UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
Waipapa Taumata Rau
NEW ZEALAND

International College | Prospectus 2027
Kāreti ki te Ao

University of Auckland
Certificate in Foundation Studies

Guaranteed entry to
New Zealand's **No.1** university,
ranked **67th** in the world[1]



No.1
New Zealand University[1]

No.67
university in the world[1]

No.1
in New Zealand for graduate employability[2]

Learn and grow
in New Zealand

Quick facts

NZ population:
5,361,300*

Largest city:
Auckland (pop. 1,728,000)*

Capital city:
Wellington

Official languages:
English, Māori,
New Zealand Sign Language

Currency:
New Zealand dollar

Climate:
Summer - Ave. 24°C (75°F)
Winter - Ave. 16°C (60°F)

Warmest months:
January, February

Coldest months:
July, August

**Stats NZ March 2026*



1st
safest study destination
AECC Insights 2024

1st
work-life balance globally
Global Life-Work Balance Index 2025, Remote

Top 3%
universities in the world
QS World University Rankings 2026

3rd
most peaceful country globally
Global Peace index score 2025

University of Auckland International College

Pathway Programme Overview

The programmes we offer

Pathways Link Programme[1]
Foundation Connect[2]
University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies (Standard) (Level 3)
University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies (Fast-Track) (Level 3)
University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies (Accelerated) (Level 3)

1. Pathways Link is registered as 'Pathways Link - L1A and L1B (Level 1) (Training Scheme)' with NZQA.
2. The programme is marketed as Foundation Connect and the programme name is registered as "Intensive General English Course" with NZQA.



Nau mai, haere mai

A warm welcome to Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland, New Zealand's highest-ranked and largest higher education institution.

New Zealand's leading university
Ranked 67th in the world
QS World University Rankings 2027
New Zealand's leading university

New Zealand's leading university **for over 140 years**

For over a century, the University of Auckland has been at the forefront of higher education in New Zealand — consistently recognised as the nation's leading university.

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Aotearoa New Zealand,
a great place to study, live and work

New Zealand is world-famous for its friendly people, spectacular landscape and relaxed lifestyle. Discover what it's like to be a student here. Learn about the different types of accommodation. Explore our cities and regions, and find out about the cost of living.

World-class education

The University of Auckland ranks among the world's top universities, with 19 subjects placed in the global Top 100 in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026. This means you'll study with leading academics in globally recognised programmes, enhancing your career prospects worldwide.

Feel safe and secure

New Zealand is recognised as one of the most peaceful, least-corrupt countries in the world, giving you a sense of security and confidence while you concentrate on your studies or as you explore our beautiful country.

Work-life balanced lifestyle

New Zealand is known for its strong culture of family and community, along with a healthy balance between career and personal life. Companies often offer flexible working hours and generous holiday leave, allowing employees to pursue interests outside of work.





Post-study work opportunities

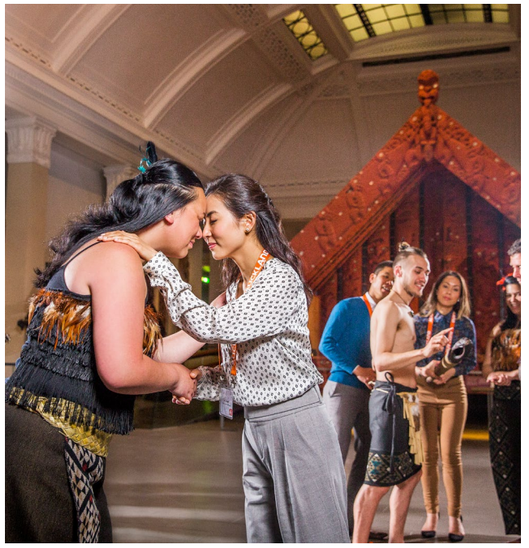
Take your next step after graduation with a Post Study Work Visa[1]. Eligible international students may remain in New Zealand for up to three years to gain relevant work experience and transferable skills.

1. Learn more about the Post Study Work Visa on the NZ Immigration website by scanning the QR code above.



Globally-recognised qualifications

A New Zealand qualification is a valuable asset that can give you a head start in the international job market. It is recognised by over 50 countries. These include the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia.



Embracing all peoples

New Zealanders, or Kiwis, embrace people from diverse backgrounds with warmth and respect. Our friendly culture, our rich history, our laidback, open-mindedness and our diverse traditions respect everyone's rights, beliefs, and choices.



A high standard of living

New Zealand boasts a high standard of living, with excellent education, healthcare, transport, and infrastructure. Our economy is strong, and our political system is stable. The country's transparent legal and governmental systems safeguard the rights of both citizens and visitors.

New Zealand, a hub of innovation

3rd
Tech is NZ's 3rd largest export sector
Source: NZTech 2024

7th
in Asia and Oceania for innovation
Source: World Intellectual Property Organization, Global Innovation Index 2025

Rocket Lab

Reshaping access to space

Founded in 2006 in Auckland, Rocket Lab makes space accessible with innovative launch and satellite tech.

- Rocket Lab is a global leader in satellite deployment.
- With 60+ launches and 190+ satellites deployed, Rocket Lab is the fastest small launch provider to hit 50 missions.
- Partners include NASA, the U.S. Department of Defense, BlackSky, and Kinéis.

LanzaTech

Turning industrial emissions into clean fuel

Founded in 2005 and based in Auckland, LanzaTech is transforming the energy sector with carbon recycling technology that helps industries adopt cleaner, more sustainable production.

- LanzaTech's biotech converts steel mill emissions into clean fuel like ethanol.
- Deployed worldwide, it has reduced millions of tonnes of CO_2, partnering with Unilever, Zara, and Virgin Atlantic on sustainability.

Wētā FX

Where Oscar-winning visuals come to life

Founded in 1993 in Wellington, Wētā FX blends creativity and tech to reshape storytelling across film and media.

- From Avatar and The Lord of the Rings to The Avengers, Wētā FX brings magic to the big screen.
- With 2,000+ staff, the company is a multi-Oscar and BAFTA winner.
- A pioneer in AI-powered facial animation and virtual production.

Engender / Orbis

Reshaping livestock farming with laser technology

Engender Technologies and Orbis Diagnostics are deep-tech spinouts from the University of Auckland, applying advanced photonics and microfluidics to tackle real-world challenges in agriculture, diagnostics, and sustainability.

- Engender used laser tech for sperm sorting and was acquired in 2018.
- Orbis Diagnostics, adapted from dairy tech to COVID testing, raised NZ$5.2M in funding.

More than nature,
the untold story of New Zealand

Sustainability & renewable energy

New Zealand is not only famous for its breathtaking landscapes — we're also a global leader in sustainable practices. From organic vineyards to one of the world's highest shares of renewable energy, we're shaping a greener future together.



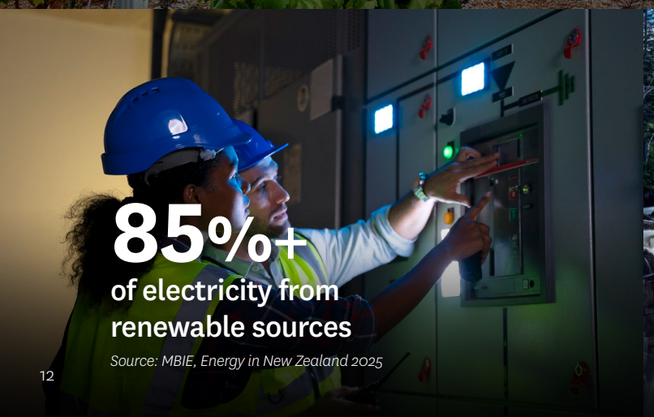
#2
on the Sustainable Trade Index
Source: Hinrich-IMD Sustainable Trade Index 2025



#4
worldwide for renewable electricity share
Source: World Energy Trilemma Report 2025



98%
of vineyard area is certified sustainable
Source: New Zealand Winegrower 2025



85%+
of electricity from renewable sources
Source: MBIE, Energy in New Zealand 2025



54%
of electricity from hydro power
Source: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment 2025

Cultural diversity & inclusion

New Zealand is a truly multicultural society. Our commitment to human rights and gender equality reflects a deeply inclusive and open national identity that welcomes everyone.



