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TE KAHUPAPA

MĀORI STUDENTS' GUIDE



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA



The **haka freaks** and
the waiata geeks, the
hāngi masters and the
'plays ball after classes',
the **reo revivalists**, the
mātauranga chasers,
the teachers, **learners**,
inventors and creators,
the **tuakana**, the teina, the
māmā, the pāpā.

Kei whea koe e tū ana?

Maranga ake ai!



Where do you stand?





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THE PASTORAL CARE CODE: The Government's Pastoral Care Code sets out the University's roles and responsibilities in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our students. This includes fostering learning environments that are safe and designed to support positive learning experiences of diverse learner 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.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/support

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Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington has been awarded an overall five-stars-plus rating in the QS Stars university rating system, one of only 17 universities worldwide to do so. The University gained a total score of 966 out of a possible 1,000

points across eight audited categories, including maximum points for the employability and inclusiveness categories. Maximum points were awarded for 25 of the more than 30 indicators, including overall student satisfaction; further study; graduate employment rate; international diversity, support, and collaborations; academic reputation; satisfaction with teaching; campus facilities; accreditations; art and cultural investment and facilities; disabled access; scholarships and bursaries; low-income outreach; and student cohort diversity.

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

As Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori), I am pleased to welcome you to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington. I personally want to encourage you to explore and experience all the opportunities that we have to offer as a global–civic university with the marae at its heart, and to become part of te whānau o Te Herenga Waka.

Figuratively, the marae is the ‘mooring post’ from which staff and students can be connected to the Māori world during their time at the University, and it provides a platform to enhance teaching, learning, research, and engagement. Our marae is temporarily closed as we await the construction of our Living Pā complex. However, there are many opportunities for you to connect with other Māori at Te Herenga Waka. This notion of connectivity builds on the Mai i te Iho ki te Pae—Māori Strategic Outcomes Framework, which emphasises the importance of drawing from our iho, or inner essence, our identities, and the potential to extend this ki te pae—beyond the horizons.

At Te Herenga Waka, a sense of whānau and community is important to us. This publication will introduce you to some of the dedicated staff and support structures here to help you achieve your goals and aspirations. Your arrival at this university marks a new chapter in the story of your life. The preceding chapters were largely navigated by your parents, teachers, whānau, and others. But now you are the principal navigator of your journey and you have the power to determine the direction of your own path. While you are here at Te Herenga Waka, you will have the opportunity to acquire new knowledge, develop new skills, and enhance your personal attributes that will equip you for life after university.

I wish you every success in your journey here at Te Herenga Waka. Whakamaua te pae tata kia tīna, whaia te pae tawhiti kia tata!

Professor Rawinia Higgins

Tumu Ahurei—Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori)



YOUR MĀORI FUTURE STUDENT ADVISERS

Our kaitawaka Māori (Māori future student advisers), Porourangi Templeton and Te Mapihi Tutua-Nathan, are your first point of contact with the University. They can provide advice on:

- ▶ university study
- ▶ planning your degree and courses
- ▶ entrance and admission
- ▶ scholarships.

They can also help you through the application process and connect you with the Māori support network at the University. There are opportunities for Māori students and their whānau to have customised visits around our campuses and to attend information evenings and open days throughout the year. If you are struggling with anything regarding applying to university or understanding how university works, these are the people to talk to.



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Te Mapihi Tutua-Nathan
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MĀORI FUTURE STUDENT EVENTS

Hiwa

Hiwa is a week-long on-campus programme for 20 Māori students in their last year of secondary school who live outside the Wellington region. They get to experience student life at the University and explore the capital city. This programme is usually run in August and invitations to apply will be sent to schools, kura, careers advisers, and future students in June.

Pōrutu

Pōrutu is our on-campus day programme for Māori secondary school students based in Wellington. It has a key focus on Māori-specific support, scholarships, accommodation, and finance. We hold this programme at different times for different year levels. Your Wellington-based careers adviser, school, or kura will receive notice of this event and can confirm your attendance.

