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WELCOME TO VIC UNi

Choosing what to do after school can be exciting and daunting. This guide is designed to help you navigate your journey. It will help you learn more about Victoria University of Wellington. It'll also help you learn about yourself, your goals, and what pathways might be right for you.

Use the prompts and activities in this book to help you gather information, reflect on decisions, and prepare for taking your next steps.

You might meet some of us in your schools and at career expos in your area.

We're here to help you every step of the way.

Let's get started.

"Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington felt like a place where I could be comfortable and truly belong. When I saw that many people I admire had chosen to study here, I felt confident it was the right place for me too."

Mohamed
Graduate, Bachelor of Arts

"People here are friendly, the vibe is amazing, and the engagement of people with the world is what makes me love studying and living here."

Molly
Student, Bachelor of Arts
and Bachelor of Laws



HERE TO HELP

Our Future Students team offers expert advice on coming to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, choosing your subjects, and planning your degree. Look out for us at your school or contact us with any questions you have about planning your study.



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WHERE DO I START?

SELF-REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What are you doing when you feel most proud and energised?

What activities make you lose track of time?

What are you curious about?

What do your friends tend to ask you for help with?

What challenges in the world would you like to help solve?

Whose work or career do you admire? What is it about them that you look up to?

MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

Making good decisions about your future starts with knowing yourself. Think about your skills, your interests, and the values that are important to you. Chat to your school's careers adviser to get started.

Check out the University's Careers and Employment website to find out more about the types of jobs and career paths available to you based on degrees and areas of study that interest you.

wgtn.ac.nz/careers

WHERE CAN YOUR DEGREE TAKE YOU?

During your studies, you'll have opportunities to do cool projects, build your CV through work experience and internships in your field, and make connections that will be invaluable after graduation.

We're unique in our connections to government, corporations, start-ups, and scientific organisations. Here at Vic, you'll have unparalleled opportunities to get part-time work, volunteer or intern with organisations you care about, and make connections to open even more doors.

Explore more about what you can do with your degree, preparing for work, and working while you study.

wgtn.ac.nz/whats-next

EXPLORE AREAS OF STUDY

Already got some ideas about what subjects you might be interested in? Head down to the subject list on page 12 and check out what we have to offer.

Still not sure what you're keen on? No problem—we've got a quiz to help you get some ideas.

QUIZ ON NEXT PAGE

WHAT SUBJECTS MIGHT SUIT ME?



When choosing what to study, it can help to know a bit about what you enjoy, what you value, and what you are curious about.

Instructions: Check off statements that resonate with you. When you're done, count which categories have the most statements. These will point you towards subjects that might suit you best.



THIS QUIZ IS BASED ON HOLLAND'S THEORY OF CAREER CHOICE

WHAT MIGHT SUBJECTS SUIT ME?



PRACTICAL

- I enjoy working with tools, tech, machines, or animals.
- I prefer hands-on tasks to sitting at a desk.
- I like fixing things or figuring out how they work.
- I enjoy outdoor activities and physical work.
- I would rather build something than write about it.

INVESTIGATIVE

- I enjoy solving puzzles and complex problems.
- I like working independently on research or analysis.
- I am curious about how things work.
- I enjoy science, maths, or technology subjects.
- I prefer thinking deeply to taking quick action.

CREATIVE

- I enjoy expressing myself through art, music, or writing.
- I prefer having freedom to be creative.
- I like coming up with new ideas and designs.
- I enjoy performing or creating visual art.
- I value originality and self-expression.

SOCIAL

- I enjoy helping others learn or grow.
- I like working in teams and supporting others.
- I am empathetic and a good listener.
- I want to make a positive difference in people's lives.
- I prefer working with people to data.

ENTERPRISING

- I enjoy leading projects or teams.
- I like persuading others and debating ideas.
- I am comfortable taking risks to achieve goals.
- I enjoy business, politics, or entrepreneurship.
- I prefer action and results to theory and ideas.

ORGANISED

- I enjoy organising information and keeping things in order.
- I like working with numbers, data, or schedules.
- I prefer clear rules and structured tasks.
- I enjoy following procedures and routine.
- I am detail oriented and like to plan ahead.



RESULTS

If you're quite a **PRACTICAL** person, you might be interested in

- architecture and building science
- climate and environment
- design
- engineering and digital technologies
- science.

If you're quite an **INVESTIGATIVE** person, you might be interested in

- climate and environment
- engineering and digital technologies
- mathematics and statistics
- psychology
- science

If you're quite a **CREATIVE** person, you might be interested in

- architecture and building science
- arts and expression
- communication
- design
- music.

If you're quite a **SOCIAL** person, you might be interested in

- education and teaching
- health
- languages and cultures
- psychology
- social sciences.



If you're quite an **ENTERPRISING** person, you might be interested in

- arts and expression
- business
- communication
- law, politics, and government
- social sciences.

If you're quite an **ORGANISED** person, you might be interested in

- business
- education and teaching
- health
- law, politics, and government
- mathematics and statistics.

Look up these areas of study over the next few pages and see what subjects are available to you. There might be some options you didn't even know existed. Note that these are just suggestions to get you started—feel free to explore the whole list.



Use this space to write your own notes



ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING SCIENCE

- ▶ Architecture (see page 42)
- ▶ Architecture History and Theory (see page 42)
- ▶ Building Surveying (see page 43)
- ▶ Built and Natural Heritage Conservation (see page 43)
- ▶ Construction Health and Safety (see page 43)
- ▶ Construction Management (see page 43)
- ▶ Environmental Design (see page 52)
- ▶ Interior Architecture (see page 42)
- ▶ Landscape Architecture (see page 42)
- ▶ Māori Design and Environments (see page 42)
- ▶ Project Management (see page 43)
- ▶ Smart Cities and Digital Built Environments (see page 43)
- ▶ Sustainable Construction (see page 43)
- ▶ Sustainable Engineering Systems (see page 43)

ARTS AND EXPRESSION

- ▶ Art History (see page 46)
- ▶ Creative Writing (see page 46)
- ▶ English Literature (see page 46)
- ▶ Film (see page 46)
- ▶ Literary and Creative Communication (see page 47)
- ▶ Music (see pages 47 and 48)
- ▶ Theatre (see page 47)

BUSINESS

- ▶ Accounting (see page 50)
- ▶ Actuarial Science (see pages 50 and 53)
- ▶ Banking (see page 50)
- ▶ Commercial Law (see page 50)
- ▶ Data Science (see pages 46, 50, and 53)
- ▶ Economics, Econometrics, and Finance (see page 50)
- ▶ Human Resource Management and Employment Relations (see page 50)
- ▶ Information Systems (see pages 50 and 53)
- ▶ International Business (see page 50)
- ▶ Management (see page 50)
- ▶ Marketing (see page 50)
- ▶ Marketing Communication (see page 47)
- ▶ Public Policy (see pages 47, 49, and 50)
- ▶ Sustainability and Ethics in Business (see page 50)

- ▶ Taxation (see page 50)
- ▶ Tourism Management (see page 50)
- ▶ Work and Organisational Psychology (see page 45)
- ▶ World Affairs and Organisations (see page 48)

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ Climate Science (see pages 52 and 53)
- ▶ Cultural Anthropology (see pages 46 and 52)
- ▶ Development Studies (see pages 46, 52, and 53)
- ▶ Earth Science (see pages 52 and 53)
- ▶ Ecology and Biodiversity (see page 53)
- ▶ Education for the Environment (see page 52)
- ▶ Environment and Sustainability, Environmental Design, Environmental Humanities, Environmental Politics, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies (see pages 48, 49, 52, and 53)
- ▶ Geography (see pages 46, 52, and 53)
- ▶ Globalisation, Movement, and Change (see page 48)
- ▶ Kaitiakitanga (see page 46)
- ▶ Landscape Architecture (see page 42)
- ▶ Marine Biology (see page 53)
- ▶ Smart Cities and Digital Built Environments (see page 43)
- ▶ Sustainability and Ethics in Business (see page 50)
- ▶ Sustainable Construction (see page 43)
- ▶ Sustainable Engineering Systems (see page 43)

COMMUNICATION

- ▶ Communication Design (see page 43)
- ▶ Ethical Leadership and Intercultural Communication (see page 48)
- ▶ Intercultural Communication (see page 47)
- ▶ Language Sciences (see pages 46 and 47)

- ▶ Literary and Creative Communication (see page 47)
- ▶ Marketing Communication (see page 47)
- ▶ Media Studies (see page 47)
- ▶ Political Communication (see pages 47 and 49)
- ▶ Science Communication (see pages 47 and 53)

DESIGN

- ▶ Animation and Visual Effects (see page 43)
- ▶ Communication Design (see page 43)
- ▶ Design for Social Innovation (see pages 43 and 52)
- ▶ Environmental Design (see page 52)
- ▶ Fashion Design Technology (see page 43)
- ▶ Game Design (see page 43)
- ▶ Industrial Design (see page 43)
- ▶ Interaction Design (see page 43)
- ▶ Media Design (see page 43)