200
ethnicities
Source: Statistics New Zealand, 2023 Census



3rd
in the world for human rights
Source: Fraser Institute Human Freedom Index 2025



2nd
on the democracy index
Source: Economist Intelligence Unit, World Democracy Index 2025



5th
for gender equality
Source: World Economic Forum, Global Gender Gap Index 2026



1st
country to grant women the right to vote

Study and thrive in Auckland

Learn more about living in Auckland

Located in the heart of Auckland, our campus offers the best of a vibrant, energetic city lifestyle where you can find nature just down road.

Excitingly multicultural

Auckland is a true representation of New Zealand, but with a unique mix of cultures that gives the city a global feel. Our diverse cultural blend is seen in our public spaces, restaurants, and events. There are also many active expat communities, offering you the chance to meet, socialise, and connect with people from various countries.

Explore Māori and Pacific culture

From a traditional Māori pōwhiri (welcome) to festivals, ceremonies and language immersion, you can engage with Māori and Pacific culture in daily life. These are unique opportunities that can broaden your perspective beyond the classroom.

Surrounded by nature

Whether you're looking for an adventure or a relaxed weekend, you're never far from a beach or a glimpse of the harbour with its many islands to explore. Nestled around the inner-city campuses are urban greenspaces for a quick breather, while forests and waterfalls await just at the city's edges.

Top 5
in the world for quality of living
Mercer Quality of Living Rankings 2024

42%
of Aucklanders are born overseas
Statistics New Zealand, 2023 Census

Top 7
most Liveable City in the world
CNN World's Most Liveable Cities 2025

Top 25
global student-friendly cities
QS Best Student Cities 2026

Auckland is the commercial and business centre of New Zealand.

Air New Zealand · Fonterra · one.nz · Microsoft · pwc · Tesla · KPMG · EY · Samsung · Deloitte. · Google · Apple

Study in the heart of everything

University of Auckland City Campus
10-minute walk

Central City Library
5-minute walk

Auckland Art Gallery
7-minute walk

YMCA Sports and Recreation Centre
10-minute walk

Number of bus stops within 500 meters of campus
8 bus stops

Auckland Airport
25-minute by car

Take a virtual campus tour





No 1
In New Zealand and
Top 75
worldwide for
graduate employability[1]

Top 50
in the world
for 8 subjects[2]
Top 100
in the world
for 19 subjects[2]

33% of the top-rated researchers in the country
New Zealand's largest research organisation

New Zealand's leading innovation and entrepreneurship centre[4]

8,000+
international students
from 100+ different countries

New Zealand's leading university
Ranked 67th in the world
QS World University Rankings 2027
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About University of Auckland

Global, impactful, and future-focused research

Researchers at the University of Auckland collaborate globally to address some of the world's most compelling issues and opportunities. All students benefit from the global perspectives and the opportunity to make a positive impact in the world.

Build your global career

Study at New Zealand's highest-ranked university and obtain the skills and qualifications in demand with global employers. Learn new ways of thinking and enhance your future career while gaining a world-class education.

World Top 2% for Sustainability[3]

The University of Auckland is ranked 7th in Oceania and 28th globally for sustainability[3]. This reflects its commitment to the Sustainability Strategy and Net Zero Carbon Strategy, supporting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Innovation made real

As New Zealand's most innovative university[4], the University of Auckland is renowned for entrepreneurship education. The Business School's Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) offers free co-curricular learning opportunities and has won 16 international awards. It provides programmes like Velocity and facilities at its innovation hubs and makerspaces.

1. QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2026
2. QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026
3. QS Sustainability Rankings 2026
4. 13 International awards for innovation and entrepreneurship since 2020

Preparing you **for the future**

Gain a world-class education at New Zealand's top university and develop the expertise and credentials that are highly valued by global employers.

Comprehensive career support for every student

UoA's award-winning Career Development and Employability Services (CDES) offers personalised support and practical resources — free for all students, including three years after graduation. Two dedicated International Career Consultants are also available to provide international students with tailored advice and opportunities.

cdes.auckland.ac.nz



Build connections with employers

Gain real-world experience through internships, work placements, and exchange opportunities with leading companies in New Zealand and abroad — available through your faculty and some courses. The connections you make can be a major boost to your future career.

Industry-ready learning environments

Learn in spaces that mirror real workplaces. Many faculties offer simulation labs and studios equipped with the same technology used in industry, preparing you for the fast-changing, digital-first job market.





Innovation and entrepreneurship

The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) empowers students from all faculties to turn big ideas into impactful ventures. Through free workshops, mentorship, and startup support, you'll have the chance to create meaningful change and explore entrepreneurial pathways.



Top 60

in the world for 9 subjects[1]

33rd	*Sports-related subjects*
28th	*Archaeology*
28th	*Psychology*
29th	*Education*
48th	*Civil and Structural Engineering*
49th	*Anatomy and Physiology*
49th	*Linguistics*
50th	*English Language and Literature*
60th	*Accounting and Finance*

Top 100

in the world for 19 subjects[1]

Accounting & Finance, Anatomy & Physiology, Anthropology, Archaeology, Civil & Structural Engineering, Computer Science & Information Systems, Data Science & Artificial Intelligence, Education, English Language & Literature, Geography, Hospitality & Leisure Management, Law, Linguistics, Marketing, Mathematics, Nursing, Pharmacy & Pharmacology, Psychology, Sports-related Subjects

1. QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026

Most in-demand degrees

	What you can study at UoAIC
Bachelor of Science (BSc) **Build a strong foundation in Earth, Chemical, Computational, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences.** • Home to NZ's largest science faculty with 8 subjects ranked in the world's top 100. • Choose from 25 subjects to personalise your degree • The Bachelor of Science (BSc) programme allows you to incorporate different areas of interest and expertise.	At least one of the following subjects is compulsory: • Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Geography, Physics, Modelling, and Statistics
Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) **Pursue a flexible business degree and gain strong communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills.** • Choice of 12 majors, with a wide range of conjoint options available. • Professional skills development that will enhance your employability. • Cutting-edge specialist learning spaces, including the BNZ Financial Trading Room and Vodafone 5G Lab.	Recommended subjects: • Economics, Accounting, Statistics, Communications, and Calculus
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)(BE(Hons)) **Blend theory and practice to contribute to an technologically advanced, sustainable world.** • Opportunities to gain real-world experience through industry placements and practical projects. • Access to world-class research institutes, equipment and study facilities. • Internationally recognised degree specialisations accredited by Engineering New Zealand.	Compulsory subjects: • Calculus and Physics Other recommended subjects: • Modelling and Statistics
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) **Build medical, clinical, and research skills for your future in medicine.** • Focus on medical sciences, clinical skills, communication, and population health. • A faculty with an international reputation for research and innovation. • Unrivalled access to clinical environments, thanks to our close relationship with a range of district health boards and general practices.	Recommended subjects: • Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Geography, Physics, Modelling, and Statistics

Not sure what you want to study at the university?

Here are the recommended subjects to study in the Foundation Studies programme.

If you like English
- Communications, Economics, Statistics, and Geography

If you like Mathematics
- Calculus, Modelling, Statistics, and Physics

If you like Design
- Art History, Design, Communications, and Geography

Degree options

Transition to the University

The University of Auckland offers a wide range of undergraduate courses for you to choose from for your packaged offer. Our Student Services and Experience Team is available to offer their expertise if you want to learn more about your chosen undergraduate degree.

There will be regular opportunities for you to get a glimpse of university life through campus tours. You will also hear from staff, current students and alumni of the University so you get early insights into your faculty and degree options.

Towards the end of your Foundation course, there will be a transition session conducted by the International College and university. The session will cover the next steps you should take to accept your degree offer, and advice to stay on track with your progression plan to the University.

