Your Introduction
Welcome to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington

Nau Mai, Haere Mai,

180 clubs

14 Degrees

3 Central City Campuses

22,000+ Students

Which Hall Will I Choose?

How Do I Apply for a Scholarship?

More than 100 Subjects to Choose From

More than 3,000 Beds in our 15 Halls of Residence

Study What You Love!

Compact, Diverse, Creative, Fun

Wellington
STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND ORIENTATION

Our team offers expert advice on coming to 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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Kelburn Campus, Wellington
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Auckland
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WELCOME TO WELLINGTON

PIPITEA CAMPUS
Study Law and Commerce in the heart of Wellington's legal, government, and business district.

LIFE IN WELLINGTON
Wellington is compact and convenient, so take advantage of the great shopping, beaches, mountain bike trails, native bush, restaurants, and the best café culture in the country.

KELBURN CAMPUS
The centre of your first-year experience.
**TE ARO CAMPUS**
Explore Architecture and Design Innovation and soak up the culture in the creative Cuba Quarter.

**CAPITAL CONNECTIONS**
Experience the benefits of the University’s strong connections with government, business, and the country’s top scientific, cultural, and creative organisations.

**CREATIVE CAPITAL**
Visit galleries and museums, get among the vibrant nightlife, and check out the night markets, festivals, theatre shows, and music gigs.
GET READY FOR STUDY

KEY DATES

MID-JUNE
Scholarship applications open (page 28)

2 JULY
Year 12 day on campus

GUIDE TO UNDERGRADUATE STUDY AVAILABLE

1 SEPTEMBER
Victoria University of Wellington’s school-leaver scholarship applications due (page 28)

1 OCTOBER
Enrolments open

INFORMATION EVENINGS (page 72)

21 AUGUST
Open Day (page 69)

22 AUGUST
Course-planning day

NZSM PERFORMANCE AUDITIONS
Applications due mid-July

1 AUGUST
Halls of residence applications open for 2021

1 OCTOBER
Halls of residence applications due (page 30)

1 DECEMBER
International students’ first-year applications due for February 2021 intake

27 OCTOBER
Application due date for Trimester 3 courses in 2020–21

10 DECEMBER
School leavers should apply to enrol by this date to ensure a place in their preferred courses

20 JANUARY 2021
Enrolment applications due

11–12 FEBRUARY 2021
International New Students’ Orientation

22 FEBRUARY 2021
Trimester 1 begins

15 FEBRUARY 2021
New Students’ Orientation week (through to 19 February)
EXPLORE AREAS OF STUDY

ARCHITECTURE AND BUILDING SCIENCE
- Architecture
- Architecture History and Theory
- Interior Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Project Management
- Sustainable Engineering Systems

BUSINESS
- Accounting, Taxation, and Commercial Law
- Actuarial Science
- Economics and Finance
- Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
- Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing and International Business
- Tourism Management

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

ARTS AND EXPRESSION
- Art History
- Film
- Media Studies
- Theatre

COMMUNICATION
- Intercultural Communication
- Literary and Creative Communication
- Media Studies
- Political Communication
- Science Communication

EDUCATION AND TEACHING
- Education
- Language Teaching
- Teacher Education
ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

- Computer Graphics
- Cybersecurity
- Electronics and Computer Systems
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Software and Computer Science

ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

- Creative Writing
- English Literature
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Marine Biology

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY
- Classics
- History
- Philosophy

LAW
- Law

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS
- Actuarial Science
- Data Science
- Mathematics
- Statistics

HEALTH
- Biomedical Science
- Health Informatics
- Health Promotion
- Health Psychology
- Midwifery
- Population Health, Policy, and Service Delivery

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS
- Asian Languages and Cultures
- English Proficiency
- European Languages and Cultures
- Linguistics
- New Zealand Sign Language
- Pacific Cultures and Languages
- Te Reo Māori
SOCIAL SCIENCES
- Anthropology
- Criminology
- Development Studies
- Geography
- Māori Resource Management
- Māori Studies
- Religious Studies
- Sociology

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-options
LIFE ON CAMPUS

PREPARE FOR STUDY

New Students’ Orientation is your opportunity to find your way around, meet new people, and pick up some vital academic preparation skills. Get organised and set up for a great year of study, while throwing yourself into the fun activities and gigs all over campus. An introductory programme, run by senior students, gets you connected with your university, helping you to find your way around and connect with students from your faculty, and with the transition into university life and study.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/orientation

STAY HEALTHY, ACTIVE, AND CONNECTED

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

Clubs

Joining a club is a great way to meet people, learn new skills, and make your experience at the University a rich and rewarding one. With more than 180 clubs on campus, including cultural, performing arts, political, social, religious and sporting groups, there’s sure to be one for you.

Fitness

While many of our spaces and equipment are free for student use, signing up for a fitness membership can give you access to functional fitness equipment, a comprehensive selection of cardio equipment, and our popular group exercise classes.

Sports

We offer a range of sports opportunities and support services, catering for casual to competitive players. These include drop-in sessions, social leagues, national tertiary sports tournaments, and support for high-level athletes.

The University Recreation Wellington team also offers a range of events and programmes, including health and wellbeing initiatives for students.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/recreation

JOIN WGTN HALL

Run by senior students for first-year students who don’t live in a hall of residence, WGTN Hall gives you the chance to enjoy your first-year experience by offering a range of social activities, academic and wellness support, and opportunities to connect with other students and make new friends. Get more information and register for WGTN Hall online.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/wgtn-hall
The University has a range of student services to help you succeed academically and make your experience a positive one. Some of our services are listed below.

ACCOMMODATION
University Accommodation Wellington can help you apply for a hall of residence, get advice on tenancy issues, find a flat, or learn more about other accommodation options (see page 30).

www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation

CAREERS AND EMPLOYMENT
We can assist you with the exploration of career ideas, the career implications of subject choices, and details of specific jobs and employers. We help you apply for jobs and internships and provide resources for ongoing career development.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers

CHAPLAINCIES
Our chaplains can provide pastoral and practical support for all students, regardless of belief or background. We’re always available to talk about God, faith, or just life in general.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/chaplains

SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

DISABILITY SERVICES
We are committed to eliminating barriers for students with temporary or ongoing impairments or injuries. We provide adaptive technology and training, ergonomic furniture, exam support, individual coaching, liaison with academic staff, mobility parking, note-taking assistance, sign-language interpreting, and quiet places to rest and study.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/disability

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTRES
There are two centres available for the children of students. The centres are located at either end of the Kelburn campus. Hours are structured to fit in with lecture times and student needs. Rates are competitive and parents are encouraged to contact the centres as soon as possible to secure a place.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/university-kids

FACULTY OFFICES
Your faculty Student and Academic Services office can answer questions about your degree and courses, provide academic transcripts, and help with other academic matters.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/faculty-contacts

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
We can help with setting up student internet and email accounts and topping up your printing account. We also provide support and diagnosis for personal laptop issues.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/its
LANGUAGE LEARNING CENTRE
The Centre supports the learning of more than 80 different languages by providing self-access digital and print resources, including audio, software, DVDs, and eTV in several languages. Friendly staff can assist and guide language learners.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/llc

LIBRARIES
The University has libraries on each campus. Each library provides a range of resources and facilities to support your study, with friendly staff who will help you access the information you need. There is specialist support available for Māori and Pasifika students.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/library

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

www.wgtn.ac.nz/counselling

STUDENT FINANCE
We can provide practical advice on budgeting and coping financially, help with Student Loan and Student Allowance applications, and preparing financial statements for scholarship applications. We can also provide emergency financial assistance through the Hardship Fund.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/financial-advice

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

www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-health

STUDENT LEARNING
Learning advisers work with you to develop the academic study, writing, and maths skills necessary for university study at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-learning

STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND ORIENTATION
We can help you with any questions you have about courses and getting started at the University.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/study

UNIVERSITY RECREATION WELLINGTON
Give your student experience a boost by getting involved with University Recreation Wellington. Making the most of the fitness, clubs, and sports opportunities will help keep you healthy, active, and connected, while supporting your academic aspirations. The University is committed to supporting its students competing in sports at a high level while they study. Individual or club sponsorship opportunities and training grants are available to support athletes.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/recreation
Welcome, hola, 欢迎, bienvenue, selamat datang.

The Wellington University International office is the first point of contact for international students wanting to study at Victoria University of Wellington. The University is home to 3,700 international students from more than 100 countries.

Our team assists students with the application and enrolment process. We also host a specialised International Orientation programme and other events to help international students settle into New Zealand university life.

International student support

Wellington University International is dedicated to supporting student success and provides a range of services to ensure students achieve their goals. We offer academic support as well as holistic support based on personal and cultural needs.

International admission

For information about admission requirements and the Foundation Studies programme for international students, see page 68.

Wellington University International

📞 04 463 5350
✉️ international@vuw.ac.nz
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/international
Nau mai, Haere mai ki Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

At the University, you are family from the time you set foot on our campuses—we have a supportive whānau environment waiting to welcome you. Make yourself employable by learning from quality lecturers in both te reo Māori and English.