EDUCATION AND TEACHING

- ▶ Early Childhood Teaching (see page 44)
- ▶ Education (see page 46)
- ▶ Education for the Environment (see page 52)
- ▶ Educational Psychology (see pages 45 and 46)
- ▶ Language Sciences (see pages 46 and 47)





ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

- ▶ Animation and Visual Effects (see page 43)
- ▶ Artificial Intelligence (see page 53)
- ▶ Biotechnology (see page 53)
- ▶ Building Science (see page 43)
- ▶ Cognitive Science (see page 45)
- ▶ Computer Science (see page 53)
- ▶ Cybersecurity Engineering (see page 51)
- ▶ Digital Health (see page 44)
- ▶ Electrical and Electronic Engineering (see page 51)
- ▶ Electronic and Computer Systems (see page 53)
- ▶ Game Design (see page 43)
- ▶ Mechatronics Engineering (see page 51)
- ▶ Smart Cities and Digital Built Environments (see page 43)
- ▶ Software Engineering (see page 51)
- ▶ Sustainable Construction (see page 43)

HEALTH

- ▶ Biomedical Sciences: Human Genetics; Molecular Pathology; Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry (see page 51)
- ▶ Biotechnology (see page 53)
- ▶ Brain Sciences and Mental Health (see page 45)
- ▶ Cell and Molecular Bioscience (see page 53)
- ▶ Construction Health and Safety (see page 43)
- ▶ Digital Health (see page 44)

- ▶ Global Health and Wellbeing (see page 48)
- ▶ Health Policy and Innovation (see page 44)
- ▶ Health Promotion (see page 44)
- ▶ Health Psychology (see pages 44 and 45)
- ▶ Mental Health Principles and Applications (see page 45)
- ▶ Midwifery (see page 45)
- ▶ Physical Activity and Hauora (see page 44)
- ▶ Psychological Science (see pages 45, 47, and 53)

LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

- ▶ Academic and Professional Writing (see page 46)
- ▶ Culture Studies: Area and Cultural Studies (see page 48); Asian Studies (see page 46); Classical Studies (see page 46); Cultural Anthropology (see pages 46 and 52); Cultures and Identities (see page 48); Māori Studies (see page 47); Pacific Studies (see page 47)
- ▶ Development Studies (see pages 46, 52, and 53)
- ▶ English Literature (see page 46)
- ▶ Ethical Leadership and Intercultural Communication (see page 48)
- ▶ Globalisation, Movement, and Change (see page 48)
- ▶ Intercultural Communication (see page 47)
- ▶ Kaitiakitanga (see page 46)
- ▶ Language Sciences (see pages 46 and 47)
- ▶ Language Studies: Chinese; French; German; Greek; Japanese; Latin; New Zealand Sign Language; Samoan Studies; Spanish; Te Reo Māori (see pages 46 and 47)
- ▶ Māori Psychology (see page 45)
- ▶ Modern Language Studies (see page 47)

LAW, POLITICS, AND GOVERNMENT

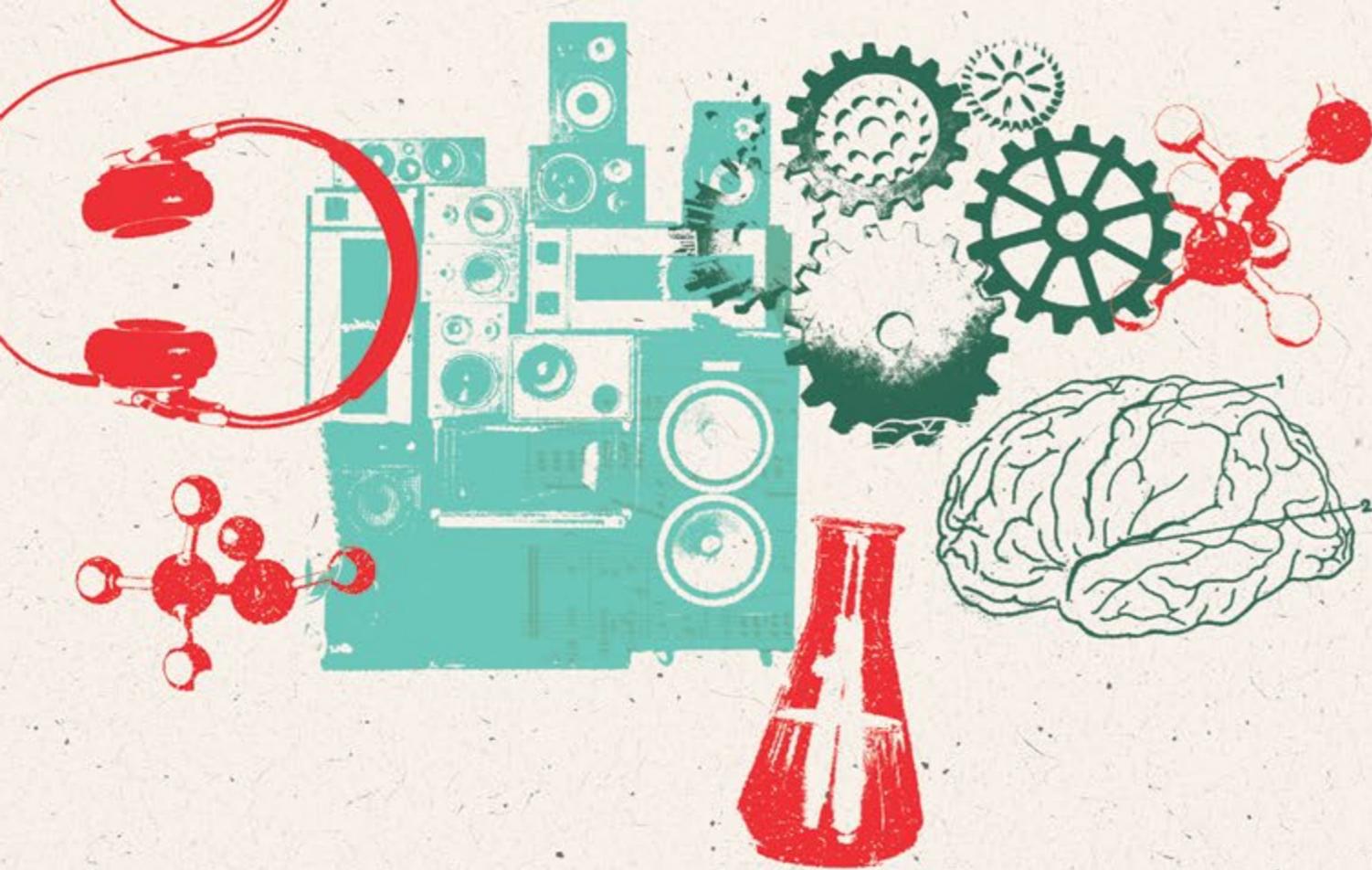
- ▶ Asian Politics (see page 49)
- ▶ Civic Engagement (see page 49)
- ▶ Commercial Law (see page 50)
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- ▶ Human Rights, Justice, and Peace (see page 48)
- ▶ International Political Economy (see page 49)
- ▶ International Relations (see pages 46 and 47)
- ▶ Law (see page 50)
- ▶ Māori Politics (see page 49)
- ▶ Pacific Politics (see page 49)
- ▶ Political Science (see pages 47 and 49)
- ▶ Politics of Aotearoa New Zealand (see page 49)

- ▶ Politics of Migration (see page 49)
- ▶ Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (see page 49)
- ▶ Public Policy (see pages 47, 49, and 50)
- ▶ Science and Politics (see page 49)

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

- ▶ Actuarial Science (see pages 50 and 53)
- ▶ Data Science (see pages 46, 50, and 53)
- ▶ Econometrics (see page 50)
- ▶ Mathematics (see pages 47 and 53)
- ▶ Statistics (see page 53)





MUSIC

- ▶ Audio Production and Recording (see page 49)
- ▶ Classical/Jazz Performance (see page 48)
- ▶ Digital Music and Audio Production (see page 48)
- ▶ Electronic Music (see page 49)
- ▶ Instrumental/Vocal Composition (see page 48)
- ▶ Music (see pages 47 and 48)
- ▶ Music Studies (see page 48)
- ▶ Popular Music Studies (see pages 47, 48, and 49)
- ▶ Songwriting (see page 49)

PSYCHOLOGY

- ▶ Brain Sciences and Mental Health (see page 45)
- ▶ Cognitive Science (see page 45)
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- ▶ Climate Science (see pages 52 and 53)
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- ▶ Physics (see page 53)
- ▶ Psychological Science (see pages 45, 47, and 53)
- ▶ Science and Politics (see page 49)
- ▶ Science Communication (see pages 47 and 53)
- ▶ Science in Society (see page 53)
- ▶ Space Science (see page 53)

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- ▶ Classical Studies (see page 46)
- ▶ Criminology (see page 46)
- ▶ Cultural Anthropology (see pages 46 and 52)

- ▶ Cultures and Identities (see page 48)
- ▶ Design for Social Innovation (see pages 43 and 52)
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- ▶ Media Studies (see page 47)
- ▶ Philosophy (see page 47)
- ▶ Social Policy (see page 47)
- ▶ Sociology (see page 47)
- ▶ Study of Religion (see page 47)

FIND OUT MORE

wgt.ac.nz/subjects

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

VIBRANT NIGHTLIFE

"WELLINGTON STANDS OUT BECAUSE IT'S A VIBRANT, DIVERSE, AND WELCOMING CITY WITH A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT. IT'S ALSO A GREAT PLACE FOR INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY, WHICH MAKES IT AN INSPIRING PLACE TO STUDY AND GROW."