Faculty	Programme
Arts and Education	Bachelor of Arts (BA)
	Bachelor of Communication (BC)
	Bachelor of Dance Studies (BDanceSt)
	Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (BECSt)
	Bachelor of Education (Teaching) (BEd (Tchg))
	Bachelor of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (BEd TESOL)
	Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
	Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt)
	Bachelor of Music (BMus) – Creative Practice in; Classical, Jazz, or Popular Music
	Bachelor of Music (BMus) – Music Studies, Composition
	Bachelor of Sport, Health & Physical Education (BSportHPE)
Business	Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)
	Bachelor of Property (BProp)
Engineering and Design	Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS)
	Bachelor of Design (BDes)
	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE (Hons))
	Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) (BUrbPlan (Hons))
Law	Bachelor of Laws Part I (LLB (Part I))
Medical and Health Sciences	Bachelor of Biomedical Science (BBiomedSc)
	Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) – Community Health
	Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) – Health Systems and Data Analytics
	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)
	Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs)
	Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom)
	Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)
	Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Hons) (BMedImagH)
Science	Bachelor of Psychology (BPsych)
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) – Cell and Molecular Bioscience
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) – Medicinal Chemistry
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) – Nutrition
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) – Exercise Sciences
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) – Pharmacology
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) – Physiology
Conjoint Degree Programmes	Conjoint Degrees (without Engineering, Advanced Science, Health Sciences, or Nursing)
	Conjoint Degrees (with Health Sciences)
	Conjoint Degrees (with Engineering)

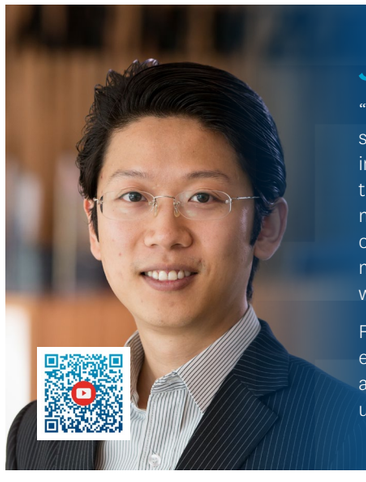
Your career path
starts from here

No.1
in New Zealand for graduate employability
QS Graduate Employability Outcomes 2026

Top 71
worldwide for graduate employability
QS Graduate Employability Outcomes 2026

No.1
in Australasia for start-up and spin-out companies
Survey of Commercialisation Outcomes from Public Research 2023

Top 100
in the world for 19 subjects
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026



Jeff

"My name is Jeff. In 2001, I came to New Zealand, confused and unsure after struggling with unbalanced academic performance in China. The small class sizes in the Foundation Programme here made me feel truly seen and supported for the first time. A trip to Waiheke Island, organised by our English teacher, showed me the warmth and kindness of life in a foreign land. After entering the University of Auckland, I made a bold decision to cut off the credit card my family had given me. To pursue the subject I truly loved, I supported myself through part-time work and transferred into a statistics major. It was a turning point in my life.

From Air New Zealand to Vodafone, and now as an Associate Director at KPMG, every step of my journey has affirmed the choices I made back then. Studying abroad didn't just earn me a degree—it taught me the most valuable lesson: to understand myself and take control of my life."

What is your *passion?*	What is your *career path?*	Which *degree* gets you there?	Find the right *pathway!*
I want to transform data into strategic decisions for businesses.	Data Scientist	Bachelor of Science	Foundation Studies programme with ✓ Physics ✓ Calculus



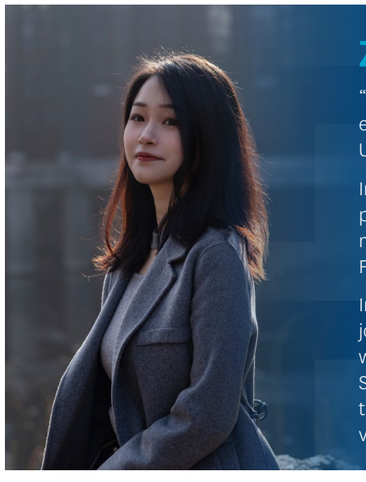
Shaun

"In 2019, I came to New Zealand at the suggestion of my family and began my foundation studies online during the pandemic. Professor Mark's passion for teaching became an academic role model for me and strengthened my resolve to pursue a career in medicine. With straight A's throughout my three years of Biomedical Science, I finally earned a place at the highly competitive University of Auckland Medical School.

Now in my final year of clinical medicine, I'm working towards my goal of becoming a neurosurgeon. This journey abroad has not only taught me how to live independently, but also deepened my understanding of my parents' sacrifices. From a teenager once reliant on family care to a future doctor patients can rely on, New Zealand has witnessed my transformation and growth."

What is your *passion?*	What is your *career path?*	Which *degree* gets you there?	Find the right *pathway!*
I want to understand the human body and help save lives.	Medical Doctor	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery*	Foundation Studies programme with ✓ Biology ✓ Chemistry

** There is no direct entry into Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. First year applicants should complete Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) or the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (BBiomedSc).*



Ziyue

"My name is Ziyue, and I'm from China. After completing the college entrance exam in 2019, I came to New Zealand to study Foundation Studies at the University of Auckland International College.

In 2021, I started my Business degree at the University of Auckland. By carefully planning my summer courses, I graduated early with a GPA of 6.6 and received master's offers from several top universities. Eventually, I chose the Master of Finance and Management at the Australian National University.

In 2025, I became a management trainee at Jiangsu Rural Commercial Bank. This journey—from Anhui to the Southern Hemisphere—transformed me from a girl who once relied on her parents into a confident and independent professional. Studying abroad taught me resilience and broadened my view. Although I chose to return to China for my career, this overseas experience will always be a valuable part of my life."

What is your *passion?*	What is your *career path?*	Which *degree* gets you there?	Find the right *pathway!*
I want to explore how finance powers the world and make wise investment decisions.	Account Manager in banking and Finance	Bachelor of Commerce	Foundation Studies programme with ✓ Accounting ✓ Statistics



Vivi

"My name is Vivi, and I'm from China. In 2011, after an unsatisfactory result in China's college entrance exam, I came to New Zealand to continue my studies. The Foundation Studies at UoA International College helped me transition academically, live independently, and build lifelong friendships.

In 2012, I began studying Accounting and Finance at the University of Auckland. The new learning environment helped me develop strong self-management skills. After graduating in 2015, I joined Avis Budget Group as a Financial Analyst, where I gained valuable professional experience. In 2018, I moved to Spark New Zealand, where I currently serve as a Finance Lead, steadily progressing toward my career goals.

I'm deeply grateful for my parents' support—and to the version of myself who never gave up. Every effort made along the way has helped light the path forward."

What is your *passion?*	What is your *career path?*	Which *degree* gets you there?	Find the right *pathway!*
I enjoy making sense of numbers and helping organisations grow sustainably.	Financial Analyst	Bachelor of Commerce	Foundation Studies programme with ✓ Economics ✓ Calculus



Welcome

to the University of Auckland International College, your **guaranteed pathway** to New Zealand's **No.1** university

The University of Auckland is all about providing quality educational opportunities to help students tackle future problems – and the University of Auckland International College is no different. Our three programmes (Standard Foundation, Fast-Track, and Accelerate) are tailor-made to meet students where they are at and to provide them with the tools to be successful in their programmes both at UoAIC and at UoA, and into the future.

Year after year, our highly qualified, creative and caring teachers provide excellent learning opportunities to students both onshore and offshore, and students who work hard and seize these opportunities reap the benefit of being admitted into New Zealand's top university. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved – and the best is yet to come.

University of Auckland International College*

**The enrolment in the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies is with the University of Auckland. This programme is delivered by UP International College New Zealand. University of Auckland International College is the trading name of UP International College New Zealand.*

Official Pathway to the University of Auckland

As the University of Auckland's only officially authorised international college in New Zealand, the University of Auckland International College delivers the Foundation Studies Programme exclusively to international students in Auckland.