On the road

Pou and Te Mapihi often travel to visit schools, attend careers days and evenings, attend whānau evenings, and hold regional events. They may be at your school or kura next.

PLANNING YOUR FIRST YEAR

ADMISSION

To be accepted automatically into any degree at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, you will need to:

- ▶ achieve University Entrance
- ▶ fulfill any other degree-specific requirements
- ▶ apply by the deadline.

Pūaha is the University's portal where you can apply for admission, search for scholarships, and explore accommodation options. To confirm your admission type, go to the website below and answer a few simple questions.

❶ www.wgtn.ac.nz/admission

University Entrance

University Entrance through the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) is one of the most common admission types for entry into the University. It has the following requirements.

AN NCEA LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

14 credits
at Level 3 in
an approved
subject

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subject

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an approved
subject

LITERACY

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

NUMERACY

10* credits at Level 1
or above

*From specified lists of standards. Go to www.nzqa.govt.nz for a list of approved subjects.



Diploma in Māoritanga / Tohu Māoritanga

Tohu Māoritanga is designed to provide a foundation in Māori culture and society, Māori customs and practice, Māori language, and academic and study skills in a culturally responsive learning environment. It has a duration of one year (full-time study), with 120 points needed to complete the diploma.

Upon successful completion, you will gain entrance into our university and may be able to cross-credit up to 60 points to a Bachelor of Arts degree or 40 points to any other Bachelor's degree. You will be required to submit documents, including a personal statement and a CV, and participate in an interview to determine your suitability.

Achieving University Entrance is one of the quickest ways to gain entrance into our university. However, if University Entrance does not work out, Tohu Māoritanga is an alternative option.

✉ maori-studies@vuw.ac.nz

❶ www.wgtn.ac.nz/tohu-maoritanga

Alternative admission options

University Entrance and Tohu Māoritanga are not the only admission options available. Check out our website for all our alternative admission options.

❶ www.wgtn.ac.nz/admission

HOW A DEGREE WORKS

Courses

Courses are blocks of work that are taught over one or two trimesters. In your first year, you will take 100-level courses. The number of courses you take in a year will vary depending on how many points each course is worth.

Some degrees have core courses that all students must complete.

Points

Each course is typically worth 15 or 20 points. To pass a course, you need to complete a number of different assessments throughout the trimester. When you pass the course, you earn points towards your degree.

To complete your degree, you will need to gain 360 points over three years of full-time study. Degrees in Engineering, Law, and Midwifery take four years of full-time study to complete as 480 points are required for these degrees. Regardless of which degree you study towards, you will aim to complete approximately 120 points each year.

Majors

A major is the main subject you specialise in. For example, you might do a Bachelor of Science with a major in Computer Science. Each year you will take courses required for your major(s).

Double majors

A double major allows you to specialise in two subjects within one degree—an example of this could be a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in History and French. A double major requires the same number of points as a degree with only one major and should not take any extra time.

Some of our degrees allow you to take a second major from another degree—for example, you can do a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Physics and German.

Minors

In some of our degrees, you can take a minor. A minor is similar to a major, but requires fewer courses, particularly in your second and third years. Having a minor is optional in most degrees.

Electives

You can take elective courses if you have space in your degree programme. Elective courses can be from other subject areas you are interested in.

