



New Zealand

-  1st most beautiful country in the world
(Rough Guides 2024)
-  2nd in the world for Human Freedom
(Fraser Institute Worldwide for Human Freedom 2023)
-  3rd least corrupt in the world
(Transparency International 2023)
-  4th safest country in the world
(Global Peace Index 2023)
-  4th most gender-equal country in the world
(2022 World Economic Forum Global Gender Gap Report)
-  27th most innovative country in the world
(Global Innovation Index 2023)

New Zealand (Aotearoa)



University of Otago

-  New Zealand's first university, established 1869
-  Top 1% of Higher Education Institutions, ranked 2nd in New Zealand and 214th globally, 5+ Stars rating
(QS World Rankings 2025, QS Stars Rating 2025)
-  Top-performing university in New Zealand for student academic performance (Tertiary Education Commission)
-  5th most beautiful campus in the world
(THE Student Voice ranking).
-  Employers love Otago graduates. 95% of our graduates go directly into work or further study
-  86% of our students come from outside of Dunedin – from across New Zealand and from over 90 countries.



Application Timeline

Apply 1 May - 15 November

(February intake)

Main application period for all programmes commencing in semester 1 (February).

Special Deadlines

31 May

Postgraduate Dentistry programmes

31 July

Master of Teaching and Learning

Bachelor of Teaching (late applications may be considered)

31 August

Master of Nursing Science

15 September

Bachelor of Oral Health

Bachelor of Dental Technology

Apply 1 May - 30 April

(July intake)

Application period for programmes

commencing in semester 2 (July).



otago.ac.nz/first-year-students/ready/prepare-for-otago/key-dates-for-new-international-students

Accommodation

Campus Housing

Otago's accommodation provides a 'home away from home' with safe, comfortable housing options. Our highly regarded 15 residential colleges are ideal for new undergraduate students (dormitory style private bedrooms, dining hall meals provided, tutorials and pastoral care). Our unique UniFlats houses (with private bedrooms) offer postgraduate students a shared living, 'flattening' experience with other international students.



otago.ac.nz/accommodation/colleges



otago.ac.nz/uniflats

Tuition Fees for First Year	
Foundation Studies	Approx NZD \$30,000 (USD 17k)
Diplomas	Approx NZD \$33,000-36,000 (USD 19-21k)
Bachelors	Approx NZD \$35,000-\$43,000 (USD 20-25k)
Masters	Approx NZD\$44,000-69,000 (USD 26-41k)
Doctoral	Domestic tuition fee
Living Costs	Approx NZD \$20,000 (USD 12K) <small>Minimum NZ requirement</small>

Fees for 2025 intake. Fees are estimated and depend on final paper selection.



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Scholarships for International Students



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Undergraduate Scholarships

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships for International Students

NZD\$10,000 for tuition fees. Unlimited offers.

University of Otago Global Scholarships for India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and China (Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau). NZD\$15,000 for tuition fees. Unlimited offers.

University of Otago International Academic Excellence Scholarships

Up to NZD\$35,000. Applicable to high achieving international students. Competitive selection.

University of Otago International Partnership Scholarship

Up to NZD\$10,000 for tuition fees. Applicable to international students applying for articulation/transfer degree programmes via an Otago partner institute. Selection process.

University of Otago Entrance Scholarships (NZ Based)

Up to NZD\$45,000. Applicable to international students in New Zealand high schools or foundation programmes. Application period 1 July-15 August only. Competitive selection.

Postgraduate Scholarships

Vice-Chancellor's Postgraduate Scholarships for coursework Master's or PG Diplomas. Minimum GPA B+. Unlimited offers. NZD\$10,000 for tuition fees.

University of Otago International Master's Research Scholarship

NZD\$18,204 stipend per annum plus a partial tuition fee waiver (capped at the domestic fee rate) for international students enrolling in a research Master's programme.

