visa applications.

<sup>6</sup>You may need to take several consecutive courses (20–30 weeks) to reach the required level of English for your intended university degree or programme.

<sup>7</sup>Fees can differ depending on the subject.

<sup>8</sup>Some Honours subjects do not have a July start.

<sup>9</sup>Costs associated with field trips are not included in these fee estimates. In particular, there are substantial extra costs for field trips for the Master of Conservation Biology and the Master of Marine Conservation.

A six-month Graduate Certificate is also available in most subjects.

Online study options are available for some programmes. To learn more, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-online-study](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-online-study)

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Estimated tuition fees 2025 (NZ\$) <sup>4</sup>		Coursework (C)	Research (R)	Minimum general entry requirements (See our website for full details.)							
Per 120 points <sup>5</sup>	For full programme			CV	Contact details of two referees	Research and writing samples	Statement of intent	Higher language requirement	Academic qualification	Grade	Additional requirements or information
\$37,250	\$55,850	•	•	•	•	•	•	Bachelor's degree	B	This is a conversion Master's degree and can be in any background.	
–	\$41,250	•	•	•	•	•	•	LLB, LLB(Hons), LLM	B		
–	\$41,250	•	•	•	•	•	•	LLB, LLB(Hons), LLM	B		
–	\$41,250	•	•	•	•	•	•	LLB, LLB(Hons), LLM	B		
Go to <a href="http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd-fees">www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd-fees</a> for full details		•	Go to <a href="http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr/prospective-phds">www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr/prospective-phds</a>								

		C	R	CV	Research proposal	Identify a supervisor	Statement of intent	Academic qualification	Grade	Additional requirements or information
\$38,200	–	•								
	–	•								
\$38,200	–	•								Psychological Science is a compulsory first major.
\$38,200	–	•								There is a longer duration to complete your programme if you commence in July for specific majors—check with International Office.
–	\$38,200	•						Bachelor's degree		Degree needs to be related to intended major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors.
–	\$42,900	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a biomedical-science-related area.
–	\$42,900	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be related to intended major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors. Specific psychology major requires at least a B+ average grade and early application deadline of 1 November.
–	\$42,900	•	•					BBmedSc degree	B	Degree needs to be in a biomedical-science-related area.
–	\$42,900	•	•				•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a development-studies-related background. A CV to indicate any relevant work experience.
–	\$42,900	•	•				•	Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a chemistry-, biochemistry-, biomedical-science-, pharmacy-, or pharmacology-related area.
–	\$42,900	•	•				•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an environmental-studies-related area.
–	\$42,900	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be related to intended major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors.
\$42,900	\$64,300	•	•	•			•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a maths-, statistics-, financial-maths-, or quantitative-related area.
\$46,650	\$70,000	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a computer-science- or data-science-related area.
\$42,900	–	•	•	•	•	•		Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a biomedical-science-related area.
\$42,900	\$64,300	•	•	•				Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a related field. Check programme page for more information.
\$47,700	\$71,550	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in biomedical science or immunology.
–	\$47,700		•	•	•	•		Postgraduate diploma	B	You should preferably have some work experience in clinical research or health sciences.
\$42,900	\$64,300	•	•	•			•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a computer-science- or programming-related area.
\$39,750 <sup>6</sup> less \$10,000 Faculty scholarship	\$59,650 <sup>6</sup> less \$10,000 Faculty scholarship	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a biological-sciences-related area. Note early application deadline of 15 October. Faculty scholarship will be awarded upon full enrolment.



The information here was correct at the time of printing. Scan here to see if there have been any updates.

PROGRAMME	Intake (start date) <sup>1</sup>	Estimated duration <sup>2</sup>		Total points for full qualification
		Trimesters	Years <sup>3</sup>	
<b>SCIENCE (continued)</b>				
Master of Data Science	Feb	5	2	240
Master of Development Studies	Feb	3	1.5	180
Master of Drug Discovery and Development	Feb, Jul	3	1	180
Master of Environmental Science	Feb	3	1	180
Master of Environmental Studies	Feb, Jul	4	2	240
Master of Marine Conservation	Jan, Jun	3	1	180
Master of Renewable Energy	Feb	3	1.5	180
Master of Science (by coursework and thesis)	Feb, Jul	4	2	240
Master of Science (by thesis)	Anytime	-	1	120
Master of Science in Society	Feb	3	1	180
PhD	Anytime	-	≥ 3	360

<sup>1</sup>Starting trimester may vary depending on major subject or specialisation. The duration of some programmes may be affected by your chosen start date.