Julen
Student, Bachelor of Engineering with Honours

RANKED IN TOP 100 GLOBALLY FOR SUSTAINABILITY

WELCOME TO Wellington

"AS A CREATIVE PERSON, BEING IN THE CREATIVE HUB OF NEW ZEALAND IS A BIG FEATURE THAT LED ME TO WELLINGTON."

Kylana
Student, Bachelor of Design Innovation

MINUTES FROM THE BEACH

TOP 2% OF UNIVERSITIES GLOBALLY

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A UNI STUDENT

PLAN A DAY AT UNI

University gives you a lot more flexibility than school. Pick activities from the list below to create your perfect uni day.

- Morning**
 - 7 am Breakfast in halls
 - OR
 - 8 am Coffee with a friend
- Travel to campus**
 - 8.30 am Walk the hill!
 - OR
 - 9 am Grab the bus
- Activity**
 - 2 pm Student magazine meeting
 - OR
 - 4 pm Gym session
- Socialising**
 - 6 pm Walk on the waterfront with friends
 - OR
 - 7 pm Pub quiz on Cuba Street

Morning

10 am Lecture

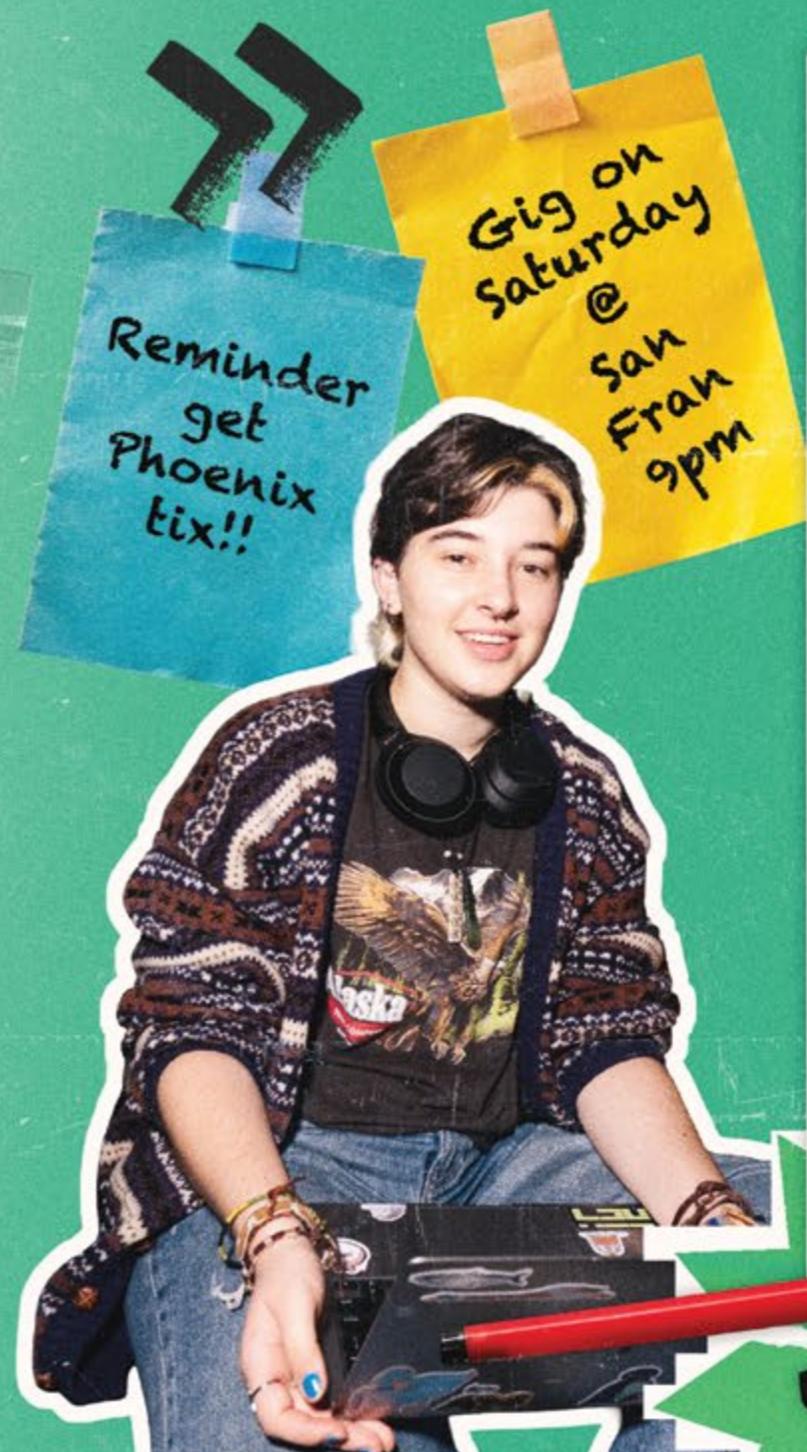
Afternoon

Noon Tutorial

3 pm Lecture

Evening

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Thursday

- 7.30 am: Wake up + get ready
- 7.45 am: Gym session at UniRec
- 8.45 am: Breakfast at my hall
- 9.15 am: Walk to campus
- 9.30 am: Psychology lecture
- 10.45 am: Coffee and study with friends at Swimsuit
- 11.30 am: Tutorial
- 12.30 pm: Lunch at Subway
- 1 pm: Law lecture
- 2.30 pm: Decompress at the Bubble
- 3 pm: Go to the beach with friends
- 6 pm: Dinner at my hall
- 7 pm: Social volleyball
- 9 pm: Study session
- 10.30 pm: Bedtime





VISIT A HALL

Come and visit our halls and see for yourself what student life is like. You can book a tour online or contact the hall you'd like to visit directly. If you're joining us for Open Day, all halls will be open for drop-in tours.



WGTN LOCALS

If you're living at home or flatting while studying, WGTN Locals is your chance to connect, get involved, and feel part of university life. Run by student ambassadors who've been through it themselves, the programme offers fun social events, insider tips, and a welcoming community of fellow students.

wgtn.ac.nz/wgtn_locals

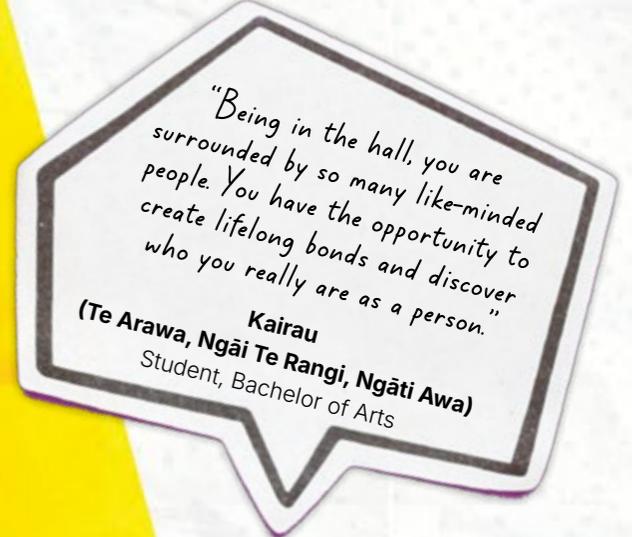
Meet your people, make your memories, and get the most out of your university experience in halls.

- ▶ Fully catered
- ▶ Includes power and internet
- ▶ Walking distance to the city and uni
- ▶ Fully supported

HOW TO APPLY

Hall applications open on 1 August 2026. You'll be able to select your top three preferences and we'll do our best to place you in one of these.

If you are awarded a school-leaver scholarship, you will be guaranteed an offer of accommodation.



"Being in the hall, you are surrounded by so many like-minded people. You have the opportunity to create lifelong bonds and discover who you really are as a person."

Kairau
(Te Arawa, Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāti Awa)
Student, Bachelor of Arts

ACCOMMODATION

**TAKE OUR QUIZ TO
FIGURE OUT WHICH HALL
MATCHES YOUR VIBE**

wgtn.ac.nz/intro-halls-quiz

If you're still narrowing down your options, check out our comparison tool.