MĀORI STUDENTS

SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

Māori liaison officer

Tayla Cook, the kaitakawaenga Māori / Māori liaison officer, is your first point of contact at the University. She provides advice on university study, planning your programme, scholarships, and the range of services for Māori students that will help you achieve your academic goals.

📞 04 463 6668
✉️ tayla.cook@vuw.ac.nz

Āwhina—Māori Student Success

“Mā pango, mā whero, ka oti ai te mahi.”

Our Āwhina purpose is to encourage and promote academic excellence.

We achieve this by offering a number of services, which include:

- one-to-one advising
- tuakana–teina guidance
- course-specific study wānanga
- culturally inclusive environments.

✉️ āwhina@vuw.ac.nz

Māori learning adviser

Student Learning (see page 15) has a Māori learning adviser to support Māori students with study and writing skills.
Student Health and Student Counselling

Make an appointment for professional, confidential counselling for any issue affecting personal or academic success (see page 15). Some sessions are held at Te Herenga Waka marae during trimesters.

Library support

The Library has a kairauhī who specialises in providing study support with a kaupapa Māori focus.

STUDENT GROUPS

Ngāi Tauira

Ngāi Tauira, the University’s Māori students’ association, provides services to Māori students for their specific cultural, educational, political, and social needs.

Ngā Tāura Ūmanga

Ngā Tāura Ūmanga, the Māori Commerce students’ association, plays a key role in developing strong relationships between Māori students, staff, and alumni within the business faculty.

Ngā Rangahautira

Ngā Rangahautira, the Māori Law students’ association, is a group that is passionate about developing skilled Māori Law students with a commitment to kaupapa Māori.

Te Hōhaieti o Te Reo Māori

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

MARAE

Te Tumu Herenga Waka marae, the University marae on our Kelburn campus, is a multipurpose teaching, learning, research, and engagement hub for all staff and students. Resources, support, and activities include Te Whanake Mauri Tū Computer Suite, whānau housing, and $5 lunches in the wharekai. Come and hitch your waka (canoe) to our marae whilst you are studying and be part of our family on campus—we have a supportive whānau environment waiting to welcome you.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO www.wgtn.ac.nz/maori-hub
PASIFIKA STUDENTS

Tālofa lava, tāloha ni, kia orana, mālō e lelei, ni sa bula vinaka, fakaalofa lahi atu, halo oloketa, ia orana, kam na mauri, kia ora, and warm Pacific greetings.

Come and join our diverse Pasifika community at Victoria University of Wellington. Our friendly support network will help you get the most out of your studies, make new friends, and enjoy your time here. Joining our family will be one of the best decisions of your life.

SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

Pasifika liaison officer

Tapu Ki Tea Vea, the Pasifika liaison officer, is your first point of contact at the University. She provides advice on university study, planning your programme, scholarships, and the range of support services for Pasifika students that will help you achieve your academic goals.

📞 04 463 6670
✉️ tapu.vea@vuw.ac.nz

Pasifika Student Success

The Pasifika Student Success team helps students navigate their transition into tertiary study. We foster Pasifika learning and teaching communities in an environment that is welcoming, safe, and focused on academic excellence, personal growth, and wellbeing. Our students have access to a mentoring programme, course-specific study sessions, exam-oriented preparation, and workshops that support learning and development as well as meeting cultural needs.

✉️ pasifika-student-success@vuw.ac.nz

Pasifika faculty student support

There are Pasifika engagement advisers for every faculty at the University. They provide holistic and academic support, through one-on-one appointments, as well as workshops designed for the needs of Pasifika students.

The Academic Mentoring programme is run throughout the trimesters, and provides course-specific academic mentoring for Pasifika students.

Pasifika learning adviser

Student Learning (see page 15) has a Pasifika learning adviser to support Pasifika students with study and writing.

Library support

The Library has a Pasifika library navigator and Pasifika student liaison to assist Pasifika students.
STUDENT GROUPS

The Pasifika Students’ Council is a student representative group that consults and supports the University’s Pasifika students. The group provides academic and holistic support to all Pasifika students to enhance their university experience.

There are several clubs for Pasifika students, including:

- Cook Islands Students’ Association
- Fijian Students’ Association
- Melanesian Students’ Association
- Pacific Islands Commerce Students’ Association
- Pasifika Law Students’ Society
- Papua New Guinea Students’ Association
- Samoan Students’ Association
- Tokelauan Students’ Association
- Tongan Students’ Association.

To join, go to the online clubs directory or attend the Clubs days during the first week of Trimester 1.

PASIFIKA HAOS

Pasifika Haos is a place of belonging for all Pasifika students on campus. It is overseen by the Pasifika Student Success team, under the guidance of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika). Pasifika Haos has study spaces with computers and a kitchenette available for student use.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO

www.wgtn.ac.nz/pasifika

www.wgtn.ac.nz/clubs
With two leadership programmes and an extensive overseas exchange programme, the University offers many opportunities for you to develop leadership skills and engage with local, national, and global communities.
LEADERSHIP AND STUDYING OVERSEAS

WELLINGTON GLOBAL EXCHANGE

Taking part in a Wellington Global Exchange gives you the opportunity to travel and study overseas. Immerse yourself in another culture, complete one or two trimesters abroad at one of our 140 partner universities around the world, and expand your learning in a new academic environment while working towards your degree.

Through Wellington Global Exchange, you can complete a trimester or a year of your degree overseas, while paying your normal tuition fees. Students eligible for StudyLink loans and allowances can continue to receive these while on exchange. We'll also help you finance your trip with a grant of up to $1,000, with a further $1,000 for eligible Wellington International Leadership Programme participants. Additional scholarships for exchange are available from some partner universities and government organisations. Why wait until after finishing your degree to travel? Go to our website to find out more.

student-exchange@vuw.ac.nz
www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-exchange

WELLINGTON PLUS PROGRAMME

Wellington Plus is the University’s prestigious service and leadership development programme. Get involved in volunteering and student leadership at the University, provide service to the local community, and participate in leadership skills and career development workshops. The programme is undertaken alongside your degree and successful completion is acknowledged on your academic transcript. Wellington Plus can be completed at certificate or award level and develops leadership and employability skills and raises awareness of social responsibility. Get involved when you start at the University and connect with your community.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/wellington-plus

WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The award-winning Wellington International Leadership Programme can be undertaken alongside any degree at the University. Gain insights into global issues from an array of practitioners such as academics, diplomats, and innovators. Equip yourself with an international skill set and cross-cultural literacy to address the range of social, environmental, and economic challenges facing our world. You will explore different ways of knowing and being, increase your ability to think and act as a global citizen, develop your leadership mindset, and create opportunities for international exchanges, diplomatic internships, and global networks.

Participants of the programme who wish to go on a Wellington Global Exchange may be eligible to receive a Wellington International Leadership Programme Global Leader grant of $1,000.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-leadership
MAKING CAREER DECISIONS

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. Interactive tools are available online that can get you started thinking broadly about what careers might suit you. The jobs databases show the jobs that are going to be in high demand now and in the next few years.

www.careers.govt.nz

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY DEGREE?

The University’s Careers and Employment website has career development information to help you on your way—learn about making career decisions, what you can do with your degree, employment after you graduate, and adapting to the world of work.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers

CHOOSING A DEGREE

Choosing your degree and major/s can be complicated. Will you enjoy your study? Will you be good at it? Will you get the job of your dreams? Everyone is different—some people study a degree to help them get a particular job and others want to keep their options open and study something they are fascinated with. There is no right way to approach this decision; just make sure you choose what you will enjoy spending time on—you will always do better studying what you enjoy.

SUBJECTS TO TAKE AT SCHOOL

Making smart subject choices at secondary school will keep your options open for university study. All our degrees have recommended school subjects, which we list on the degree pages (see pages 32–63). In nearly all cases, introductory courses are available if you do not have enough background knowledge—but to make your transition as easy as possible, it is best to take the recommended subjects in Year 13. Choose subjects that keep your options open for university study. Know what you need to do to gain University Entrance. Credits you gain in Years 11 and 12 will count towards numeracy and literacy requirements (see pages 64–67). We recommend taking four or five approved subjects for University Entrance in Year 13 (see page 65).

YEAR 12 IS IMPORTANT

Your performance in Year 12 really does count. Applications for the University’s school-leaver scholarships (page 28) and halls of residence (page 30) are due before your Year 13 results are out, so offers are made based on your Year 12 results.
WHAT UNIVERSITY STUDY WILL COST

Planning your finances early will save you some stress when you get to university. As well as your fees, you will need to budget for accommodation, transport, textbooks, and other expenses.

FEES-FREE TERTIARY STUDY

First-time tertiary students may be eligible for fees-free support. If you are a domestic student and have previously studied fewer than 60 points at tertiary level, go to www.feesfree.govt.nz to confirm your eligibility for fees-free study. This support covers tuition, associated mandatory fees, and compulsory student service fees. It does not cover students’ association fees, club memberships, course materials, and late fees. If you want to apply for a Student Allowance or the two non-fees components of a Student Loan—living costs and course-related costs—for 2021, you will still need to apply to StudyLink.

