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TO LEADERS

FROM LEARNERS

Study at Te Herenga Waka—
Victoria University of Wellington



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA
NEW ZEALAND



**#1 in
New Zealand
*for research
intensity***



The view of Wellington.
Mount Victoria, Wellington,
New Zealand.



Wellington waterfront

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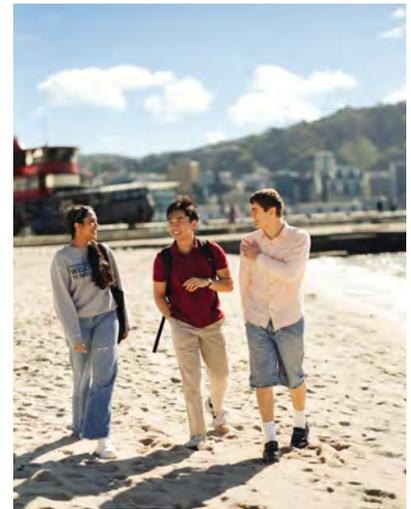
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Welcome to New Zealand

A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN THRIVE

Known for its stunning landscapes, laid-back culture, and innovative industries, Aotearoa New Zealand is a hidden gem located in the Southern Hemisphere.

Living in New Zealand offers a unique blend of vibrant city life and stunning natural beauty, making it one of the most desirable places to call home. With its friendly, inclusive communities and low crime rates, New Zealand provides a high quality of life in a safe, calm environment with a perfect balance of work, adventure, and relaxation. Whether you love the outdoors, enjoy soaking up culture, or are looking for a welcoming place to call home, New Zealand is a place where you can thrive.



Aoraki / Mount Cook
National Park



Milford Sound



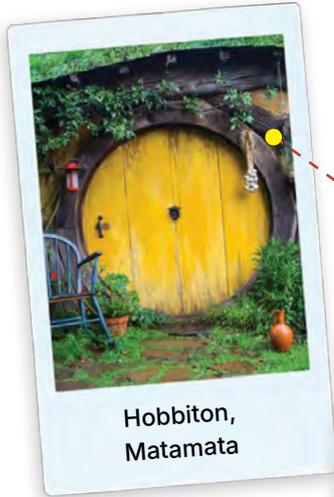
Punakaiki,
West Coast

Thirty percent of the country is a national reserve—that's a lot of natural, protected resources.

'Kiwi' is a popular term here in New Zealand. It is the name of a flightless indigenous bird, which is also the country's national symbol, and of the brown and green fruit, and also describes a person from New Zealand.



Stewart Island



Hobbiton,
Matamata



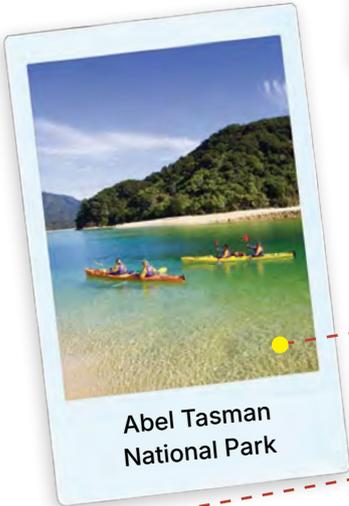
Auckland



Redwood forest,
Rotorua



Waitomo Caves



Abel Tasman
National Park



Taupō



The Beehive,
Parliament, Wellington



The Remarkables,
Queenstown

New Zealand was the first country to grant women the right to vote in 1893.

New Zealand is home to the longest place name in the entire world:

Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu.

Welcome to Wellington



A HUB OF NATURE, CREATIVITY, AND INNOVATION

Wellington is New Zealand's capital city and the geographic, political, and cultural heart of the country. With the perfect mix of natural beauty, culture, and urban convenience, it's an ideal place to live. Nestled between rolling hills and a rugged coastline, Wellington boasts stunning views and an abundance of outdoor activities, from hiking and mountain biking to exploring nearby beaches. The city is a hub of creativity and innovation, with a thriving arts scene, world-class museums, a notable film industry, and a lively café culture.

It's also a safe and friendly place to live, consistently making the list as one of the safest cities in the world¹. Our community is diverse—28 percent of people who live in Wellington were born overseas²—meaning you'll find your community here.

¹According to Travel Safe—Abroad.

²Stats NZ (2024).



