



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF  
**WELLINGTON**  
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NEW ZEALAND

STUDY AT

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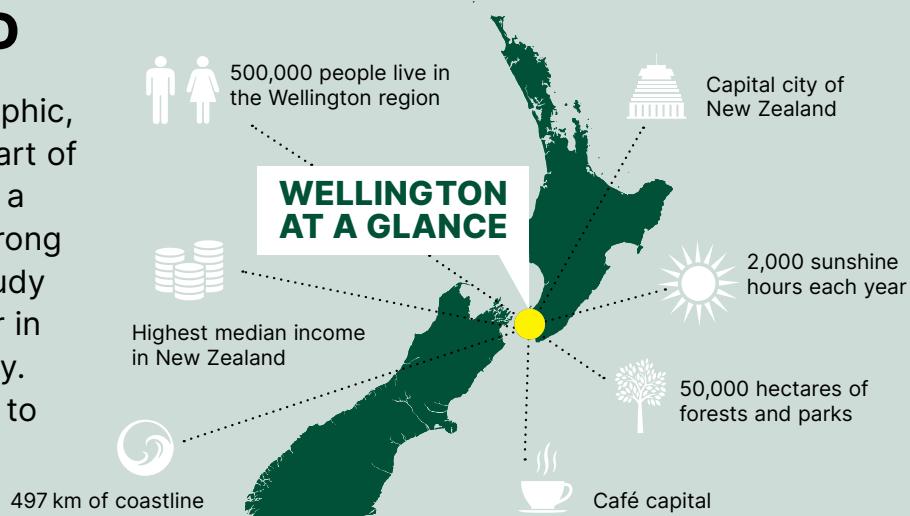
**#1** IN NEW ZEALAND FOR  
RESEARCH INTENSITY\*

\*Latest Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation

# DISCOVER WELLINGTON

## NEW ZEALAND

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



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

## WELLINGTON IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO STUDY

### CREATIVE

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

(Infometrics Creativity Index 2023)

### SAFE

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

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

### CLEAN AND GREEN

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

### WALKABLE

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

(Urban Intelligence 2023)

### HIGH TECH

Wellington is at the forefront of technology and innovation, with many tech companies calling it home. It's named as one of the world's '21 Places of the Future'. (Cognizant Center for the Future of Work 2021)

### HAPPY

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

(World Happiness Report 2024)



# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Our students come from about  
**120** countries around the world

**Top 1%**  
of the world's universities in  
15 subject areas  
(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024)

**ZERO CARBON BY 2030**



**Top 100**  
in the world in  
10 subjects

(QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024)



**96%**

of graduates were employed prior to or within six months of completing their degree

(2022–2023 Graduate Destinations Survey)

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

**170+** programmes

**40+** research institutes

**4** libraries

**140+** clubs and societies

**3 CENTRAL CITY CAMPUSES IN WELLINGTON**



**KELBURN**



**PIPI TEA**



**TE ARO**



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

**Georgia Westfall**

Student, Master of Science in Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience

## Scholarships

Scholarships are available for international students at all study levels. More than NZ\$28 million in scholarships is awarded each year, one of them being the Tongarewa Scholarship of either NZ\$5,000 or NZ\$10,000 towards tuition fees for one year of study.

To find out what scholarships you can apply for, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships)

# STUDY WHAT YOU LOVE

Victoria University of Wellington currently offers more than 170 different subjects. Below are some examples.



## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Choose from our 18 undergraduate degrees with a list of possible majors below. For the full list, go to our website.

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

### BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

Possible majors: Architecture, Interior Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Architecture History and Theory

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Possible majors: Art History, Asian Studies, Chinese, Classical Studies, Criminology, Cultural Anthropology, Development Studies, Economics, Education, Education for the Environment, Educational Psychology, English Literature, Environmental Humanities, Film, French, Geography, German, Greek, Health Psychology, History, International Relations, Japanese, Kaitiakitanga, Language Sciences, Latin, Māori Studies, Media Studies, Modern Language Studies, Music, Pacific Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychological Science, Sāmoan Studies / Matā'upu tau Sāmoa, Sociology, Spanish, Study of Religion, Te Reo Māori, Theatre

### BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Possible majors: Human Genetics, Molecular Pathology, Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry

### BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE

Possible majors: Project Management, Sustainable Engineering Systems

### BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Possible majors: Accounting, Actuarial Science, Commercial Law, Data Science, Economics, Finance, Human Resource Management and Employment Relations, Information Systems, International Business, Management, Marketing, Public Policy, Sustainability and Ethics in Business, Taxation, Tourism Management

### BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION

Possible majors: Intercultural Communication, Language Sciences, Literary and Creative Communication, Marketing Communication, Media Studies, Political Communication, Science Communication

### BACHELOR OF DESIGN INNOVATION

Possible majors: Animation and Visual Effects, Communication Design, Design for Social Innovation, Fashion Design Technology, Game Design, Industrial Design, Interaction Design, Media Design

### BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TEACHING) EARLY CHILDHOOD

### BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING WITH HONOURS

Possible majors: Cybersecurity Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Software Engineering

### BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

Possible majors: Climate Science, Cultural Anthropology, Design for Social Innovation, Development Studies, Earth Science, Education for the Environment, Environmental Design, Environmental Humanities, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Geography, Sustainability and Ethics in Business

### BACHELOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES

### BACHELOR OF HEALTH

Possible majors: Health Informatics, Health Policy and Innovation, Health Promotion, Health Psychology, Physical Activity and Hauora

### BACHELOR OF LAWS

### BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

### BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Possible majors: Classical Performance, Digital Music and Audio Production, Instrumental/Vocal Composition, Jazz Performance, Music Studies

### BACHELOR OF POPULAR MUSIC

Possible majors: Audio Production and Recording, Electronic Music, Popular Music Studies, Songwriting (available from 2026)

### BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Possible majors: Psychological Science, Brain Sciences and Mental Health, Cognitive Science, Criminal Justice and Psychology, Educational Psychology, Health Psychology, Māori Psychology, Mental Health: Principles and Applications, Work and Organisational Psychology



### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Possible majors: Actuarial Science, Artificial Intelligence, Biology, Biotechnology, Cell and Molecular Bioscience, Chemistry, Climate Science, Computer Graphics and Games, Computer Science, Data Science, Development Studies, Earth Science, Ecology and Biodiversity, Electronic and Computer Systems, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Geography, Geology, Information Systems, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Psychological Science, Science Communication, Space Science, Statistics



## POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

**Most of our undergraduate subject areas are also offered at postgraduate level.**

Here are some of our more popular options, including specific subjects available at postgraduate or graduate diploma levels only. These have been grouped based on topics.

For the full list of our 180 postgraduate programmes, go to our website.

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

### ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES AND BUILDING SCIENCE

Construction Law  
Interior Architecture  
Landscape Architecture  
Urban and Regional Planning

### BUSINESS

Actuarial Science  
Business Administration  
Business Analysis  
Global Business  
Professional Accounting

### DESIGN, FILM, AND MEDIA

Design Technology  
Fine Arts (Creative Practice): Design; Film or Theatre  
User Experience Design  
Visual Narratives

## EDUCATION AND TEACHING

Educational Psychology  
Teacher Education (Primary and Secondary)

## ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Artificial Intelligence  
Computer Science  
Engineering Practice  
Software Development

## ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

Creative Writing

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Climate Change Science and Policy  
Conservation Biology  
Development Studies  
Ecological Restoration  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Marine Conservation

## HEALTH

Health Leadership and Management  
Health Policy, Planning, and Service Delivery  
Health Psychology  
Nursing Practice  
Professional Practice  
Workplace Health and Safety

## HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

Museum and Heritage Studies

## LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS

Applied Linguistics  
Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation  
Literary Translation Studies  
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

## LAW

Construction Law  
International Trade  
Law

## MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

Applied Statistics  
Data Science

## MUSIC AND THEATRE

Ethnomusicology  
Fine Arts (Creative Practice)—Music/Sound  
Music Therapy  
Musicology  
Performance

## POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

International Relations  
Migration Studies  
Philosophy, Politics and Economics  
Political Science  
Public Management  
Public Policy  
Strategic Studies

