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of Otago
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New Zealand's first university

University of Otago New Zealand

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Study Abroad and Exchange Guide

Kia ora! Welcome to the University of Otago, New Zealand

A once in a lifetime experience.

Immerse yourself in the New Zealand culture here in Oceania's only true student city. Discover our unique Kiwi hospitality and an energy and atmosphere you won't find anywhere else.

Embark on a culturally enriching adventure guaranteed to expand your worldview and broaden your horizons.

New Zealand's iconic natural environment and picturesque landscapes await you.



The University of Otago is an approved signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021.







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New Zealand at a glance

Population: 5 million

Official languages: English, Te Reo Māori,
NZ Sign Language

2nd safest country in the world¹

2nd least corrupt in the world²



4th most gender-equal country in the world³

10th happiest country in the world⁴

15th on the Global Sustainable Competitiveness Index⁵

World-class education: #1 English-speaking country
in preparing students for the future⁶





Our location – Dunedin city

Otago's main campus

Population 130,000

Welcome to Ōtepoti Dunedin! Ōtepoti is the Māori name used for the city and refers to the upper harbour area where Dunedin city was developed.

A walkable city

Dunedin is located on the East Coast of New Zealand's South Island, and unlike larger cities, you don't need a car to get around. It's a 10-minute walk from the University into the centre of town, and Dunedin has an extensive inner and outer-city bus network that makes it easy to explore. Most of our cafés, music venues, boutique stores, museums and galleries are just a short walk from campus.

Wildlife capital of New Zealand

Dunedin is home to an amazing variety of unique wildlife, such as the Yellow-Eyed Penguin, New Zealand Sea Lion and the Royal Albatross. The coastal terrain, secluded beaches and bush clad hills of the Otago Peninsula are the perfect backdrop for students to connect with nature.





Gateway to New Zealand's best

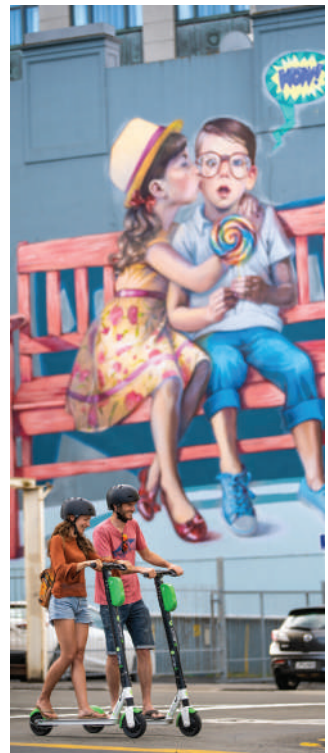
No other university campus in New Zealand has the same range, quality and accessibility of outdoor activities. From surfing and kayaking to mountain biking and snowboarding, students love to make the most of their free time and weekends here at Otago.

Getting around the South Island

Dunedin's proximity to some of New Zealand's most iconic natural scenery makes travelling easy. Within a 3.5-hour drive, find yourself in Queenstown – the adventure capital of the world and the perfect setting for skydiving, skiing, bungee jumping and white-water rafting. Visit Fiordland, one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand, and experience the "Great Walks" of the Routeburn, Milford and Kepler tracks – just a 4.5 hour drive away.

Small city, big personality

We might be a small city, but we don't sacrifice on fun. From world-famous performers and international sports events at New Zealand's largest stadium, to a burgeoning local culinary, cultural and arts scene – there is something for everyone, no matter your interests. Discover more of what Dunedin has to offer at dunedinnz.com



Dunedin city

Adventure on your doorstep



Mapoutahi Pa Site - Purakaunui Bay



Flagstaff walking track



St Clair beach



Otago Peninsula



New Zealand's

only true student city



Forsyth Barr Stadium



Gateway to New Zealand's best



Roy's Peak



Blue Pools



Lake Wānaka



Moke Lake

Explore the stunning South Island





Why Otago?

New Zealand's first university





1%

Top 1% of universities in the world,
ranked 206th globally (*QS ranking 2024*).

#1

in New Zealand for education performance
(*TEC Educational Performance Indicators 2023*).

5th

most beautiful campus in the world
(*Times Higher Education, The Student Voice 2022*).

48th

in the world (*QS Sustainability Rankings 2024*).

86%

of our students come from outside Dunedin,
from over 90 countries.

170+

student clubs and societies.

200+

undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

What can I study at Otago?