Our enduring partnership is one of the longest of its kind in New Zealand and globally. By 2025, more than 20,000 students from over 60 countries will have progressed to undergraduate study at the University through our support.

Programme delivery

The University of Auckland Foundation Studies Programme is jointly developed by University of Auckland International College and the University's academic board, and is overseen by first-year course coordinators to ensure full alignment with undergraduate study.



UoAIC students consistently perform at a higher level than domestic students at UoA in their first year.



In class, your teachers will guide you through course materials, using university teaching methods, including lecturing, collaborative activities, and engaging digital tool, and the development of essential academic English skills.



Outside of these lessons, you will be given clear instructions to guide you through flexible learning activities. These activities involve a combination of digital tools and other resources to deepen your learning – whenever and wherever you want to learn. You will watch interactive videos, complete online quizzes, read digital texts and more. Your progress will be monitored and you will receive personalised feedback based on your understanding and performance.

Endorsement from New Zealand Government

The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, delivered by the University of Auckland International College, is proudly a Licensee of the FernMark Licence Programme, a country of origin trademark programme endorsed and recognised by the New Zealand Government.

It's a symbol people recognise and trust - a trademark that embodies our values of kaitiaki, integrity, ingenuity - the values of our New Zealand Story.



Pathway to the University of Auckland **and beyond**

Progress straight to university

Upon successful completion of your programme, you are guaranteed entry to your packaged degree at the University with no further English language evidence required.



University-level education from day one

Our programmes include the latest content from courses at the University of Auckland, providing you with a university-level education to prepare you for your studies.

Improve your English before university

Develop your academic reading, writing, speaking, and thinking skills while improving your pronunciation and critical thinking. With enhanced English and learning skills, you will be well-prepared to continue your education at the university.

Global classrooms

Every year, hundreds of students from countries including China, South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, and more progress to the University of Auckland. The preparation received at the College has been crucial to their successful transition to university study.

Genuine support

Our students thrive in the supportive environment we offer. From academic matters to personal concerns, our academic staff and Student Services and Experience Team are dedicated to providing comprehensive support and resources.

Prepare for the next step

Our Student Services and Experience Team offers valuable course and progression advice. It's not just about achieving good grades; it's also about receiving the best guidance to help you prepare for the future.

Expand your professional network

In addition to making friends with fellow students, you'll expand your network to include UoAIC alumni around the world in more than 60 countries.

"I saw this programme as an opportunity to build connections, broaden my field of knowledge, and get a head start since I get to skip a year of high school to do this programme and go straight to university following my graduation."

Elaine from Indonesia

Graduate of UoA Foundation Studies and current Bachelor of Education student at UoA

Read her full story





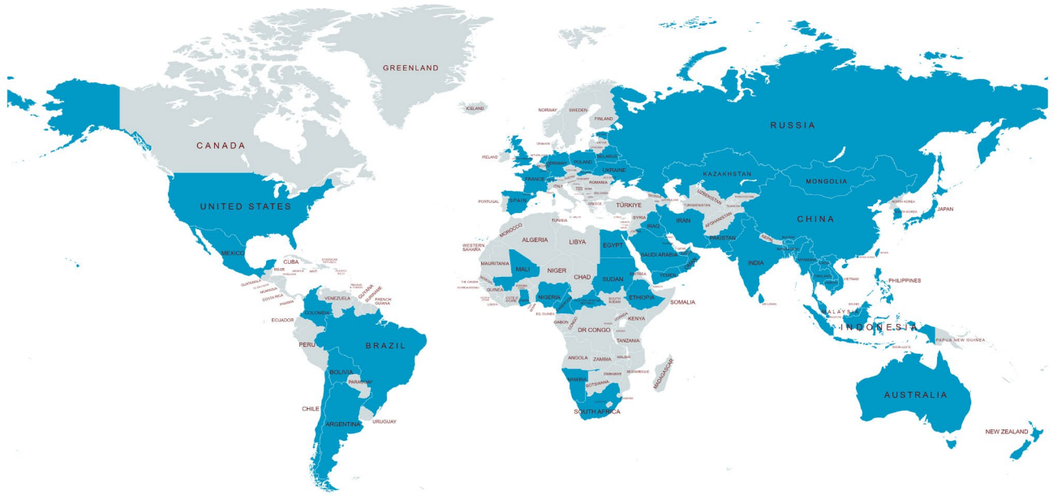
"I certainly know from speaking with the UoAIC team and some of my colleagues that UoAIC students who pathway into our undergraduate programmes are really set up to succeed. They understand the environment they're learning in and are academically prepared, setting them up for success. We see that they are high performers, doing very well across a number of different faculties and academic programmes.

It can be a big adjustment entering New Zealand's largest, most comprehensive, and highest-ranked university. UoAIC provides a strong foundation that supports students both academically and in life overall."



VASSO KOUTSOS
Deputy Director International Marketing and Recruitment
University of Auckland

Where do our students come from?



85%
average subject pass rate[1] by Semester 2, 2025

The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies*

Who is this programme for?

Students who are currently studying at New Zealand secondary school Year 12 (NCEA Level 2), or

- Grade 11/12 (Asia), or
- Second/third year of senior high school, or equivalent

For students who do not meet the requirements above, there is a Foundation Connect option. Refer to the page 32.

Prepare to study at university

- Study the academic subjects you need for your degree programme, in English
- Upskill in academic English
  - Understand lectures clearly
  - Write stronger essays
  - Read written content more effectively
  - Take useful notes
  - Improve pronunciation and confidence when speaking/presenting
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Learn independent study skills

Subjects

- Core
  - English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- Elective (choose four)
  - Accounting
  - Art History
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Design
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - Physics
  - Mathematics – Calculus
  - Mathematics – Modelling
  - Statistics
  - Communications

Note: Subject availability is dependent on the intake.

Assessment method

- 30-50% final examinations + 50-70% internal assessment
- Pass mark for elective courses is 50%

Our courses often include a variety of university assessment modes, including:

- Digital assessments
- Collaborative assessments
- Research-based assessments
- Practical assessments
- Assessments that include a presentation (e.g. face-to-face, video)
- Assessments that give students choices
- Process assessments that are larger, spread over a longer time, and allow for drafting/checking in throughout

Enrol in a Foundation Studies programme and receive:

1. An offer of place for the Foundation Studies programme
2. A conditional offer of place for an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Auckland

To enter a University of Auckland undergraduate programme

- Complete the Foundation Studies programme successfully.
- Score the required aggregate mark set by the faculty of your degree choice across four academic subjects in Foundation Studies. See page 30 for more details.
- Achieve a minimum English (EAP) score of 65% (B- grade), or 50% (C- grade) in EAP with IELTS 6.0 overall and no bands below 5.5 (or equivalent).

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GPA calculation method

The following table explains aggregate mark conversions:

% Score	Letter Grade	Grade Point
0 – 49.5	F	N/A
49.5 – 54.5	C-	1
54.5 – 59.5	C	2
59.5 – 64.5	C+	3
64.5 – 69.5	B-	4
69.5 – 74.5	B	5
74.5 – 79.5	B+	6
79.5 – 84.5	A-	7
84.5 – 89.5	A	8
89.5 – 100	A+	9

Example

Student X obtains the following results (Points) in her subjects. These are then converted to a Letter Grade at the end of the course, which is then turned into Grade Points, and then a Grade Point Average by University of Auckland.

Subject	% Score	Letter Grade	Grade Point
Statistics	62.3	C+	3
Geography	51.6	C-	1
Accounting	77.0	B+	6
Chemistry	79.5	A-	7

Student X's GPA is $\frac{3+1+6+7}{4} = 4.25 =$ **4.3**

So Student X would be able to enter a Bachelor of Arts (assuming that she also met the literacy requirements).