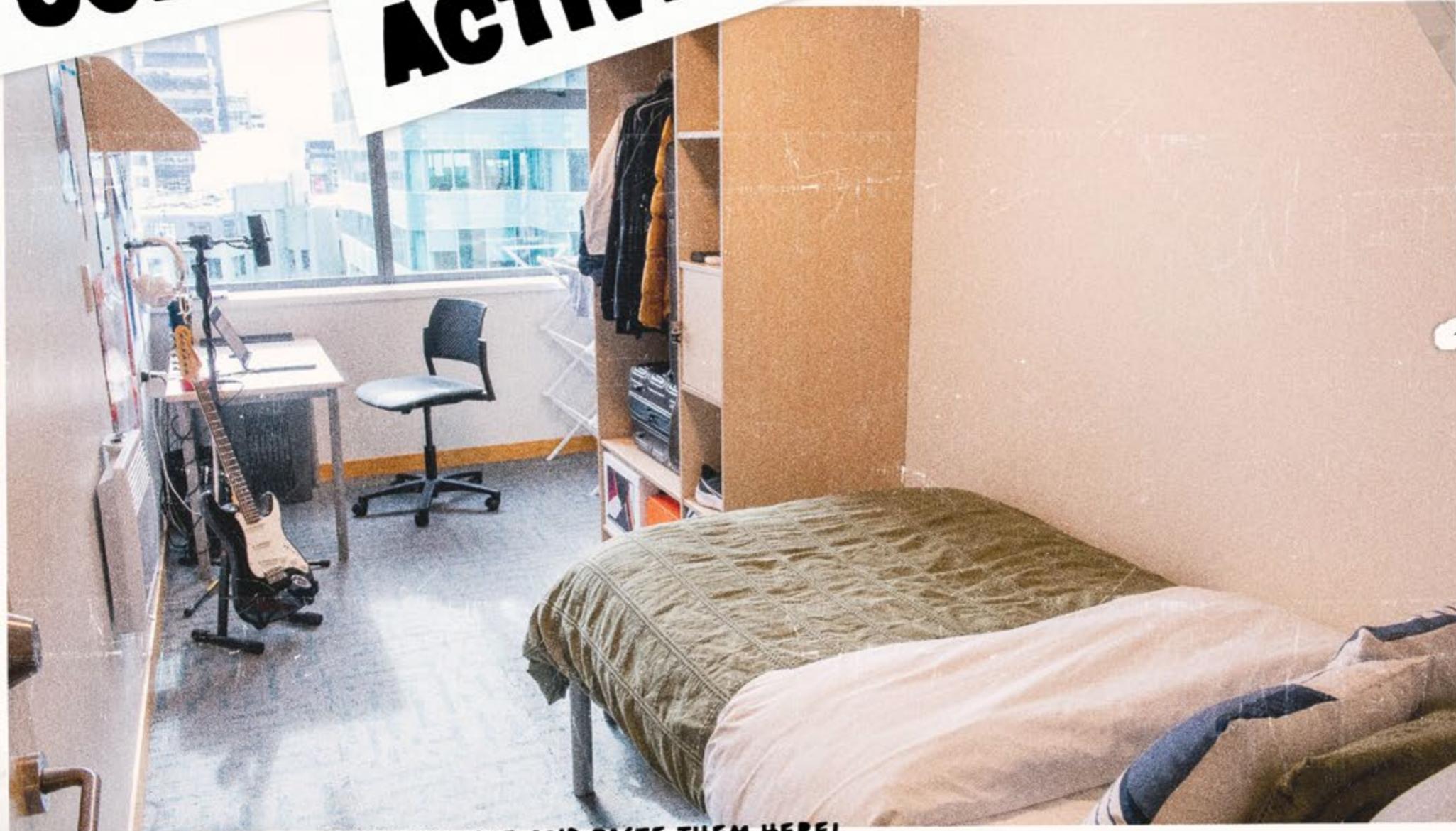
COLLAGE ACTIVITY



WHAT MAKES A
PLACE A HOME?



WHAT WOULD YOU ADD
TO THIS STUDENT ROOM
TO MAKE IT YOURS?



Go online to
learn more about
the different halls.
Shortlist two or three
that you'd like to visit
on Open Day.

 wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation

FIND PICTURES OF THINGS YOU LIKE AND PASTE THEM HERE!

CLUBS, SOCIETIES, AND SPORTS

Meet people, find your community, and learn new skills.

- 📍 wgtn.ac.nz/clubs
- 📍 wgtn.ac.nz/recreation
- 📍 wgtn.ac.nz/sports

WITH MORE THAN 140 CLUBS ON CAMPUS, FROM ACADEMIC TO CULTURAL, POLITICAL TO PERFORMING, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

CATERING FOR CASUAL TO COMPETITIVE, THERE'S A RANGE OF DROP-IN SPORTS, SOCIAL LEAGUES, NATIONAL TERTIARY TOURNAMENTS, AND SUPPORT FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE ATHLETES.

KEEP FIT AT UNIVERSITY RECREATION WELLINGTON WITH MACHINES, WEIGHTS, CARDIO EQUIPMENT, AND POPULAR GROUP CLASSES.

"I've joined the Victoria Engineering Club, which has been really helpful to me. The club organises events, workshops, and networking opportunities that help me grow both academically and professionally while making university more fun and engaging."

Juleen
Student, Bachelor of Engineering with Honours



★ OPPORTUNITIES



Kitea Impact programme

Build leadership skills, learn more about global issues, and get involved in your community. Choose how you want to upskill and tailor the experience to match your personal and career goals.

By joining this programme, you can:

- ▶ gain new experiences and develop skills
- ▶ connect with other students
- ▶ engage with global issues
- ▶ give back to your community
- ▶ develop leadership skills
- ▶ boost your employability
- ▶ participate in intercultural experiences.

The best part? This programme is free, fun, and fits around your schedule. You can complete it at your own pace and spread it out over your degree as well—whatever works best for you! Plus, it looks great on your CV and helps you stand out when applying for jobs.

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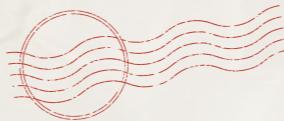


OVERSEAS EXCHANGE

Travel and study overseas while still progressing your degree. Complete up to two trimesters of full-time study at one of our 140+ partner universities around the world.

Pay your normal tuition fees and continue receiving StudyLink loans and allowances while on exchange if you are eligible. You can even apply for our exchange programme before starting university—check out our International Experience Grant.

wgtn.ac.nz/student-exchange



To: *My whānau*
Kelburn Parade
Wellington
New Zealand



USE THIS SPACE TO MAKE NOTES OF THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT. WHICH ONES DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT?



SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY

We're here to help you thrive in your studies with a range of student services.

"Student Learning has helped me a lot throughout my studies. Their workshops and one-on-one support have improved my academic writing, time management, and study skills."

Mohamed
Graduate, Bachelor of Arts

Academic support

The jump from school to university can be a challenge, and Te Taiako—Student Learning is here to help. They can work with you to develop academic study and writing skills through workshops, resources, and individual appointments.

Our student success advisers in Tītoko will also help to keep you on track with your studies. They are the main point of contact for student support, answering questions about studies, student administration, support services, and student life in general.

[wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning)

Careers and employment

While you study with us, you can get support with planning your career. Te Ratonga Rapu Mahi—Wellington Careers and Employment can help you explore your career options, meet employers, and apply for jobs and internships, and provide resources for ongoing career development.

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

Disability services

Te Amaru—Disability Services works 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 learning software, sign-language interpreting, lecture information capture, assessment support, mobility parking, and quiet places to rest and study. When you come to study with us, you can meet with a disability and inclusion adviser on campus or online.

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

- [vuwequitywellbeing](#)
- [vuwequitywellbeing](#)
- [wgtn.ac.nz/disability](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/disability)
- [wgtn.ac.nz/maps](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/maps)

Finance

Te Ratonga Penapena Pūtea—Student Finance can provide practical advice on budgeting, coping financially, and hall payment plans, and help with some questions related to Student Loan and Student Allowance applications. We can also provide emergency financial assistance through the Pūtea Āwhina—Hardship Fund.

[wgtn.ac.nz/financial-advice](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/financial-advice)

Health and counselling

Mauri Ora—Student Health and Counselling is here to support your physical and mental wellbeing. Our doctors, nurses, and counsellors offer a range of services to help you stay healthy and feel your best. Same-day appointments are available for urgent needs, and most consultations are free for registered students. If something's on your mind—personal or academic—our counsellors are here to listen and help.

[wgtn.ac.nz/mauri-ora](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/mauri-ora)

Orientation

Your university experience starts with New Students' Orientation week. It's your chance to explore our campuses, meet new people, and get set for a confident start to university life. There are sessions introducing you to the resources and facilities on campus, as well as exciting events, exclusive merch, and freebies from local brands.

wgtn.ac.nz/orientation



Rainbow and inclusion

Our kaiārahi kahukura—Rainbow and inclusion adviser is here to support you on your journey at university. Whether you're looking to connect with the Rainbow community, have questions about identity, need help with changing your name, or just want someone to talk to, they're here for you.

- [vuwequitywellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/vuwequitywellbeing)
- [vuwequitywellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/vuwequitywellbeing)
- wgtn.ac.nz/rainbow

Spiritual support

Our 10 chaplains provide pastoral and practical support for all students, regardless of background or belief. We're always available to talk. You can find us on Kelburn and Pipitea campuses.