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<sup>3</sup>The University year has three trimesters, starting in February, July, and November. Courses are not available for all programmes in Trimester 3.

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<sup>8</sup>Some Honours subjects do not have a July start.

<sup>9</sup>Costs associated with field trips are not included in these fee estimates. In particular, there are substantial extra costs for field trips for the Master of Conservation Biology and the Master of Marine Conservation.

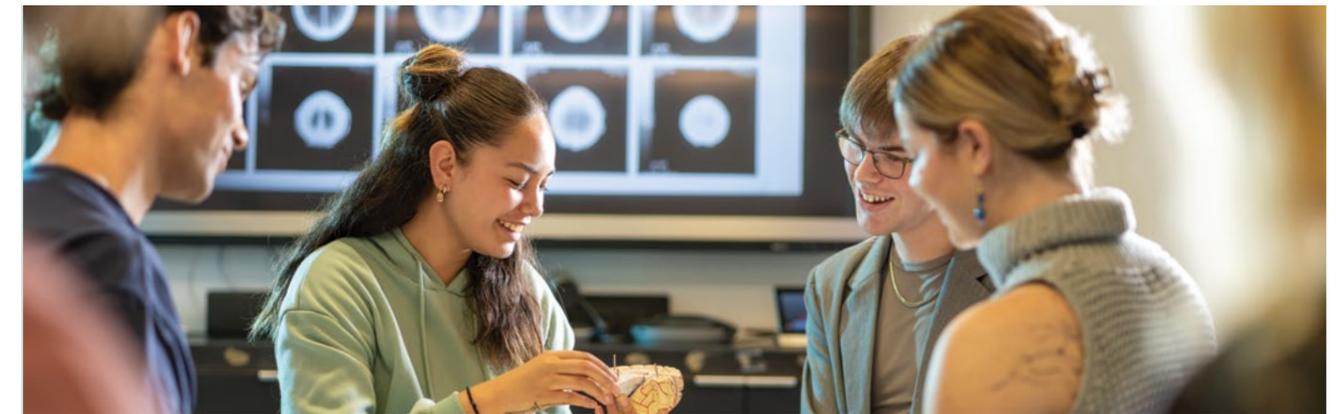
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Per 120 points <sup>5</sup>	For full programme	Coursework (C)		Research (R)		Minimum general entry requirements (See our website for full details.)				
		C	R	CV	Research proposal	Identify a supervisor	Statement of intent	Academic qualification	Grade	Additional requirements or information
\$42,900	-	•	•	•			•	Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a data science-, computer-science-, or statistics-related area. Applicants with a major in data science or a double major in computer science and statistics may be exempt from Part 1 (60 points).
\$42,900	\$64,300	•		•			•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a development-studies-related area. A CV to indicate any relevant work experience.
\$42,900	\$64,300	•	•	•			•	Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a chemistry-, biochemistry-, biomedical-science-, pharmacy-, or pharmacology-related area.
\$42,900	\$64,300	•	•					Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in a biology-, chemistry-, earth-science-, environmental-science-, mathematics-, or physics-related area.
\$42,900	-	•	•				•	Bachelor's degree	B	Degree needs to be in an environmental-studies-related area.
\$43,550 <sup>9</sup> less \$10,000 Faculty scholarship	\$65,300 <sup>9</sup> less \$10,000 Faculty scholarship	•		•				Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in a marine-biological-sciences-related area. Note early application deadline of 15 October. Faculty scholarship will be awarded upon full enrolment.
\$46,650	\$70,000	•	•	•				Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in chemistry, engineering, environment sciences, or physics.
\$42,900	-	•	•		•	•		Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be related to intended major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors. Specific psychology majors require at least an A-average grade and note early application deadline of 1 November.
-	\$42,900		•		•	•		Bachelor's degree with Honours	B+	Degree needs to be related to intended major. Refer to programme page on availability of majors. Specific psychology majors require at least an A-average grade and note early application deadline of 1 November.
\$42,900	\$64,300	•	•	•				Bachelor's degree	B+	Degree needs to be in an environmental studies, science, or science communication area.
Go to <a href="http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd-fees">www.wgtn.ac.nz/phd-fees</a> for full details			•		Go to <a href="http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr/prospective-phds">www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr/prospective-phds</a>					



# SCHOLARSHIPS

Victoria University of Wellington provides a range of scholarships that recognise and encourage high achievement and leadership. They are available for international students at all study levels. More than NZ\$28 million in scholarships is awarded each year.