## PSYCHOLOGY

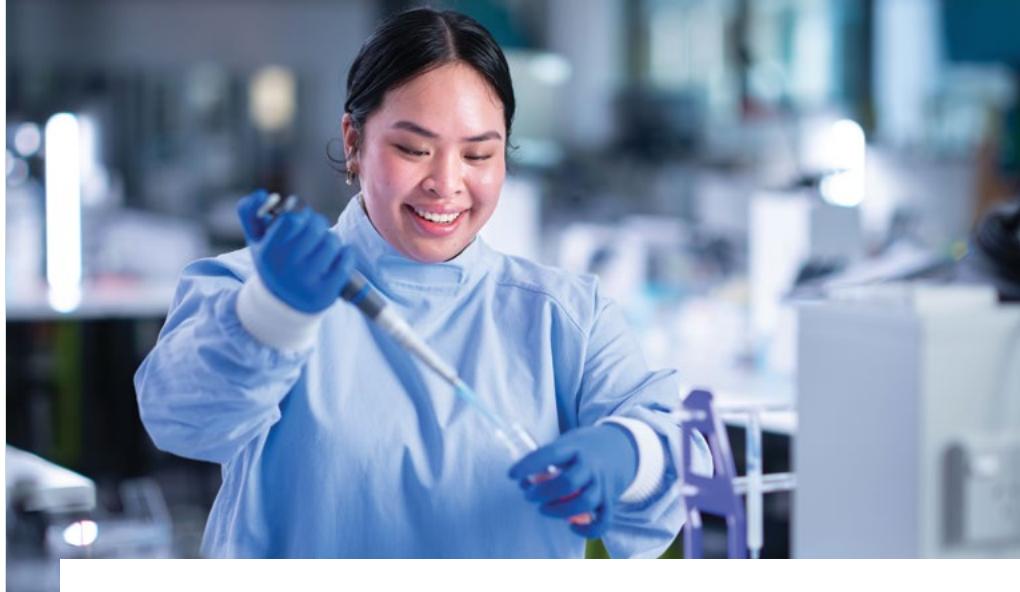
Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience  
Cross-cultural Psychology  
Forensic Psychology

## SCIENCE

Drug Discovery and Development  
Geophysics  
Molecular Microbiology  
Renewable Energy

## SOCIAL SCIENCES

Indigenous Studies



# AN INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT

Our capital-city location allows us to play a significant part in cultivating intellectual capital and facilitating innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic growth.

Our distinctive approach builds on our location in Aotearoa New Zealand's political and cultural capital, our proximity to internationally respected centres of creativity, and the significant value we gain from bringing Indigenous knowledge to bear on both basic and applied research.

Our partnerships help build the capability of our researchers, delivering knowledge and understanding that improve social, cultural, and economic outcomes in the Asia-Pacific.

## OUR RESEARCH IS WORLD LEADING

### #1 in research intensity

Victoria University of Wellington pursues ambitious research designed to challenge the status quo, push the boundaries of new knowledge, and enhance the world around us.

Since 2012, the University has been Aotearoa New Zealand's top-ranked university for intensity of high-quality research\*. We have a higher proportion of our academics conducting high-quality research than any other university in New Zealand. We leverage our research strengths, and the distinctive advantages and opportunities that Wellington provides, to enrich the learning of our students and deliver transformative outcomes for our city, our nation, and the world.

At Victoria University of Wellington, we attract global scholars to develop the diversity and scale required to deliver high-impact research across the breadth of scholarship at the University.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/research](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/research)

\*Based on the latest Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation.

## GLOBALLY MINDED

### Where diverse cultures connect

We build networks around the world to ensure intercultural and global perspectives are integrated into all aspects of university life, so that staff and students are well equipped to thrive in an international environment.

Our intellectual influence in the Asia-Pacific and beyond is built on mutually beneficial partnerships and world-leading thinking on global challenges. Our attractiveness to international research partners, students, and academics is based on research-led teaching, our leading position in New Zealand in research quality, and our location in one of the world's leading global-civic creative capitals.

**i** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/global](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/global)

# JOIN US

## COSTS AND FEES

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

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

## ENGLISH STUDY

Our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme can help you improve your English and prepare you for your academic studies.

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

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study at Victoria University of Wellington, you will need to meet the academic and English-language entry requirements for your chosen programme of study; English-language requirements may be higher for some programmes. Academic entry requirements vary from country to country. For more information, go to our website.

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

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

## 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.

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## FOUNDATION STUDIES

In partnership with UP Education, our Foundation Studies programme will develop your knowledge and skills to equip you for undergraduate university study.

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

## INSURANCE

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

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

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