With more than 3500 courses to choose from across Commerce, Humanities, Sciences and Health Sciences, there's something for everyone. The next few pages feature some popular themes and course options for our incoming Study Abroad and Exchange students. Keep an eye out for fieldwork and New Zealand/Pacific focused options to maximise your time here.





Environment, Sustainability and Climate Change

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
ECOL 111	Ecology and Conservation Diversity	EMAN 204	Renewable Energy Technologies
ECON 207	Environmental Economics	ENVI 211	Environmental History of New Zealand ●
ENVI 111	Environment and Society	ENVI 312	Interdisciplinary Aspects of Climate Change
ENVI 311	Understanding Environmental Issues	FINC 320	Sustainable Investing
GEOG 216	Environmental Management: Principles and Values	GEOG 102	Geographies of Sustainable Futures
GEOG 265	Natural Hazards of NZ and Beyond ●●	GEOG 228	Geographies of Global Development and Sustainability
MANT 337	Organisations and Sustainability	GEOG 286	Climatology ●
PHIL 235	Environmental Philosophy	GEOG 287	Plants, People and the Environment
PHSI 243	Environmental Physics	GEOG 397	Environmental Management: Policy and Practice
POLS 307	Nature, Conflict and the State	GLBL 201	Cultures of the Environment
TOUR 306	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development ●	TOUR 422	Tourism and Global Environmental Change



Key

Fieldwork ● New Zealand focused ●

Marine Science, Animals and Life Sciences

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
BTNY 201	Plant Functional Biology and Biotechnology	ANTH 321	Archaeozoology
BTNY 301	Plant Ecology ●	BIOA 101	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
ECOL 111	Ecology and Conservation of Diversity ●●	BTNY 202	Plant and Fungal Diversity ●
ECOL 211	Ecology of Communities and Ecosystems ●	BTNY 203	Marine and Freshwater Botany ●
ECOL 313	Ecology Field Course* ●	BTNY 302	Plant Interactions
MARI 201	Oceanography: The Physical Ocean	ECOL 212	Ecological Applications ●
MARI 301	Marine Ecology and Ecosystems ●	ECOL 321	Ecology of Species Introductions and Invasions ●
MARI 302	Biology and Behaviour of Marine Vertebrates ●	GEOG 287	Plants, People and the Environment
ZOOL 221	Animal Designs for Living ●	MARI 112	Marine Biology: The Living Ocean ●
ZOOL 313	Animal Function and Environment	MARI 202	Ecology and Biology of Marine Invertebrates ●●
ZOOL 315	Behavioural and Evolutionary Ecology	MARI 322	Coastal and Shelf Seas Oceanography ●
		ZOOL 222	Evolutionary Biology
		ZOOL 223	Animal Physiology
		ZOOL 314	Neurobiology
		ZOOL 318	Freshwater Ecology ●
		ZOOL 319	Conservation Biology



*The fieldwork component of this paper commences prior to Semester 1 start.

Physical Sciences

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
CHEM 202	Organic Chemistry	ASTR 101	Introduction to Astronomy ●
CHEM 301	Physical Chemistry	CHEM 111	Chemistry: Molecular Architecture
EAOS 111	Earth and Ocean Science ●	CHEM 201	Physical Chemistry and its Applications
EMAN 201	Thermoprocesses 1	EMAN 204	Renewable Energy Technologies
GEOG 101	Physical Geography ●	GEOG 102	Geographies of Sustainable Futures
GEO 251	Minerals and Rocks	GEOG 397	Environmental Management: Policy and Practice ●●
GEOL 252	Field Studies and NZ Geology* ●	GEOL 112	Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective ●●
GEOL 265	Natural Hazards of NZ and Beyond ●●	GEOL 264	Magma and Volcanoes of Zealandia ●
GEOL 272	Evolution of New Zealand Biota ●	GEOL 273	Modern and Ancient Sedimentary Systems ●
MATH 202	Linear Algebra	MATH 201	Real Analysis
PHSI 131	Fundamentals of Physics I	MATH 203	Calculus of Several Variables
SURV 120	Surveying and Spatial Science ●	PHSI 222	Electromagnetism
		SURV 130	People, Place and the Built Environment



Key

Fieldwork ● New Zealand focused ● *The fieldwork component of this paper commences prior to Semester 1 start.