- ▶ Tongarewa Scholarship of either NZ\$5,000 or NZ\$10,000 (for international students who completed their qualification outside New Zealand)
- ▶ International School-Leaver Excellence Scholarship of NZ\$20,000 (for international students who completed secondary school in New Zealand)
- ▶ Wellington Doctoral Scholarships
- ▶ Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships funded by the New Zealand Government and available to students from eligible countries



“I always wanted to study in an English-speaking country that has different cultures so that I could experience new perspectives. I instantly fell in love with Victoria University of Wellington. I worked hard to get scholarships to make my dream come true, and I’m glad to say that my hard work paid off!”

## Anis Aqeelah Afrina

Graduate, Bachelor of Commerce in Actuarial Science and Finance  
Malaysia

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships)

# STUDENT SERVICES

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

International students at Victoria University of Wellington receive dedicated support before and while they are studying. Our international teams are here to help you when you first apply until you graduate. Services include:

- ▶ international applications and admissions
- ▶ an arrival meeting service
- ▶ insurance claim support
- ▶ the International Buddy Programme
- ▶ international student events
- ▶ personal, cultural, and academic support and referral
- ▶ student visa support.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/support/international](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/support/international)

## CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Our Wellington Careers and Employment team can help you apply for jobs and internships, offering professional advice on career planning, job exploration, and career development. They also run free workshops on CVs, cover letters, interview tips, and other career-related topics.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers)

## SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON CAMPUS

- ▶ Adam Art Gallery
- ▶ Bookshop
- ▶ Cafés
- ▶ Campus safety office
- ▶ Careers and Employment
- ▶ Chaplaincies
- ▶ Disability Services
- ▶ Early childhood education services
- ▶ Enrolment Office
- ▶ Financial support and advice
- ▶ Information/help desks
- ▶ IT services
- ▶ LGBTQIA+ support services
- ▶ Libraries
- ▶ Pharmacy
- ▶ Student Counselling
- ▶ Student Health
- ▶ Student Islamic centre (prayer rooms)
- ▶ Student Job Search
- ▶ Student Learning
- ▶ Te Herenga Waka marae
- ▶ University Accommodation Wellington
- ▶ University Recreation Wellington
- ▶ Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA)
- ▶ Wellington Global Exchange
- ▶ Wellington University International

# ACCOMMODATION

Our halls of residence provide a safe, comfortable, and supportive living environment. Most university accommodation is within walking distance from each campus and the city centre. The University offers various accommodation to suit your style of living. Check out some of the options below.



## EVERTON HALL



A pleasant hillside setting beside the cable car for second-year students and above.

- Single and twin rooms in five-bedroom apartments
- From \$285 per week plus electricity
- 5–20 minutes' walk to each campus



## TE PUNI VILLAGE



A multi-level complex on Kelburn campus with stunning views from its communal areas.

- Single, apartment single, or single studio
- From \$524 per week
- 2–25 minutes' walk to each campus



## WEIR HOUSE



The historic Weir House, opened in 1933, provides a vibrant community with a strong academic focus for first-year undergraduate students.

- Single, set, or twin-share rooms
- From \$378 per week
- 5–20 minutes' walk to each campus



## WHĀNAU MARAMA APARTMENTS



Situated in the heart of Wellington's vibrant city centre for second-year students and above.

- 1–2 bedroom apartments
- From \$373 per week plus electricity
- 5–20 minutes' walk to each campus

### KEY

- |                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Catered hall      | WiFi available               |
| Self-catered hall | Room type                    |
| Music room        | Weekly rate*                 |
| Games room        | Walking distance to campuses |
| Disabled access   |                              |

\*Weekly rate includes most utilities. Rates are subject to change and may vary for 2025–2026.

# LIVING COSTS

Your living costs will depend on your needs and habits. For 20 weeks (one trimester) in Wellington, you might need:

- ▶ essential living costs (keeping it basic but comfortable): NZD\$12,000 (\$600 per week)
- ▶ generous living costs (weekend trips and enjoying the nightlife): NZ\$16,500 (\$850 per week).

These calculations have been based on a single person and not students with families.