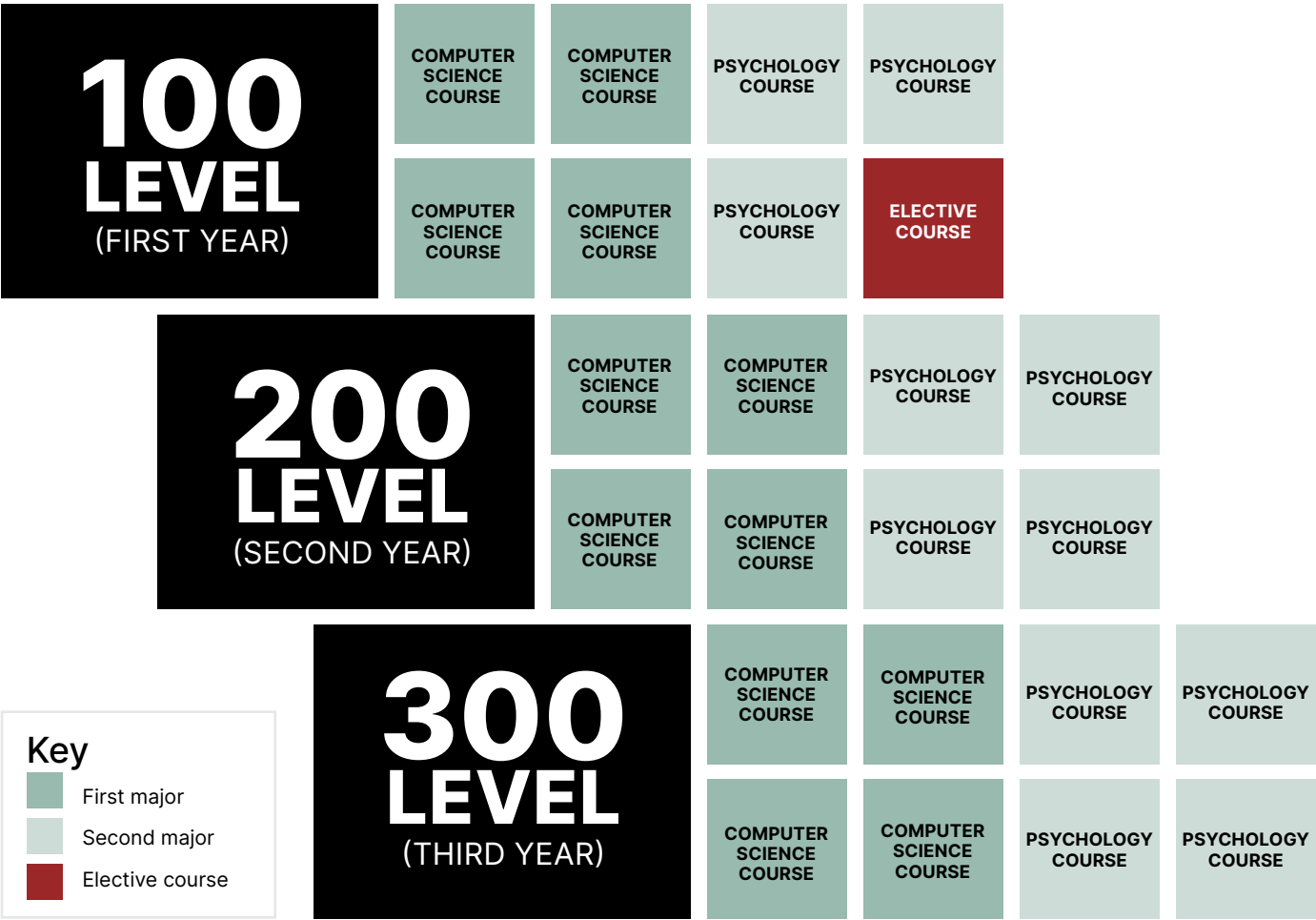
Conjoint and double degrees

Conjoint and double degrees allow you to complete two degrees in a shorter amount of time as courses can be cross-credited. For example, a conjoint Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts could be completed within five years. Note that not all degrees can be done conjointly.



DEGREE EXAMPLE

Below is an example of a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Computer Science and Psychology.



Flip to the back cover to see a list of our degrees, and check out www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/programmes-courses for more on our programmes and courses.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

The cost of studying at university encompasses more than just your course fees. It includes a range of other things you need to think about such as kai, transport, and accommodation. A good basic budget can help you feel less stressed and more in control when bills are due. Use the following guide to create your own budget.