Technology, Information and Computer Science

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

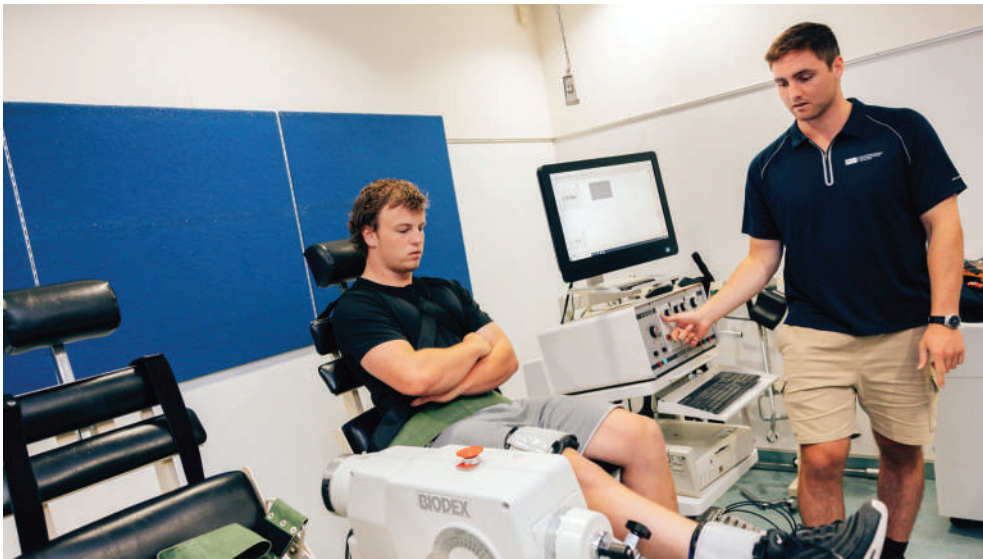
Semester 1		Semester 2	
COSC 201	Algorithms and Data Structures	COMP 151	Programming for Scientists
COSC 202	Software Development	COMP 210	Information Assurance
COSC 301	Network Management and Security	COSC 203	Web, Databases, and Networks
COSC 342	Visual Computing: Graphics & Vision	COSC 204	Computer Systems
INFO 203	Human-Computer Interaction and User Experience	COSC 312	Cryptography and Security
STAT 210	Applied Statistics	COSC 343	Artificial Intelligence
		INFO 302	Information Systems Strategy and Governance
		INFO 351	Special Topic: Virtual and Augmented Reality



Sport, Nutrition and Wellbeing

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
ANAT 101	Anatomy for Sport Exercise	HUNT 141	Understanding Human Nutrition
HUNT 141	Understanding Human Nutrition	HUNT 345	Applied Sports Nutrition
HUNT 241	Fundamentals of Nutrients and Health	PACH 201	Pacific Health: New Zealand and the Pacific Region ●
HUNT 245	Sport and Exercise Nutrition	PHSL 101	Physiology for Sport and Exercise
MART 207	Sports Marketing	PUBH 202	Health Promotion ●
SOCI 209	Health and Society	SPEX 102	Principles of Exercise for Health and Performance
SPEX 101	Sport, Science and Society	SPEX 204	Psychology of Sport and Exercise
SPEX 203	Exercise Physiology	SPEX 205	Physical Activity and Health
SPEX 207	Understanding Sports Coaching ●	SPEX 206	Te Pū o te Ora: Māori Physical Education and Health ●
SPEX 209	Sport Development and Management	SPEX 208	Sociology of Sport and Exercise
SPEX 304	Sport Psychology	SPEX 307	Coaching, Leadership and Mentoring
TOUR 216	Sport Tourism		



Key

Fieldwork ● New Zealand focused ●

Health and Biomedical Sciences

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
BIOC 221	Molecular Biology	BIOA 101	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
BITC 201	Bioethics and the Life Sciences	GENE 222	Genes, Chromosomes and Populations
FORS 201	Analytical and Forensic Science	MICR 222	Microbes in Action
GENE 221	Molecular and Microbial Genetics	MICR 223	Infection and Immunity
HUNT 141	Understanding Human Nutrition	PATH 201	Foundations in Human Pathology
MICR 221	Microbes to Medicine	PHAL 211	Introduction to Pharmacology and Toxicology
MICR 334	Advanced Immunology	POPH 192	Population Health
PHSL 231	Neurophysiology	STAT 115	Introduction to Biostatistics
PUBH 204	Hauora Māori Challenges and Opportunities (Māori public health) ●		
PUBH 211	Epidemiology of Global Health Conditions		