- chaplaincyvuw.org.nz

Refugee-background students

We have a refugee-background student adviser who provides one-to-one support and guidance, connects you with support services, and ensures that you benefit from available opportunities during your study.

These supports are also available to students with asylum status (those who have not yet obtained their refugee status).

- [vuwequitywellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/vuwequitywellbeing)
- [vuwequitywellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/vuwequitywellbeing)
- wgtn.ac.nz/refugee-background-students

Wellbeing

Stay well while you are studying with a range of student-led wellbeing programmes at Manawa Ora—Student Wellbeing. We host a variety of activities and events in the Bubble, a welcoming place for you to take time out and connect with other students.

- [vuwequitywellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/vuwequitywellbeing)
- [vuwequitywellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/vuwequitywellbeing)
- wgtn.ac.nz/wellbeing



Done

What things might you find challenging about university?

Use this space to make notes of support services you would want to connect with. How could they help you thrive at uni?

NAU MAI, HAERE MAI, WELCOME TO TE HERENGA WAKA. WE HAVE A SUPPORTIVE WHĀNAU ENVIRONMENT WAITING TO WELCOME YOU HERE. BROADEN YOUR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES BY WORKING WITH QUALITY LECTURERS ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES.

- ▶ The Library has a kairauhi who specialises in providing study support with a kaupapa Māori focus.
- ▶ Te Taiako—Student Learning has a kaiārahi ako Māori (Māori learning adviser) to support Māori students with study and writing skills.
- ▶ There are many Māori student groups across the University. You can find these in our clubs and societies database.
- ▶ Te Tumu Herenga Waka is the University's marae on our Kelburn campus. Established in 1980, it was the first marae to be set up at any university campus in Aotearoa. It sits next to Ngā Mokopuna, our new marae-based learning, teaching, research, and engagement hub.

✉ wgtn.ac.nz/maori-at-vic

ĀWHINA—MĀORI STUDENT SUCCESS

Āwhina is an all-Māori team of past and current university students. We are one part of the on-campus whānau for taura Māori.

We help you get the grades you want without sacrificing who you are. We are here to provide support for all Māori students enrolled at the University, whether you know your tūrangawaewae or not.

Through a shared experience with us and other taura Māori, we will help you develop your individual skills and find your place to stand. Some of our regular services include:

- STUDY WĀNANGA
- ONE-TO-ONE HUI WITH ĀWHINA KAIKIKI
- CONNECTING YOU WITH OTHER TAUIRA MĀORI
- GENERAL GET-TOGETHERS AND ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS
- ADVOCACY
- REFERRALS TO OTHER SERVICES.

✉ awhina@vuw.ac.nz

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MĀORI FUTURE-STUDENT ADVISERS

Our kaitawaka Māori (Māori future-student advisers), Te Mapihi Tutua-Nathan (Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Raukawa ki Wharepūhanga, Ngāti Awa) and Tayla Petera-Gerrard (Te Rarawa, Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Porou), are your first point of contact at the University. They can provide advice on university study, planning your programme, grants, scholarships, and the range of services for Māori students that will help you achieve your academic goals.

✉ temapihi.tutuanathan@vuw.ac.nz

✉ tayla.petera-gerrard@vuw.ac.nz

MĀORI STUDENTS



PASIFIKA STUDENTS

NI SA BULA VINAKA

GUDE TRU

KIA ORA, AND WARM PACIFIC GREETINGS

Our friendly, supportive 'āiga will help you get the most out of your studies, make new friends, and enjoy your time here.



ON-CAMPUS SUPPORT INCLUDES:

- ▶ a Pasifika library navigator and Pasifika student liaison at the Library to assist Pasifika students
- ▶ a Pasifika learning adviser at Te Taiako—Student Learning to support Pasifika students with study and writing skills
- ▶ many Pasifika student groups across the University. You can find these in our clubs and societies database.

📍 wgt.nz.ac.nz/pasifika-at-vic

MĀLŌ E LELE!

KAM NA MAURI

TĀLOFA LAVA

MĀLŌ NI

FAKAALOFA LAHI ATU

KIA ORANA

HALO OLGETA 😊

KASELEHLIE



PASIFIKA FUTURE-STUDENT ADVISERS

Tapu Ki Tea Veā and Fa'aaliga Leota, the Pasifika future-student advisers, are your first point of contact at the University. They can provide advice on university study, planning your programme, scholarships, admission, and support services available to Pasifika students that will help you achieve your academic goals.



✉ tapu.vea@vuw.ac.nz
☎ 04 463 6670

✉ faaaliga.leota@vuw.ac.nz
☎ 04 463 6673

PASIFIKA STUDENT SUCCESS

The Pasifika Student Success team is the University 'āiga who supports you as you transition into tertiary study. The team fosters Pasifika learning and teaching communities in an environment that is culturally welcoming, safe, inclusive, and focused on academic excellence, personal growth, and wellbeing.

✉ pasifika-student-success@vuw.ac.nz
 📘 [pasifikavictoriauniversitywellington](https://www.pasifika.victoria.ac.nz)
 📷 [pasifikavuw](https://www.pasifika.vuw.ac.nz)

DESIGNING A DEGREE THAT SUITS YOU

You can create a study programme that suits your interests and career goals. This could include mixing subjects from different study areas that you are interested in. Look at the examples below to see what we mean.

One degree, three different approaches

LIV: BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY, WITH AN ARRAY OF ELECTIVES

TRIMESTER 1
HISTORY COURSE
ELECTIVE COURSE:
FILM
ELECTIVE COURSE:
MARKETING

TRIMESTER 2
HISTORY COURSE
ELECTIVE COURSE:
PHILOSOPHY
ELECTIVE COURSE:
GEOGRAPHY

STUDYING ONE MAJOR ALLOWS YOU TO BUILD EXPERTISE IN ONE AREA, WHILE HAVING THE FREEDOM TO EXPLORE OTHER SUBJECTS THAT YOU ENJOY.

MELE: BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A DOUBLE MAJOR IN HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

TRIMESTER 1
HISTORY COURSE
POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE
ELECTIVE COURSE:
DESIGN

TRIMESTER 2
HISTORY COURSE
POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE
ELECTIVE COURSE:
HEALTH

STUDYING TWO MAJORS ALLOWS YOU TO EXPLORE TWO SUBJECTS IN DEPTH. IT ADDS MORE STRUCTURE TO YOUR DEGREE, AND YOU MIGHT STILL HAVE SPACE FOR ELECTIVES IN OTHER STUDY AREAS.

RAWIRI: BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HISTORY, CONJOINT WITH A BACHELOR OF LAWS

TRIMESTER 1
HISTORY COURSE
LAW COURSE
MĀORI STUDIES COURSE

TRIMESTER 2
HISTORY COURSE
LAW COURSE
LAW COURSE
ELECTIVE COURSE:
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

STUDYING FOR A CONJOINT DEGREE MEANS YOU WILL GRADUATE WITH TWO DEGREES. IT USUALLY TAKES A YEAR OR TWO LONGER THAN STUDYING FOR ONE DEGREE. IT'S A POPULAR CHOICE FOR OUR LAW STUDENTS.

WHAT SUBJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO INCLUDE IN YOUR STUDY?



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ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

If you're into creativity, design, and solving real-world problems, Architecture could be your thing. At Te Aro campus, you'll learn to design inspiring spaces, explore sustainability, and tackle social issues through buildings and environments. In the first year of the degree, you can explore a wide variety of subjects, including interior and landscape architecture. You'll benefit from hands-on learning, expert support, and state-of-the-art workshops and equipment.

Subjects

- ▶ Architecture
- ▶ Architecture History and Theory
- ▶ Interior Architecture
- ▶ Landscape Architecture
- ▶ Māori Design and Environments

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-architecture

BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE

Building Science is all about making spaces safer, smarter, and more sustainable. Study the science, tech, and economics behind construction, and explore project management, design, and environmental impact. Our degree bridges architecture and engineering, giving you in-demand skills for Aotearoa's growing building industry.

Subjects

- ▶ Building Surveying
- ▶ Built and Natural Heritage Conservation
- ▶ Project Management
- ▶ Smart Cities and Digital Built Environments
- ▶ Sustainable Engineering Systems

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-building-science

BACHELOR OF CONSTRUCTION

The construction industry helps solve big challenges such as housing shortages and climate change. Learn how to manage projects, use cutting-edge tech including artificial intelligence and drones, and build sustainably. You'll gain hands-on experience and graduate ready to lead projects that make a difference.