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



To study at Victoria University of Wellington, you will need to meet the academic and English-language entry requirements for your chosen programme of study.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Minimum entry requirements are noted for each programme on pages 18–31. These are a guideline only, and some programmes may require higher entry requirements and/or additional application materials. Check the programme pages on our website.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes)

### Undergraduate entry requirements

Academic entry requirements for undergraduate study vary from country to country. For more information, refer to the 'Minimum Academic Requirements for Undergraduate Admission' on the next page or on our website.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-entry-requirements](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-entry-requirements)

### Graduate entry requirements

Graduate certificates and diplomas require a New Zealand Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

### Postgraduate entry requirements

You need a Bachelor's degree with at least a B average unless stated otherwise in the programme's minimum general entry requirements. A background in a particular subject area or extensive relevant work experience may be required. Students with equivalent international qualifications from a recognised institution are encouraged to apply.

Each application is assessed individually, and entry into postgraduate programmes is at the discretion of the programme director. For more information, find your chosen programme on our website.

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# MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

## A LEVELS

United Kingdom: Three GCE Advanced Level passes at grade C or higher.

Outside the UK: Three GCE Advanced Level passes; one subject must be at grade C or higher.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Achievement of the Diploma. A grade of 3 or higher in Higher Level English A or B; or a grade of 5 or higher in Standard Level English A fulfils the English-language requirement.

## NEW ZEALAND

Entry from National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) requires the following:

- ▶ attained NCEA Level 3
- ▶ achieved 14 credits at NCEA Level 3 in each of three subjects from the list of approved subjects
- ▶ achieved University Entrance Literacy requirements: 10 credits at Level 2 or higher, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing from specific standards
- ▶ achieved University Entrance Numeracy requirements: 10 credits at Level 1 or higher from specific achievement standards, or three specific numeracy unit standards.

For more information, go to [www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance)

Successful completion of a New Zealand university foundation programme—for grade requirements, contact the International Admissions team at [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international@vuw.ac.nz)

Successful completion of a one-year qualification rated Level 4 or higher by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and taught by a New Zealand polytechnic or university; or successful completion of one year of full-time study towards such a qualification, with at least a B average

**Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE, New Zealand)** Gain a minimum of 120 points on the New Zealand Tariff Score table, and a minimum grade of D in each of at least three subjects equivalent to those in the approved subjects list for NCEA at AS or A level. Gain a minimum D pass in IGCSE Mathematics and a minimum E pass in AS English Language or AS English Literature

**AUSTRALIA** Completion of Year 12 with an ATAR of 69.9 or better (Queensland Overall Position of 14 or lower)—if taken in Australia

**BRAZIL** Successful completion of one year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution\*

**CANADA** High School Diploma with an average of 65 percent or higher across five subjects in Grade 12. Requirements vary from province to province. For province-specific requirements, contact the International Admissions team at [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international@vuw.ac.nz)

**CHINA PRC** Successful completion of Senior High School Graduation with an average of 75 percent or higher overall, plus one year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution; or successful completion of Senior High School Graduation with an average of 75 percent or higher overall, plus successful completion of a three-year diploma from a recognised institution; or achieved a Tier 1 score in the National University Entrance Examination (Gaokao) at a recognised institution\*

**DENMARK** Successful completion of Højere Handelseksamen; or successful completion of Højere Forberedelseseksamen. A grade of 6 or higher in English A, or grade 9 or higher in English B fulfils the English-language requirement

**FIJI** See South Pacific Nations

**FINLAND** Successful completion of Ylioppilastutkinto / Studentexamen. A grade of 8 or higher in English fulfils the English-language requirement

**FRANCE** Successful completion of Diplôme du Baccalauréat

**GERMANY** Successful completion of Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur). Abitur English grade 3 (1–6 grading scale) or 10 (1–15 grading scale), or higher fulfils the English language requirement

**HONG KONG** Successful completion of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) with at least three subjects achieved at Level 4 or higher, including English language and two elective subjects; or three Hong Kong Advanced Level passes at grade C or higher

**INDIA** All-India Senior School Certificate (AISSC) minimum 75 percent overall; or India School Certificate (ISC) minimum 75 percent overall. A grade of 65 percent or higher in English fulfils the English-language requirement

**INDONESIA** Sekolah Menengah Atas / Madrasah Aliyah (SMA/MA) with a final grade of 86 or higher; or successful completion of one year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution\*

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international)

**JAPAN** High School Diploma with an average of 3.5 or higher

**KOREA** Korean University Entrance Examination minimum score of 250; or High School Diploma, plus one year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution\*