Business, Tourism, Marketing and Management

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
BSNS 111	Business and Society ●	BSNS 111	Business and Society ●
BSNS 114	Financial Decision Making	BSNS 114	Financial Decision Making
ECON 303	Economics of Developing Countries	FOSC 112	Introduction to Food Marketing
ENTR 101	How to Start a Venture	MANT 101	Managing for Performance
GEOG 216	Environmental Management: Principles and Values	MANT 251	Managing Organisations
MANT 217	International Management	MANT 252	Developing Responsible Leadership
MANT 222	Interpersonal/International Business Communication ●	MANT 330	Leadership and Change
MANT 250	Managing People	MANT 332	International Management ●
MANT 301	Managing Innovation and Growth ●	MART 112	Marketing
MANT 303	Entrepreneurship	MART 201	Integrated Marketing Communications
MANT 334	Operations and Supply Chain Strategy	MART 211	Products to Market
MANT 337	Organisations and Sustainability	MART 326	International and Export Marketing
MART 112	Marketing	TOUR 101	Introduction to Tourism ●
MART 207	Sports Marketing ●	TOUR 102	Global Tourism
MART 210	Consumer Marketing	TOUR 217	Tourist Behaviour
MART 308	Integrated Digital Marketing	TOUR 301	Cultural and Heritage Tourism ●
TOUR 101	Introduction to Tourism ●		
TOUR 219	Destination Management ●		
TOUR 418	Tourism Destination Development ●		



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Fieldwork ● New Zealand focused ●

New Zealand Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1	Semester 2
ANTH 204 Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology ●	MANT 340 Indigenous Management and Organisation ●
ANTH 205 Anthropology and the Contemporary Pacific	MAOR 102 Māori Society ●
MAOR 102 Māori Society ●	MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori ●
MAOR 108 Waiata: Te Tīmatanga (Māori performing art) ●	MAOR 203 Ngāi Tahu Society (Māori tribe local to the Otago region)
MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori ●	PACH 201 Pacific Health: New Zealand and the Pacific Region
MAOR 202 Māori and Tikanga (culture/customs)	PACI 101 Pacific Societies
	POLS 319 Treaty Politics (Treaty of Waitangi) ●



Law, Criminology, Psychology and Sociology

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
CRIM 201	Crime, Justice and Society	GEND 102	Bodies, Sexualities and Society
GEND 101	Gender in Everyday Life	GEND 206	Gender, Work and Consumer Culture
GEND 205	Gender and the Media	LAWS 421	International Environmental Law
GEND 209	Critical Victimology	POLS 202	Theories of Justice
LAWS 440	Environmental Law	PSYC 112	Human Thought and Behaviour
LAWS 455	Māori Land Law ●	PSYC 203	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 111	Brain and Behaviour	PSYC 211	Brain and Cognition
PSYC 204	Justice, Race and Class	PSYC 329	Cultural Psychology ●
PSYC 325	Psychology in Legal Contexts	PSYC 330	Drugs, Behaviour, Addiction and Policy ●
SOCI 101	Sociology of New Zealand Society ●	SOCI 102	Cultural and Social Identities
SOCI 202	Big Ideas in Sociology	SOCI 103	Crime, Deviance and Social Transformation
SOCI 209	Health and Society	SOCI 203	Young People and Society
SOCI 211	Colonisation, Globalisation and Social Justice ●	SOCI 205	Social Inequality
		SOCI 207	Families and Society ●
		SOCI 213	Concepts of the Self
		SOCI 302	Theories of Social Power
		SOCI 305	Family Demography ●



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Fieldwork ● New Zealand focused ●