My income *(weekly/monthly)*

Student Allowance.....

Student Loan for living costs.....

Part-time work.....

Benefit.....

Family Support.....

Scholarship payments.....

Other.....

Total.....

My essentials *(weekly/monthly)*

Rent.....

Power.....

Internet.....

Mobile phone.....

Groceries.....

Toiletries.....

Transport.....

Bank fees / insurance.....

Other.....

Total.....

Things that make me happy

(weekly/monthly)

Coffee / soft drinks.....

Takeaways / snacks.....

Movies.....


Clubs / gigs.....

Trips home.....

Café meals / restaurants.....

Other.....

Total.....



Make sure you set something aside for what really makes you happy.

Having this in your budget may help you avoid overspending or making impulsive purchases when you're under pressure.



HELP WITH FINANCIAL PLANNING

The University's student finance advisers offer help with planning and managing your costs. Staff can also help with some StudyLink-related questions. You can book an appointment or speak to a finance adviser by phone.

📞 0800 04 04 04

✉️ student-hardship@vuw.ac.nz

🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/financial-advice

STUDYLINK

You can apply for a Student Allowance or a Student Loan for course-related and living costs through StudyLink. This service also offers help with applying for a Community Services Card and other financial aid, such as subsidies for childcare. The Student Allowance, Student Loan, and the threshold for the Community Services Card are adjusted annually on 1 April and usually increase slightly. For more information, contact your Māori future student advisers (see page 4) or go to the StudyLink website.

📞 0800 889 900

🌐 www.studylink.govt.nz

PŪTEA ĀWHINA—HARDSHIP FUND

This is an emergency fund that helps students facing financial difficulties. Eligible students are expected to claim their full StudyLink entitlements before applying for the hardship grant. Grants are available for a range of issues, including:

- ▶ flatting problems
- ▶ high course-related costs
- ▶ high transport costs
- ▶ medical, dental, and optical costs.

Contact a student finance adviser (see left) to make an appointment.

HARDSHIP FUND EQUITY GRANT

Grants are available to encourage students who are facing financial hardship to continue in their studies at the University.

🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/hardship-fund

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association—Te Aka Tauira (VUWSA) runs the Community Pantry for free food parcels and provides free bread as well as other welfare services.

🌐 www.vuwsa.org.nz

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University has a range of scholarships and awards for students. Scholarships are available at all levels of study and are based on a variety of criteria. Go to our website and explore our scholarships database.

SCHOOL-LEAVER SCHOLARSHIPS

The University's school-leaver scholarship programme supports and encourages students who embody and display the key attributes of excellence, leadership, diversity, and commitment to community. We award hundreds of scholarships each year. Our scholarships recognise high achievement and will help make your transition to student life easier.

Kaumātua reference

When applying for school-leaver scholarships, you will be asked to supply a kaumātua reference. This is to verify your whakapapa—confirm that you whakapapa to the iwi you have registered with (see below). It's good to start thinking about this early. You will need to supply your kaumātua's email address so the University can contact them directly. If your kaumātua does not have access to email, please provide a current contact number. As a last resort, you can contact the scholarships team or your Māori future student advisers (see page 4).

 www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships

REGISTER WITH YOUR IWI


Registering with your iwi is important, not just for connecting with them and being in the know but also because many Māori scholarship applications will require you to verify your whakapapa and check to see if you are registered with your iwi. Most iwi will have websites, so make sure you check out all your iwi websites and follow the instructions provided on how to register with them. Keep a note of the registration number they provide you with for future reference.