Sample Course Progression

Programme option	English requirement[4]	2027 J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	2028 J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Accelerated *(4–5 months)*	*IELTS 6.0 (min. 5.5 in all bands)*		Intake				Start degree																		
							Intake								Start degree										
Fast-track *(8–9 months)*	*IELTS 5.5 (min. 5.0 in all bands – IELTS 6.0 overall preferred)*			Intake											Start degree										
								Intake													Start degree				
Standard *(12 months)*	*IELTS 5.0 (min. 4.5 in all bands)*		Intake												Start degree										
							Intake														Start degree				

1. Pass rate is calculated based on final results of all academic subjects as of semester 2, 2025.
2.The minimum GPA requirement to successfully proceed to the University of Auckland is 2.4.
3. The degrees at the University of Auckland with minimum GPA requirements of 5.0 are Bachelor of Engineering, Health Sciences, Science - Biomedical, and Advanced Science
4. For more information about English requirements, refer to the page 38.

Degree progression requirements for University of Auckland

Minimum academic and English language requirements for guaranteed entrance into undergraduate study from the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies. Effective for students applying for entry to the University of Auckland in 2027.

Faculty	Programme	GPA[1]	English	Semester intake	Additional requirements	Duration (years)
Arts and Education	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul		3
	Bachelor of Communication (BC)	2.5	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul		3
	Bachelor of Dance Studies (BDanceSt)	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul	By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of an audition/interview which may contain one or more recorded/live elements).[4]	3
	Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (BECSt)	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, July		3
	Bachelor of Education (Teaching) (BEd (Tchg))	2.4	IELTS 7.0 overall, no band below 7.0.	Mar, Jul (Jul intake subject to availability)[5]	By selection only. (Subject to a satisfactory interview, police check, safety checks and referees' reports. You will also be required to sit literacy and numeracy assessment).[4]	3
	Bachelor of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (BEd TESOL)	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul	By selection only. (Subject to a satisfactory interview, police checks, safety checks and referees' reports).[4]	3
	Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul		3
	Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt)	3.0	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar		3
	Bachelor of Music (BMus) – Performance, Jazz	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar	By selection only. Subject to the qualitative evaluation of an audition/composition portfolio. Details of the portfolio requirements are given in depth on the University website.[4]	3
	Bachelor of Music (BMus) – Music Education, Musicology, Composition, Songcraft and Music Production	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul		3
	Bachelor of Sport, Health & Physical Education (BSportHPE)	2.4	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul		3
Business and Economics	Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)	3.5	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul		3
	Bachelor of Property (BProp)	3.5	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul		3
Engineering and Design	Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS)	4.7	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar	By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a portfolio of creative work and written statement).[4]	3
	Bachelor of Design (BDes)	3.0	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar		3
	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE (Hons))	5.0	70% (B grade) in English (EAP)[3]	Mar, July (Jul intake subject to availability)	Calculus and Physics.	4
	Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) (BUrbPlan (Hons))	3.0	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar		4
Law	Bachelor of Laws Part I (LLB (Part I))	Students must be offered a place in another bachelor's degree either as a concurrent degree or a conjoint degree. Entry will be based on entry requirements for the other bachelor's degree.	Must meet minimum English requirements for other Bachelor's degree.	Mar, Jul	Students will be selected into Part II on the basis of their results in Part I.	4
Medical and Health Sciences	Bachelor of Biomedical Science	4.0	70% (B grade) in English (EAP)[3]	Mar	One of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.	3
	Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc)	4.0	70% (B grade) in English (EAP)[3]	Mar	One of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.	3
	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)	No direct entry		Mar	No direct entry for the foundation programme. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc (Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology) or BHSc programmes, UCAT score and an interview for entry in 2028.[4]	6[6]
	Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs)	4.0	70% (B grade) in English (EAP)[3]	Mar	One of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Limited numbers of places available. Selection by interview.[4]	3
	Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom)	No direct entry		Mar	No direct entry for the foundation programme. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc (Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology) or BHSc programmes, and an interview for entry in 2028.[4]	5[7]
	Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)	No direct entry		Mar	No direct entry for the foundation programme. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc (Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology) or BHSc or BHSc programmes, and an interview for entry in 2028.[4]	4[8]
	Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Hons) (BMedImagH)	No direct entry		Mar	No direct entry for the foundation programme. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc (Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology) or BHSc programmes, and an interview for entry in 2028.[4]	4[9]
	Bachelor of Psychology (BPsych)	3.0	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul	One science subject.	3
Science	Bachelor of Science (BSc) - Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology	4.0	70% (B grade) in English (EAP)[3]	Mar, Jul	One science subject.[5]	3
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) - other majors	3.0	65% (B- grade) in English (EAP)[2]	Mar, Jul	One science subject.[5]	3
Conjoint Degree Programmes	Conjoint Degrees (without Engineering or Health Pathways)	3.9	Must meet minimum English requirements for both degrees.	Dependent on faculty	See the additional requirements listed for both degree programmes.	4+[10]
	Conjoint Degrees (with Health Pathways)[11]	4.5	Must meet minimum English requirements for both degrees.	Dependent on faculty	See the additional requirements listed for both degree programmes.	5+[10]
	Conjoint Degrees (with Engineering)	6.0	Must meet minimum English requirements for both degrees.	Dependent on faculty	See the additional requirements listed for both degree programmes.	5+[10]

To be awarded the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, students must pass a minimum of four academic subjects and achieve 65% (B- grade) or higher in EAP or 50% in EAP with an IELTS overall score of 6.0 and no bands below 5.5.

Entry to a University of Auckland Bachelor's Degree requires completion of the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, the required minimum GPA and EAP score as listed above, and completion of the University of Auckland Academic Integrity Course.

NOTES:
[1] GPA includes all subjects taken except English (EAP).
[2] If 65% (B- grade) in EAP is not achieved an acceptable alternative is 50% in EAP with a valid IELTS overall score of 6.0 and no bands below 5.5.
[3] If 70% (B grade) in EAP is not achieved an acceptable alternative is 50% in EAP with a valid IELTS overall score of 6.5 and no bands below 6.0.
[4] Faculties with programmes that specify 'Selection' have additional entry requirements such as a portfolio or interview, and entry is subject to faculty approval. The scores listed are alone not sufficient for entry.
[5] A minimum of one of the following science subjects is required to be passed: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Geography, Modelling, Physics, and Statistics.
[6] One-year Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology or BHSc for entry in 2028, plus five additional years in the MBChB programme if admission is gained.
[7] One-year Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc (Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology) or BHSc for entry in 2028, plus four additional years in the BOptom or programme if admission is gained.
[8] One-year Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc (Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology) or BHSc for entry in 2028, plus three additional years in the BPharm programme if admission is gained.
[9] One-year Bachelor of Biomedical Science, BSc (Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology) or BHScfor entry in 2028, plus three additional years in the BMedImag (Hons) programme if admission is gained.
[10] Duration of conjoint programmes varies.
[11] Health Pathways include the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences and the Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Exercise Sciences, Medicinal Chemistry, Nutrition, Pharmacology and Physiology.

Learn more about degree progression requirements

Learn more about Foundation Connect

Foundation Connect

Delivered by UP Education, Foundation Connect provides a comprehensive, English-rich curriculum to prepare students for The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies (level 3). This six-month programme allows students to develop their English skills and confidence, and to apply these English skills in an academic setting. Foundation Connect includes engagement in Mathematics and other academic courses to give students a broader foundation for future learning.

The programme is marketed as Foundation Connect and the programme name is registered as 'Intensive General English Course' with NZQA.

Course structure

There are two core subjects (English and English for Mathematics) and two academic subjects per term. These academic subjects will be used to prepare students for their future academic studies and contextualise their academic English usage.

- English – 11 hours per week
- English for Mathematics – 3 hours per week and 1 Flexible Learning Activity (FLA)
- Academic subjects – 3 live lessons and 1 FLA - students do four academic subjects with two in the first term and two in the second term

The academic subjects available are usually:
Business, Marketing, Biochemistry and Physical Sciences

Each term:

- English - 9 live lessons per week
- Maths - 3 live lessons and 1 FLA per week
- 2 Academic subjects - 3 live lessons - 1 FLA

Progression requirements

To accept your conditional offer for the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, you must meet the minimum progression requirement of a **50% pass** in all subjects.