History, Anthropology, Politics, Philosophy and Society

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
ANTH 103	Introduction to Anthropology	ANTH 105	Global and Local Cultures
ANTH 204	Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology ●	ANTH 106	Human Origins and Civilisations
ANTH 205	Anthropology and the Contemporary Pacific ●	ANTH 321	Archaeozoology ●
ANTH 330	New Zealand Archaeology ●	CLAS 105	Greek Mythology
GLBL 101	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	GLBL 201	Cultures of the Environment
GLBL 202	A World of Stories: Global Storytelling in the Digital Age	HIST 102	The Global Twentieth Century
HIST 107	New Zealand in the World from the 18th Century ●	HIST 231	Special Topic: An Introduction to Pacific History
HIST 245	Global Migrations: From Slavery to Refugees	HIST 327	Interpreting Māori Lives: Rebels, Radicals and Reformers ●
LING 217	What's Behind Language: Sound and Structure	LING 230	Interaction and Identity in Context
PHIL 101	Mind and Reality	PHIL 106	Radical Philosophy
PHIL 105	Critical Thinking	PHIL 228	Ethics
POLS 104	International Relations - Introduction	POLS 102	New Zealand Politics - Introduction ●
POLS 105	Comparative Politics - Introduction	POLS 221	New Zealand Political Parties and Elections ●
POLS 250	International Security in a Globalising World		
POLS 306	Politics and the Media in New Zealand ●		
RELS 102	Introduction to Hinduism and Buddhism		



Media, Literature, Communications and Performing Arts

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1		Semester 2	
DANC 101	Dance and Popular Culture	ENGL 128	Essentials of Communication
ENGL 120	Creative Writing: How to Captivate and Persuade	ENGL 251	Special Topic: Creative Writing for Games and Interactive Media
ENGL 121	English Literature: The Remix	MFCO 102	Media, Power, Society
GEND 205	Gender and the Media	MFCO 213	Media Genres
MFCO 101	Screen Form and Culture	MFCO 223	Documentary and Reality Media
MFCO 103	Introduction to Communication Studies	MFCO 312	Communication and the City
MFCO 212	Media and Intercultural Communication	MFCO 315	Digital Media and Society
MFCO 216	New Zealand Cinema ●	MUSI 132	Music Production 1
MFCO 220	Writing for the Media	THEA 122	Drama on Stage and Screen
MFCO 318	Indigenous Media		
MUSI 103	Popular Music		
POLS 306	Politics and the Media in New Zealand ●		
THEA 151	Improvisation		



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Fieldwork ● New Zealand focused ●

Education and Teaching

Course example. Explore full list of options at otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects.

Semester 1	Semester 2
EDUC 102 Human Development	EDCR 102 The Languages of Children
EDUC 105 Disability Studies: An Introduction	EDUC 101 Education and Society
EDUC 252 How People Learn	EDUC 251 Education in New Zealand: Policy and Treaty Issues ●
EDUC 254 Family Resources, Culture, and Education	EDUC 259 Educating Global Citizens for the 21st Century
EDUC 307 Child Development	EDUC 318 Gender Issues in Education
EDUC 308 Future-Focused Literacies	EDUC 321 Educational Psychology
EDUC 313 Equity in Education	





Otago

academic year



Semester 1 Mid-February to mid-June

Starts in the New Zealand summer and finishes as winter sets in.



Semester 2 July to mid-November

Starts in winter and finishes as the New Zealand summer season begins.



Summer School January/February

Six weeks – limited course options.

Finding a course (paper)

At Otago, stand-alone courses or modules are called ‘papers’.

To find Otago’s full range of papers, go to: otago.ac.nz/courses/papers/ and search by subject, keywords or semester.

Alternatively, you can browse through subject themes: otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/index.html

Levels of study are indicated by the paper code number – 100 level is first year of undergraduate study, 200 is second year and so on.

Be sure to check the semester of study and any pre-requisites (or the equivalent at your home institution).

An updated list of papers for the following academic year is published by September each year.

Workload/credits

Most Otago papers are single semester and are typically worth 18 points each.

A full-time course is generally 54–72 points in any one semester (three to four papers).

It is important to speak to your home institution before selecting your papers, in case of workload or paper requirements at Otago.

You can expect to spend approximately 15 hours per week for each single-semester paper (18 points). These hours are made up of a combination of lectures, tutorials/laboratories, assignments and readings.

18 points at Otago are worth approximately 9 ECTS and 3–5 US credits.

Uniquely Otago

Where weekend playgrounds
are our weekday laboratories





UniFlats accommodation

The classic Otago student flatting experience



More than just a room, a University Flat (UniFlat) offers a memorable experience with like-minded flatmates.

UniFlats are shared, villa-style houses with four to six students, located around the heart of the Otago campus – getting to class is just a short 2–10 minute stroll.

The best part? We match you with other students who share similar interests, so you'll have a group of international friends as soon you arrive.

For many of our flats, you will also have a 'Kiwi Host' – a friendly New Zealand student already studying at Otago. They will help you with all the best tips for settling into student life and exploring this part of the country.



otago.ac.nz/uniflats



Why choose UniFlats?

