



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA
NEW ZEALAND

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Study in Wellington

A guide for international students
at New Zealand secondary schools



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.



www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/why-wellington

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 10 safest cities in the world.

(Safe Cities Index 2022)

DIVERSE

About 34 percent of people who live in Wellington were born outside New Zealand, making it a diverse and welcoming city.

(Statistics New Zealand 2018)

LIVEABLE

Regularly ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities, Wellington has great public transport and a lively calendar of events.

(Global Liveability Index 2022)

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 Centre 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 one of the top 10 happiest countries in the world.

(World Happiness Report 2022)



WELCOME TO WELLINGTON

Welcome to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, one of New Zealand's oldest, largest, and most prestigious universities. As an international student, you will be joining 2,200 international students in a vibrant academic community with an outstanding reputation for success.

TOP TIPS

Here are some tips from our international student ambassadors about preparing for university and your transition to university life. Like you, they have all studied at New Zealand secondary schools and know the student journey you're on.



1. Take a tour

The University offers tours if you want to come and feel the university vibe, see the halls of residence, sit in some lecture theatres, or do your course plan. The Open Days are really fun. If you can't make it to Wellington in person, you can sign up for our online events.

2. Don't panic!

Once you've applied, focus on your school assessments and exams. Enjoy your time at secondary school and be excited for your future in Wellington.

3. Be organised

Prepare to be independent and have good time management skills at university. Put up a planner on your wall and mark it with key due dates of your course assessments. Also, have your timetable on your devices before the first day, noted with the rooms where you will have lectures and tutorials. This way, you won't feel too lost, especially during the first few days.



CHAT TO CURRENT STUDENTS

Have any questions about life at Victoria University of Wellington? Our friendly international student ambassadors are happy to help. Chat with them online today.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/why-wellington/meet-our-students

SCAN ME



4. Keep asking questions

If you're not sure about how to apply, email our team at international@vuw.ac.nz

The best way to understand your course content is to communicate with your tutors and teachers—email them and keep in touch! Ask as many questions as you need until you are confident in the content you're learning.

5. Use all the support services

The University provides really great student support services—from essay writing (at Student Learning) to counselling and health services, which are all available on campus. Make the most of these services to help you succeed not only in your first year but also throughout your degree.

6. Join clubs and societies

Get involved in the University's social activities (such as joining clubs and attending extracurricular activities at the Recreation Centre (university gym) to help you meet like-minded people and find the things you love doing.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Our students come from about

100

countries around the world

Top 1%

of the world's universities in 15 subject areas

(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023)

ZERO CARBON BY 2030

OUTSTANDING



Top 100

in the world in 7 subjects

(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023)



#1 IN NEW ZEALAND FOR RESEARCH INTENSITY

(Latest Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation)

2,000 of our **22,000** students are international students

8 teaching faculties

43 research institutes

4 libraries

140+ clubs and societies



3 CENTRAL CITY CAMPUSES IN WELLINGTON



KELBURN



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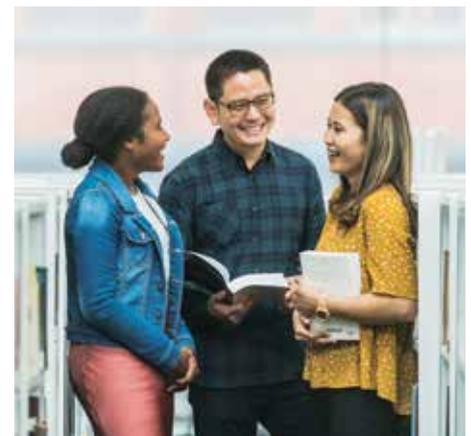
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"Moving to Wellington was a happy and easy change. I am more independent and feel like I know myself so much better."

Bella Vo

Student, Bachelor of Commerce
Former New Zealand secondary school student



LIFE ON CAMPUS

Being a university student is about so much more than just books—it's about getting involved, meeting new people, and trying out new things.

INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAMME

Being paired with a current Victoria University of Wellington student is a great way to settle into life in the capital. You get to find out information about life as a university student, receive advice about flatting and living in Wellington, go to social events, and gain new friends.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-buddy

NEW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION

Our New Students' Orientation is your opportunity to find your way around campus, meet new people, and pick up some vital academic preparation skills. Orientation is held the week before the University starts for the year. There is an International Orientation each trimester.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/orientation

CAMPUS COACHES

The Campus Coaches programme sets you up in a group with other first-year students in your faculty, led by a senior student who can show you around and give you tips when you first arrive.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/campus-coaches

UNIVERSITY RECREATION WELLINGTON

Give your student experience a boost by getting involved with University Recreation Wellington. Keeping healthy, active, and connected will support your academic aspirations.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

With more than 140 clubs on campus, including cultural, performing arts, political, social, religious, and sporting groups, there's sure to be a club for you:

- ▶ Adam Art Gallery
- ▶ Arts Society
- ▶ Asian Law Students Association
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Badminton
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Beta Alpha Psi
- ▶ Cambodian Students' Association
- ▶ Chess Club
- ▶ Chinese Students' Association
- ▶ Debating
- ▶ Dragon Boating
- ▶ Engineering Club
- ▶ Esports (VESA)
- ▶ Film Society
- ▶ Football
- ▶ German Club
- ▶ Handball
- ▶ Japanese Students' Association
- ▶ Korean Association
- ▶ Lacrosse
- ▶ Latin American and Spanish Club
- ▶ Malaysian Students' Organisation
- ▶ Rowing Club
- ▶ Rugby League
- ▶ Sailing Club
- ▶ Sci-Fi Club
- ▶ Snow Sports Club
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Taekwon-Do
- ▶ Toastmasters
- ▶ Vietnamese Students' Association
- ▶ And many more!

FITNESS AND SPORTS

University Recreation Wellington runs a number of sports and events, from casual and socially competitive sports leagues to national tertiary sport competitions and support for high-level athletes. Fitness memberships are available, including gym and group classes.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/recreation



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

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/international

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Our 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

STUDENT JOB SEARCH

Student Job Search is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping tertiary students find work while they study.

📍 www.sjs.co.nz

STUDENTS UNDER 18

The University has special obligations to students under the age of 18 years to ensure they are well looked after.

- ▶ Your parent or legal guardian must sign the Parental/Guardian Consent Form before your enrolment is finalised. You will not be able to complete your enrolment at the University until this form is completed and returned.
- ▶ You will meet with your international student adviser each trimester to discuss your wellbeing and academic progress. Your adviser will contact your parents once a trimester to discuss your progress.
- ▶ You are required to stay in a catered hall of residence, a homestay provided through Host Families New Zealand, with your parents, or with a caregiver designated by your parent(s)/guardian(s).

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-under-18

SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON CAMPUS

- ▶ Adam Art Gallery
- ▶ Bookshop
- ▶ Cafés
- ▶ Careers and Employment
- ▶ Chaplaincies
- ▶ Disability Services
- ▶ Early childhood education services
- ▶ Enrolment Office
- ▶ Financial support and advice
- ▶ Information/help desks
- ▶ IT services
- ▶ Library
- ▶ LGBTQIA+ support services
- ▶ Parking
- ▶ Pharmacy
- ▶ Scholarships Office
- ▶ Security
- ▶ 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



SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL-LEAVER GRANT

This NZ\$2,000 grant is to support all international students currently studying at a secondary school in New Zealand to study at Victoria University of Wellington.

There is no application procedure for this grant. All eligible students will automatically receive the grant when they enrol in a full-time degree programme at the University.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-grant

WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are valued at up to NZ\$20,000 over three years of study for high-achieving international students currently studying in New Zealand.

Applicants with an NCEA Level 2 (or 3) Certificate endorsed with Excellence are encouraged to apply. Excellence credits must be obtained in Year 11 or 12; credits gained in Year 13 cannot be included. Applicants with an equivalent level of achievement in an alternative qualification such as International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), or Rudolph Steiner qualifications are also encouraged to apply.

SCHOOL-LEAVER SCHOLARSHIPS

All school-leaver scholarships are open to international students who have been enrolled at a New Zealand secondary school for at least two years. Scholarships are valued at NZ\$5,000–\$10,000.

Wellington Pakohe Scholarship for sustainability supports students who have demonstrated sustainability qualities that align with our aim to be a global thought leader by integrating sustainability into all we do.