Some important notes:

In exceptional cases, students with outstanding work ethic and academic results may be considered for a fast-track program, subject to academic staff discretion.

If a student needs to re-sit subjects to meet progression grades, an individual study plan will be provided by the academic team. A student failing a Foundation Connect course more than twice cannot re-enroll.

Assesments

Foundation Connect will have a combination of internal assessments and exams with a minimum of 40% of the assessment weightings being exams.

Visas and offers

Foundation Connect students apply for their visa through UP International College. Upon completion, they receive a firm offer for the Standard-length Certificate in Foundation Studies from the University of Auckland, with a visa issued by the university.

Students can also opt for a pathway visa covering all 3 courses:

- Foundation Connect
- The University of Auckland certificate in Foundation Studies
- University of Auckland degree

"Here, the University of Auckland International College is a safe and supportive place to study. The education system here is fantastic, with teachers who genuinely care about your success."

Hannah from South Korea
Foundation Connect and the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies (Standard) Graduate

Watch her full story



Hannah's journey



Learn more about Pathways Link

Pathways Link Programme

This programme aims to equip you with essential foundational knowledge, skills, and the confidence necessary to excel in your future Foundation studies. The accelerated one-year programme will offer successful students entry into the University of Auckland Foundation Studies programmes. PLP is an innovative educational initiative designed specifically for international students aged 14-17 who have recently finished their junior high school education and aspire to study abroad.

Pathways Link is registered as 'Pathways Link - L1A and L1B (Level 1) (Training Scheme)' with NZQA.

Sample course progression



Course structure

The Pathways Link Programme caters specifically to the unique needs of younger international students, providing them with a supportive and nurturing environment to excel academically and culturally.

Students will receive a broad and varied curriculum, to help them learn English, prepare for Foundation Studies, and find their preferences for degree study.

Example subjects studied are:

- PLP1A: English, Maths, Biology, Economics, Global Studies
- PLP1B: English, Maths, Physics, Business, Media Studies

There will be regular opportunities for individual and team games and sports, using different locations across Auckland. Students should bring physical education clothing and shoes.

A package offer and visa

A package offer will be issued to students, which includes the Pathways Link Programme, the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, and the University of Auckland Bachelor's degree. Students may then apply for a pathway student visa, subject to Immigration New Zealand requirements.

Progression requirements

To accept your conditional offer for the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, students must meet the minimum progression grades:

- English 60%
- Minimum score in all academic subjects 50%
- Pass all Learning Outcomes





Take a virtual campus tour

Life on campus

Recreation and sports

Sport and Recreation provide a wide range of facilities and services to students. If you're keen on sport you could sign up for one of the UNIM8S Social Sports Leagues, or represent your faculty in the Interfaculty Sports Championship.

Recreation membership includes access to a wide range of group fitness classes, weights and cardio equipment. We also offer additional programmes and services such as boxfit, self-defence, personalised programmes and much more.



Student common room

The social hub of our International College campus – gather here to play board games, study and socialise.

Open Hours: Monday to Friday – 08.30am until 5:30pm



Library

Library serves as a dynamic academic hub, supporting students' studies and personal growth. Students can access to modern study spaces, complete with quiet individual work areas and collaborative group zones, all equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi and computer facilities.

Clubs and societies

Joining a club is a fantastic way to make friends at the university. Participate in activities and learn things outside of the lecture theatre, making your student experience richer and more rewarding. Keen on kayaking? Delight in desserts? Focused on photography? There are more than 250 clubs at the University of Auckland – make sure you check them out at the Clubs Expo held during Orientation Week.

auckland.ac.nz/clubs

Cafeteria

Here is your go-to energy hub between classes. More than just a dining space, our cafeteria serves as a lively social spot where friendships are forged. From barista-made coffee to keep you alert during study sessions, to wholesome sandwiches and hot lunches that fuel your academic journey, we offer a variety of affordable, quality options for every taste.



Music room

Music room offers a creative sanctuary for students to explore their passion for music—whether through individual practice, collaborative jams, or official club rehearsals.

Fully equipped with professional instruments and sound systems, the space welcomes musicians of all levels.





"One of the best parts of studying architecture at the University of Auckland was access to incredible facilities, like the design workshops and digital studios. The creative environment at the university was also inspiring, allowing me to network with other students and professionals from various fields.

Sonyta from Cambodia
Graduate of UoA Foundation Studies and Bachelor of Architecture at UoA

Watch her full story

Sample timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:10	SDS	SDS	SDS	**Statistics**	SDS
10:10-11:20	**Physics**	**Statistics**	SDS	SDS	**EAP**
11:20-12:30	SDS	**EAP**	**Accounting**	**EAP**	**Design**
12:30-13:40	**Accounting**	SDS	**Design**	**EAP**	SDS
13:40-14:50	**EAP**	SDS	SDS	SDS	**Accounting**
14:50-16:00	**Design**	**Physics**	**EAP**	SDS	**Statistics**
16:00-17:10	SDS	SDS	SDS	**Physics**	SDS

Please note that exact time of each class might be subject to change.

SDS = Self-directed study | EAP = English for Academic Purposes

Living costs in Auckland

Cost of living*	Homestay estimated weekly cost in NZD
Accommodation	$460
Electricity, water & gas	Included in homestay fee
Food	Included in full-board homestay fee
Mobile phone plan	$15
Public transport	$0 - $50
Free time activities	$50 - $150

**Please note that this table is only applicable to Homestay prices. Costs can vary depending on lifestyle, accommodation, and hobbies and interests. However, for a reasonable standard of living, the estimated living cost per year is $20,000 to $27,000 NZD.*

Additional Costs

- Flights to and from New Zealand
- Tuition fees
- Clothes



Student support

Getting started

Pre-arrival workshop

This online workshop is designed to help you feel confident and well-prepared before you begin your study journey in New Zealand. It covers everything from what to pack to the different accommodation options available, an overview of your academic journey, and the support services you can access throughout your studies.



Airport pick-up service

To help you arrive in New Zealand smoothly, we offer a convenient airport pickup service. A dedicated driver will meet you at Auckland Airport and take you to your accommodation. This service is especially recommended for first-time travellers to New Zealand.

Downlaod Pre-Arrival Information Sheet

Medical and travel insurance

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 requires all international students studying in New Zealand to have appropriate health and travel insurance during their period of study.

Allianz Partners is our preferred insurance provider. Enrolled international students will be charged Allianz's Studentsafe Inbound University insurance premium when enrolment is completed. You must pay this fee unless the University approves the use of an alternative insurance provider.

You must have approved insurance for the duration of your study and covering the duration of their visa or until they depart New Zealand, whichever comes first.

Note: Your University of Auckland student ID number is also your insurance policy number. You are not automatically covered for pre-existing medical conditions. However, cover can be arranged in certain circumstances on application to Allianz before your programme starts.

Settling in

Orientation

Orientation week is the perfect introduction to the University of Auckland International College. It is a chance for you to meet other students and be introduced to the College Principal and other staff.

You will complete your subject selection. You will also have a tour of the University of Auckland and meet some UoA staff.



Watch what happens during orientation

Accomodation

Homestay

Students under 18 are required to arrange accommodation through the UP International College. Students aged 18 and over interested in homestay can contact the UP Accommodation Team for further information.

Homestay accommodation includes a private bedroom, basic furnishings, internet access, utilities, and daily meals.

- A 24/7 Campus Emergency number is provided.
- All accommodation is thoroughly checked – each homestay family is interviewed and the home inspected before a student is placed.
- All homestay providers sign a contract agreeing to specific rules and standards and undergo a vetting procedure by New Zealand Police.
- All students under 18 are visited in their accommodation by our homestay provider quarterly until students turn 18.
- UP Education will arrange payment to be made to the homestay provider.

Student apartment

Students over 18 may wish to live in private student apartment accomodation. Note this is the responsibility of the student/parent(s)/agent to arrange.