- Guaranteed* room for Study Abroad and Exchange students.
- Unique opportunity to live the Otago student lifestyle.
- Fully furnished private bedrooms and shared living spaces. Each flat has its own laundry.
- Close walking distance to campus.
- Easiest way to secure a trustworthy rental agreement that is in line with the Otago academic calendar.
- Great value with an all-inclusive semester fee to cover Wi-Fi, electricity, utilities, flat maintenance and activities.
- Opportunity to drop off your bags and explore the South Island before Semester 1 starts, or stay on after Semester 2 exams to explore before your flight home.
- Uniflats community events and activities to get involved in.

*Applications made after the annual deadline may not be guaranteed.



Sustainability neighbourhood

A joint initiative between UniFlats and the Sustainability Office, the Otago Sustainability Neighbourhood is a unique flatting experience with the added layer of making an impact.

The Sustainability Neighbourhood is a limited group of flats dedicated to selected environmentally conscious students who actively work to reduce their environmental impact. The neighbourhood is set up for residents to:

- grow their own food
- compost
- recycle
- be energy efficient
- lead an active, healthy lifestyle
- work as a team to stay accountable.

Getting involved

Become the best version of yourself at Otago, where volunteering and good citizenship are part of our University culture.



Through our Social Impact Studio, UniCrew volunteers, Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) and University groups, there are many opportunities to get connected and become socially, environmentally and inclusive global citizens.

- Tree planting
- Good Deed and Feed
- Food drives
- Mending café and other sustainable fashion initiatives
- OUSA Queer Support
- Global Citizenship programme
- Silverline student-led mental health initiative
- Multi-faith chaplaincy.

Experience the benefits of getting involved and contribute positive change in the community while gaining valuable experience and strengthening your future career prospects.

Over 170 student-led clubs and societies!

Our Study Abroad and Exchange students particularly love these popular clubs, but there are so many more to get involved with, such as: snow sports, tramping (hiking), canoeing, climbing and scuba diving.



ousa.org.nz/clubsandsocs/clubs/clubs-list

Recreation

Multi Purpose Area (MPA)
Te Whiri Whāngai Aho



It's not difficult to maintain a healthy, balanced and fun lifestyle while studying at Otago. With so many opportunities for recreation on and off campus, there really is something for everyone.

Unipol is a comprehensive, free student facility that includes weight training and cardio rooms, team sports, subsidised fitness classes and social areas where students can meet up and keep active.

Student outdoor equipment rentals

Whatever you're into – whether it be hiking, surfing or skiing – Unipol also has your outdoor rental equipment needs covered.

High-quality rental equipment includes:

- personal locator beacon (a must-have for hiking)
- snow equipment and clothing
- surfboards and wetsuits
- tents and sleeping bags
- sports equipment (tennis, volleyball, cricket, etc.).

Learn more: otago.ac.nz/recreation



How to apply for Study Abroad

1. Talk to your home institution

The first step is to talk to your home institution's Study Abroad/Exchange office, or a specialist Study Abroad provider/education consultant. They can help you with the nomination application process and check that the credits earned at Otago can be transferred back to your degree at your home institution.

2. Check Otago's entry requirements

To be eligible for Study Abroad at Otago, you usually must:

- be currently enrolled and have completed at least one semester of study at an accredited institution
- have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 minimum on a 4-point scale, or have a credit, "good", or above average results.

Students who do not meet these criteria are welcome to make an application and individual eligibility will be considered.

3. Check English language requirements

If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency with one of the following:

- IELTS: 6.0 in the academic module (with no individual band below 5.5).
- TOEFL iBT: Overall score of 80 and a writing score of 20.
- Denmark: 7 in English A, and 10 in English B in the Upper Secondary School examination/ Studentereksamen.
- Germany: 3 or below (6–1 grading scale) or 8 or above (1–15 grading scale) in Abitur English Language; or B2 or C1 in the DAAD test.
- Norway: 4.0 or higher in the student's final year of English for Vitnemål for videregående opplæring.
- Sweden: Grade of C (VG) or better in English 5 and 6 (English A and B) for Sluttbetyg/Examensbevis från Gymnasieskolan.

If the above options are not able to be provided, a statement from the student's home institute testifying that the student's language ability is deemed sufficient to meet language entry requirements may be considered.