FEES

Tuition fees are calculated on a per point basis, so the amount you pay will depend on your choice of courses. Other fees of around $850 per year cover student support services such as counselling, health services, financial advice, careers guidance, student advocacy, student publications, and student representation. You must pay your fees in full or check your eligibility for free fees before courses start. Domestic tuition fees for 2021 will be set in October 2020. International tuition fees for 2021 will be set
in November 2020 and will be available from Wellington University International’s website (see page 17). For questions about fees, or to make a payment, contact the student fees advisers.

📞 0800 04 04 04
✉️ student-finance@vuw.ac.nz
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/fees

**HELP WITH PLANNING**

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

Student Finance Advisers

📞 0800 04 04 04
✉️ student-hardship@vuw.ac.nz
🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/financial-advice

**STUDENT LOANS AND STUDENT ALLOWANCES**

For information on Student Loans and Student Allowances, contact StudyLink directly.

StudyLink

📞 0800 889 900
✉️ www.studylink.govt.nz
The University is committed to providing scholarships that recognise and encourage high achievement and leadership and help remove the barriers to university study that exist for students facing hardship or disadvantage.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS**

Victoria University of Wellington’s school-leaver scholarship programme supports and encourages students who embody and display the key attributes of excellence, leadership, and commitment to community. We award hundreds of scholarships each year. Our scholarships recognise high achievement and will help make the transition to your life as a student easier. Each of our school-leaver scholarships is named for a different type of pounamu (greenstone), a taonga for Māori. Pounamu can protect and act as a source of strength for those who possess it and for future generations. Full details of the scholarship regulations will be available in April. Applications open in June and are due by 1 September.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships)

**TANGIWAI SCHOLARSHIP**

*School-leaver scholarship for excellence*

The Wellington Tangiwai Scholarship celebrates excellence—both academic and outside the classroom. Valued at $5,000, this scholarship can be put towards accommodation costs at a Victoria University of Wellington hall of residence or (for students not in a hall) as a stipend to contribute towards your first-year living costs.

**TOTOWEKA SCHOLARSHIP**

*School-leaver scholarship for equity and support*

The University is committed to equity issues in supporting students to have access to education. The Wellington Totoweka Scholarship is to support academically strong students who are Māori or Pasifika, come from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds or refugee backgrounds, or have a disability. Valued at $5,000, this scholarship can be put towards accommodation costs at a Victoria University of Wellington hall of residence or (for students not in a hall) as a stipend to contribute towards your first-year living costs.

**KAHOTEA SCHOLARSHIP**

*School-leaver scholarship for outstanding achievement*

The Wellington Kahotea Scholarship recognises exceptional students and is valued at up to $30,000 over three years of study at the University. The scholarship 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 at a Victoria University of Wellington hall of residence in the first year, plus a stipend for three years. For students who are not in a hall, the stipend can be taken uniformly across the three years or weighted higher over the first year.
WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are available to high-achieving international students currently studying in New Zealand and planning to study an undergraduate degree at the University. These tuition-fee scholarships are valued at up to $20,000 over three years of study.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-excellence

FIND A SCHOLARSHIP

There are a number of other scholarships available for first-year students. Check out the database of scholarships on our website.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/scholarships

The website MoneyHub provides a complete list of all scholarships available to school leavers who are intending to study in 2021, and is updated regularly.

www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz

The givME database is another source of information on scholarships, awards, and grants. You can usually access this subscription database, at no charge, at your school or a public library.

www.generosity.org.nz/giv-me

TeachNZ Scholarships may be available to those studying to become an early childhood, primary, or secondary teacher.

www.teachnz.govt.nz
ACCOMMODATION

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

The University provides accommodation options for students in 15 halls of residence, from single rooms to apartments, or something in-between. Some halls are fully catered and others have kitchens for self-catering. All halls are within easy walking distance of our campuses (see map on inside back cover). There is a free shuttle to and from the Kelburn campus for Helen Lowry Hall residents. Check out University Accommodation Wellington’s website for more information about each hall of residence. The University has become increasingly popular for students from outside the Wellington region and we have responded to this by opening new halls over recent years.

How to apply for a hall

All students from outside Wellington who have NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence, or equivalent in another qualification, are guaranteed an offer of a place in one of our halls—provided they apply for accommodation by the due date. Wellington students who are awarded one of our school-leaver scholarships are also guaranteed an offer of accommodation if they wish—provided they apply for accommodation by the due date. As part of the application, all students must select three hall choices and, where possible, will be placed according to their choices. However, no student is guaranteed an offer of a place in their first choice of hall, unless they have specific disability needs.

The accommodation offer process starts approximately two weeks after 1 October 2020 and finishes in early March 2021. Although most accommodation offers are made two weeks after the application due date, no student is guaranteed to receive an offer of accommodation at this stage in the offer process. Many students will have to wait as spaces are made available through other students declining their accommodation offers.

Offers for these places are made right up until the first week of Trimester 1, with a noticeable spike in January following the release of NCEA results. For the best chance of getting a place, make sure you apply on time by completing the online application form, and providing a satisfactory confidential reference from your school. Applications open on 1 August 2020 and are due by 1 October 2020. Halls start to review applications from 15 September 2020, so we recommend applying early. If you have any questions about the application process, contact University Accommodation Wellington.

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*For students with knowledge of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori.

**For students who want a home environment with an emphasis on Pasifika culture.
All fees quoted are based on 2020 costs. Prices may vary for 2021.

Note: Although weekly costs are listed, payments are made in four instalments throughout the year. The first instalment is due before you move in.

OTHER OPTIONS

University Accommodation Wellington also helps students find accommodation in the private market—you may choose to board with a family, get a room in an existing flat, or set up your own flat or apartment with a group of friends. The website has an online database of private accommodation listings that you can browse.

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

The Accommodation Guide is available in May. Copies are sent to your careers adviser, or you can request one directly from us.

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🌐 www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation

Finding the right place to live in Wellington is as important as choosing the right course of study.
A degree is the qualification awarded when you complete the requirements of your particular 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, Victoria University of Wellington’s Bachelor of Laws (LLB) requires 480 points, or four years of full-time study.

A major is the main subject you study throughout your degree. For example, you can take a Bachelor of Arts with a major in History, or a Bachelor of Science with a major in Marine Biology. You will take courses in your major subject through to your final year. Your major will normally make up about a third to half 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.
Some of our degrees allow optional minors (the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Design Innovation, Bachelor of Health, and Bachelor of Science). A minor is similar to a major, but with fewer courses. 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.

ELECTIVES

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

CHOOSING YOUR COURSES

You can use the Guide to Undergraduate Study (available in July) or our website to plan your first year of study and choose your courses. Contact Student Recruitment and Orientation (see page 2) for more information.
At Victoria University of Wellington, you can study key disciplines that are at the forefront of the built environment industry, all under one roof.

The Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS) is a three-year undergraduate degree that gives you the knowledge and practical skills you need to be an innovator in the study, design, and construction of buildings, urban spaces, and parks, or residential and commercial interiors.

You can major in Architecture, Architecture History and Theory, Interior Architecture, or Landscape Architecture. You can also include courses from other disciplines.

The University’s School of Architecture, based at the Te Aro campus in the artistic Cuba Street area, has an internationally recognised reputation as a leading tertiary provider in the built environment. You will have access to world-class facilities and exhibition spaces and will learn from academic staff who are experts in their fields. Their extensive research, experience, and collaboration with local and international practitioners contribute to the first-class education you will receive.

Successful graduates will have a thorough grounding in design, technology, environmental science, history, management, theory, and urban design and are equipped for careers in the design or building industries, or for continued study at postgraduate level.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO

www.wgtn.ac.nz/bas
KEY FEATURES

- Three years of full-time study or equivalent.
- All majors share the same first-year courses.
- A portfolio is not required.
- Selection into the second year is based on academic performance in the first year.
- If you want a postgraduate qualification, you can continue into a two-year Master’s programme. Entry is based on academic performance in the BAS.
- The BAS majoring in Architecture with the Master of Architecture (Professional) is an approved qualification in the process of achieving professional registration with the New Zealand Registered Architects Board and joining the New Zealand Institute of Architects.
- The BAS majoring in Landscape Architecture, together with the Master of Landscape Architecture, is an approved qualification in the process of becoming a professional landscape architect.

MAJORS

Architecture is a diverse discipline that explores the essence of the built world as an expression of culture and spiritual significance. Students studying Architecture will develop the knowledge, understanding, and skills necessary to creatively apply this expertise to a multitude of different design situations.

Architecture History and Theory is a theory-based major encompassing concepts broader than the professionally oriented Architecture specialisation. It focuses on the critical, historical, political, and social contexts of how and why we design buildings, cities, and spaces.