Wellington Raukaraka Scholarship for leadership supports students who have demonstrated leadership qualities, distinguishing them as New Zealand's leaders of the future.

Wellington Tangiwai Scholarship for academic excellence supports academically strong school leavers to study at the University, distinguishing them as New Zealand's scholars of the future.

Wellington Kahotea Scholarship for outstanding achievement recognises exceptional students and is valued at up to NZ\$35,000 over three years of study at the University. Application open and close dates are on our website.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships

FIND OUT MORE

Scan the code to find out more about our scholarships.



FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

If you're interested in global citizenship, intercultural communication and/or sustainable futures, then this free, award-winning programme is for you. It involves seminars, speaker events, and experiential activities designed to inspire students to think creatively about how to address twenty-first century challenges. Step out of your comfort zone, get involved, and kick-start a globally engaged career.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-leadership

WELLINGTON PLUS PROGRAMME

Wellington Plus is a leadership programme that aims to develop your social responsibility and leadership skills with opportunities to volunteer in the community and take part in workshops and seminars.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/wellington-plus

STUDENT EXCHANGE

The Wellington Global Exchange programme provides the opportunity to enhance your degree and experience another culture by completing one or two trimesters at one of our overseas partner universities. Victoria University of Wellington has more than 140 exchange partner universities across 35 countries around the world. International students can study on exchange while paying their normal Victoria University of Wellington tuition fees.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/exchange

ACCOMMODATION

We recommend you apply for University accommodation as early as possible. Apply by 1 October to secure a place in one of your preferred options. Apply by 1 December to be guaranteed an offer of accommodation.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

The University's halls of residence are like apartment buildings—they house many students, mostly in single or some double rooms. Living in a hall of residence means you will be part of a safe and supportive community of students who come from different backgrounds with varying interests.

The University has 12 halls, located in different parts of the city. Most are within easy walking distance of our three campuses.

Catered halls

You will be provided with meals throughout the week and will be surrounded by other students who are new to Victoria University of Wellington.



Boulcott Hall



A high-rise building close to the heart of the city with an engaged student community.

- Single rooms
- From \$426 per week
- 10–15 minutes' walk to each campus



Joan Stevens Hall



A high-rise building housing 242 students in the central city with fully furnished and heated rooms

- Single rooms
- From NZ\$472 per week
- 10–15 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 \$498 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.

- Single, set, or twin-share rooms
- From \$360 per week
- 5–20 minutes' walk to each campus

KEY

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

*Weekly rate includes most utilities. Rates are subject to change and may vary for 2024.

Independent-living halls

You will need to cook or buy your own meals. Independent living halls are filled with senior students and can be more like private accommodation.

HOMESTAY

A homestay means you live with a local family—and it is great for practising your English. Most homestays are not within walking distance of the University, so you may have to travel to get there.

You will get your own fully furnished bedroom and most of your meals are provided (you just have to buy your own lunch during the week).

Host Families New Zealand facilitate homestay accommodation for the University.

If you are under the age of 18 years when you begin your studies, you are required to live in a homestay or catered hall of residence.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Also known as 'flatting' in New Zealand—this could be in an apartment, townhouse, or a house. Finding private accommodation in Wellington can take some time and may be more difficult near the start of the year when many other students are also looking. Depending on your budget, you may end up living some distance away from the University. For these reasons, it may be best to consider other accommodation options first.

For more information about accommodation and how to apply, go to our website.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-accommodation

HOW OUR DEGREES WORK

Some of our degrees are flexible—allowing you to mix and match different subjects to form one degree and even giving you the chance to choose majors from other degrees.

Some degrees are quite specialised and focus on one particular area of study. Most of your first-year courses in these degrees are already set, which leaves a small amount of space for elective courses.

DEGREES

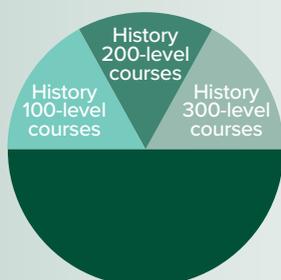


A degree is a qualification awarded when you complete a programme of university study. Your first university degree is called an undergraduate or Bachelor's degree. Each degree has its own set of requirements that you need to complete in order to graduate.