TAIHONOA

Through our Taihonoa programme, the University has partnered with iwi, Māori organisations, and trusts to increase the grants and scholarship offerings to students studying at Te Herenga Waka. This means that if you receive a scholarship through a Taihonoa partner, we will be able to consider your scholarship or grant for matched funding (dollar for dollar). For example, if your iwi has a Taihonoa agreement with us, and they award you a grant or scholarship of \$1,000, then the pouhere (Taihonoa coordinator) will work with your iwi to match this funding to give you a further \$1,000. Check out our Taihonoa partners on our website.

 www.wgtn.ac.nz/taihonoa

MĀORI EDUCATION TRUST

The Māori Education Trust has hundreds of scholarships for secondary school and tertiary Māori students. The criteria for each scholarship varies depending on the kaupapa of the scholarship. Because the Māori Education Trust is a partner of Te Herenga Waka, we are able to negotiate matched funding with the Māori Education Trust and with Taihonoa partners to provide awards from all three groups, depending on the interested funding partners. Check out the Māori Education Trust's website for more information.

 www.maorieducation.org.nz



“Scholarships helped me pay for rent, necessary groceries, materials, tools, and equipment. They also allowed me to return home to help support my iwi and hapū.”

Whatarangi Winiata (Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Toa Rangatira)

Student, Master of Architecture
(Professional)

ACCOMMODATION

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington offers 12 halls of residence, with two accommodation options for students wanting to live in a Māori environment. Whānau Housing encompasses five separate houses in Kelburn and two floors at Joan Stevens Hall that collectively can accommodate 50 residents.

KELBURN FLATS— WHARE HĪNAU: WHĀNAU HOUSING

The houses in the Kelburn Flats—Whare Hīnau community contain a mixture of single and twin-share rooms, along with a lounge, kitchen, bathroom, and laundry. The bedrooms all come with a bed, desk, and storage. Internet and power are included, and the communal areas are also furnished.

Whānau Housing is great for those who want to connect more with their taha Māori (Māori side) and for those who want to live in accommodation where tikanga Māori and te reo Māori (Māori cultural practices and language) are normalised.

“Whānau Housing offered me a sense of home away from home, and my favourite part was our cuppa and cards nearly every night.”

**Teina Ngaia (Taranaki (Tuturu),
Te Ātiawa, Ngāruahine)**

Student, Bachelor of Arts in Cultural
Anthropology and Health Promotion

KELBURN FLATS—WHARE HĪNAU: WHĀNAU HOUSING		
INDEPENDENT LIVING		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Residents will need to prepare their own meals.One four-bedroom house is dedicated to postgraduate students.Resident groupings for each whānau house are determined by a university committee. The committee considers age, gender, and other factors in deciding on suitable groupings.Rooms are offered to students in their second year or above.		
WALKING DISTANCE TO CAMPUSES		
Kelburn campus	10 minutes	
Pipitea campus	30 minutes	
Te Aro campus	20 minutes	
FEES		
	Per academic year (37 weeks)*	Per week*
Single room	\$8,806	\$238
Twin-share room	\$7,067	\$191

*These figures are based on 2023 costs and are subject to change. Check www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation for up-to-date figures.



MARINO

Marino is a dedicated Māori space nestled within Joan Stevens Hall. Established in 2021, the Marino area is a kaupapa Māori (Māori-focused) space for students who want to live somewhere that actively maintains a culture of manaakitanga and whanaungatanga and also fosters te reo Māori and tikanga Māori.

Joan Stevens Hall is located at 132 The Terrace, close to the Wellington central business district and the University's Kelburn and Pipitea campuses.

All bedrooms are fully furnished, heated, and have internet access. Each floor of the building has a large common room with a kitchenette, study area, television, DVD player, and couches. Laundry facilities are also available on site.