Interior Architecture is a challenging discipline that deals with our interaction with spaces—inside, outside, and in between. You will explore the connection between people and their physical and cultural environments, and challenge existing definitions of design, space, and suitability. You will develop, design, and re-design various social, cultural, commercial, residential, institutional, and virtual spaces.

Landscape Architecture draws from diverse disciplinary interests in the creation of culturally, economically, environmentally, and socially responsive landscapes. You will develop an understanding of issues relating to landscape processes, place, scale, strategy, synthesis, and time.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Recommended background subjects include the arts, Design, English, Graphics, Mathematics (preferably Calculus), Physics, and Technology. If you do not have a minimum of 14 NCEA Level 3 credits in each of two of the following subjects—Calculus, Statistics, and Physics—you will need to include a specific introductory course in Physics in your first-year programme.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

As well as working as architects, interior designers, and landscape architects, graduates are suited to a range of careers, including academic education and research, archiving, building construction management, exhibition display and installation, film-set design, furniture design, landscape planning, museum research, publishing, real-estate broking, retail design, social and environmental policy, software design, urban design, and virtual interiors design.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
There’s no better place to study a Bachelor of Arts (BA) than at Victoria University of Wellington. Ranked by the Performance-Based Research Fund as first in New Zealand across a range of humanities and social science (or BA) subjects, the BA at Victoria University of Wellington offers a variety of choices in your first year, allowing you to gain insights into a range of disciplines and perspectives before deciding where to specialise.

The BA subjects we offer investigate New Zealand’s cultural identity, history, and origins, and the nature of other societies. The humanities include subjects in which we explore what it means to be human, such as languages, literature, film, history, media studies, music, and theatre. Social sciences include subjects in which we explore how humans interact with each other, such as criminology, cultural anthropology, and sociology.

Our globally ranked BA also offers a set of work-related learning opportunities—such as our Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (WFHSS) Internship course and courses such as the Future of Work—that provide direct contact with Wellington employers. Our location in New Zealand’s ‘creative capital’ enables those all-important connections with politics, the arts, heritage, and industry.

Our teaching is student focused and helps you develop flexibility, creativity, imagination, and critical and analytical thinking—all attributes New Zealand needs in its workforce. Our teachers are top scholars in their disciplines; they will become your academic mentors, inspiring and challenging you to discover your capabilities and produce excellence.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Three years of full-time study.
- There is a strong emphasis on the humanities, creative arts, languages, and social sciences.
- You may include a second major in your BA from another of the University’s undergraduate degrees.
You can include a minor in an undergraduate subject area from the BA or other degrees such as the Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Communication, Bachelor of Design Innovation, Bachelor of Health, or Bachelor of Science.

You may combine a BA with study for another degree as a conjoint degree programme. Because some courses can be credited to both degrees, it is possible to complete two three-year degrees in four to five years.

Activities such as exchanges, field trips, internships, overseas study tours, peer mentoring, and summer scholarships will give you the opportunity to develop a range of highly employable skills.

MAJORS

- 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 Samoa
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Te Reo Māori
- Theatre

*BA majors taught by faculties other than the Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

MINORS

- Creative Writing (minor)
- Gender and Sexuality Studies (minor)
- New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) (minor)
- Popular Music Studies (minor)
- Social Policy (minor)

OTHER SUBJECTS

- Text Technologies
- Writing (Academic and Professional)

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Any BA major can be started from an introductory level in the first year, although, for some subjects, it is useful to have studied the relevant subject at secondary school.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

A BA provides a key set of skills that are highly valued by employers, including critical thinking, problem-solving, relationship building, self-management, teamwork, verbal communication, and writing. In addition, we offer a range of work-related learning opportunities.

Bachelor of Arts graduates are employed in every part of the workforce. Universities New Zealand research, released in 2016, found that arts graduates will earn an average of $1 million to $1.3 million more than non-graduates over their working lives. Whether it be as an aid worker, artist, criminologist, diplomat, journalist, librarian, market researcher, policy analyst, social worker, teacher, or translator, a BA is suited to hundreds of careers.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO

www.wgtn.ac.nz/working-ba
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

The Bachelor of Biomedical Science (BBmedSc) is a three-year undergraduate degree that will give you a basic understanding of molecular and cell biology, along with the research skills you need to start your journey towards a career in biomedical science.

Victoria University of Wellington’s BBmedSc focuses on human genetics, mechanisms of disease, the way drugs work and are designed, and the fundamentals of molecular and cell biology. The BBmedSc can be the first step towards a career in medicine and other health-related careers, including genetic counselling or pharmaceuticals.

The University is a leader in Biomedical Science, ranked first nationally for research quality in this field. Our lecturers carry out research with leading organisations, including the Wellington School of Medicine, the Institute of Environmental Science and Research, the Ferrier Research Institute, and the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research, New Zealand’s largest private medical research institute, located at the University’s Kelburn campus.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO www.wgtn.ac.nz/bbmedsc
KEY FEATURES

- Three years of full-time study.
- In your first year, you will study a core programme of human biology, human disease, cell biology, chemistry, computer science, psychology, and statistics. In your second and third years, you will build on the foundations of your first year, studying courses specific to your chosen major.
- Three majors are offered: Human Genetics, Molecular Pathology, and Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry. You can also add outside majors (see page 32).
- Higher-level course selections include biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, and physiology.

MAJORS

**Human Genetics** covers all aspects of the science of human genetics, including the study of the human genome and the treatment of disease and illness of a genetic origin. This major is for those with an interest in areas such as ageing, genetic counselling, human fertility, and syndromes and diseases of genetic origin.

**Molecular Pathology** introduces the molecular basis of disease. The emphasis is on the metabolic, and other, changes that occur when humans succumb to illnesses. This major will suit students interested in clinical biochemistry, forensic science, immunology, microbiology, and the relationship between health and disease.

**Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry** focuses on all aspects of chemistry in relation to our bodies, including modern chemical methods for the synthesis of drugs and how they are used to treat disease. This major is appropriate for students interested in both biology and chemistry.

Double majors

You can add a second major, which can be a Science subject or a subject from another undergraduate degree. You can also include a minor in any subject in the BBmedSc to complement your major, or a minor from another degree. You can’t take a combination of a major or minor in any subject from the BBmedSc with Biology, Biotechnology, or Cell and Molecular Bioscience in the BSc.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

NCEA Level 3 Chemistry is required. NCEA Level 3 Biology and Statistics are recommended. For those without sufficient chemistry background, an introductory course is available in Trimester 3 (in the summer before your first year).

POTENTIAL CAREERS

There are opportunities for graduates in areas such as government agencies, hospitals, law and patent firms, research organisations, and science communication roles and teaching. With their skills in analytical thinking, communication, organisation, and numeracy, Biomedical Science graduates are also well placed for employment in a range of careers. Progression in research and specialist biomedical employment may require postgraduate qualifications.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers)
Building science bridges the gaps between architecture, engineering, testing, and building research. It is crucial to minimise the impact of the built environment on the natural world. You will be able to concentrate on the management of building projects by majoring in Project Management or gain knowledge of sustainability’s role in engineering economical and effective building systems by majoring in Sustainable Engineering Systems.

To find out more, go to www.wgtn.ac.nz/bbsc
KEY FEATURES

- Three years of full-time study or equivalent.
- Majors are available in Project Management, Sustainable Engineering Systems, or both.
- A portfolio is not required.
- In your first year, you will study alongside students in the first year of the Bachelor of Architectural Studies, maximising your exposure to all aspects of built environments and increasing your awareness of the potential directions you could take.
- The BBSc will fulfil the academic requirements for professional membership of the New Zealand Institute of Building.
- The BBSc is recognised as an acceptable qualification for becoming a licensed building practitioner, which is a compulsory requirement for employment in certain roles in the building profession.

MAJORS

You will take core courses in construction, environmental science, management, structures, and systems, while majoring in either Project Management or Sustainable Engineering Systems, or both.

**Project Management** focuses on building-project delivery mechanisms and human and material management systems involved in procuring large and complex infrastructure, engineering, and building projects.

**Sustainable Engineering Systems** leads to expertise in the assessment, design, fabrication, science, and simulation of technical systems in a range of environmental and natural resource projects and buildings.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

There are no required subjects for studying Building Science, but you may find it useful to have taken subjects such as Design, English, Graphics, Mathematics (preferably Calculus), Physics, and Technology. If you do not have a minimum of 14 NCEA Level 3 credits in two of these subjects—Calculus, Physics, and Statistics—you will need to include a specific introductory Physics course in your first-year programme.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Building Science graduates have a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical experience that meets an urgent need for building science professionals. They find careers in diverse areas, including building research, computer simulation and visualisation work, design of lighting, heating, and acoustics, local body management, local government, planning, project management, property development, sustainable engineering systems design, and technical consultancy.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers)
Business is one of the world’s moving forces, shaping societies, connecting people around the globe, and improving wellbeing and living standards. Business creates jobs and opportunities, promotes ideas, and fosters creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Wherever people are at work, in public organisations or private business, they depend on business, financial, and managerial expertise to keep their world in motion.