A typical degree requires 360 points and three years of full-time study. You'll normally take around 120 points (six to eight courses of 15 or 20 points each) per year. Some degrees take four years.

MAJORS

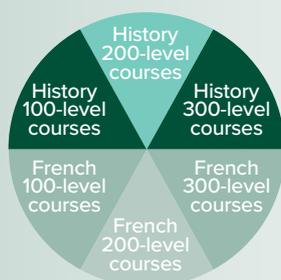
120–150 points



Majors are the subject(s) you focus on throughout your degree. For example, you can take a Bachelor of Arts (BA) with a major in History. You will take courses in your major subject every year. The remaining points are filled by electives or a minor when studying a single major.

DOUBLE MAJORS

240–300 points



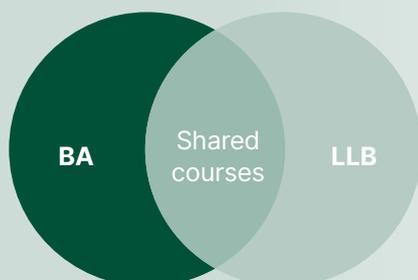
A double major allows you to focus on two subjects within one degree—for example, a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in History and French. This requires the same number of points as a degree with only one major, and should not take any extra time.

Some of our degrees also let you take a second major from another degree.

MINORS

In some of our degrees, you can take a minor, which is similar to a major but with fewer courses.

CONJOINT PROGRAMMES



A conjoint degree programme is a specialised programme which, due to cross-crediting, allows two degrees to be completed in a shorter amount of time than it would take to complete them consecutively. For example, a conjoint Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Laws (LLB) would take five years to complete, rather than seven years.

For all conjoint degree programmes, a B– grade average (or better) is required to continue in the conjoint programme each year.

ELECTIVES

If you still have room in your programme, you can include courses from other subjects in which you are interested (often called electives).

CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

Explore your undergraduate study options on our website to plan your first year of study and choose your courses.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/explore



PLANNING SCHOOL SUBJECTS

All our degrees have recommended school subjects. However, in nearly all cases, there are introductory or bridging courses offered at the University for those with limited background in a subject area.

You can still enrol in a specific degree/major/course if you have not studied a related subject at school, but for some subjects (such as Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics), it is useful if you have studied these at school. It is also very important that you take four or five University Entrance approved subjects.

For tips on planning school subjects, a list of recommended school subjects for each of the degrees we offer, and to explore your study options at the University, go to our website.

- 📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/course-planning
- 📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes/undergraduate

TEACHER EDUCATION

If you plan to become an early childhood teacher, you can apply to study for the Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood. Once you complete your degree, you'll be eligible for provisional teacher registration.

If you plan to become a primary or secondary school teacher, you should first study a degree in the subject area you are interested in teaching. Once you have completed your degree, you can study for a one-year teaching qualification, such as the Graduate Diploma (Primary or Secondary), to become a registered teacher.

At the time of printing this, the University was working through a change process that may impact some of our academic programmes and course offerings. Note that the majority of our courses will not be affected. Prospective students are encouraged to discuss enrolment plans with our international team. Email international@vuw.ac.nz and our team will be able to provide you with information and advice.

We recommend taking four or five approved subjects for University Entrance in Year 13.



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Many majors are also available as minors.

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN INNOVATION

Bachelor of Architectural Studies in:

- ▶ Architecture
- ▶ Architecture History and Theory
- ▶ Interior Architecture
- ▶ Landscape Architecture

Bachelor of Building Science in:

- ▶ Project Management
- ▶ Sustainable Engineering Systems

Bachelor of Design Innovation in:

- ▶ Animation and Visual Effects
- ▶ Communication Design
- ▶ Design for Social Innovation
- ▶ Fashion Design Technology
- ▶ Game Design
- ▶ Industrial Design
- ▶ Interaction Design
- ▶ Media Design

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT

Bachelor of Commerce in:

- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Actuarial Science
- ▶ Banking*
- ▶ Business Ethics and Sustainability Management*
- ▶ Commercial Law
- ▶ Data Science
- ▶ Econometrics*
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Human Resource Management and Employment Relations
- ▶ Information Systems
- ▶ Innovation and Entrepreneurship Studies*
- ▶ International Business
- ▶ Management
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Public Policy
- ▶ Taxation
- ▶ Tourism Management