Subjects

- ▶ Construction Health and Safety
- ▶ Construction Management
- ▶ Sustainable Construction

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-construction

BACHELOR OF DESIGN INNOVATION

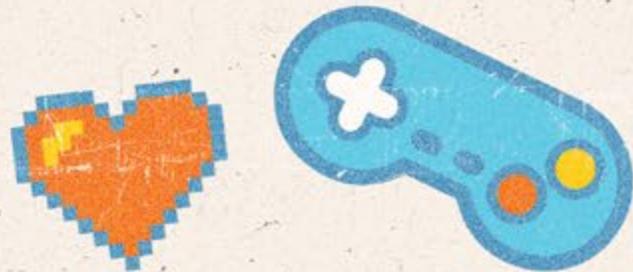
If you love finding new and innovative ways of doing things, mastering new technologies, or using design to help improve our communities, this degree could be for you. Be surrounded by creative energy and gain experience with industry leaders in one of Aotearoa's most vibrant design hubs.

Subjects

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

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-design



EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND PSYCHOLOGY

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TEACHING) EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early childhood teachers help shape young minds and set them up for success. Gain skills to become a confident, creative teacher and leader. It's a fun, fulfilling degree that prepares you to make a difference every day.

FIND OUT MORE

[wgtn.ac.nz/study-teaching](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-teaching)

BACHELOR OF HEALTH

The health sector in Aotearoa New Zealand needs people who care about wellbeing, social justice, and creating healthier communities. If you want a rewarding career developing better health services, policies, and strategies, this degree will help you get there. Benefit from being close to where real change to health policy is made.

Subjects

- ▶ Digital Health
- ▶ Health Policy and Innovation
- ▶ Health Promotion
- ▶ Health Psychology
- ▶ Physical Activity and Hauora

FIND OUT MORE

[wgtn.ac.nz/study-health](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-health)



BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

Give back to your community as you help to bring new life—and new parents—into the world.

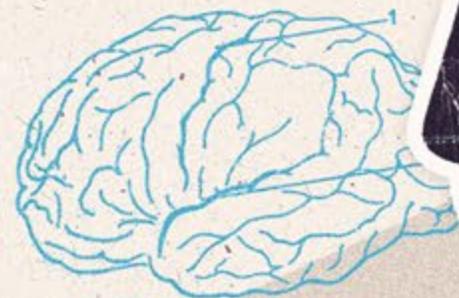
Midwifery is all about care, connection, and making a real impact. Learn through lectures, labs, and hands-on clinical experience, gaining the skills to become a trusted, confident midwife.

There are specific entry requirements for the Bachelor of Midwifery:

- ▶ at least 16 NCEA credits (or equivalent) each in Level 2 Biology and either Chemistry or Physics
- ▶ a further 16 credits at Level 2 in another subject
- ▶ at least 18 credits each in Level 3 Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
- ▶ at least 16 credits at Level 3 in an English-rich subject such as Art History, Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, or Media Studies
- ▶ a further 16 credits at Level 3 in two other University Entrance-approved subjects.

FIND OUT MORE

[wgtn.ac.nz/study-midwifery](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-midwifery)



BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Curious about how people think, feel, and behave? Psychology helps you understand the human mind and make a real difference in people's lives. You'll explore topics such as brain development, mental health, and why people act the way they do. You can dive deeper into areas that interest you and learn from world-class researchers.

Subjects

- ▶ Psychological Science (compulsory)
- ▶ 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

FIND OUT MORE

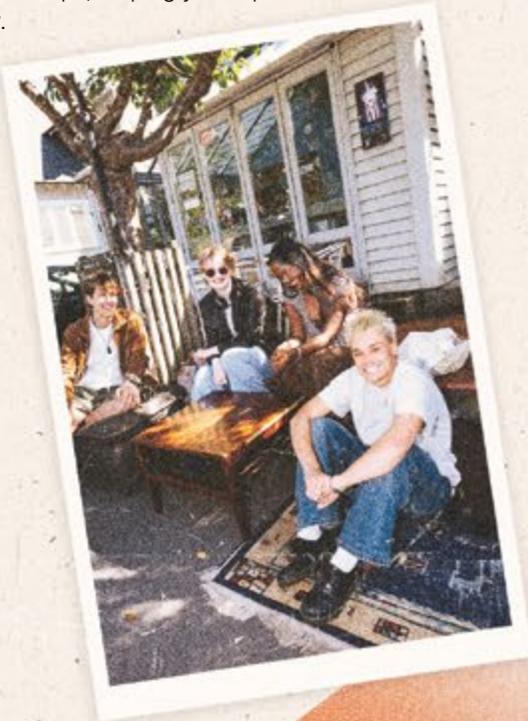
[wgtn.ac.nz/study-psychology](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-psychology)



HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Deepen your understanding of societies, cultures, and people. A Bachelor of Arts will challenge your thinking and expand your view of the world. You'll explore different perspectives and learn how your ideas can shape an inclusive and connected society. You can tailor this flexible degree to your interests and develop skills in creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. There are also opportunities to take part in internships, helping you explore different careers while you study.



Subjects

- ▶ Academic and Professional Writing
- ▶ Art History
- ▶ Asian Studies
- ▶ Chinese
- ▶ Classical Studies
- ▶ Creative Writing
- ▶ Criminology
- ▶ Cultural Anthropology
- ▶ Data Science
- ▶ Development Studies
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Educational Psychology
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Film
- ▶ French
- ▶ Gender and Sexuality Studies
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ German
- ▶ Greek
- ▶ History
- ▶ International Relations
- ▶ Japanese
- ▶ Kaitiakitanga
- ▶ Language Sciences

- ▶ Latin
- ▶ Māori Studies
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Media Studies
- ▶ Modern Language Studies
- ▶ Music
- ▶ New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)
- ▶ Pacific Studies
- ▶ Philosophy
- ▶ Political Science
- ▶ Popular Music Studies
- ▶ Psychological Science
- ▶ Public Policy
- ▶ Samoan Studies / Matā'upu tau Sāmoa
- ▶ Social Policy
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Study of Religion
- ▶ Te Reo Māori
- ▶ Theatre

FIND OUT MORE

 wgtn.ac.nz/study-arts



BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION

Communication is about sharing ideas in powerful ways—through writing, video, social media, and more. Learn how to connect with audiences and get your message across. Explore how organisations communicate and be close to the country's creative and political centre, with opportunities to see communication in action and build skills for careers in media, marketing, public relations, and beyond.

Subjects

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

FIND OUT MORE

 wgtn.ac.nz/study-communication



BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Follow your passion for music all the way to the New Zealand School of Music—Te Kōkī. Here, you can build your expertise in classical, electronic, film, and popular music, with access to top facilities and expert teachers. Whether you're into singing, playing, writing music, or using tech to create sound, you'll build your skills and connect with Wellington's vibrant music scene.

Subjects

- ▶ Classical Performance
- ▶ Composition
- ▶ Digital Music and Audio Production
- ▶ Instrumental/Vocal Composition
- ▶ Jazz Performance
- ▶ Music Studies
- ▶ Performance
- ▶ Popular Music Studies

If you're planning to study Performance and Composition, it's helpful to have:

- ▶ a high standard (equivalent to Grade 8) in your instrument
- ▶ prior knowledge of music theory.

Classical Performance and Jazz Performance require auditions for entry.

FIND OUT MORE

[i wgtn.ac.nz/study-music](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-music)



BACHELOR OF GLOBAL STUDIES

Make a difference in a connected world. Understand global issues such as climate change, migration, and conflict, and how they affect Aotearoa and the world. Develop leadership, problem-solving, and cultural awareness skills. With options for internships, exchanges, and summer scholarships, you'll gain valuable experience and prepare for careers in diplomacy, development, policy, and more.

Subjects

- ▶ 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

FIND OUT MORE

[i wgtn.ac.nz/study-global-studies](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-global-studies)

BACHELOR OF POLITICS

Interested in how decisions are made and who makes them? Explore political systems, global issues, and New Zealand's place in the world. Choose from majors and minors to match your interests. Based in Wellington, you'll be close to Parliament and policymakers, with opportunities to see politics in action and prepare for careers in government, advocacy, or international relations.

Subjects

- ▶ Asian Politics
- ▶ Civic Engagement
- ▶ Environmental Politics
- ▶ Human Rights, Justice, and Peace
- ▶ International Political Economy
- ▶ International Relations
- ▶ Māori Politics
- ▶ Pacific Politics
- ▶ Political Communication
- ▶ Political Science
- ▶ Politics of Aotearoa New Zealand
- ▶ Politics of Migration
- ▶ Politics, Philosophy, and Economics
- ▶ Public Policy
- ▶ Science and Politics

FIND OUT MORE

[i wgtn.ac.nz/study-politics](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-politics)

BACHELOR OF POPULAR MUSIC

Explore songwriting, music tech, and the role of music in culture, while developing your own style. Study at the New Zealand School of Music—Te Kōkī in Wellington, where you'll collaborate with other musicians, use professional studios, and learn from artists and industry experts. It's a flexible degree that lets you mix music with other subjects you're passionate about.

Subjects

- ▶ Audio Production and Recording
- ▶ Electronic Music
- ▶ Popular Music Studies
- ▶ Songwriting

FIND OUT MORE

[i wgtn.ac.nz/study-popular-music](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-popular-music)



LAW, BUSINESS, AND GOVERNMENT

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Gain skills that are in demand in top companies and the public sector. Learn how to solve problems, think strategically, and work with others—all while gaining practical experience through projects and internships. You'll be in the heart of New Zealand's business and government scene, with opportunities to connect with industry leaders and kick-start your career.