Study Business with our Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) and benefit from our capital city location in downtown Wellington opposite Parliament, in the nation’s political and leadership hub. In addition to its own teaching staff, Wellington School of Business and Government uses the expertise of professionals working at the highest levels of business and government, and Wellington’s private and public sector organisations provide a wealth of research opportunities.

Wellington School of Business and Government is among a small group of business schools worldwide that hold the triple crown of international business education accreditations from the European Quality Improvement Service (EQUIS), the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB (Business)), and the Association of MBAs (AMBA). Programmes such as accounting and tourism management hold accreditation from the respective professional bodies. These accreditations show that our qualifications are recognised internationally, meeting high standards in terms of content, assurance of learning for students, and a global perspective.
KEY FEATURES

- The BCom takes three years of full-time study.
- There are seven core courses—Accounting; Economics; Government, Law and Business; Information Systems; Management; Marketing; and Statistics for Business.
- You can major in one or more subjects and may include one or two minors.
- You have the option to include a second major from another degree programme; for example, the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science.
- To become a professional accountant in New Zealand, you need to qualify for membership of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. You can meet its academic requirements, and those for overseas professional bodies, by completing a BCom with a major in Accounting.

MAJORS

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Commercial Law
- Data Science
- Economics
- Finance
- Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Policy
- Taxation
- Tourism Management

MINOR

Econometrics

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Subjects to study at school include Accounting, Business Studies, Economics, History, Mathematics, and Statistics.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

A BCom leads to a range of careers in business, finance, public policy, and many other fields, including jobs in accounting, auditing, banking, economics, human resource management, information systems, international business, marketing, product management, share broking, strategic analysis, and tax consulting.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
In today’s information-saturated society, communication plays a formidable role in shaping and reflecting our social, cultural, industrial, creative, and civic world. This dynamic sector requires employees who are agile and innovative in the face of changing technologies and industries. With Victoria University of Wellington’s Bachelor of Communication (BC), you will gain the skills and knowledge to analyse, develop, and expand the potential of communication in a range of industries and organisations.

Our Wellington location puts us at the heart of New Zealand’s public-facing institutions, from government to the public sector and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), as well as arts organisations and the commercial sector. All these organisations need to be able to communicate effectively both internally and to a wider audience. No other university in New Zealand can prepare you for such a variety of communications-related jobs.

The BC at Victoria University of Wellington is interdisciplinary; the diversity of the subjects offered reflects the widespread nature of the communications sector and the importance of intercultural communication within a New Zealand and globalised context.

A key focus of the degree is applied theory, which combines research rigour with practical relevance for the workplace. You will finish your degree with an applied communication project.
KEY FEATURES
- Three years of full-time study.
- A focus on communication subjects, with a view to employment within related industries.
- You will have to complete the requirements for one major and one minor as well as the core communication courses.
- You will develop specific expertise in communication by choosing your own major and minor combinations.

MAJORS
- Intercultural Communication
- Literary and Creative Communication
- Media Studies
- Political Communication
- Science Communication

APPROVED COMPLEMENTARY MINORS
- Any language major or minor from the Bachelor of Arts
- Any subject from the Bachelor of Science, except the Science in Society minor
- Asian Studies
- Creative Writing
- Design for Social Innovation
- English Literature
- Film
- International Relations
- Linguistics
- Media Design
- Political Science
- Public Policy
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Theatre

SCHOOL SUBJECTS
Any BC major can be started from an introductory level in the first year.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
The University’s strong relationships with key players in the communications sector means that the expertise you acquire through the BC will be relevant and attractive to employers; courses involving public sector and political communication draw deeply on these connections. The BC will prepare you for a career in creative industries, government, internal communications positions, media, NGOs and social advocacy groups, policy development, public relations, and the public sector.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO
www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
The School of Design Innovation at Victoria University of Wellington is New Zealand’s cutting-edge option for launching a career in design. While developing the skills and knowledge that industry currently demands, you will also be pushing the limits and forging the future of design practice.

Based in the Cuba Street precinct, the School of Design Innovation is ideally located for opportunities to engage with the Wellington design industry. State-of-the-art facilities and academic staff internationally recognised as leaders in their field mean that you will be inspired and prepared to fulfil your potential through your design education.

We lead the way in our critical approach to design thinking and our investigations into how new technologies such as 3D scanning and multi-property 3D printing are changing the nature of manufacturing. The emergence and applications of virtual reality, mobile technologies, and smart objects are central to our endeavours within the ever-expanding fields of animation, gaming, and visual effects.

Design is all around us. It influences and reflects the way we experience the world. Victoria University of Wellington’s Bachelor of Design Innovation (BDI) is a flexible degree that enables you to tailor your studies to suit your individual interests and chosen career path.

We believe design and design education are enriched through interaction with other disciplines. You can include a minor in your degree, in areas as diverse as Computer Science, Cultural Anthropology, Film, Marketing, Māori Studies, Media Studies, Music, Pacific Studies, and Psychology.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Three years of full-time study or equivalent.
- No portfolio is required.
- Selection into the second-year programme is based on academic performance in the first year.
- There is opportunity for interdisciplinary study—minors are available in other subjects that are offered at the University.
- If you want a professional design qualification, you can continue into the Master of Design Innovation (MDI) degree. Entry is based on academic performance in the BDI.

**MAJORS**

*Animation and Visual Effects* blends creativity with emerging technologies, bringing stories to life. Learn skills in animation and film, as well as virtual reality and augmented reality design, game design, web broadcasting, and other forms of new media.

*Communication Design* focuses on the production of visuals towards an effective design output or campaign. A more contemporary form of graphic design, communication design is also concerned with the content of the communication as well as the audience and context of delivery.
Design for Social Innovation explores new concepts, evolving theories, and historical ideas that inform design within contemporary culture. This emerging field of study recognises the increasing significance of design in our everyday lives, investigating the creative, cultural, political, and social boundaries of design.

Fashion Design Technology incorporates technological innovation and new materials into fashion design. You will learn figure drawing, pattern design, and design construction, as well as a range of software, manufacturing, and production techniques needed for the costume, fashion, and wearable technology industries.

Industrial Design is where the profession of designing manufactured products or product systems merges with the imagination required to make them extraordinary. You will gain the knowledge and skills required to design products across the spectrum, from domestic to industrial, real to virtual, and poetic to practical.

Interaction Design is the design of the interaction between users and products. Interaction design is human-focused and involves the study of a variety of physical and digital systems and interfaces that aim to improve aspects of human life, from physical consumer objects to digital interactions such as apps, games, and websites.

Media Design explores the major connections in which people interact from a design perspective with digital technology such as augmented reality; cinematic, dynamic, and telematics web design; gaming; interaction design; physical computing; special effects; and real-time social networks.

### SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Subjects to study at school include the arts, Design, Digital Technologies, English, Graphics, Media Studies, and Technology. If you have not achieved 14 NCEA Level 3 credits in one of Art History, Classical Studies, Economics, English, Geography, or History, you will need to do a writing skills course in your first year of the BDI.

### POTENTIAL CAREERS

**Animation and Visual Effects** prepares students for careers in animation and visual effects for film, virtual reality, and augmented reality design, game design, web broadcasting, and other forms of new media.

**Communication Design** prepares students for one of the largest sectors of jobs within the global design workforce. Potential careers include graphic designer, illustrator, and art director.

**Design for Social Innovation** prepares students for roles in creative industries, operating as advocates, creative directors, curators, design consultants, managers, researchers, strategists, trend forecasters, and writers.

**Fashion Design Technology** provides a base for any career in fashion design, in areas such as generative textiles, interaction design for healthcare, and wearable technology. Roles include costume designer, fashion designer, fashion editor, textile designer, and wearable technology expert.

**Industrial Design** prepares graduates for roles such as exhibition designers, film prop designers, furniture designers, industrial designers, self-employed designers, physical interaction designers, product interface designers, product usability designers, and 3D digital designers.

**Interaction Design** graduates work in fields where user experience is hugely important, including government offices, the healthcare industry, robotics labs, law enforcement, and design.

**Media Design** prepares students for careers in communication and marketing; computer graphics and special effects in the film and game industries; exhibition design; game development; information architecture; motion graphics; performance arts; and mobile and web-based design.

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

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/bdi](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/bdi)
If so, our Engineering programme is for you—come to Victoria University of Wellington and study with innovative people.

The University’s Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons)) focuses on the digital world so you can design and implement real-world systems. Right from the start of this degree, you will gain core skills in mathematics, physics, and programming and learn to apply them to the design and development of modern technology.

Engineers are some of the most sought-after people in the modern world. You will graduate as a skilled professional and be able to choose from many interesting and well-paid careers.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Four years of full-time study.
- Learn through projects and teamwork, and develop the practical skills needed for design and development.
- 800 hours of industrial work placement forms a vital part of the degree.

**TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO**

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/be](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/be)
MAJORS

Cybersecurity Engineering: Cybersecurity is at the forefront of modern technology that focuses on protecting and safeguarding computers, networks, and data from unauthorised access, attacks, and damage. You will learn how to recognise these security threats and the practical skills needed to prevent them. Your study will include a range of technology-based courses and interdisciplinary courses that include aspects of law, policy, social and human factors, ethics, and risk management. The Cybersecurity programme will give you the technical and communication skills needed to excel in this profession.

Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering: Electronics is an integral part of nearly all the products we use, from smart gadgets to the routers of the internet highway. Such mechatronic systems provide us with devices that have ever-increasing functionality. Electronic and computer systems engineers design the intelligence needed for modern electronic devices, power systems, robotics, and signal processing. Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering graduates go on to work at the forefront of technological change and development.

Software Engineering: Computer software controls many aspects of the modern world, ranging from safety-critical (airlines, nuclear power plants, and medical devices) to the everyday (Amazon and Google), including networks, mobile devices, and next-generation interactive techniques. Software engineering drives many of today’s most exciting and innovative companies such as Dropbox, Facebook, Google, Trade Me, and Twitter. Software makes these sophisticated systems possible and, in doing so, opens new opportunities for collaboration, sharing, trade, and enterprise. Software engineers are highly sought-after graduates, because they provide the core skills on which our modern world is built.

RELATED MAJORS

Under the Bachelor of Science, students can take related majors, including Computer Graphics, Computer Science, Electronic and Computer Systems, or Renewable Energy Systems (see page 59).

www.wgtn.ac.nz/bsc

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

A strong secondary school background in Digital Technologies, Mathematics, Science, and Statistics is recommended for BE(Hons) students. A strong secondary school background in Physics is recommended for those students planning on doing the Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering major.

Prospective students wishing to enrol in any of the BE(Hons) majors or in a Bachelor of Science in Electronic and Computer Systems (ELCO), Computer Science (COMP), or Computer Graphics (CGRA) should have 16 NCEA Level 3 credits in Mathematics or an equivalent mathematics background.

All students are expected to have experience using computers, although the programme does not assume any background in computer programming.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Our BE(Hons) leads to careers in a range of exciting jobs, in areas including advanced research, computer graphics, game design, healthcare, mechatronics, mobile communications, network engineering, network security, programming, robotics, software development, and web innovation, plus a variety of software- and hardware-systems design roles.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
The Bachelor of Health (BHlth) gives students a foundational understanding of health services, health policy and strategy, the social aspects of health, and how health issues affect populations in New Zealand and beyond. This degree will help you to develop skills in critical and creative thinking in health subjects and enable you to communicate complex ideas effectively in a range of health-related areas. There are four majors to choose from in the BHlth, and you can shape your personal interests by also taking courses offered by other faculties at Victoria University of Wellington such as Education, Psychology, or Public Policy. Over the course of your degree, you will learn about ethical practice and working collaboratively with other health sector professionals while developing the core knowledge and skills necessary to make improvements to the health and wellbeing of individuals, communities, and populations.

With Wellington at the heart of New Zealand and the seat of government, the University is a great place to study health and wellbeing so you can make a real difference to health in New Zealand and internationally.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Three years of full-time study.
- In the first year, you will study a core programme of health and wellbeing, health policy and services, statistical analysis, and introductory human biology. In the second and third years, there are three further core courses to advance your understanding of health and wellbeing, including either a research project or an internship relevant to your major.
- Four majors are offered, and you may include a second major or a minor from within the BHlth programme or another undergraduate degree.
- The conjoint programme makes it possible to combine a BHlth with another degree in a minimum of four years.

*TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO [www.wgtn.ac.nz/bhlth](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/bhlth)*
MAJORS

Health Informatics: Learn about the combination of technology and information systems and explore how and when data is stored and kept confidential, how it is read and translated, and what to do with the information the data contains. Health informatics can be applied to a range of areas, including electronic health records, telemedicine, healthcare standards, and health ethics. All of this leads to a more affordable, flexible health system and better health outcomes for people.

Health Promotion: This major will introduce you to the factors that influence the health of people, and you will develop skills in health communication and programme design. Health promotion plays an essential role in society, assisting with the delivery of information about health and health-related topics, with the goal of improving the health of individuals and populations.

Health Psychology: Health Psychology looks at life factors and behavioural patterns to examine how people deal with illness and stress. This major gives you a grounding in both psychology and health and wellbeing knowledge and prepares you to go on to postgraduate study in Psychology or into jobs such as health promotion and health education.

Population Health, Policy and Service Delivery: This major will introduce you to the health system and services in New Zealand, including health and public policy and health management, and will teach you how to evaluate the determinants of health in different people. Graduates will be ready to make an important contribution to health agencies in roles such as health educators, health policy advisers, and health researchers.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

There are no prerequisites for the BHlth. However, there are some subjects that might help you in your studies, including Biology, English, Health Education, Home Economics, Physical Education, Physics, Science, Social Studies, and Statistics.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Graduates from the programme will be able to promote and advocate for healthy lifestyles and apply their knowledge of the health sector to a range of tasks and roles. There are opportunities to work in areas such as governmental agencies, district health boards, public health organisations, community services, and the private sector, in roles such as health educator, health information manager, health IT developer, health manager, health policy analyst, health promotion practitioner, health researcher, Māori or Pasifika health promoter, and health service designer.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
Law is about relationships and our connections to each other. Our culture, economy, and society, our family ties, and our international allegiances all exist within a legal framework.

Graduates with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) contribute to every aspect of life in New Zealand, whether they practise as lawyers or work in business, the community, or government.

Housed in Wellington’s historic Government Buildings, Victoria University of Wellington’s Faculty of Law is located at the hub of New Zealand lawmaking, opposite Parliament and close to the central business district, courts, and research libraries. This unique environment attracts top staff and students from around the world.

Regularly ranked among the top 50 law schools in the world, the University’s Faculty of Law is one of the very best places in the world to study Law. It is also the number-one ranked law school in New Zealand for research quality, according to the most recent Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO www.wgtn.ac.nz/llb
KEY FEATURES

- The LLB is a four-year undergraduate degree. Most students combine the LLB with another degree, which takes approximately five and a half years of full-time study (though it can be done in five years with careful planning).
- Selection into the second year is based on academic performance in the three first-year Law courses.
- Our courses reflect the University’s capital city status and the Faculty of Law’s research strengths in public, intellectual property, criminal, contract, commercial, Indigenous, government, and international law.
- Each year, the students who have performed well in at least three of the five 200-level courses may be invited to join the Honours programme.
- To be eligible for admission to the legal profession in New Zealand (to practise law), Law graduates must complete a practical professional legal studies course, often called ‘profs’. Two organisations offer this training in New Zealand. The Faculty of Law can advise you about this.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Subjects to study at school include those you enjoy, those that are essay based, and those that encourage analytical thinking such as Art History, Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Physics, and languages.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

A Law degree can lead to a range of careers. Graduates work in legal practice in New Zealand and around the world, specialising in areas such as commercial law, criminal law, family law, international law, litigation, and mediation. They are active in academia, business, creative arts, the community, government (for example, the Crown Law Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade), and industry.

Started by: www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
Midwives support women, babies, and their families through pregnancy, birth, and beyond. The Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid) at Victoria University of Wellington provides you with the knowledge and clinical experience required for successful practice as a midwife in New Zealand.

The BMid is a comprehensive 480-point degree that you will complete over four years of study. Successful completion of the degree and the National Midwifery Examination will enable you to practise within the Midwifery Scope of Practice.

The BMid is a research-informed programme that draws on both the midwifery expertise within the School of Nursing, Midwifery, and Health Practice and the broader academic strengths of the Wellington Faculty of Health and wider University. Courses will include lectures, labs, group work in a simulation environment, and clinical learning experiences.

In the first year, you will complete foundation courses in biology, biomedical science, chemistry, education, and health psychology, and two introductory midwifery practice courses. The remaining courses focus on midwifery theory and midwifery practice.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Four years of full-time study.
- 25 compulsory courses.
- 2,400 hours of clinical learning experience.
- Draws on expertise from across the University in biology, chemistry, human development, and health psychology.
- Graduates are eligible to complete the National Midwifery Examination to practise as midwives in New Zealand.

**TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO**

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/bmid](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/bmid)
SCHOOL SUBJECTS

In addition to the University Entrance requirements on page 65, you will need to achieve the following (or equivalent):

- a minimum of 18 credits at Level 3 in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
- a minimum of 16 credits at Level 3 in Art History, Classics, Economics, English, Geography, History, or Media Studies
- a further 16 credits at Level 3 in two NCEA University Entrance approved subjects
- a minimum of 16 credits at Level 2 in Biology
- a minimum of 16 credits at Level 2 in Chemistry or Physics
- a further 16 credits at Level 2 in another subject.

If you do not have Level 3 qualifications, you may be admitted on successful completion of a Level 4 bridging programme for health-related degrees or on demonstrated ability to study at degree level, such as graduate status.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Graduates of the BMid programme will be positioned to take their place in the healthcare workforce as registered midwives, either employed by hospitals or other maternity care providers or self-employed. Graduates may also be eligible to enter postgraduate midwifery programmes and undertake research.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
The NZSM offers opportunities unparalleled in New Zealand. It has strong links with the New Zealand music community, and to music and sonic arts specialists all over the globe. Staff and artist teachers are internationally recognised performers, composers, and researchers, including members of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, New Zealand String Quartet, Te Kōkī Trio, Stroma contemporary music ensemble, and the Rodger Fox Big Band.

