INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STUDY IN WELLINGTON

For New Zealand secondary schools

2019

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CAPITAL THINKING. GLOBALLY MINDED.
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Wellington is the geographic, political, and cultural heart of New Zealand. Within the city's beautiful harbour setting, you'll find a great quality of life, a strong global outlook, and a study experience to remember.

WELLINGTON IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO STUDY

**CREATIVE**
Wellington was named New Zealand's most creative city. It is home to Weta Workshop, Te Papa, the World of Wearable Arts, the New Zealand Festival of the Arts, and more. *Infometrics, 2017*

**HIGH TECH**
Wellington is the tech capital of New Zealand, with more web-based and digital technology companies than anywhere else in the country. *New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, 2016*

**DIVERSE**
27% of people who live in Wellington were born outside of New Zealand, making it a diverse and welcoming city. *Statistics New Zealand, 2018*

**SAFE**
Wellington is a safe and friendly place to live—it's currently ranked the 5th safest city in the world for personal security. *The Economist Safe Cities Index, 2019*

WELLINGTON AT A GLANCE

- 500,000 people live in the Wellington region
- 2,000 sunshine hours each year
- Capital city of New Zealand
- The top destination to visit in New Zealand according to *Lonely Planet (2018)*
- 497 km of coastline
- 50,000 hectares of forests and parks
- Café capital

ABOUT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

**TOP 1%** of the world’s universities in 19 subject areas*

**TOP 2%** of the world’s 18,000 universities**

**NEW ZEALAND**
is ranked **3rd in the world** for Educating for the Future***

*QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2020  **QS World University Rankings, 2019  ***The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2019
INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION
Discovering the international reputation of Victoria University of Wellington helped Li make his decision about where to study.

“I chose Victoria University of Wellington after talking with people who had done Marine Biology and getting the feel of what it was like. I spoke to a student who had come all the way from Germany to study here, after hearing about the University’s Marine Ecology programme. I thought, if you’re coming all the way from Germany—why wouldn’t I stay in Wellington and study here?”

A WORLD-CLASS EXPERIENCE
Li has made the most of his access to the world-class academics at Victoria University of Wellington, and has learned everything he can in his time here.

“I think that the lecturers, who teach such specialised subjects, really love it and they teach because they want to. If you ask a question, they talk to you because they like that you’re showing interest and they want to share what they know. You start to appreciate just how well versed they are in their field.”

COMBINING STUDY WITH SPORT
The range of clubs at Victoria University of Wellington provides a chance to try new things, and joining one of these clubs has taken Li around the world.

“A friend played ultimate frisbee in one of the Wellington leagues so I got involved through him, and when I came to the University I joined the team here. We went to the University Games and the captain for the New Zealand under-19 team saw me play and suggested I try out. I made the team and now I get to travel the world to play.”

TYPICAL DAY
“My lecture times vary between mornings and afternoons, and I often have labs in the afternoon so my start time is always different. I have friends who live close to the Kelburn campus, so I’ll pop round if I have a break for lunch, or just hang out in the Library, which is a great space to do some study. On a nice day, I’ll organise to meet with some friends and throw a frisbee around on Boyd-Wilson field.”

“Don’t be afraid to make mistakes, because you don’t have to have it all sorted when you get to university. It’s actually while being here that I’ve figured out what I love.”

Li Yeoh
Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology and Geophysics student

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
www.wgtn.ac.nz/why-choose-us
Victoria University of Wellington has three campuses in Wellington City, all within walking distance of each other. Each campus has a distinct feel.

**Kelburn**, the main campus, is home to the Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Health, Science and Engineering faculties, New Zealand School of Music Te Köki (NZSM), and hosts a wide range of student services as well as a purpose-built student hub for socialising or studying.

The **Pipitea** campus is located in the heart of the city, right next door to the New Zealand Parliament, Supreme Court of New Zealand, and central business district. This is where Business and Law students spend most of their time.

**Te Aro** is the Architecture and Design hub, in a purpose-built campus to get those creative thoughts flowing. It is also next to Cuba Street—Wellington’s culinary and creative soul.

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**WHAT YOU COULD STUDY**

- Architectural Studies and Building Science
- Business
- Design, Film, and Media
- Education and Teaching
- Engineering and Digital Technologies
- Health
- Humanities
- Law
- Music and Theatre
- Science
- Social Sciences
LIFE ON CAMPUS

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

INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAMME

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

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-buddy

NEW STUDENTS’ ORIENTATION

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

www.wgtn.ac.nz/orientation

CAMPUS COACHES

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

www.wgtn.ac.nz/campus-coaches

UNIVERSITY RECREATION WELLINGTON

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

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

Fitness
Signing up for a fitness membership can give you access to machine weights and free weights, a comprehensive selection of cardio equipment, and our popular group exercise classes.