To learn more about Marino floor in Joan Stevens Hall, Whānau Housing, and any of our other halls of residence, check out Te Kopanga—University Accommodation Wellington's website.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation

MARINO		
CATERED		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catering is provided seven days a week.• Rooms are offered to first-year students aged 17–20.• Marino is a dedicated community within a catered hall so students can connect and support one another.• Māori students may also be eligible for a Marino Scholarship to go towards their accommodation cost. Ask the Scholarships team or your Māori future student advisers for more information.		
WALKING DISTANCE TO CAMPUSES		
Kelburn campus	10 minutes	
Pipitea campus	10 minutes	
Te Aro campus	15 minutes	
FEES		
	Per academic year (37 weeks)*	Per week*
Single room	\$17,464	\$472

*These figures are based on 2023 costs and are subject to change. Check www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation for up-to-date figures. They are also subject to change if a student is awarded a Marino scholarship.

MĀORI STUDENT SUPPORT



ĀWHINA—MĀORI STUDENT SUCCESS

Āwhina is the on-campus whānau for taurira Māori studying at Te Herenga Waka. Providing a cultural perspective to your university experience, Āwhina strives to better your educational experiences both in and out of the classroom. Our purpose at Āwhina is to provide academic support for all Māori students enrolled at the University, whether you are a school leaver or a mature student. Through a shared experience, you can apply your individual skills and expand your horizons by learning with meaningful support. We achieve this by offering services that include:

- ▶ study wānanga
- ▶ one-to-one advice
- ▶ te ao Māori workshops (rongoā, raranga, poi making, and waiata)
- ▶ kai and kōrero/whakawhanaungatanga
- ▶ contact with Māori academics.

We will see you at Orientation and you can contact us anytime by email. Follow our social media channels to get an idea of what the Māori student experience is really like.

✉ awhina@vuw.ac.nz

fb [@awhinaoutreach](https://www.facebook.com/awhinaoutreach)

ig [awhina_vuw](https://www.instagram.com/awhina_vuw)

DISABILITY SERVICES

Te Amaru—Disability Services works in partnership with students and staff to ensure students can fully participate and achieve their aspirations, and to strengthen the University's culture of inclusion. At our university, disability includes the Deaf and those with injuries or physical, mental, sensory, specific learning, or health impairments. The team provides individual coaching, liaison with academic staff, adaptive technology, inclusive digital learning tools, sign-language interpreting, lecture information capture, assessment support, mobility transport, and quiet places to rest and study. Students can meet with a disability and inclusion adviser on campus or online.

Each campus has an accessible route, which is indicated on the campus maps.

✉ disability@vuw.ac.nz

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/disability

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/maps

HEALTH AND COUNSELLING

Our doctors and nurses at Mauri Ora—Student Health and Counselling provide a full range of health services, including care if you have had an accident, if you are unwell, or if you are managing an ongoing health condition. Appointments for contraception, sexual health checks, and preventative healthcare such as immunisations are also available. Same-day appointments are available for urgent cases. Consultations are free if you register with us.

Counsellors are available on all campuses to confidentially discuss personal and academic issues that may be affecting your general sense of wellbeing, learning, or relationships. Duty counsellors are available each day for urgent cases. Personal development and wellbeing programmes are also available.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/mauri-ora

KAIĀRAHI AKO MĀORI— MĀORI LEARNING ADVISER

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington expects good academic performance. If you want support with your study and writing skills, connect with the Māori learning adviser on campus or online. One-to-one appointments with the kaiārahi ako Māori and group workshops can help with skills such as note-taking, essay writing, academic writing, referencing, and more.

📞 04 463 599

✉ student-learning@vuw.ac.nz

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning

LIBRARY SUPPORT

The Library has a kairauhī who specialises in providing study support with a kaupapa Māori focus. The kairauhī Māori is a contact person for Māori students in all disciplines across the University and provides tailored subject librarian services to students of Te Kawa a Māui—the School of Māori Studies.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/library-maori

RECREATION

It is important to balance study and other stimulating activities throughout your journey. University Recreation Wellington provides sport, recreation, wellbeing, fitness, and club services for the University community.

📍 www.wgtn.ac.nz/recreation



MĀORI STUDENT EXPERIENCE

We want you to get the best out of your time at the University and these Māori student-led associations can assist you. Many Māori students utilise these associations as their main social networks on campus. Get involved and get amongst it!