**MALAYSIA** STPM with three passes at C grade or higher; or maximum score of 20 points over the best five academic subjects in the UEC; or successful completion of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (Canadian Pre-U) with an average of at least 65 percent across six subjects in Grade 12; or Malaysian Matriculation Certificate (Matrikulasi) with a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.5. A grade of A- or higher in SPM English; or B or higher in STPM English or B4 or higher in UEC English fulfils the English-language requirement

**NETHERLANDS** Completion of Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs (VWO)

**NORWAY** Vitnemål for Videregående. A grade of 4/VG or higher in English fulfils the English-language requirement

**OMAN** One year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution; or successful completion of a two- or three-year diploma from a recognised institution\*

**PHILIPPINES** Successful completion of High School Diploma (Academic track) with a minimum grade requirement of 85% or higher

**RUSSIA** Certificate of Secondary (Complete) General Education and successful completion of one year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution\*

**SĀMOA** See South Pacific Nations

**SAUDI ARABIA** One year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution; or successful completion of a two- or three-year diploma from a recognised institution\*

**SINGAPORE** Three H2 Level passes at grade C or higher; or 18 points where A=10, B=8, C=6, and so on

**SOUTH AFRICA** National Senior Certificate with an aggregate score of C or 3. A grade of D or 4 or higher in English fulfils the English-language requirement

**SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONS** South Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate with three B/Merit grades plus a minimum grade of 5 in PSSC English and 6 in PSSC Maths; or University of the South Pacific Foundation year with a minimum of C in Communication; or National University of Samoa Foundation Certificate with an average grade B3; or a score of 250 or higher in the Fiji 7th Form Certificate with passes in 4 subjects; or Tonga National Form 7 Certificate with three B grades plus a minimum grade of 5 in PSSC English and 6 in PSSC Maths

A minimum of C grade or higher in USP Foundation Communication; or a C1 or higher in NUS Foundation English fulfils the English-language requirement.

**SRI LANKA** Three GCE Advanced Level passes, one subject must be at grade C or higher

**SWEDEN** Avgångsbetyg, Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskola or Högskoleförberedande examen. A grade of 4/VG or 15/C in English (A or B) in the Avgångsbetyg/Slutbetyg; or a grade of C or higher in English (5 or 6) in the Högskoleförberedande examen fulfils the English-language requirement

**TAIWAN** Senior High School Diploma with an average grade of B+, plus one year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution\*

**THAILAND** Matayom 6 with a GPA of 3.2 or higher; or successful completion of one year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution\* with a GPA of 2.5 or higher

**TONGA** See South Pacific Nations

**UAE** One year of Bachelor's degree-level study at a recognised institution; or successful completion of a two- or three-year diploma from a recognised institution\*

**UNITED KINGDOM** Three GCE Advanced Level passes at grade C or higher. See *A Levels for requirements for outside the UK*

**USA** High School Diploma or GED with a minimum average CGPA of 2.5; or successful completion of an Associate Degree (AA or AS) from a recognised institution\*

**VIET NAM** Grade 12 with a GPA of 8.0 or higher (when High School Graduation Certificate attained in 2016 and onwards)

\*To find out if yours is a recognised institution, contact the International Admissions team at [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international@vuw.ac.nz)

For the latest minimum entry requirements by country, go to our website.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/country-minimum-requirements](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/country-minimum-requirements)

# ENGLISH-LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	Pearson Test of English (PTE)	Cambridge English Qualifications (C1 Advanced/ C2 Proficiency)	New Zealand Certificates in English Language (NZCEL)	Victoria University of Wellington English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme
<b>Undergraduate students</b>	Overall band of 6.0 with no sub-score below 5.5	A score of 80 on the internet-based test	A score of 50 with a 'Communicative' score of not less than 42	A score of 169 or higher, with each skill score no less than 162	NZCEL Level 4 (Academic)	A minimum of three ratings of 4 and one rating of 3
<b>Postgraduate students</b>	Overall band of 6.5 with no sub-score below 6.0	A score of 90 on the internet-based test, with at least 20 in writing	A score of 58 with a 'Communicative' score of not less than 50	A score of 176 or higher, with each skill score no less than 169	NZCEL Level 5 (Academic)	A minimum of two ratings of 5 and two ratings of 4

We currently also accept the Duolingo English Test to meet the general English requirement for most undergraduate programmes. You will need to achieve 110 overall and good scores in each sub-score. To enquire about Duolingo, contact [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international@vuw.ac.nz)

These are the minimum English-language requirements for admission to the University. Some programmes may have higher English-language requirements. See the programme tables from page 18 or find your chosen programme on our website for more country-specific information.