Sports and events
University Recreation Wellington runs a number of sports and events, from casual and socially competitive sports leagues, to national tertiary sport competitions, and support for high-level athletes. They also offer a range of events and programmes, from Glow Yoga classes and Zumba parties to first-aid and self-defence courses.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/recreation

140+ CLUBS ON CAMPUS

Athletics  |  Lacrosse
Asian Law Students Association  |  Music Society
Badminton  |  Rowing
Basketball  |  Rugby
Beta Alpha Psi  |  Sailing
Chess  |  Sci-Fi
Debating  |  Snow Sports
Dragon Boats  |  Table Tennis
Engineering  |  Taekwon-Do
Esports Gaming  |  Toastmasters
Football  |  Vic Anime
Handball

And many more!
WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (WILP)

If you’re interested in world affairs, global issues, and communicating across cultures then the Wellington International Leadership Programme is for you. It is free, award-winning, and academically oriented around seminars, speaker events, and activities designed to inspire students to think creatively about how to address global leadership challenges.

Step out of your comfort zone, get involved, and kick-start an internationally focused career!

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-leadership

WELLINGTON PLUS PROGRAMME

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

www.wgtn.ac.nz/wellington-plus

STUDENT EXCHANGE

The Wellington Global Exchange programme provides the opportunity to enhance your degree and experience another culture by completing one or two trimesters at one of our overseas partner universities. Victoria University of Wellington has over 140 partner universities across 30 countries around the world. International students can study on exchange while paying their normal Victoria University of Wellington tuition fees.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/exchange

STUDENTS UNDER 18

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

- Your parents or legal guardians must sign the Parental/Guardian Consent Form before your enrolment. You will not be able to enrol at the University until this form is completed and returned.
- You will meet with your International Student Advisor each trimester to discuss your wellbeing and academic progress. Your advisor will contact your parents once a trimester to discuss your progress.
- You are required to stay in a catered hall of residence or a homestay.

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

WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are available to high-achieving international students currently studying in New Zealand planning to study an undergraduate degree at Victoria University of Wellington.

Value: Up to $20,000 over three years of study.

Applications close: 2 September.

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

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-excellence

SCHOOL-LEAVER SCHOLARSHIPS

All school-leaver scholarships are open to international students who have been enrolled at a New Zealand secondary school for at least two years.

TANGIWAI SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship celebrates excellence—both academic, and outside the classroom. We will award scholarships valued at $5,000, which can be put towards accommodation costs for your first-year living costs.

TOTOWEKA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is to support strong academic students who are Māori; Pasifika; from refugee-backgrounds; have a disability; or come from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds. We will award scholarships valued at $5,000, which can be put towards accommodation costs for your first-year living costs.

KAHOTEA SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship recognises exceptional students and is valued at up to $30,000 over three years of study at the University. Scholarships will be awarded to exceptional students—based on criteria centred around academic excellence, cultural background, and community involvement, leadership, and equity. The package includes full accommodation costs in your first year, plus a stipend for three years.

Applications open in June, and are due by 2 September.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

International students at Victoria University of Wellington have support from a dedicated team at the University. The staff at Wellington University International are here to help you from when you first apply until you graduate. Services include:

- International applications and admissions
- Personal, cultural, and academic support and referral
- Insurance claim support
- Student visa renewal
- International student events
- International Buddy Programme
- Arrival meeting service.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international

ARRIVAL MEETING SERVICE

Wellington University International provides a free meeting service for all new international students. You can complete an online form at least three days before you arrive to let us know when you will arrive in Wellington and we will meet you and take you to your accommodation.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/meeting-service

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Our Careers and Employment team can offer you professional advice on career planning, job exploration, and career development. They can help you apply for jobs and internships and also run free workshops on CVs, cover letters, interview tips, and career-related topics.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers

STUDENT JOB SEARCH

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

www.sjs.co.nz

SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON CAMPUS

- Adam Art Gallery
- ATMs
- Bookshop
- Cafés
- Campus Safety Office
- Careers and Employment
- Chaplaincies
- Disability Services
- Early Childhood Education Services
- Enrolment Office
- Financial Support and Advice
- Info Ihonui (Information/help desks)
- IT Services
- Library
- Parking
- Pasifika Haus
- Pharmacy
- Student Counselling
- Student Health
- Student Islamic Centre (Prayer rooms)
- Student Job Search
- Student Learning
- Te Herenga Waka Marae
- Travel Agent
- University Accommodation Wellington
- University Recreation Wellington
- Victoria University of Wellington Students’ Association (VUWSA)
- Wellington Global Exchange
- Wellington University International
HOMESTAY
A homestay means you live with a local family—homestays are great for practising your English. Most homestays are not within walking distance of the University, so you may have to travel to get there.