NGĀI TAUIRA—MĀORI STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Ngāi Tauira represents the interests of all Māori students studying at Te Herenga Waka. Ngāi Tauira provides a number of services to students, including advocacy and support, scholarships and funding, representation on boards, national representation, social networking, and pastoral support. It also often supports students socially and has sports teams that play weekly during trimesters, hosts social events, and provides safe spaces for tauira Māori to hang out.

✉ ngaitauira@vuw.ac.nz

📘 Ngāi Tauira Pānui

📷 @ngaitauira.vuw

NGĀ TAURA UMANGA—MĀORI COMMERCE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Ngā Taura Umanga plays a key role in developing strong relationships among Māori students at the Wellington School of Business and Government. Ngā Taura Umanga organises social and networking events, participates in national hui, and has access to information that will encourage and assist you along your path as a Māori in the business world.

✉ ngatauraumanga@gmail.com

📘 www.facebook.com/ngatauraumangaNTU



NGĀ RANGAHAUTIRA—MĀORI LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Ngā Rangahautira is passionate about developing skilled Māori law students with a commitment to kaupapa Māori. Ngā Rangahautira organises social, academic, cultural, and political activities for Māori students throughout their study, providing opportunities to engage with the community, network with practising Māori lawyers, and develop as a Māori law professional.

✉ ngarangahautira1986@gmail.com

📘 www.facebook.com/NgaRangahautira

TE HŌHAJETI O TE REO MĀORI—MĀORI LANGUAGE SOCIETY

Te Hōhaieti o Te Reo Māori is a group that seeks to provide space at the University for students to utilise and strengthen their reo Māori. Te Hōhaieti does this through organising and facilitating activities and events students can join, regardless of their te reo Māori proficiency.

✉ reomaorisociety@gmail.com

📘 www.facebook.com/thotrmkw

MĀORI STUDENT SPACES ON CAMPUS

There are specific spaces throughout our campuses that are dedicated for Māori students. These provide safe environments for Māori to study, practise tikanga, hang out, and kōrero Māori. You are more than welcome to check out these spaces during Orientation week and while you are studying.

KELBURN CAMPUS

- ▶ Āwhina Hub: KP14, 14 Kelburn Parade
- ▶ Engineering students' whānau room: CO145a, Level 1, Cotton building
- ▶ Health students' whānau room (Oranga room): EA104, Level 1, Easterfield building
- ▶ Humanities and Social Sciences students' whānau room: VZ004, von Zedlitz building
- ▶ Ngāi Taura—Māori Students' Association common room: SU211, Student Union building
- ▶ Psychology students' whānau room: EA421, Level 4, Easterfield building
- ▶ Science students' whānau room: TTR107, Level 1, Te Toki a Rata building
- ▶ Te Taratara ā Kae (flexible study space with the Māori and Indigenous library collection): Level 2, Library, Rankine Brown building

PIPITEA CAMPUS

- ▶ Commerce students' whānau room: RHMZ19, Mezzanine floor, Rutherford House
- ▶ Law students' whānau room: GB234, Level 2, Government Buildings

TE ARO CAMPUS

- ▶ Design Innovation, Architecture, and Building Science students' whānau room: VS128, Vivian Street



"My first week at uni was hectic but manageable. Āwhina, the marae, and Whānau Housing helped me transition smoothly."

Teina Ngaia (Taranaki (Tuturu), Te Ātiawa, Ngāruahine)

Student, Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology and Health Promotion

TE HERENGA WAKA MARAE



In 1980, Te Herenga Waka marae was the first marae to be established at any university campus in Aotearoa. Six years later, Te Tumu Herenga Waka (the wharenui) was opened. It is difficult to overstate how incredibly ambitious these initiatives were in their time, or the profound effect they have had on the generations of students who have graduated with their qualifications at hui whakapūmau (Māori graduation) at the marae.