“Wellington's year-round events, festivals such as the Matariki celebration, and performances, from theatres and galleries to live music venues, provide a dynamic and lively scene. The city's stunning natural scenery offers opportunities for outdoor activities, including hiking trails, waterfront walks, and picturesque viewpoints. Exploring a wide range of delicious food options has added to the overall experience.”

Sanjeshni 'Shirley' Devi (Fiji)

Graduate, Master of Climate Change Science and Policy



“ We were looking for a university that has a good reputation and provides a high level of teaching, but our biggest concern was that the city we choose makes for a good student environment. Wellington is a safe and lovely city and is not too far size-wise from our home city, so the shock of moving wasn't as big. We wanted to choose a country that would provide lots of opportunities for activities and experiences, and so far, Wellington has not let us down! ”

Annika Hongell-Hakkarainen (Finland)
Parent of a student at Victoria University of Wellington

TOP THINGS TO DO IN WELLINGTON

- Visit Wētā Workshop and get a picture staring down the trolls from award-winning movies like *The Lord of the Rings*.
- Fancy a family-friendly activity of bird watching? Check out our ecosanctuary, Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, only a few minutes' commute from Kelburn campus.
- Food and music combined? Say no more, and make sure to attend our annual street festivals: CubaDupa and the Newtown Festival—among many others.
- Compare food notes during the annual Wellington On a Plate festival and really experience a gastronomic event.
- Enjoy a good cup of coffee? Try our many spots for coffee around town.
- Explore our national museum Te Papa Tongarewa or our galleries, City Gallery and the New Zealand Portrait Gallery.



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Welcome to Victoria University of Wellington

**Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Herenga Waka—
Victoria University of Wellington! A warm
welcome to our university.**

Te Herenga Waka is the University's Māori name and means the gathering place of canoes. It is also the name of our marae (a traditional Māori communal space), highlighting our ties to the community and the land we are on. Our university is a place where people from all walks of life can meet, share ideas, and grow stronger together.

Centred in the heart of Wellington and New Zealand, our university is constantly on the lookout for new ideas and leads the way in innovation and entrepreneurship. We support student enterprise by offering business incubators such as the Momentum programme. Our innovation hub, The Atom, is where our student entrepreneurs are mentored

by our entrepreneurs in residence. There are also opportunities for students to partner with larger initiatives such as Startup Weekend Wellington, Wellington UniVentures, and co-working space Taiawa Wellington Tech Hub.

We are a leading university, known for our high-quality teaching, groundbreaking research, and strong ties to industry, providing students with valuable opportunities for real-world learning. Our diverse and inclusive environment fosters intellectual growth, creativity, and collaboration, all while being surrounded by stunning natural landscapes and a close-knit community.



 Hunter Building,
Kelburn Campus

3 central city campuses

4 libraries

40+ research institutes

130+ clubs and societies

#1 in New Zealand for research intensity

(latest Performance-Based
Research Fund Quality Evaluation)



**145+ partner universities
in 30+ countries**

**2,300+ international
students from more than
120 countries**

**Top 2% of universities
overall**

(latest QS Stars rankings)

**Top 1% of the world's
universities for
14 subjects**

(latest QS Stars rankings)

**92% of our graduates
are currently
employed or
furthering their study**

(latest Graduate Destinations Report)



**20+ undergraduate
programmes**

**180+ postgraduate
programmes**

**across 170+ subject
areas**

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The University holds high standards for my programme of study, International Relations and Political Science, and it is also held in high regard internationally. I'm glad to say that was exactly what I was after: high standards and a good-quality education that challenges you.

There is so much that Wellington can offer for you, not just academically but also socially, mentally, physically, and culturally.

Vaetoeifaga 'Faga' Apelu (Sāmoa)

Student, Bachelor of Arts

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Graduate employability

At Victoria University of Wellington, we are committed to preparing you with the knowledge, skills, and real-world experiences you need to launch a successful and meaningful career.

Through a combination of first-rate academic programmes, personalised career guidance, and strong industry partnerships, we prepare you to thrive in today's dynamic job market.

From internships and graduate programme opportunities to networking events and mentoring programmes, you will gain a competitive edge to help you transition confidently from the classroom to your chosen profession.

Whether you want to grow your career in New Zealand or back home, our university helps you to build skills that are an advantage in any work environment.