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

Host Families NZ facilitate homestay accommodation for the University.

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

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

LIVING COSTS
The amount you will spend on living costs depends a lot on your needs and habits. There is a range of lifestyles. The following amounts are in New Zealand dollars and based on 40 weeks (two trimesters) in Wellington:

- Essential living costs (keeping it basic, but comfortable): $18,000
- Generous living costs (allowing for weekend trips and enjoying the night life): $27,000.

For more information about accommodation and how to apply, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-accommodation

ACCOMMODATION PRICE GUIDE*

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*Fees are subject to change and may vary for 2021
Take a closer look at what some of our halls of residence offer. To explore all of our halls of residence, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation

**TE PUNI VILLAGE**
A multi-level complex on Kelburn campus with stunning views from its communal areas

- Single, apartment single or single studio
- From NZ$469 per week
- 2–25 minutes walk to each campus

**VICTORIA HOUSE**
Established in 1907. Multi-storey buildings with an outdoor grassed courtyard and surrounding gardens

- Single or twin-share rooms
- From NZ$321 per week
- 5–20 minutes walk to each campus

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

- Single rooms
- From NZ$434 per week
- 10–15 minutes walk to each campus

**WEIR HOUSE**
The historic Weir House, opened in 1933, provides a vibrant community with a strong academic focus

- Single, set or twin-share rooms
- From NZ$329 per week
- 5–20 minutes walk to each campus

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

- Single rooms
- From NZ$434 per week
- 10–15 minutes walk to each campus

**Catered:** meals will be provided

**Walking distance to all three city campuses**

**Exercise or games area**

**Music room**

**Disabled access**

**Free wireless internet. Heavy internet use may cost extra in some halls**

**Weekly fee, including most utilities. Fees are subject to change and may vary for 2021**
PLANNING SCHOOL SUBJECTS

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

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

For tips on planning school subjects and a list of recommended school subjects for each of the degrees we offer, go to

- www.wgtn.ac.nz/study/course-planning
- Explore your study options at the University
- www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes/undergraduate

TEACHER EDUCATION

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

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

REBECCA MAK

Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance student

REAL-WORLD COURSES AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

“All the commerce courses I’ve taken have broken the narrow stereotypes that I had when I left secondary school. The lecturers push students to consider the real-world aspects, especially the limitations, of the theories we cover in class.”

FINDING YOUR FOCUS

“Having focused mainly on science at secondary school, the first year of commerce was a big change. I took all seven core courses plus a Japanese course. I found marketing and Japanese particularly interesting, so I am including them as interest courses as part of my degree.”

“I received a fully-funded language and culture trip to Japan. This allowed me to meet and make friends with some really interesting and talented students studying varying degrees from diverse backgrounds.”

BALANCING STUDY AND SOCIAL LIFE

“Make sure you make friends. Victoria University of Wellington offers many additional courses through student learning that help with everything from essay writing to presentation skills, so there is always someone out there to help you when study gets tough.”

“I am a member of Beta Alpha Psi and the Business and Investment Club. Both clubs often run events where we can network or listen to industry professionals. These have helped me to gain a better knowledge of how to apply what I have learned in the University to the real world. I intend to work as an investment analyst in investment banking or financial markets.”
Some of our degrees are flexible—allowing you to mix and match different subjects to form one degree and even giving you the chance to choose majors from other degrees.

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

A degree is a qualification awarded when you complete a programme of university study. Your first university degree is called an undergraduate, or Bachelor's degree and usually requires 360 points in three years of full-time study. Some degrees take longer—for example, a Bachelor of Laws takes four years.

A major is the main subject you focus on throughout your degree. For example, you can take a Bachelor of Arts with a major in History or a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Management. You will take courses in your major subject through to your final year. Your major will normally make up about a third of the courses in your degree.

Many students choose to major in two subjects within one degree—for example, a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in History and French. This requires the same number of points as a degree with only one major, and should not take any extra time. Some of our degrees let you take a second major from another degree—for example, you can do a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Physics and German.