As an urban, pan-tribal marae, Te Herenga Waka has acted as a bastion for Māori students at the University. It is a place to connect in a whānau-like environment, to learn and study, and to forge connections and friendships.

To enable the construction of the Living Pā, the marae and wharenui are closed until the new house opens in late 2024. Until this time, students are encouraged to connect through the various Māori student associations, including Ngāi Tauira, and other whānau on campus such as Āwhina (Māori student support services).

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/maori-hub

THE LIVING PĀ

The Living Pā redevelopment project at our Kelburn campus will extend the marae complex so it can be used for a broader range of activities. You will see its construction progressing on Kelburn Parade.

The Living Pā will be one of the most advanced, sustainable buildings in the world. As another exceptional marae complex building, the Living Pā will stand as proof of our values and our passion and commitment to the land.

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/living-pa



Image: Stantiall's Studio

PREPARE FOR UNIVERSITY

We want you to be as prepared as you can be for university, and for your transition into studying with us to be as smooth as possible. You can use this checklist as a guide for keeping on top of all the admin that comes with applying for university.

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Choose a programme: Explore our subjects and programmes to figure out what you would like to study.
- ☐ Apply for school-leaver scholarships (by 1 September).
- ☐ Check your eligibility for fees-free study at www.feesfree.govt.nz
- ☐ Apply early for StudyLink.
- ☐ Check your admission type (most commonly University Entrance). Also check you meet the entry requirements and prerequisites of your chosen programme.
- ☐ Apply for accommodation/halls of residence (open in August).
- ☐ Apply for admission through Pūaha, our online platform (you will need to create a Pūaha account at www.wgtn.ac.nz/puaha).
- ☐ Plan your courses: You may have Te Kahupapa—Future Students advisers visit your school to help you with this process. If not, or if you have decided to change the courses you planned, contact a Māori future student adviser or set up a course-advice appointment to help plan your programme.

- ☐ Apply to enrol in your chosen courses (through Pūaha).
- ☐ Confirm your enrolment and accept your Offer of Study.
- ☐ Submit any required documentation.
- ☐ Collect your student ID card.
- ☐ Go to New Students' Orientation in the week before your first trimester begins.

You can also access the online checklist here:

i www.wgtn.ac.nz/study

GET PREPARED AND IN THE MINDSET

At a certain point, going to university starts to feel very real. Get prepared for what you're about to experience. Most students are moving away from home for the first time and are gaining a lot more independence. Talk to whānau and friends who have been to university about their experience.

Get in touch with Māori future student advisers with any questions or worries. Follow Ngāi Tauira and Āwhina on social media (see pages 15 and 17) to get an idea of what current students get up to and what you have to look forward to. Most of all, get excited!



TOP TIPS FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR



“Allow your Māori values and principles to guide you through your studies. Don’t change who you are.

“Share what you learn with your iwi, hapū, and whānau. This will motivate and inspire you and your whānau while you are studying.”

Whatarangi Winiata



“Find an app that works for you and treat it as your bible. Put all your classes, assessments, and hui in there so you can be organised and reminded throughout the day.

“Turn on your notifications on Instagram for Ngāi Tauira and Āwhina posts to see what workshops and events are happening throughout the week.”

Teina Ngaia



“You are not alone. You have whānau here to support and look after you while you are studying. Utilise ALL the support that is available to you!

“Meet some mates! If staying in a hall, leave your door open when you are chilling, keep an ear out for people going into town or walking to campus, and join them. It can be hard getting used to living with so many people, but making some mates will definitely help!”

Te Mapihi Tutua-Nathan



“Get amongst kapa haka on campus. Whether you’re a haka freak or just learning how to say kia ora, it is an inclusive environment where you can meet other tauira Māori and feel more connected to your taha Māori.

“Go to all your lectures and tutorials. Each time you miss a class, that’s money going down the drain. If you can’t make it, let your lecturer know.”

Pou Templeton



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