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in:

- ▶ Cybersecurity Engineering
- ▶ Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- ▶ Software Engineering

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF HEALTH

Bachelor of Health in:

- ▶ Health Informatics
- ▶ Health Promotion
- ▶ Health Psychology
- ▶ Population Health, Policy, and Service Delivery

Bachelor of Midwifery

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in:

- ▶ Art History
- ▶ Asian Studies
- ▶ Chinese
- ▶ Classical Studies
- ▶ Composition*
- ▶ Creative Writing*
- ▶ Criminology
- ▶ Cultural Anthropology
- ▶ Data Science
- ▶ Development Studies
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Educational Psychology
- ▶ English
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Film
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Gender and Sexuality Studies*
- ▶ German
- ▶ Greek
- ▶ History
- ▶ International Relations
- ▶ Italian
- ▶ Japanese
- ▶ Latin
- ▶ Linguistics
- ▶ Māori Resource Management
- ▶ Māori Studies
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Media Studies

- ▶ Modern Language Studies
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Music Technology*
- ▶ New Zealand Sign Language*
- ▶ Pacific Studies
- ▶ Performance*
- ▶ Philosophy
- ▶ Political Science
- ▶ Popular Music Studies*
- ▶ Psychological Science
- ▶ Public Policy
- ▶ Religious Studies
- ▶ Sāmoan Studies / Matā'upu tau Sāmoa
- ▶ Social Policy*
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- ▶ Te Reo Māori
- ▶ Text Technologies*
- ▶ Theatre

Bachelor of Communication in:

- ▶ Intercultural Communication
- ▶ Linguistics
- ▶ Literary and Creative Communication
- ▶ Media Studies
- ▶ Political Communication
- ▶ Science Communication

Bachelor of Global Studies

- ▶ Area and Cultural Studies*
- ▶ Cultures and Identities*
- ▶ Environment and Sustainability*
- ▶ Ethical Leadership and Intercultural Communication*
- ▶ Global Health and Wellbeing*
- ▶ Globalisation, Movement, and Change*
- ▶ Human Rights, Justice, and Peace*
- ▶ World Affairs and Organisations*

Bachelor of Music in:

- ▶ Classical Performance
- ▶ Composition*
- ▶ Instrumental / Vocal Composition
- ▶ Jazz Performance
- ▶ Music Studies
- ▶ Music Technology*
- ▶ Performance*
- ▶ Popular Music Studies*
- ▶ Sonic Arts and Music Technology

FACULTY OF LAW

Bachelor of Laws

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Biomedical Science in:

- ▶ Human Genetics
- ▶ Molecular Pathology
- ▶ Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry

Bachelor of Psychology in:

- ▶ Brain Sciences and Mental Health
- ▶ Cognitive Science
- ▶ Criminal Justice and Psychology
- ▶ Educational Psychology
- ▶ Health Psychology
- ▶ Māori Psychology
- ▶ Mental Health: Principles and Applications
- ▶ Psychological Science
- ▶ Work and Organisational Psychology

Bachelor of Science in:

- ▶ Actuarial Science
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Biotechnology
- ▶ Cell and Molecular Bioscience
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Computer Graphics and Games
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Data Science
- ▶ Development Studies
- ▶ Ecology and Biodiversity
- ▶ Electronic and Computer Systems
- ▶ Environmental Science
- ▶ Environmental Studies
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Geology
- ▶ Geophysics
- ▶ Information Systems
- ▶ Marine Biology
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Physical Geography
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Psychological Science
- ▶ Science Communication
- ▶ Space Science
- ▶ Statistics

*Minors or specialisations (not majors).



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

All international students apply for admission and first-year enrolment through Wellington University International.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

If you are an international student at a secondary school in New Zealand studying for the National Certificate of Achievement (NCEA), Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB), you will meet the academic requirement for undergraduate programmes when you achieve University Entrance (UE).

Check the minimum requirements explained here to see what you need to gain University Entrance admission. The Guaranteed Entry Scores (GES) for NCEA, CAIE, and IB do not apply to international students.

Make sure that you permit the awarding authority (for example, NZQA, International Baccalaureate Organisation) to release your results directly to the University once they are available.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS

If you gain University Entrance and have achieved literacy when you studied at a New Zealand secondary school, you meet the University's English language requirements. You do not need to provide any further proof of English proficiency.