Subjects

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

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-commerce

BACHELOR OF LAWS

Understand how law works in everyday life, from relationships and rights to politics and global issues. Based in Wellington's historic Government Buildings, you'll be surrounded by courts, Parliament, and legal experts. Whether you want to be a lawyer or work in policy, business, or advocacy, Law is a powerful degree to start with.

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-laws

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING WITH HONOURS

Engineering is all about using creativity and science to design real-world solutions, from apps and robots to smart systems. Learn how things work and how to make them better, with hands-on projects and industry experience. You'll study maths, physics, and digital tech, and graduate with skills that are in demand around the world: using and creating technology, project management, entrepreneurship, and ethics.

Subjects

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

If you're interested in studying Engineering, you'll need at least 16 NCEA Level 3 credits from achievement standards in Mathematics.

Level 3 Physics and Calculus are also strongly recommended if you want to study Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechatronics.

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-engineering

BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

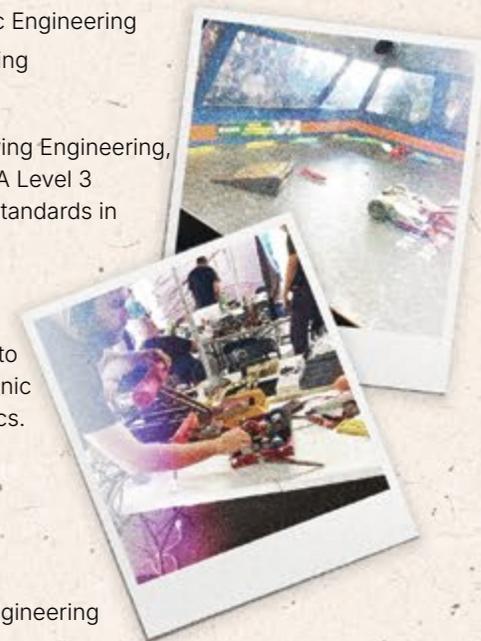
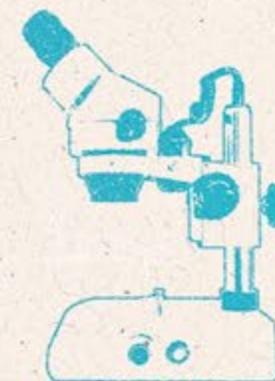
If you're curious about health and want to be part of the future of medicine or research, this degree is for you. Explore the science behind human life—from cells and genetics to disease and treatment—and study topics including ageing, reproduction, and medical research. Develop your research skills and be at the cutting edge of medical science.

Subjects

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

FIND OUT MORE

wgtn.ac.nz/study-bio





BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

If you care about climate change, sustainability, or protecting our natural world, this degree helps turn your passion into action. You'll learn how to tackle significant environmental challenges from different viewpoints. Learn how people and nature interact, and how to create solutions that work across societies and industries. Be close to eco-tech firms, policymakers, and fieldwork opportunities.

Subjects

- ▶ 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

FIND OUT MORE

[wgtn.ac.nz/study-environment-society](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-environment-society)



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Scientists are future thinkers, ready to tackle the world's biggest problems. Explore theories, test ideas, and build skills in data, research, and problem-solving. Shape your study around what interests you most. Wellington is the science capital of Aotearoa New Zealand, with the highest number of science organisations in the country. Go beyond the lecture theatre, learn in modern labs and world-class facilities, and take part in hands-on laboratories and field trips.

Subjects

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Information Systems
- ▶ Marine Biology
- ▶ Mathematics

- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Psychological Science
- ▶ Science Communication
- ▶ Science in Society
- ▶ Space Science
- ▶ Statistics

Some Science subjects require students to have studied Mathematics, Calculus, Physics, or Chemistry at NCEA Level 3.

FIND OUT MORE

[wgtn.ac.nz/study-science](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-science)



Getting into Victoria University of Wellington is straightforward. For most degrees, all you need is University Entrance. As long as you've got UE, you've applied on time, and we can verify your identity and residency, you're good to go.

MAKING IT HAPPEN

CHOOSING YOUR SCHOOL SUBJECTS

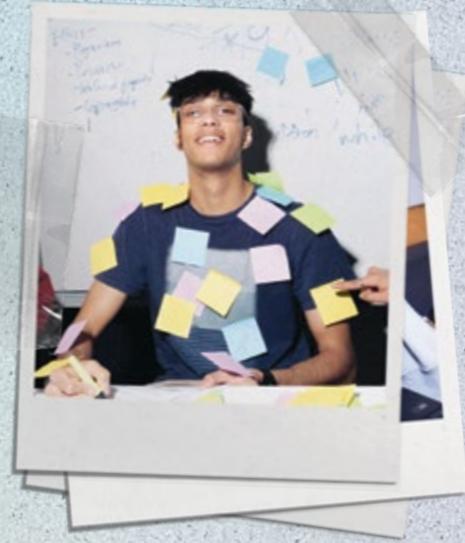
The best way to prepare for university study is by choosing school subjects you are interested in and that will help you to develop a range of skills. Most of our degrees do not require you to have studied specific subjects at school. For those degrees that do, the requirements are listed in the degree-specific information on pages 42–53. As long as you achieve University Entrance, you will be able to choose from a wide variety of subjects at Te Herenga Waka.

When selecting subjects, think about your interests, passions, and goals. It's more likely that you will perform well in subjects that you care about.

APPLYING WITH NCEA

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE THROUGH THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT (NCEA) HAS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS.



NCEA LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE

MY FIRST APPROVED SUBJECT IS _____

AM I ON TRACK TO GET 14 CREDITS IN THIS SUBJECT? ĀE KĀO

MY SECOND APPROVED SUBJECT IS _____

AM I ON TRACK TO GET 14 CREDITS IN THIS SUBJECT? ĀE KĀO

MY THIRD APPROVED SUBJECT IS _____

AM I ON TRACK TO GET 14 CREDITS IN THIS SUBJECT? ĀE KĀO

I HAVE 10* LITERACY CREDITS AT LEVEL 2 OR ABOVE (5 IN READING, 5 IN WRITING)

I HAVE 10* NUMERACY CREDITS AT LEVEL 1 OR ABOVE

NOT SURE IF YOU ARE ON TRACK TO ACHIEVE UE? CHECK WITH YOUR SCHOOL.

THE NAME OF THE TEACHER I CAN CHECK MY UE WITH IS: _____

*FROM SPECIFIED LISTS OF STANDARDS. GO TO [NZQA.GOV.T.NZ](http://NZQA.GOVT.NZ) FOR A LIST OF APPROVED STANDARDS.

NCEA APPROVED SUBJECTS FOR ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> HAUORA* | <input type="checkbox"/> PSYCHOLOGY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGY | <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS STUDIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS STUDIES | <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY | <input type="checkbox"/> SAMOAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CALCULUS | <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORY OF ART | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE/PŪTAIAO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHEMISTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> HOME ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE (PRACTICAL ART) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHINESE | <input type="checkbox"/> INDONESIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL STUDIES |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND HANGARAU MATIHIKO | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> TIKANGA Ā-IWI* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRAMA | <input type="checkbox"/> NGĀ MAHI A TE RĒHIA* | <input type="checkbox"/> TONGAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> NGĀ TOI* | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH | <input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHY (PRACTICAL ART) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GEOGRAPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICAL EDUCATION | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICS | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> PRINTMAKING (PRACTICAL ART) | |

*ONLY STUDENTS ENGAGED IN LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT DERIVED FROM TE MARAUTANGA O AOTEAROA ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE AWARDED THESE SUBJECTS.

FIND OUT MORE
nzqa.govt.nz

APPLYING WITH CAIE

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE THROUGH CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (CAIE) CONSISTS OF:

- A MINIMUM OF 120 POINTS ON THE NEW ZEALAND TARIFF AT A OR AS LEVEL FROM ANY SYLLABUS GROUPS, WHICH ARE BROADLY EQUIVALENT TO THOSE IN THE LIST OF APPROVED SUBJECTS FOR NCEA
- A D GRADE OR BETTER IN SYLLABUSES FROM AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT SYLLABUS GROUPS (EXCLUDING THINKING SKILLS).

FOR THE LITERACY AND NUMERACY REQUIREMENTS YOU WILL NEED:

- AN E GRADE OR BETTER IN ANY ONE OF AS-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE, ENGLISH-LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, ENGLISH-LITERATURE, OR ENGLISH GENERAL PAPER
- A D GRADE OR BETTER IN IGCSE OR GCSE MATHEMATICS OR ANY MATHEMATICS PASSED AT AS LEVEL.



APPLYING WITH IB

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) CONSISTS OF THE FULL IB DIPLOMA (24 POINTS MINIMUM).

OTHER FORMS OF ADMISSION

OTHER FORMS OF ADMISSION ARE AVAILABLE. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE.