University accommodation

University accommodation is available to students aged 17 and over who are enrolled in the UoA Foundation Studies programme (excluding UoA Foundation Connect).

auckland.ac.nz/accommodation



These photos were taken at the University of Auckland accommodation halls.



Hear from our Student Support team

Academic and wellbeing support

Visa checking and monitoring

Visa status is regularly checked and monitored to ensure students remain compliant with immigration requirements. Students will receive timely reminders when their visas are close to expiring, and assistance is provided in communicating with Immigration New Zealand if any errors are identified on the visa.

Attendance and academic progress monitoring

We regularly track each student's attendance and academic progress to ensure they are meeting programme requirements. If we notice any signs of concern—such as low attendance or declining grades—we will reach out early to offer support and help you get back on track.

Support for practical or personal challenges

You can speak with our Student Services and Experience Team in person or via email (learnersuccess@up.education) if you're facing any difficulties, such as time management, adapting to a new study system, personal issues, or balancing work and study. No matter the issue, we're here to provide practical advice or connect you with the right resources.



Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Support

Our dedicated Pastoral Care and Wellbeing team supports students throughout their study journey, helping them feel safe, connected and confident.

We provide personalised wellbeing support, regular check-ins and early intervention for personal, academic and adjustment challenges. Students can also access confidential counselling, wellbeing guidance and referrals to professional services when needed.

We work closely with parents and families to ensure students receive consistent support and the right care when they need it.

We are here to ensure every student feels supported, cared for and ready to thrive.

Scholarship

Scholarships are designed to recognise student achievement and help ease the financial burden of study. At the University of Auckland International College, a range of scholarships are available to support students at different stages of their learning journey.

Undergraduate scholarship

Upon successful completion of the Foundation course, the University of Auckland awards **Top 15** students of each semester with a Top Achievers Award, which is a **$20,000 NZD** scholarship on first-year tuition fees.

Foundation scholarship

High Achiever Awards are available and this will go towards the fees for the Foundation course.

Foundation Connect scholarship

Student who successfully progress from Foundation Connect programme to Standard Foundation programme will be awarded a scholarship if they achieve top results. The scholarship will be awarded depending on their final grades.

Pathways Link scholarship

The scholarship is available for the students who apply and are accepted into the University of Auckland Pathways Link programme in 2027.

Upon successful progression to Foundation Studies Programme, there will be scholarships available.

Please note: All scholarships are only applicable to students who pay international fees.

Learn more about scholarships

Academic entry requirements

Learn more about entry requirements

International Qualifications	Qualification	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
Global Assessment Certificate - GAC	*Level 2*	2.8	3.3	-
International Baculureate - IB	*First year*	Grade 4 in 4 relevant subjects	1st year - 3 Grade 4 and 1 Grade 5 in 4 relevant subjects	2 Grade 4 and 2 Grade 5 in 4 relevant subjects/ Second year total greater than 16
Cambridge International Examination - O level/IGCSE/GCSE	-	2C grades and 2D grades in 4 CIE official subjects	4Cs in four CIE official subjects	1B grade and 3C grades in 4 CIE official subject
Cambridge International Examination - A level	-	48 UCAS points	60 UCAS points	80 UCAS points
Country specific qualifications *(Scan the QR code to find out more other countries)*	**Qualification**	**Standard (12 months)**	**Fast-track (8-9 months)**	**Accelerated (6 months)**
New Zealand^	*NCEA*	30 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above with no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects) including Mathematics	36 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above with no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects) including Mathematics	48 credits from level 2 and level 3 with no fewer than 10 credits in each subject (combined credits from relevant subjects including Mathematics)
China*	*Senior Highschool*	Senior 1 and Term 1 of Senior 2-85%** ; Senior Year 2-75% or Senior Year 3-60%	Senior Year 2-80% or Senior Year 3-65%	Senior Year 3-75% in 4 subjects OR Chinese National College Entrance Examinations (Gaokao) – 50 or greater
	Vocational School	Year 3 with relevant subjects: >75%	Year 3 with relevant subjects:>80%	-
South Korea	*High school certificate Year 2*	65% or Rank 7.0	70% or Rank 6.5	80% Rank 4.5
	Senior High Year 3			70% or Rank 5.0 in academic subjects
	Korean High school graduation equivalency exam (GED)	attain a pass	attain overall 70% average	attain overall 80% average or 70% in academic subject

Country specific qualifications *(Scan the QR code to find out more other countries)*	Qualification	Foundation Connect (6 months)	Pathways Link Programme (12 months)
New Zealand	*NCEA*	35 credits at level 1 with no fewer than 10 credits in each of 3 subjects including maths	Completion of Year 10 with a good school report, including satisfactory attendance (90%) and teacher comments. This assessment will be conducted by the Principal.
China	*Senior Highschool*	Senior secondary year 1: 70%	-
	Middle School	-	Completion of Middle School with Year 3 at 70%, or an average of 70% across all three years
South Korea	*High School*	High school certificate year 1: 70%	-
	Middle School	-	Completion of Middle School
	GEE	-	70% in the Middle School GEE

^ Teachers' comments and attendance rate are considered to determine entry. An interview may be applicable if previously study in New Zealand.
** Note that GPA will be based on the average of all subjects for the study period of high school.*
*** Students who apply for the July intake can do so with the first half of Senior 2 but must continue their study in Term 2. The Admissions Team will request for the final report when it is available.*

This information is to be used as a guide only to determine entrance. UP Education reserves the right to change the requirements at any time without prior notice.

English language requirements

Programme option	IELTS
Accelerated	6.0 and no band less than 5.5
Fast-track	5.5 and no band less than 5.0 (preferred overall score: 6.0)
Standard	5.0 and no band less than 4.5
Foundation Connect	4.5 and no band less than 4.0
Pathways Link Programme	4.5 and no band less than 4.0

Admissions reserve the right to request the student to re-sit a particular section if the subscore is deemed too low.

All students need to provide evidence of their English proficiency upon application.

- If you are an international applicant and your first language is not English, you will need to provide satisfactory evidence of your English proficiency.
- English is considered the first language of citizens of Canada, Ireland, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
- If you are a domestic applicant and your first language is not English, you will be asked to provide evidence of your competence in written and spoken English.

UP English Language Test (UPELT)

Learn more about UPELT

The UP English Language Test (UPELT) has been developed to provide prospective students with an opportunity to quickly obtain an English language score prior to enrolment into a programme of their choice.

The test is facilitated online by highly qualified and experienced staff. It consists of computer-based, hand-written, and examiner-led tasks. Test description and instructions for test preparation are made available to all prospective candidates in advance, and a practice test is provided. Measures are taken to ensure the integrity of the test.

The UPELT is facilitated every Wednesday afternoon (12pm NZ Standard Time). Bookings can be arranged through the UP Admissions Team, admissions@up.education.

UP English Lanaguage Test Summary

Part	Tasks	Time (Online)
Reading	**3 short passages (approx. 300-400 words each) from:** • a textbook chapter or report • an academic article or essay • an academic abstract	**45 minutes**
Listening	**2 tracks:** • a conversation in an academic setting • a part of a lecture	**20 minutes** *(Plus time to record answers)*
Writing	**1 essay, 220-250 words** • problem and solution • cause and effect • advantage and disadvantages • compare and contrast	**40 minutes** *(Plus time to upload the essay)*
Speaking	**2 tasks led by an examiner:** • a conversation on familiar topics • a discussion of a topical issue	**10 minutes** *(Plus time for preparation)*

One day before the test, candidates will be sent:

- information about the UPELT and technical requirements
- the test security procedure
- instructions on how to set up the room and desk for the test
- demonstration of how to use two devices with cameras during the test
- login instructions
- a practice test
- a Microsoft Teams link for joining the test