Your path, our support—at every stage of your career journey

Our Te Ratonga Rapu Mahi—Wellington Careers and Employment team can connect you with employers and the community, prepare you for your future employment, and help you get job-ready. You can access our help for free while you study, and for up to three years after graduation.

Real skills, real networks, real opportunities

Our university has a range of connections to help you build your career. You could work for any number of global companies or Kiwi-made successes like Rocket Lab, Xero, or Wētā Workshop.

By studying at our university, you can take advantage of our close partnerships and networks. Many of our programmes offer internships, research projects, and industry work placements.

“ Doing a Master of Professional Business Analysis at Victoria University of Wellington has been pivotal for me. I was able to gain practical insights from coursework and collaborative projects, which helped me secure a job even before completing my studies. ”

Anshul Sharma (India)

Graduate, Master of Professional Business Analysis

Build employer connections during your studies—and beyond

Without leaving campus, you can benefit from Wellington's strong connections to government, industry, and leading national organisations. You can connect with employers through our graduate programmes and our career expos, which we run throughout the year.

Connect with top industry mentors

In your final year of study, you can participate in our Alumni as Mentors programme. The programme connects students with Victoria University of Wellington alumni who are experienced mentors in the workforce at companies such as Amazon, Datacom, and Ernst & Young. This programme offers you the opportunity to improve your employability skills and understanding of the global world of work.

Study, work, stay

New Zealand has excellent work rights for international students. You may be able to work part time while you study, and for up to three years after your degree.

If you have completed a programme at Victoria University of Wellington, you may be eligible for a Post Study Work Visa. Keen to bring your family? If you have a partner, they may be able to apply for a work visa and your children may be able to study from primary to secondary school for free.

Immigration New Zealand provides detailed information about working on a student and a Post Study Work Visa.

📍 immigration.govt.nz



Take a look at where our graduates are working



Meet an alum: Goh Swee Chen

Goh Swee Chen has a truly global perspective when it comes to business and partnerships. Since completing her Bachelor of Science at Victoria University of Wellington, her career has spanned many sectors, including oil and gas, consumer goods, and IT. She has worked in Southeast Asia, China, the US, and Europe, has served as chair of Shell companies in Singapore (until 2019), and currently serves on boards across sectors such as aviation, energy transition, the arts, and decarbonisation.

Read more about Swee Chen and our Alumni Speaker Series.



From left: Professor Jane Bryson, Bill Grindell of Datacom, Deputy High Commissioner of Singapore Darryl Lau, and Goh Swee Chen



Our campuses

With our campuses situated across Wellington, the city really is your campus.

 wgtn.ac.nz/campuses

Kelburn

Kelburn campus is the heart of our university and includes our marae (Māori meeting grounds), central library, and student hub. Enjoy stunning views of the city and a lively student atmosphere among a mix of historic buildings and state-of-the-art facilities.

To Pipitea



20 mins



10 mins

To Te Aro



25 mins



15 mins

Pipitea

Located in Wellington's legal, government, and business district across the road from New Zealand's Parliament and High Court, this stunning historic campus is one of the best places to study business or law, right in the centre of where big things happen.

To Kelburn



20 mins



10 mins

To Te Aro



25 mins



15 mins

If you have classes on the same day at different campuses, you may be able to apply for free inter-campus bus passes.

 wgtn.ac.nz/bus-pass

Miramar Creative Centre

This creative centre sits among the Wētā Workshop group buildings in Miramar, and offers unrivalled access to work experience and professional connections with New Zealand's world-leading film, animation, and game design industries with teaching direct from global experts.

To Kelburn



15 mins



45 mins



35 mins

To Pipitea



20 mins



40 mins



35 mins

To Te Aro



15 mins



40 mins



35 mins



Te Aro

Our Te Aro campus is home to our architecture and design programmes. Its specially designed facilities include collaborative studio spaces, high-tech 3D printers, and New Zealand's largest robotic arm.

To Kelburn



25 mins



15 mins

To Pipitea



25 mins



15 mins





TE MARAE O TE HERENGA WAKA

Ngā Mokopuna is our new marae-based learning, teaching, research, and engagement hub. Our university's marae is a place where hui (meetings), āhuareka (celebrations), educational workshops, and other important events happen in Māori culture.