In some of our degrees, you can take a minor, which is similar to a major, but with fewer courses. You can include a minor in the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Design Innovation, and Bachelor of Science. In your first year, to prepare for a minor, you should include any 100-level prerequisites for what you want to study at 200 level.

A conjoint degree programme is a specialised programme which, due to cross-crediting, allows two degrees to be completed in a shorter amount of time. For example, a conjoint Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws would take five years to complete. For all conjoint programmes, a B-grade average (or better) is required to continue in the conjoint programme each year.

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

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN INNOVATION
Bachelor of Architectural Studies in:
- Architecture
- Architecture History and Theory
- Interior Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
Bachelor of Building Science in:
- Project Management
- Sustainable Engineering Systems
Bachelor of Design Innovation in:
- Animation and Visual Effects
- Communication Design
- Design for Social Innovation
- Fashion Design Technology
- Industrial Design
- Interaction Design
- Media Design

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF EDUCATION
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in:
- Cybersecurity Engineering
- Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering
- Software Engineering
Bachelor of Science in:
- Computer Graphics
- Computer Science
- Electronic and Computer Systems

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF HEALTH
Bachelor of Health in:
- Health Promotion
- Health Psychology
- Health Informatics
- Health Software Development
- Population Health, Policy and Service Delivery

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Bachelor of Arts in:
- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
- Criminology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Data Science
- Development Studies
- Economics
- Education
- Education and Psychology
- English Literature
- Film
- French
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- International Relations
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Linguistics
- Māori Resource Management
- Māori Studies
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Modern Language Studies
- Music
- Pacific Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Religious Studies
- Samoan Studies / Matā‘upu tau Sāmoa
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Te Reo Māori
- Theatre
Bachelor of Communication in:
- Intercultural Communication
- Literary and Creative Communication
- Media Studies
- Political Communication
- Science Communication
Bachelor of Music in:
- Classical Performance
- Instrumental/Vocal Composition
- Jazz Performance
- Music Studies
- Sonic Arts and Music Technology

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF LEARNING
Bachelor of Learning (Teaching)

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF LAW
Bachelor of Laws

WELLINGTON FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Bachelor of Biomedical Science in:
- Human Genetics
- Molecular Pathology
- Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry
Bachelor of Science in:
- Actuarial Science
- Applied Physics
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Cell and Molecular Bioscience
- Chemistry
- Computer Graphics
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Development Studies
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Electronic and Computer Systems
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Physical Geography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Statistics

Rank and guaranteed entry scores do not apply to international students
All international students apply for admission and first-year enrolment through Wellington University International.

**UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE**

If you are an international student at a secondary school in New Zealand studying for the National Certificate of Achievement (NCEA), Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB), you will be automatically accepted into any degree when you achieve University Entrance (UE). Check the minimum requirements listed below to see what you need to gain University Entrance admission. The Guaranteed Entry Scores (GES) for NCEA, CIE, and IB do not apply to international students.

**IF YOU DO NOT GAIN ADMISSION**

If you do not meet the minimum requirements, you may consider either staying on at school to achieve your qualification or enrolling in the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme, taught by UP Education. Successful completion of this programme also meets the minimum academic requirements for admission to Victoria University of Wellington.

**ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS**

If you gain University Entrance and have studied at a New Zealand secondary school for at least one year, you meet the University’s English language requirements. You do not need to provide any further proof of English proficiency.

If you plan on studying an Education degree, you will need to have studied at a New Zealand secondary school for at least two years or achieve IELTS overall band of 7.0 with no subscore below 7.0.

**STUDENT APPLYING WITH NCEA**

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

Attain NCEA Level 3:

![AN NCEA LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE](image)

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

**NUMERACY**
14 credits at Level 3 in an approved subject

NCEA approved subjects for entrance to university

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

*For specialised lists of standards, go to [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

University Entrance Literacy: At least 10 credits at Level 2 or higher; 5 credits must be in reading and 5 in writing from specific standards.

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

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE STUDENTS APPLYING WITH CIE

University Entrance:
You will need to achieve University Entrance through the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE):
- Attain a minimum of 120 points on the UCAS Tariff at A or AS level from any syllabus groups, which are broadly equivalent to those in the list of approved subjects for NCEA
- D grade or better in syllabuses from at least three different syllabus groups (excluding Thinking Skills)
- E grade or better in any one of AS-level English Language, Language and Literature in English, or Literature in English
- D grade or better in IGCSE or GCSE Mathematics.