Programme options and fees

Learn more about programme options and fees

	Foundation Studies			Foundation Connect*	Pathways Link*
Programme type	**Accelerated**	**Fast-track**	**Standard**	**Progression to Foundation**	**Progression to Foundation**
Duration	4–5 months (2 terms)	8–9 months (3 terms)	12 months (4 terms)	6 months (2 terms)	12 months (4 terms)
Tuition fee	NZ$29,252.70	NZ$39,003.60	NZ$39,003.60	NZ$20,757	NZ$37,919
Student Services fee	NZ$868.50	NZ$1,158	NZ$1,158	-	-
Resource fee	-	-	-	NZ$1,500	NZ$2,500
Enrolment fee	NZ$575	NZ$575	NZ$575	NZ$575	NZ$575
2027 intakes (incl. Orientation)	18 January, 1 September	12 April, 27 September	18 January, 5 July	18 January, 12 April, 5 July, 27 September	18 January, 5 July

** Students starting with Foundation Connect / Pathways Link Programme will pay the Resource and Enrolment once and will not be charged again upon progression to Foundation.*

Accommodation fees

Homestay	NZD
Homestay Placement fee (one-off)*	$380
Homestay Replacement fee (one-off)**	$380
Standard Homestay - Full board***	$460/week
Designated caregiver (DCG) - Under 18 only	**NZD**
DCG Assessment fee	$380
DCG Reassessment fee *(change DCG)+*	$380
Under 18 accommodation guarantee and service fees^	**NZD**
Per year	$1,120
Per term	$280
Additional fees	**NZD**
Urgent Booking fee – Full board (one off) *applicable for bookings received within 7 days of arrival*	$450
Emergency homestay - Full board	$130/night
Homestay Retainer^^	$280/week
Special dietary request (Kosher, Halal, Gluten Free, Vegetarian or Vegan etc)	$60/week

Airport pick-up	NZD
Airport transfer (Pick-up/drop-off) (One way per person)	$150
Airport transfer - no show	$90
Transfer of additional passenger	$90
Transfer of additional luggage/ oversized luggage	$30/item
Airport check-in assistant and transfer for Under 18 learners	$50

Insurance

Studentsafe Inbound – medical and travel*	NZD
Accelerated (4-5 months)	$499.50
Fast-track (8-9 months)	$749.25
Standard (12 months)	$999
Foundation Connect (6 months)	$506
Pathways Link Programme (12 months)	$992

Please note that Accommodation Placement Fee, Designated Caregiver Assessment Fee or Airport pick up fee are non-refundable once the arrangement is confirmed.
** If UP Education coordinates student accommodation.*
*** Fee charged when student requests a change of homestay for reasons deemed unacceptable, or if student frequently changes homestays (fee charged at discretion of the Accommodation Team).*
**** Full-board – 3 meals a day are provided*
+ Fee charged when change to a new Designated Caregiver
^ Allows for homestays for students under 18 to be checked once per term to ensure the Education Code of Practice requirements are being met.
^^ Fee applies when students go away for more than seven days (6 nights) and want to keep the Homestay room.
** International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand. Enrolled international students will be charged Allianz's Studentsafe Inbound University insurance premium when enrolment is completed. The final cost of insurance will depend on the length of requested insurance cover period.*

How to apply

Visit Enroller, our online enrolment portal, where you will be able to set up your account and manage the entire enrolment process from application through to arrival.

> **www.internationalcollege.ac.nz/enroller**

Apply now

Step 1. Application

Create a secure account and complete the application form with the guidance of a step-by-step process.
Ensure that you have the following documents ready to be uploaded:

- Certified copy of your passport*
- Copy of your most recent school reports or other qualifications
- Evidence of achieving the minimum English proficiency requirement

**Your identity document will have to be certified or verified by an approved person before you can submit it online.*
For more information go to:
auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/how-to-apply/supporting-documents/certifying-copies-of-your-documents-for-admissions.html

Step 2. Accept the Offer

Once your application has been received and assessed, you will:

- Receive an offer letter for the Foundation programme
- Be able to review and update the required documents up until accepting the offer

Once conditions of entry have been met, you will receive:

- An unconditional offer letter for the Foundation programme
- A conditional offer for your degree
- Details on how to create your student account with the University

Step 3. Payment

- Sign into Student Services Online. Click on the 'Fees and Payments' icon to open the 'Account Summary' page.
- Click 'Pay by Flywire -International' tab and enter the Total amount, on the Fees Estimate of your offer letter, in the Payment Amount (NZ Dollars) field, you may need to 'Unblock your Pop-ups' in order to 'Transfer to pay by Flywire' so that Flywire site can open in a new window.
- Click the 'Transfer to pay by Flywire' icon and follow the on-screen instructions to complete your payment. You can visit Flywire fees payment method for international students for more information. At the same time as you receive your unconditional (firm) offer from the University, you will also receive an invoice and payment instructions for the UP Education Enrolment fee.
- You should also pay the relevant Enrolment fee to UP Education directly through Flywire. Please go to **upic.flywire.com**. If you need help with your payment, go to **flywire.com/support**. The fees to pay UP Education directly will be: Enrolment fee/Airport Pick Up Fee (if applicable)/ Accommodation fees (if applicable).

Step 4. Visa Application

Apply for your student visa online at **immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa**

Step 5. Enrolment

Once your payment is received, you will receive an email from **admissions@up.education** with your confirmation letter.

Please pay attention on your email inbox, including spam and trash box for emails from **learnersuccess@up.education**, they include important information such as orientation schedules, subject selection link and deadline. Read the emails carefully and reply to their emails with requested information to complete your enrolment process.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact the Admissions Team at **admissions@up.education**

Key contact details

Student support and services (academic, personal, and pre-arrival advice on student visa and insurance)
learnersuccess@up.education

Accommodation enquiries
accommodation@up.education

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wellbeing@up.education

Applications, admissions, and UP English test bookings
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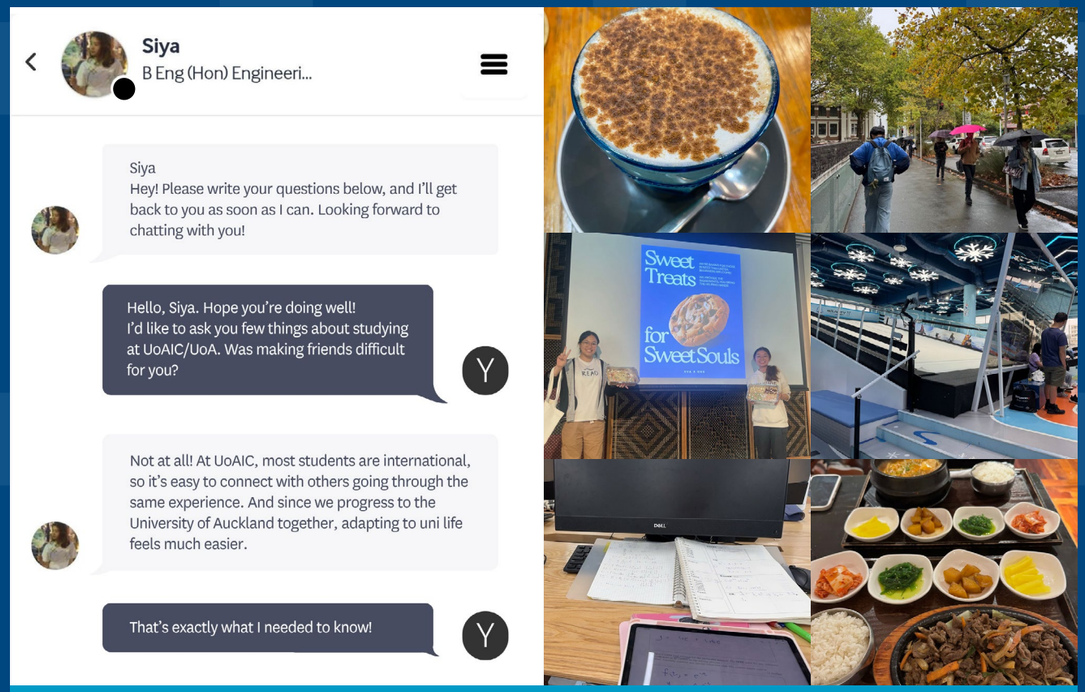

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