If you plan on studying for a teaching degree, you will need to achieve literacy or achieve IELTS overall band of 7.0 with no subscore below 7.0.

If you plan on studying for a Midwifery degree, you need to achieve an IELTS overall band of 7.0, with 6.5 or higher in reading and writing, and 7.0 in listening and speaking.

Gaining UE meets both the academic and English requirements set by the University.

APPLYING WITH NCEA

University Entrance

You will need to achieve University Entrance through the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

Attain NCEA Level 3

AN NCEA LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

14 credits at Level 3 in an approved subject

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LITERACY

10* credits at Level 2 or above (5 in reading, 5 in writing)

NUMERACY

10* credits at Level 1 or above

*See the website for specialised lists of standards.

www.nzqa.govt.nz

The Guaranteed Entry Scores (GES) do not apply to international students. You need to achieve the above in order to meet the minimum requirements for admission.

www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/approved-subjects

Rank and guaranteed entry scores do not apply to international students.

NCEA approved subjects for entrance to university

- ▶ Accounting
- ▶ Agriculture and Horticulture
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Business Studies
- ▶ Calculus
- ▶ Chemistry
- ▶ Chinese
- ▶ Classical Studies
- ▶ Construction and Mechanical Technologies
- ▶ Cook Islands Māori
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Design (Practical Art)
- ▶ Design and Visual Communication
- ▶ Digital Technologies
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Earth and Space Science
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Education for Sustainability
- ▶ English
- ▶ French
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ German
- ▶ Health Education
- ▶ History
- ▶ History of Art
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Indonesian
- ▶ Japanese
- ▶ Korean
- ▶ Latin
- ▶ Mathematics / Pāngarau
- ▶ Media Studies
- ▶ New Zealand Sign Language
- ▶ Painting (Practical Art)
- ▶ Photography (Practical Art)
- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Printmaking (Practical Art)
- ▶ Processing Technologies
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Religious Studies
- ▶ Samoan
- ▶ Science / Pūtaiao
- ▶ Sculpture (Practical Art)
- ▶ Social Studies
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Statistics
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Te Reo Māori
- ▶ Te Reo Rangatira
- ▶ Tongan

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE STUDENTS APPLYING WITH CAIE

University Entrance

You will need to achieve University Entrance through the Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE):

- ▶ attain a minimum of 120 points on the UCAS Tariff at A or AS level from any syllabus groups, which are broadly equivalent to those in the list of approved subjects for NCEA
- ▶ D grade or better in syllabuses from at least three different syllabus groups (excluding Thinking Skills)
- ▶ E grade or better in any one of AS-level English Language, Language and Literature in English, or Literature in English
- ▶ D grade or better in IGCSE or GCSE Mathematics.

The Guaranteed Entry Scores (GES) do not apply to international students.

Credits you gain in Years 11 and 12 will count towards numeracy and literacy requirements.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE STUDENTS APPLYING WITH IB

University Entrance

You will need to achieve University Entrance through the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB):

- ▶ attain the full IB Diploma (you need to achieve a minimum of 24 points)
- ▶ achieve a grade of 3 or higher in IB English.

The Guaranteed Entry Scores (GES) do not apply to international students.

IF YOU DO NOT GAIN ADMISSION

If you do not meet the minimum requirements, you still have options. If you think you will be missing some credits to meet University Entrance, you may be able to take extra credits at your secondary school. Talk to your school as soon as possible so you can still meet the University intake date.

You could also enrol in the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies programme, taught by UP Education. Successful completion of this programme also meets the minimum academic requirements for admission to Victoria University of Wellington.

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME



If you do not meet the minimum requirements, you may consider enrolling in the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies programme.

The programme is taught exclusively by UP Education and offers successful students guaranteed entry to Victoria University of Wellington's undergraduate programmes.

The programme offers flexibility with four intakes per year and 6-, 8/9-, 12-, and 18-month course options (two, three, four, or six terms), depending on your academic background and level of English. The curriculum develops subject knowledge and skills as well as entrepreneurial enterprise, leadership, and team skills to equip you for university.