Masterclasses and workshops are given by leading international artists, and resident and visiting composers are featured at weekly composer workshops. Facilities include Steinway pianos, a fine collection of historical instruments, several world-class concert rooms, and three well-equipped electro-acoustic music studios.

Create, discover, and experience music of all kinds at the NZSM.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO www.wgtn.ac.nz/bmus
KEY FEATURES

■ Three years of full-time study.
■ The BMus offers majors in Classical Performance, Instrumental/Vocal Composition, Jazz Performance, Music Studies, and Sonic Arts and Music Technology. Places in Performance programmes are by audition. The audition application form, audition requirements, and due dates are at www.wgtn.ac.nz/nzsm-audition
■ You can commence a BMus in Music Studies or Sonic Arts and Music Technology with no formal study of music and take a Music Theory course during your first year. For other BMus programmes, a good background in music theory is recommended. Further information is at www.wgtn.ac.nz/music-theory
■ If you want a more broadly based degree, the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music may be another option (see page 36). If you enjoy being extended, it is possible to take a conjoint degree combining a BMus and a BA.

MAJORS

Classical Performance offers tuition in interpretation, repertoire, style, and technique for guitar, harpsichord, organ, piano, voice, all orchestral instruments, and selected baroque instruments. You will be involved in a variety of solo and ensemble activities, including chamber music, opera, and orchestral performances.

Instrumental/Vocal Composition teaches you how to notate music professionally, write for instruments idiomatically, orchestrate imaginatively, and develop musical ideas into substantial, coherent works. There is also a specialisation in film scoring available, in which you will learn from leading New Zealand film composers.

Jazz Performance offers classes in composition/arranging, history, improvisation, and jazz theory. As well as instruction in any of the standard jazz instruments (including voice), you will take part in ensemble performances such as big band, jazz choir, and jazz combos.

Music Studies embraces the study of many genres of music and encourages you to think and write about them from different perspectives. Specialisations are offered in Ethnomusicology, Jazz Studies, and Musicology, or you can choose not to specialise. Courses cover diverse areas, including European art music, film music, jazz history, Māori waiata, Pacific music, and popular music.

Sonic Arts and Music Technology teaches you how to record, mix, produce, synthesise, compose, and code in a range of different sonic situations. You will work with different media such as live electronic music, film sound/audio postproduction, immersive audio, and musical robotics.

OTHER SUBJECTS

■ Music Technology (minor)
■ Music Therapy (postgraduate)
■ Popular Music Studies (minor)

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Subjects to study at school include Art History, Classical Studies, English, History, Music Studies, Music Theory, and performance arts. Some courses require prior knowledge of music theory. Pathways that do not require prior knowledge or learning in music theory are also available.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

A BMus can lead to a career as a professional musician, a composer, or a teacher of music, or to careers in arts management, broadcasting, film, and media. A BMus also provides training in skills that are transferable to a range of non-music careers.

Θ www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
A Bachelor of Science (BSc) from Victoria University of Wellington allows you to tailor your passions into a unique degree, with flexibility to combine subjects and graduate with a distinctive combination of skills.

Our BSc courses follow a research-focused teaching style, so you will develop important skills in collecting, analysing, and understanding data. Time in laboratories or out on field trips gives you hands-on scientific skills and sets you up to succeed in future postgraduate study and the workplace.

In just minutes, you can escape the city to explore our varied biodiversity—discover the coastline and native bush, encounter wildlife at Zealandia and Otari-Wilton’s Bush, catch a ferry to Matiu/Somes Island, or head to the mountains, which are a short trip away.

The University is located at the heart of scientific discovery, ensuring the content of our courses is at the cutting edge of knowledge and valuable to employers. Wellington is New Zealand’s science innovation hub, with the highest concentration of science organisations in the country. The University’s science collaborations offer opportunities for research scholarships and work experience.

**KEY FEATURES**

- Three years of full-time study.
- You can major in one or two subjects. Your first major must be a Science subject, and your second major can be a Science subject or a subject from another undergraduate degree.
- You can include a minor in an undergraduate subject area offered by the University from the Bachelor of Science or other degrees such as the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Commerce, and Bachelor of Design Innovation.
- The conjoint programme makes it possible to complete study for a BSc with another degree in four or more years.
- You will have the opportunity to participate in a range of practical experiences outside the classroom, including field trips and research activities.

**TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO**

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/bsc](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/bsc)
MAJORS
- 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 (Meteorology)
- Geophysics (Solid Earth)
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Physical Geography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Science Communication
- Statistics

OTHER SUBJECTS
- Forensic Science (minor)*
- Science in Society (minor)

*S Available to students enrolled in the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (see page 38) or Bachelor of Science majoring in Chemistry or Cell and Molecular Bioscience during a semester of exchange study at the National University of Singapore.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS
Subjects to study at school include Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Digital Technologies, Geography, Physics, and Statistics, depending on your major(s). For those without sufficient Chemistry credits, an introductory course is available in Trimester 3 (in the summer before your first year). There are also introductory courses in Mathematics and Physics in Trimester 1. The points gained from these courses count towards your degree. Successful science students are those with a natural curiosity or interest in science, and a love of problem-solving. The University provides pathways and options into science for you to achieve to the very best of your ability.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
A BSc provides the ideal grounding for a range of careers, not just those in science. The analytical, communication, and problem-solving skills you will develop during your study are highly valued by employers—giving you an edge in a competitive job market. If you do choose a science career, you can be confident in your career prospects—according to a report by the Australian Industry Group, around 75 percent of the fastest growing occupations require STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) skills.

A small selection of possible career options include actuary, astronomer, conservationist, geologist, hydrologist, laboratory technician, marine biologist, marine scientist, physicist, psychologist, policy analyst, researcher, teacher, and weather forecaster.

Visit [www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers)
TEACHING—EARLY CHILDHOOD

Victoria University of Wellington offers early childhood teaching qualifications designed to meet a range of needs. You can follow one of two pathways: either complete a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood (BEd(Tchg) EC) or complete a Bachelor’s degree in another discipline first, followed by a Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) (GDipTchg(ECE)).

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TEACHING) EARLY CHILDHOOD

This full-time degree takes three years to complete and aims to develop teachers who can become leaders in their profession. The programme includes a total of 21 weeks of teaching experience over the three years in a range of early childhood services, including education and care centres, home-based care, kindergartens, and Pacific Island language nests.

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO

www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education
GRADUATE DIPLOMA

The GDipTchg(ECE) is a one-year full-time programme offered online and includes 14 weeks of teaching experience in early childhood centres. To enter the programme, you must have completed an undergraduate degree.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For entry into any teaching programme, you will need to be assessed by the Wellington Faculty of Education as being suitable for the teaching profession. This involves meeting set criteria, having supportive referees, making declarations about any criminal convictions or health and disability issues, and taking part successfully in a selection meeting where you will be asked to introduce yourself in te reo Māori. The entry requirements for the one-year GDipTchg(ECE) are an undergraduate degree or a primary teaching qualification.

For more information, see the Wellington Faculty of Education handbook or the University’s website.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

Subjects to study at school should include a balance of mathematics, sciences, and essay-based subjects such as English, History, and Geography. Creative subjects such as Design, Music Studies, and the arts are also useful.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

These qualifications are designed to prepare graduates to teach in a range of early childhood education settings and be eligible for provisional teacher registration with the Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand. Graduates will be qualified to seek work in community church groups, kindergartens, kōhanga reo, private centres, and voluntary agencies. Other career opportunities include work in administration, education policy, and research.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
You can follow one of two pathways at the University to become a primary or secondary teacher. You will need to complete an undergraduate degree first, and then apply to enrol in the one-year Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary) or (Secondary) or the Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary) or (Secondary).

Planning your undergraduate degree is important. If you are interested in primary teaching, you could consider a major in Education and Psychology. If you want to be a secondary teacher, you need appropriate-level study in at least two teaching subjects in your degree. For more information, see the Guide to Undergraduate Study or our website.

To find out more, go to

TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO

www.wgtn.ac.nz/teacher-education
GRADUATE DIPLOMAS
The Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary) and the Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) are one-year full-time programmes offered on campus or online and include 14 weeks of teaching experience in schools.

MASTER OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
The Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary) or (Secondary) is an integrated internship model combining theory and practice, giving you the opportunity to study primary or secondary teacher education while based in a school. You will complete the qualification full time over 12 months of study. To gain entry to the programme you must have completed a three-year Bachelor’s degree in a relevant learning area with a grade point average (GPA) of at least a B in your final year of study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
For entry into any teaching programme, you will need to be assessed by the Wellington Faculty of Education as being suitable for the teaching profession. This involves meeting set criteria, having supportive referees, making declarations about any criminal convictions or health and disability issues, and taking part successfully in a selection meeting where you will be asked to introduce yourself in te reo Māori.