 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes)

You may be exempt from these English-language requirements if your previous studies were undertaken in a native English-speaking country or English-language curriculum. This will be assessed by our admissions team when you apply.

For the latest English-language requirements, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-entry-requirements](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-entry-requirements)

## FEES AND COSTS

Estimated programme fees are listed on pages 18–31 and on our website. These are reviewed annually. Your final tuition fees will be calculated when you enrol.

### Student Services Fee

All students are required to pay a Student Services Fee. This is a contribution towards student support services at the University. The 2025 Student Services Fee is NZ\$9.94 per point for students studying on campus and NZ\$4.97 per point for students studying overseas.

### Other costs

Some programmes may incur additional costs. Costs associated with field trips and thesis publication are not included in the fee estimates on the previous pages. Costs for course materials are also not included.

### PhD study

Tuition fees for PhD study and research are charged on a per-year basis. Tuition fees are set late in the preceding year. International PhD students are charged at domestic fee rates.

#### Cost calculator

Use our cost calculator to work out your likely study and living costs in Wellington.

 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/cost-calculator](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/cost-calculator)

## PROGRAMME DURATIONS

Estimated durations for each programme are noted on pages 18–31. Some programmes may take longer to complete due to availability of courses, workload, or a student's capabilities. The start date of some programmes may vary depending on major subject or specialisation. The duration of some programmes may be affected by your chosen start date.

The University's study year is made up of three trimesters.

- ▶ Trimester 1: Late February to June
- ▶ Trimester 2: Early July to November
- ▶ Trimester 3: Early November to February

Study in Trimester 3 is available only for specific programmes.

## INSURANCE

All students are required to have approved medical and travel insurance. For full details, go to our website.

 [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-insurance](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-insurance)

## CONTACT US

For more information, send us an email.

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# HOW TO APPLY

Applying to study at Victoria University of Wellington is easy and free of charge.



## APPLICATION DEADLINES

You should apply as soon as possible to ensure you have enough time to arrange your student visa and accommodation before you travel to New Zealand.

- ▶ Trimester 1 (February): Apply by 1 December the previous year
- ▶ Trimester 2 (July): Apply by 1 May
- ▶ Trimester 3 (November): Apply by 1 September

Some programmes have an earlier application closing date.

For the latest information about the University's application deadlines, go to our website.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-deadlines](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-deadlines)

## STEP 1

### CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Explore our subjects on our website.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes)

If you are a prospective PhD candidate, go to the Faculty of Graduate Research website for information on how to apply.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/fgr)

## STEP 2

### CHECK YOU MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Check the academic and English-language entry requirements on pages 34–36.

If you don't meet the entry requirements for:

- ▶ English language, you can take English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- ▶ undergraduate study, you can enrol in our Foundation Studies programme
- ▶ postgraduate study, contact us at [international@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international@vuw.ac.nz) and we can help you check if there are pathways available for your chosen degree.

## STEP 3

### CHECK YOUR FEES AND COSTS

For estimated tuition fees, see pages 18–31. For information about living costs and scholarships that are open to international students, go to our website.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/scholarships-fees](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/scholarships-fees)

## STEP 4

### PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS

Check your programme to determine which documents are required for your application, and prepare these according to our guidelines.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-documents](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-documents)

## STEP 5

### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Submit your application via Pūaha, our online portal where you can view and manage all your applications for courses and programmes, accommodation, and scholarships.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/puaha-login](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/puaha-login)

## STEP 6

### WAIT TO HEAR FROM US

We'll send you a confirmation email when we receive your complete application. We'll let you know by email if your application is successful, usually within one week (undergraduate) or four weeks (postgraduate).

## STEP 7

### IF ACCEPTED, GET READY TO ENROL

If you are accepted to Victoria University of Wellington, we'll email you an Offer of Place and tell you how to enrol and when to pay your fees.

To find out what you need to organise before you study, including your student visa, accommodation, and insurance, go to our website.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/get-ready-to-study](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/get-ready-to-study)



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#### THE PASTORAL CARE CODE

The Government's Pastoral Care Code sets out the University's role and responsibilities in ensuring the wellbeing and safety of all our students. This includes fostering learning environments that are safe and designed to support positive learning experiences of diverse student groups. During your time here, you have access to a range of services and support to promote your overall wellbeing, development, and educational achievement.

Read more about the code and our obligations.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/support](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/support)

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