University of Otago Doctoral Scholarships

For students enrolling in a Doctoral programme. Scholarship value: NZD \$32,544 stipend per annum plus a domestic tuition fees waiver for 36 months.

Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships

Full tertiary scholarships for eligible international students to study at a New Zealand university. otago.ac.nz/manaaki-scholarships

Study at Otago

How to Apply

- 1 Select your course or programme**
Find your subject and study options on our website: otago.ac.nz/subjects
- 2 Check entry requirements**
Evidence of academic and English language requirements must be included as part of your application: otago.ac.nz/international/future-students. If you do not meet our academic or English language requirements, you may wish to consider enrolling in one of our pathway programmes. otago.ac.nz/pathway

Don't meet entry requirements?
Otago offers Foundation Studies Certificates with three intakes per year (February, June, October). Otago offers 'English for Otago' language courses, supporting students to meet entry requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate study.
- 3 All applications must be submitted online**
Apply directly online using the "Apply Now" button on the top of the programme page. This takes you to the University of Otago admissions application system, called eVision. Check you have the documents required for your application as outlined on the website. You can also choose to apply through an authorised Otago education consultant (agent) in your country: otago.ac.nz/international/agents

- 4 Submit your application**
Once you have completed your application information and uploaded your documents, you need to click the SUBMIT button. You will need to check your eVision portal regularly for any notifications or additional information that may be requested.

- 5 Accept your offer of place**
Successful applications will be issued with an offer of place letter through the eVision portal. To secure your place you will need to click the "Accept" button. Your offer of place letter has other important information covering student visa, insurance, tuition fees and next steps.

Undergraduate Programmes

Diplomas

For students who have just missed out on university entrance, the University of Otago Diplomas enable a transition from high school to a Bachelor's qualification. The Diploma is equivalent to the first year of undergraduate studies. Students who successfully complete the Diploma are able to progress to the second year of their relevant Bachelor's degree at the University of Otago. The Diplomas are currently offered in Arts, Commerce, and Science. They are taught over a period of two 13-week semesters plus an examination period, aligned to the regular University academic year.

Business

Bachelor of Entrepreneurship – 3 years

Bachelor of Commerce - 3 years

Majors: Accounting, Business Analytics, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, HR Management, Information Science, International Business Management, Marketing, Philosophy Politics & Economics, Tourism

Social Sciences & Humanities

Bachelor of Arts - 3 years

Majors: Anthropology, Asian Studies, Communication Studies, Criminology, Economics, Education, English, Environment and Society, European Studies, Film and Media Studies, Gender Studies, Geography, Global Studies, History, Indigenous Studies, Languages and Cultures, Linguistics, Māori Studies, Music, Music Production, Pacific Islands Studies, Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, Tourism,

Bachelor of Laws – 4 years

Competitive entry into the second year of the programme, based on grades in the compulsory first year course.

Bachelor of Teaching – 3 years

Limited places - interview process and selective entry, early deadline.

Bachelor of Social Work - 4 years

Selection process into the third year full professional programme.

Postgraduate Programmes

Business

Master of Sustainable Business - 12 or 18 months

Master of Business Data Sciences - 12 months (prior subject study required)

Master of Business in International Business - 12 or 18 months

Master of Business in Marketing - 12 or 18 months option

Master of Business in Leadership & Management - 12 or 18 months

Master of Business in Entrepreneurship & Leadership - 12 or 18 months

Master of Business in Philosophy, Politics & Economics - 12 or 18 months (prior subject study required)

Master of Business in Finance - 12 or 18 months (prior subject study required)

Master of Business in Accounting and Finance - 12 or 18 months (prior subject study required)

Note: Master of Business degrees offer coursework, project or thesis options

Sciences

Master of Sport Development and Management – 12 months (prior subject study required)