For a full list of accepted English language proficiency evidence, visit:

otago.ac.nz/international/future-students/entrance-requirements/english-language-requirements

4. Otago application tips

Whether an application is submitted by you directly, or by your home institute/specialist Study Abroad provider/education consultant, please note the following:

- You must select 'Certificate of Proficiency – Incoming Study Abroad' in our Otago eVision application system (do not select the name of the degree programme you are studying at your home institution).
- Your 'sponsor' is either your home institution, specialist Study Abroad provider or education consultant.
- Your passport must be officially certified by either your home institution, specialist Study Abroad provider or education consultant.

Other academic transcripts and English language evidence must be official 'certified true copies' that include the certifying person's position, name, signature and official stamp. This can be done by your home institution, specialist Study Abroad provider, education consultant or Notary Public.

5. Accept your offer

You will receive a digital Offer of Place letter in your eVision portal – use the buttons at the bottom of the letter to accept your place at Otago. You will need your Offer of Place as part of your student visa application.

6. Select your papers

Once you have accepted your Offer of Place, you can select papers in your eVision portal. Please check with your home institution for any workload or prescribed course requirements. Review pages 18–29 in this guide for inspiration or check the subjects and papers section on the University website to search for papers on offer. Make sure the papers you're interested in studying are offered in the same semester that you will be at Otago. otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects/

7. Special Permission process

For papers above 100-level (first year) that require Otago prerequisites, students need to apply for Special Permission. This is a normal step for most Study Abroad students. The relevant department(s) will review your request and your previous studies. Once a decision has been made, this will be communicated to you via an alert in your eVision portal.

8. Apply for UniFlats housing

Apply for your place in a UniFlat by navigating to the 'Residential Colleges and UniFlats' section in your eVision portal. Provide as much information about yourself as possible, as this is used to match you with other like-minded international students.

Your offer of accommodation will be sent to you directly from the UniFlats team. It is important you reply to the offer within the specified timeframe to guarantee your placement.

9. Pre-departure

Keep an eye out for information about our pre-departure steps and what to expect at orientation. Stay connected through our 'Your Otago' newsletter series and pre-departure webinars.

Otago Study Abroad application deadlines

Semester 1 (February–June): 1 December

Semester 2 (July–November): 30 April

Summer School (January–February): 31 October

UniFlats

Semester 1: Applications open 1 August. Applications received before 1 November will be processed in the first round of placements. Later applications will always be considered depending on availability.

Semester 2: Applications open 1 April. Applications received before 15 May will be processed in the first round of placements. Later applications will always be considered depending on availability.

Please note: Your home institute, specialist Study Abroad provider or education consultant may have additional important deadlines connected to your nomination and application.



English + Study Abroad



Have the full experience! Improve your English language skills before transitioning into a Study Abroad semester at Otago.

Spend your first semester settling into New Zealand life by gaining new language skills and confidence in your English communication level, while living with a friendly homestay family.

Next, get the full Otago experience by studying our popular academic course options as a Study Abroad student. Join your international peers and develop your independent living skills in our popular UniFlats student accommodation*.

*See pages 34–36

Contact
englishlanguage.groups@otago.ac.nz



otago.ac.nz/pathway

Otago Exchange partners

The University of Otago has formal exchange agreements with many institutions worldwide, allowing for the reciprocal exchange of students. If you are enrolled at an institution listed below, please contact your international office for further information on the exchange nomination and application process and deadlines. otago.ac.nz/student-exchange

If your university does not have an exchange agreement with the University of Otago, you are welcome to apply as a Study Abroad student.

ARGENTINA	Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina
AUSTRALIA	University of Melbourne University of Sydney University of Tasmania University of Western Australia
AUSTRIA	Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien
BELGIUM	Catholic University of Louvain (Business School)
BRAZIL	Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV-EAESP) Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro
CANADA	Brock University Dalhousie University McGill University Memorial University of Newfoundland (Indigenous) Mt Allison University Queen's University University of Alberta University of British Columbia University of Toronto Western University, Western Law and Richard Ivey School of Business York University, Schulich School of Business
CHILE	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
CHINA (Mainland)	Dalian University of Foreign Languages Fudan University Shanghai University Tsinghua University and Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management
CZECH REPUBLIC	Charles University Prague University of Economics and Business
DENMARK	Aarhus University and Aarhus Universit School of Business and Social Sciences University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Business School (CBS)
ENGLAND	Aston University, Aston Business School Durham University University of Bristol University of East Anglia University of Essex University of Exeter University of Leeds University of Manchester and Alliance Manchester Business School University of the West of England
FINLAND	Aalto University School of Business University of Helsinki
FRANCE	Grenoble Ecole de Management Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3)
GERMANY	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg Universität Heidelberg (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität)