For more information, see the Wellington Faculty of Education handbook or the University’s website.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS
Subjects to study at school should be relevant to the subjects that you are planning to focus your degree on and then teach. A balance of subjects from across the curriculum can provide a useful base for teaching.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Graduates are qualified to teach in New Zealand schools. The Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary), the Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary), and the Master of Teaching and Learning programmes are recognised by the Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand. The combination of specialist subject knowledge and teaching skills is particularly attractive to employers, not only in schools but also in other areas including administration, education policy, and research.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/careers
This section applies to New Zealand and Australian citizens and permanent residents. If you are an international student, see page 17. To be accepted automatically into any degree at Victoria University of Wellington, you will need to:

- achieve University Entrance
- achieve the Guaranteed Entry Score (a rank score calculated from your school results)
- fulfil any other degree-specific requirements (such as a performance audition)
- apply by the deadline.

If you are a school leaver, we recommend you apply by 10 December 2020 to ensure a place in your preferred courses.

You will normally need to be at least 16 years of age by the application closing date.

If you achieve University Entrance but do not achieve the Guaranteed Entry Score, we may waitlist you and offer you a place in your programme if there are sufficient places.

To confirm your admission type, go to the website below and answer a few simple questions.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/admission

UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS

If you are a Māori or Pasifika student and you achieve University Entrance but do not achieve the Guaranteed Entry Score, you will be assessed for admission to a degree at the University. You will be required to consult a course adviser to ensure your programme and workload are appropriate, and you will need to participate in the support programmes offered at the University (see pages 18–21).

Applications from students with disabilities who achieve University Entrance but do not achieve the Guaranteed Entry Score will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
STUDENTS APPLYING WITH NCEA

These requirements apply to students who are currently in Year 13 or on a gap year.

University Entrance

University Entrance through the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) has the following requirements.

**AN NCEA LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE**

- 14 credits at Level 3 in an approved subject
- 14 credits at Level 3 in an approved subject
- 14 credits at Level 3 in an approved subject

**LITERACY**

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

**NUMERACY**

- 10* credits at Level 1 or above

*From specified lists of standards. Go to www.nzqa.govt.nz

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
- Hauora*
- Health Education
- History
- History of Art
- Home Economics
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Mathematics/Pāngarau
- Media Studies
- Music Studies
- New Zealand Sign Language
- Ngā Mahi a te Rēhia*
- Ngā Toi*
- Ngā Toi Ataata*
- Ngā Toi Puoro*
- 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
- Tikanga ā-Iwi*
- Tongan

*Only students engaged in learning and achievement derived from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa are eligible to be awarded these subjects as part of the requirement for 14 credits in each of three subjects.

FOR DETAILS, GO TO

[www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

Rank score

Your rank score will be based on your 80 best credits in University Entrance approved subjects at Level 3, weighted by the level of achievement. For more information on how to calculate your rank score, see the Guide to Undergraduate Study or go to our website.
STUDENTS APPLYING WITH CIE

University Entrance

University Entrance through Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) 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 Language and Literature in English, English Language and Literature in English
- a D grade or better in IGCSE or GCSE Mathematics.

Rank score

Your rank score is calculated based on your New Zealand Tariff score. For more information on how to calculate your rank score, see the Guide to Undergraduate Study or go to our website.

Guaranteed Entry Score

The Guaranteed Entry Score for 2021 from CIE for all undergraduate degrees will be published in the Guide to Undergraduate Study and on our website as soon as it is available. In 2020, the Guaranteed Entry Score was 160 points (170 for Bachelor of Architectural Studies and Bachelor of Building Science).

STUDENTS APPLYING WITH IB

University Entrance

University Entrance through International Baccalaureate (IB) consists of the full IB diploma (24 points minimum).

Rank score

You will be ranked according to your IB score. For more information on how to calculate your rank score, see the Guide to Undergraduate Study or go to our website.

Guaranteed Entry Score

The Guaranteed Entry Score for 2021 from IB for all undergraduate degrees will be published in the Guide to Undergraduate Study and on our website as soon as it is available. In 2020, the Guaranteed Entry Score was 28 points (29 for Bachelor of Architectural Studies and Bachelor of Building Science).

DISCRETIONARY ENTRANCE

University Entrance

To be considered for Discretionary Entrance, you must have achieved the University Entrance literacy and numeracy standards described in the NCEA section on page 65.

- You will normally need to have an NCEA Level 2 Certificate with at least a Merit endorsement.
- Each Discretionary Entrance application is considered on its own merits and is in no way guaranteed. If you are applying directly from Year 12, you will need to have very strong support from an adviser at your school. Your adviser’s confidential recommendation will support your capability, maturity, motivation, and readiness to undertake degree-level study.
- If you are applying after an overseas exchange, you will need to provide written evidence of your study overseas and an adviser’s recommendation as above. You will need to have completed Year 12 or NCEA Level 2 before you went on your exchange.
If you have missed out on achieving University Entrance from Year 13, you may not apply for Discretionary Entrance.

Discretionary Entrance is not available for international students.

OTHER FORMS OF ADMISSION

There are full details on other forms of admission on our website.

These include:

- qualification assessment at entrance level—for students with University Entrance from outside New Zealand or a completed relevant Level 4 qualification from a recognised New Zealand tertiary provider
- qualification assessment above entrance level—for students who have already studied at degree level
- special admission—for students who are over 20 and do not hold a recognised University Entrance qualification.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/admission

TOHU MĀORITANGA

This qualification is designed to provide a foundation in Māori culture and society, Māori customs and practice, Māori language, and academic and study skills in a culturally responsive learning environment. The diploma takes one year of full-time study and you may be able to cross-credit up to 60 points to a Bachelor of Arts degree or 40 points to any other Bachelor’s degree upon successful completion. You will be required to submit documents, including a personal statement and a CV, and participate in an interview to determine your suitability.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/tohu-maoritanga

PASIFIKA PATHWAYS

The Diploma in University Studies (Pasifika Pathways) (DipUniPASP) is a one-year full-time pre-degree diploma programme designed to help you transition to university. Taught in a community learning environment, the programme will help you explore different career opportunities and get the skills and knowledge to succeed. Successfully completing this diploma allows you to apply for undergraduate degrees at Victoria University of Wellington, even if you don’t meet University Entrance requirements. Upon completion, you will be able to cross-credit up to 60 points towards a Bachelor’s degree.

To apply for this programme, you’ll need to provide a personal statement and letter of recommendation, and take part in an interview.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/pasifika-pathways
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students have separate procedures for admission and first-year enrolment:

- If you are an international student at school in New Zealand studying for the NCEA, CIE, or IB, you will need to gain University Entrance as described in the previous pages. The Guaranteed Entry Score does not apply to international students. Gaining University Entrance meets the academic and English-language requirements for university admission.

- If you do not gain University Entrance, you may consider either staying on at school to gain University Entrance or enrolling in the University’s Certificate in Foundation Studies, taught by UP International College. Successful completion of the programme will give you academic entrance to all the University’s undergraduate degrees. Some degrees have additional requirements.

- If you have not studied at a New Zealand secondary school, you will need to meet the University’s academic and English language requirements.

- Further details are in the *International Prospectus* or on the Wellington University International website.

- All international students will need to contact Wellington University International (see page 17 for contact details).

CERTIFICATE IN FOUNDATION STUDIES

This intensive programme is designed to give international students the academic skills and English language practice needed to gain entry to university and to succeed in their studies. The programme has four intakes per year and six-, eight-, 12-, and 18-month course options depending on your academic background and level of English. Apply for this programme through UP International College.

IF YOU DO NOT GAIN ADMISSION

If you are not successful in gaining admission to Victoria University of Wellington, you may wish to consider undertaking study at another tertiary institution and reapplying later. If you have special circumstances or questions about admission to the University, contact us.
Throughout the year, there are many opportunities for you to meet with the University’s staff who visit schools and attend expos and Information Evenings in various centres around the country. Come along to Open Day or join a campus tour.

JOIN US FOR OPEN DAY
Our Open Day is on Friday 21 August 2020. Come along and check out our campuses, talk to students and staff, and find out about the different subjects you can study at the University. There’s heaps to do on Open Day, with subject information sessions, tours of our campuses and halls of residence, and opportunities to check out our student services, clubs, and extracurricular activities.

On Saturday 22 August you can get your course planning sorted at our course-advice sessions.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/open-day

COME TO AN INFORMATION EVENING
Attend an Information Evening in your area and get the opportunity to speak to the University’s staff, find out about student life in Wellington, and explore your study options. See page 72 for Information Evening dates.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/information-evenings

TAKE A CAMPUS TOUR
Next time you’re in Wellington, join a tour of the Kelburn campus. Campus tours run every Monday and Wednesday at 11 am and Friday at 11 am and 3 pm. Book online or by phone.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/campus-tours

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
If you are an international student wanting to visit the University, get in touch with Wellington University International. We also hold international student events throughout the year.

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