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

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE STUDENTS APPLYING WITH IB

University Entrance:
You will need to achieve University Entrance through the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB):
- Attain the full IB Diploma (you need to achieve a minimum of 24 points)
- Achieve a grade of 3 or higher in IB English.

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

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

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

The Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme is taught exclusively by UP International College New Zealand and offers successful students guaranteed entry to Victoria University of Wellington’s undergraduate programmes.

The programme offers flexibility with four intakes per year and 6, 8, 12, and 18-month course options (two, three, four, or six terms), depending on your academic background and level of English. The curriculum develops subject knowledge and skills as well as entrepreneurial enterprise, leadership, and team skills to equip you for university. When you apply for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme you will receive two offers of place at the time of application: a letter of offer for the foundation programme and a conditional letter of offer for an undergraduate degree at Victoria University of Wellington. An unconditional offer of place will be issued as soon as you have successfully completed the Foundation Studies Programme and met admission requirements.

Apply for this programme through UP Education

partnerships.up.education/wellington

Credits you gain in Years 11 and 12 will count towards numeracy and literacy requirements
**HOW DO I APPLY?**

International students must submit an application to Wellington University International. The International Admissions team assesses all international student applications. To submit an application follow these steps:

**STEP 1**
**COMPLETE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION**

Click on ‘How to Apply’ on our website for instructions on how to apply as an international New Zealand secondary school student.  
[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/applying](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/applying)

**STEP 2**
**RECEIVE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF PLACE AND AN INVITATION TO ENROL ONLINE**

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

**STEP 3**
**RECEIVE AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER OF PLACE**

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

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

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


**STEP 4**
**ACCEPT YOUR OFFER OF PLACE**

You can do this online at [www.wgtn.ac.nz/get-ready-to-study/your-offer](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/get-ready-to-study/your-offer)

**STEP 5**
**PREPARE FOR STUDY AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON**

Once you have received your unconditional Offer of Place, you should have already prepared all your visa application materials and now you will need to apply for your visa. See the Visa section opposite for more information.

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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

We recommend you apply before 1 December. However, applications received after this date will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

You need to submit your application to Wellington University International before you will be able to enrol online for courses. Online enrolment is open between 1 October and the beginning of February. For limited entry programmes and courses, online enrolment closes 10 December.

**Early application deadlines**

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

- The Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood application deadline is 1 December. Education students must have supporting referees, make declarations about health/disability issues and any criminal convictions, and attend at an assessment exercise.

- Classical Performance and Jazz Performance students must audition and have an early application deadline. Check audition application dates on the New Zealand School of Music Te Kōkī website.  
[www.wgtn.ac.nz/nzsm](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/nzsm)

**VISA INFORMATION**

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

A valid visa must:

- state the name of the programme you will be enrolling in (e.g. Bachelor of Commerce)

- state the name of the institution you will be enrolling at (e.g. Victoria University of Wellington).

You can apply for a student visa through Wellington University International if you:

- are already in Wellington at the time of application

- hold a valid New Zealand student visa.

You need an unconditional Offer of Place to study at Victoria University of Wellington to apply for your student visa. You will receive this when your NCEA, CIE, or IB results have been verified by Wellington University International in January.

We recommend that you pay your tuition fees as soon as you receive your Offer of Place. You need evidence that you have paid your fees (or have funding for them, like a scholarship or student loan) to get your student visa. When you have paid your fees, we’ll send you a Summary of Deposit to use as proof of payment for your visa application.
# INFORMATION EVENINGS IN YOUR AREA

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*Dates might change due to unforeseen circumstances, please go to our website for the most up-to-date information*  
[www.wgtn.ac.nz/information-evenings](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/information-evenings)

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### CONNECT WITH US

#### VISIT US
If you’re an international student wanting to visit the University, get in touch with Wellington University International. We also hold international student events throughout the year.

#### CONTACT US

- **Phone:** +64 4 463 5350  
- **Email:** international@vuw.ac.nz  
- **Website:** [www.wgtn.ac.nz/international](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international)

#### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonUniversityInternational)  
- [Twitter](https://twitter.com/vicuniwgtn)  
- [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/vicuniwgtn)  
- [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/victoria-university-of-wellington)  
- [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8veP3AjgG1cPzApWQ9KcQ)

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### CODE OF PRACTICE

Victoria University of Wellington is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 (The Code). Published by the New Zealand Ministry of Education and administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), the Code is designed to ensure international students are well informed, safe, and properly cared for. You can read about the Code and the University’s obligations to you at [www.nzqa.govt.nz/the-code](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/the-code)