Master of Science (coursework + research) – 2 years (prior degree in same subject required – supervisor required in advance)
Majors: Anatomy, Biochemistry, Bioengineering, Botany, Chemistry, Cognitive Science, Computer Science, Ecology, Economics, Energy Science and Technology, Environmental Management, Environmental Science, Food Science, Genetics, Geographic Information Systems, Geography, Geology, Geophysics, Human Nutrition, Immunology, Information Science, Marine Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physics, Physiology, Plant Biotechnology, Psychology, Sport and Exercise Management, Statistics, Surveying, Toxicology, Wildlife Management, Zoology

Master of Applied Science in Food and Agriculture – 12 months (coursework +project)

Master of Applied Science in Artificial Intelligence – 12-18 months (coursework + project)

Master of Applied Science (coursework + project) – 15 months (prior degree in same subject) Advanced Nutrition Practice, Applied Geology, Bioengineering, Computer Science, Environmental Management, Geographic Information Systems, Molecular Biotechnology, Plant Biotechnology, Quantitative Genetics, Software Engineering, Statistics, Telecommunications

Sciences

Bachelor of Science - 3 years

Majors: Aquaculture and Fisheries, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Data Science, Ecology, Economics, Energy Management, Energy Science and Technology, Environmental Management, Exercise and Sport Science, Food Science, Forensic Analytical Science, Genetics, Geographic Information Systems, Geography, Geology, Human Nutrition, Information Science, Land Planning and Development, Mathematics, Marine Science, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physical Education Activity and Health, Physics, Physiology, Plant Biotechnology, Psychology, Software Engineering, Sport and Exercise Management, Sport Development and Management, Statistics, Surveying Measurement, Zoology

Bachelor of Surveying - 4 years

Limited places, selection process into the second year.

Health Sciences

Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health) – 3 years

Bachelor of Oral Health – 3 years

Limited places – selective entry.

Bachelor of Dental Technology – 3 years

Limited places – selective entry.

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences – 3 years

Drugs and Human Health, Functional Human Biology, Infection & Immunity, Molecular Basis of Health & Disease, Nutrition & Metabolism in Human Health, Reproduction, Genetics & Development

Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science – 3 years

Health Sciences First Year leading to professional health degrees:

Open entry into 'Health Sciences First Year'. Competitive entry into the second year of the professional programmes is based on your grades in Health Sciences First Year, passing the English Diagnostic Test (and for Dentistry an interview; and for Medicine the UCAT result).

- **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery** (6 years)
- **Bachelor of Dental Surgery** (5 years)
- **Bachelor of Pharmacy** (4 years)
- **Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science** (4 years)
- **Bachelor of Physiotherapy** (4 years)

Social Sciences & Humanities

Master of Politics - 12 months (prior subject study required)

Master of International Studies – 12 months

Master of International Development and Planning - 12 months

Master of Planning – 2 years

Master of Peace and Conflict Studies – 12 months

Master of Teaching and Learning - 1 year

Limited places, interview process and selective entry, early deadline.

Master of Arts (coursework) – 12-15 months (prior degree in same subject required)

Majors: Anthropology, Buddhist Studies, Communications Studies, Education, English, Film & Media Studies, French, Gender Studies, Geography, History, Indigenous Studies, Linguistics, Māori Studies, Music, Philosophy, History, Philosophy Politics & Economics, Religious Studies, Sociology.

Health Sciences

Master of Public Health – 2 years

Dunedin campus option recommended for international students.

Master of Nursing Science – 2 years, Christchurch campus

Designed for non-nursing graduates seeking to gain a nursing qualification.

Limited places, interview process and selective entry, early deadline.

Postgraduate Diploma in Science (leading to Master of Biomedical Sciences)

- 1 year (prior subject study required) Majors: Anatomy, Biochemistry, Genetics, Microbiology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physiology

Master of Biomedical Sciences - 1 year (prior subject study required)

Majors: Drugs & Human Health, Functional Human Biology, Infection & Immunity, Molecular Basis of Health and Disease, Nutrition & Metabolism in Human Health, Reproduction, Genetics & Development

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