When you apply for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies programme, you will receive two offers of place at the time of application: a letter of offer for the foundation programme and a conditional letter of offer for an undergraduate degree at Victoria University of Wellington. An unconditional offer of place will be issued as soon as you have successfully completed the Foundation Studies programme and met admission requirements.

To apply for this programme through UP Education, go to their website.

i www.partnerships.up.education/wellington

APPLICATION DEADLINES

You can submit your application at any time when you are in your final year of secondary school study. You can apply before your exam results are available.

Apply by 1 December. Applications received after this date will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

You need to submit your application to Wellington University International before you will be able to enrol online for courses. Course enrolment opens in late September. For limited-entry programmes and courses, online enrolment closes 1 December.

Early application deadlines

We recommend students studying for these programmes apply at least three months before the application deadline.

- ▶ The Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood and the Bachelor of Midwifery also have extra application requirements.
- ▶ Classical Performance and Jazz Performance students must audition. Both programmes also have an early application deadline. Check audition application dates on the New Zealand School of Music—Te Kōkī website.

❶ www.wgtn.ac.nz/nzsm

VISA INFORMATION

All international students must have a valid student visa to enrol at Victoria University of Wellington. You cannot enrol with a secondary school visa.

A valid visa must:

- ▶ state the name of the programme you will be enrolling in (e.g., Bachelor of Commerce)
- ▶ state the name of the institution you will be enrolling at (e.g., Victoria University of Wellington).

Applying for a visa

- ▶ You will need to apply directly to Immigration New Zealand (www.immigration.govt.nz) or through a licensed immigration adviser or a person exempt from licensing for your new visa (e.g., New Zealand lawyers).



- ▶ Our visa officer (based in Wellington) can help you understand what documents you need to provide for your student visa. Once you are at the stage of applying for a new visa and you are in Wellington, you can make an appointment.

An unconditional Offer of Place is issued when your NCEA, CAIE, or IB results have been verified by Wellington University International in January.

A Summary of Deposit is a receipt to prove you have paid your tuition fees. We recommend that you pay your tuition fees as soon as you receive your Offer of Place (conditional or unconditional). You need evidence that you have paid your fees (or have funding for them, such as a scholarship or student loan) to get your student visa.

❶ www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/get-ready-to-study/student-visa



“There were multiple universities in New Zealand for me to choose from. However, Victoria University of Wellington outshone the others for its extensive services and information provided before and after I enrolled for the University. Studying in the capital city gives me the opportunity to think globally and interact with highly regarded academic lecturers.

“My programme paved the way for me to delve deeper into all kinds of research in biology. There are libraries around every corner of the city with free study spaces; therefore, it never worried me to find a place to study. I enjoy the peacefulness of residing in Wellington.”

David Wang

Student, Bachelor of Science in Biology
Former New Zealand secondary school student

HOW TO APPLY

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



STEP 1

COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION

Click on 'How to Apply' on our website for instructions on how to apply as an international New Zealand secondary school student.

STEP 4

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER OF PLACE

You can do this online.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-offer

STEP 2

RECEIVE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF PLACE AND AN INVITATION TO ENROL ONLINE

You will have a conditional Offer of Place until your NCEA, IB, or CAIE results have been released. With a conditional Offer of Place, you are able to enrol online into courses you want to study, apply for accommodation, pay your tuition fees, and prepare all the documents for your new visa. See the visa section on page 12 for more information.

STEP 5

PREPARE FOR STUDY AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Once you have received your unconditional Offer of Place, you should have already prepared all your visa application materials. Now you will need to apply for your visa. See the visa section on page 12 for more information.

Check your inbox regularly for more information from Wellington University International about preparing for your study.

STEP 3

RECEIVE AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER OF PLACE

After your results are released in January, and the International Admissions team has checked you have met the entry requirements, you will receive an unconditional Offer of Place.

If you have applied for admission with NCEA, you do not need to send your results to our team—we will verify your results online when they are released in January.

If you have applied for admission with CAIE, you need to send your Cambridge Centre and candidate numbers to our team—we will then verify your results online when they are released in January.

If you have applied for admission with IB, you need to submit your results to us electronically. Our institution code is 001649. Request your IB results to be released to us at this website.

www.ibo.org/en/programmes/diploma-programme/assessment-and-exams/requesting-transcripts



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

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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

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