	Universität Leipzig, Social Sciences and Philosophy
	Universität Tübingen
HONG KONG	University of Cologne Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Science Chinese University of Hong Kong and CUHK Faculty of Business University of Hong Kong
HUNGARY	Corvinus University of Budapest
ICELAND	University of Iceland
IRELAND	University College Dublin, National University of Ireland Lochlann Quinn School of Business Trinity College Dublin
ITALY	Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi Università of Bologna
JAPAN	Hirosaki University Hokkaido University Keio University Kyoto University Otaru University of Commerce Rissho University University of Tokyo Yokohama National University
MEXICO	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Tecnológico de Monterrey Universidad Veracruzana
NORWAY	University of Bergen
POLAND	Warsaw School of Economics
PORTUGAL	Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Faculdade de Economia
SCOTLAND	University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde
SINGAPORE	National University of Singapore
SOUTH KOREA	Yonsei University
SPAIN	ESADE Universidad Complutense de Madrid
SWEDEN	Lund University Stockholm School of Economics Umeå University Uppsala University
SWITZERLAND	Universität St Gallen
TAIWAN	National Taiwan University
THAILAND	Chulalongkorn University Mahidol University, College of Management
THE NETHERLANDS	Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Management Leiden University University of Amsterdam
TURKEY	Graduate School of Social Sciences, of Middle East Technical University
USA	Boston College Duke University, Fuqua School of Business MBA Indiana University, Kelley School of Business MBA University of California (9 campuses) University of Colorado Boulder University of Hawai'i at Manoa University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management and Department of Food Science and Nutrition University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, UNC Kenan-Flagler School of Business and UNC MBA Programme University of Richmond University of Texas and McCombs School of Business University of Virginia Willamette University (Indigenous)
WALES	Cardiff University

Living costs



Dunedin is one of New Zealand's most affordable cities. With students at the heart of the community, there are entertainment, food and transport options for all budgets.

Study Abroad and Exchange students should plan for the following budget per semester:

	£NZD	£USD	€EUR
Approximate total living costs per semester*	12,000	7,500	6,800

This amount is sufficient to cover accommodation, food, getting around and general leisure.

We recommend you bring extra funds for additional travel and activities outside of Dunedin.



*Based on currency conversion at the time of publication.

Student support and essential information

Our top-quality education and facilities are matched by our range of student support services – dedicated to helping you get the very best out of your time at Otago.

- International Student Support Services, Orientation and Enrolment, Visa and Insurance Services.
- Student Health Services (nurses, doctors, mental health and wellbeing team).
- Disability Information and Support (academic accommodations).
- Multi-Faith Campus Chaplains.
- Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) support services, including Queer Support.
- Library Services and Resources.
- Course Advice.
- Student Learning Development (workshops, peer tutoring).
- Career Development Centre.
- Student IT Services.
- Ask Otago (one-stop help desk)
- Campus Watch (24/7 safety service)

Student visa

You must be granted a visa valid for study at the University of Otago before entering New Zealand, and continue to hold a valid visa throughout your enrolment period. The Immigration New Zealand (INZ) website provides full information.

immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas

Otago's Student Visa Services can provide assistance and support, including information for students on campus who need to renew their visa: student.visa@otago.ac.nz. If you're planning on bringing your spouse/partner and/or children with you to New Zealand, they will need to apply for an appropriate visa based on their circumstances.

Work rights

Study Abroad students are not granted work rights during the semester. They are granted full-time work rights during scheduled vacations, only if studying for two semesters. Exchange students are granted part-time work rights during the semester and full-time work rights during scheduled vacations, only if studying for two semesters. For more information, visit the Immigration New Zealand website:

immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/education-quals-study/working-on-a-student-visa

Working holiday visa (selected countries)

A working holiday visa allows students to study courses in New Zealand that can be completed within six months. immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/working-in-nz/how-long-can-you-work-in-new-zealand-for/working-holiday-visa

Medical and travel insurance

All international students are required to have comprehensive health and travel insurance while in New Zealand. The University of Otago's recommended policy is Studentsafe Inbound University. When you enrol you will automatically be covered by Studentsafe, and the insurance premium will be added to your student account. otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare

Accident insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand. However, you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. acc.co.nz



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