📍 WGTN.AC.NZ/ADMISSION

WHAT IF I DON'T GET UE OR EQUIVALENT?

PRE-DEGREE STUDY OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE NOT ACHIEVED UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE OR YOU JUST NEED A BIT MORE PREPARATION.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE OR GET IN TOUCH WITH A FUTURE-STUDENT ADVISER.

📍 WGTN.AC.NZ/STUDY-WITHOUT-UE

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO APPLY ...

YOU CAN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO STUDY AT ANY TIME USING PŪAHA (OUR STUDENT PORTAL). THIS IS ALSO WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACCOMMODATION ONCE THOSE OPEN.

TO APPLY:

- 1 CREATE AN ACCOUNT IN PŪAHA
- 2 CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO STUDY
- 3 SUBMIT AN ONLINE ADMISSION APPLICATION FOR YOUR CHOSEN DEGREE.

IF YOU ARE A SCHOOL LEAVER, WE RECOMMEND YOU APPLY FOR ADMISSION BY 1 NOVEMBER AND SELECT YOUR COURSES BY 1 DECEMBER TO ENSURE A PLACE IN YOUR PREFERRED COURSES.

YOU WILL NEED TO BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE BY THE APPLICATION CLOSING DATE.

FIND OUT MORE
📍 wgt.n.ac.nz/apply



PAYING FOR YOUR STUDY

UNI IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE. SOME CAREFUL PLANNING CAN MAKE THE COST MORE MANAGEABLE.

Ways to fund study

- ▶ Student Loans and Student Allowances (studylink.govt.nz)
- ▶ scholarships
- ▶ part-time work
- ▶ savings and family support.

Fees

Annual tuition fees in 2026 range from \$6,500 to \$9,500 for full-time study. The exact amount you pay will depend on your choice of courses.

Other fees of around \$1,225 per year cover student support services. You pay your fees in full before courses start.

HALLS

ORDER #2027

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2027

#	CATERED HALLS	SINGLE ROOM WEEKLY COST (\$)	BEDS
01	BOULCOTT HALL	480	180
02	CAPITAL HALL	568	320
03	CUMBERLAND HOUSE*	514	227
04	JOAN STEVENS HALL	484	242
05	KATHARINE JERMYN HALL	572	390
06	TE PUNI VILLAGE	578	398
07	VICTORIA HOUSE*	572	183
08	WEIR HOUSE*	572	190

ITEM COUNT:

TOTAL:

*Halls with twin-share rooms available. These are often cheaper than single rooms.

All fees quoted are based on 2026 costs. Prices may vary for 2027.

Note: Hall fees are charged in four-weekly instalments (four weeks in advance). The first instalment is due before you move in. You only pay for 39 weeks of the year.

📍 wgn.ac.nz/study/student-finance

THANK YOU FOR VISITING!





LEARNING HOW TO BUDGET

As well as your fees and halls, you will need to budget for transport, textbooks, and other living costs. The most common advice from current students is to create a budget and stick to it.

Learning how to budget now can help you build a key life skill, as well as preparing you for university by helping you to save money. Use our sample budget worksheet opposite to track the money you are earning and spending now. As long as you spend less than you earn, you can set a savings goal to help make things easier for university.



WEEKLY INCOME		\$
PART-TIME WORK		
SUPPORT FROM FAMILY		
OTHER INCOME		
TOTAL INCOME		
WEEKLY EXPENSES		\$
MOBILE PHONE		
TRANSPORT		
TOILETRIES		
STATIONERY		
EATING OUT/ENTERTAINMENT		
CLOTHING		
OTHER EXPENSES		
TOTAL EXPENSES		

Calculate the difference between your income and your expenses:

Total income \$

minus **total expenses** \$

= \$



How much money would you have if you were to save this amount every week for a year? Do you already have a savings account at the bank where you can tuck this money safely away?

Do you need to increase your income or decrease your expenses to achieve your savings goal? What could you do?

Talk to your family about how they might support you with your tertiary study costs.

\$6,500-\$9,500
Average cost of domestic tuition fees per year



SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer scholarships to reward your hard work and to make sure financial barriers or personal challenges don't hold you back.

Scholarships for school leavers

We have hundreds of scholarships for school leavers in a range of categories, from academic excellence to community involvement. There is something for everyone.

- ▶ Kahotea Outstanding Achievement Scholarship
- ▶ Kahurangi Māori Student Scholarship
- ▶ Mana Pasifika Scholarship
- ▶ Mātātoa Sports Scholarship
- ▶ Pakohe Sustainability Scholarship
- ▶ Raukaraka Leadership Scholarship
- ▶ Tangiwai Academic Excellence Scholarship
- ▶ Totoweka Equity Scholarship

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will have access to the scholarship community, events, and opportunities, as well as a guaranteed accommodation offer.



WHICH SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR YOU?

What leadership roles have you held in and out of school?

What are your five biggest achievements from the past couple of years?

Look up the criteria for each scholarship. List below the ones best suited to you.

How could you develop your skills and experiences to prepare yourself for a scholarship?



ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR!

1 June 2026: Scholarship applications open

1 September 2026: Scholarship applications due

FIND OUT MORE
wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships



GET READY FOR STUDY



MAY 2026

May and June information evenings

Bring your whānau along to an event near you to learn more about study options and student life (page 69)



JUN 2026

1 June

School-leaver scholarship applications open for 2027 (page 64)



AUG 2026

1 August

Accommodation applications open for 2027 (page 22)

21 August

Open Day (page 68)



SEP 2026



OCT 2026

1 October

Deadline for first round of accommodation applications (page 22)

1 September

School-leaver scholarship applications due for 2027 (page 64)

Mid-September

Course enrolment applications open for 2027

Complete your admission and enrolment applications before Christmas, so you can relax over the summer.



DEC 2026

Mid-December

Deadline for StudyLink applications

YOUR TO-DO LIST:

- Attend an information evening
- Make an admission application
- Make a scholarship application
- Come to Open Day
- Make an accommodation application
- Speak to a future-student adviser for help planning your courses
- Make an enrolment application
- Make a StudyLink application

7 February

Hall residents move in for Tau Mai week

15–19 February

New Students' Orientation week (page 32)

22 February

Trimester 1 begins

Admission applications are open!
Apply early to get support.



FEB 2027



CONNECT WITH US

Throughout the year, there are many ways for you to get support with planning your studies. Attend an event, take a tour, book in to get some advice, and sign up for updates.

JOIN US FOR OPEN DAY

If you're considering studying at Vic Uni, our annual Open Day is an event you won't want to miss. With campus and hall tours, subject info sessions, and a massive expo where you can talk to your future professors and our current students, Open Day is your best chance to picture your future as a Vic Uni student.

Register online now for Open Day 2026 on Friday 21 August.

wgtn.ac.nz/open-day

VISIT DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

If you're thinking of visiting us during the school holidays, be sure to check out what's happening on campus. During school holidays we have additional campus tours, hall tours, and UNI101 (intro to tertiary study) sessions on offer. You can also book in to get some one-to-one course advice with our Future Students team (see page 4).

wgtn.ac.nz/visit-us

INFORMATION EVENINGS

We're coming to you! If you're thinking of making Wellington your campus in 2027, bring your whānau and any questions to a local info evening this year. Learn more about our study options, accommodation, admission requirements, scholarships, extracurricular activities, and student support. If you can't make it in person, join us online for a digital information session.

Wednesday 13 May	Nelson
Thursday 14 May	Christchurch
Wednesday 20 May	Hamilton
Thursday 21 May	Tauranga
Tuesday 2 June	Auckland
Wednesday 3 June	New Plymouth
Wednesday 10 June	Palmerston North
Thursday 11 June	Hawke's Bay

DIGITAL INFORMATION EVENING 17 JUNE



FIND OUT MORE
wgtn.ac.nz/visit-us

TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR

Next time you're in Wellington, join a tour of our campuses.

- ▶ Kelburn campus tours run every Monday and Friday at 11 am.
- ▶ Te Aro campus tours run on Thursdays at 1 pm.
- ▶ Pipitea campus tours are on Thursdays at 11 am.

Book online or by phone.

📍 wgt.ac.nz/visit-us

TAKE A HALL TOUR

Book a hall tour to learn more about our halls of residence. You can visit the halls on Open Day, which is held in August each year (see page 68). You can also book a hall tour during school holidays, or contact the hall directly to make an appointment to visit at another time. If you're planning to see more than one hall on the same day, make sure you allow at least 40 minutes to cover the tour and the time to travel to the next hall.

📍 wgt.ac.nz/our-halls

COURSE ADVICE AND PLANNING

Our Future Students team offers expert advice on joining Te Herenga Waka, choosing your subjects, and planning your degree. Book in for an appointment in person (Auckland and Wellington only), by phone, or over Zoom to discuss your study plans at any point in the year.

📍 wgt.ac.nz/course-planning

STAY IN TOUCH

Sign up to receive updates on events and key dates via email.

📍 wgt.ac.nz/keep-in-touch

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