Ngā Mokopuna—meaning 'descendants' in te reo Māori—reflects our commitment to nurturing future generations. It builds on the aspirations set nearly 40 years ago by former staff and students and will shape the future for new taura (students) and kaimahi (staff) coming into the space.

It is a transformative learning and teaching space that fosters Indigenous knowledge and innovation to solve pressing societal and environmental challenges. The marae complex includes open spaces, study areas, teaching and seminar rooms, offices, and a wharekai (dining room).

Our marae is a place of learning where Māori students and staff can immerse themselves within their culture. It is also a place where international students and the broader university community can 'moor their waka' (connect) and find a sense of belonging.

 wgt.ac.nz/marae

**'Kia ora' translates
to 'be well'**

This is often used as a greeting of well wishes, whether that be 'Hello', 'Cheers', 'Good luck', or 'Best wishes'!



Life at Victoria University of Wellington



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

The International Office and the International Student Experience teams at Victoria University of Wellington are dedicated to supporting you to achieve your goals and have the best experience possible at the University. We offer personal, academic, and cultural support before and throughout your studies. This includes:

- a free arrival meeting service at the airport
- dedicated programmes such as the International Buddy Programme and international leadership programme (Kitea Impact Programme)
- international applications and admissions
- personal, cultural, and academic support and referrals
- student visa advice.

For all queries before the start of your studies, please contact the International Office.

✉ international@vuw.ac.nz

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/international

For any queries once you start your studies, please contact the International Student Experience.

✉ international-support@vuw.ac.nz

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/ise

Academic support

Learning advisers at Te Taiako—Student Learning work with you to develop the academic study and writing skills necessary for university study at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

i wgtn.ac.nz/international-study-support

Arrival meeting service

Our Te Haumiri—International Student Experience team provides a free arrival meeting service for all new Victoria University of Wellington international students.

i wgtn.ac.nz/meeting-service

The Atom innovation space

The Atom—Te Kahu o Te Ao innovation space at the Pipitea campus is a place where you can start your entrepreneurial journey and get advice and support from entrepreneurs who have done it all before.

i wgtn.ac.nz/innovation/the-atom

Clubs

With more than 130 clubs on campus, including academic, cultural, performing arts, political, social, religious, and sporting groups, you'll be able to connect with peers doing something you love or find something new to love.

i wgtn.ac.nz/clubs

Disability services

Te Amaru—Disability Services works in partnership with students and staff to ensure students can fully participate and achieve their aspirations, and to strengthen the University's culture of inclusion.

i wgtn.ac.nz/disability

Finance

Te Ratonga Penapena Pūtea—Student Finance can provide you with practical advice to manage your money and cope financially.

i wgtn.ac.nz/financial-advice

Health and counselling

Our health professionals at Mauri Ora—Student Health and Counselling 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.

i wgtn.ac.nz/international-health

International Students' Association

The Victoria International Students' Association (V-ISA) is a student representative group that focuses on speaking to issues affecting international

students. V-ISA also provides social events to foster a community spirit among our international students.

✉ vuwvisa@gmail.com

📷 [vuwvisa](https://www.instagram.com/vuwvisa)

LGBTQIA+ (Rainbow) and inclusion

Some of our support includes having a dedicated Rainbow and inclusion adviser, having all-gender bathrooms on campus, a dedicated and safe community space for LGBTQIA+ students, as well as associations that run social events throughout the year.

✉ rainbow@vuw.ac.nz

i wgtn.ac.nz/rainbow

Orientation

International Orientation is your opportunity to find your way around, meet new people, and learn vital academic preparation skills—all before your classes begin. It is compulsory for all new students to attend.

i wgtn.ac.nz/international/orientation

Postgraduate students

Connect with fellow students and find out about the support, spaces, and services available to the postgraduate community at the University.

i wgtn.ac.nz/postgraduate-community

Refugee-background students

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

i wgtn.ac.nz/refugee-background-students

Sports and recreation

We offer a range of sports opportunities and support services, catering for casual to competitive participants.

i wgtn.ac.nz/sports

i wgtn.ac.nz/recreation

Wellbeing

We provide resources for wellbeing and host a variety of activities and events in the Bubble, a welcoming place for you to take time out and connect with other students.

i wgtn.ac.nz/wellbeing

Wellington Global Exchange

Rereao—Wellington Global Exchange is a student exchange programme for current students. It offers you opportunities to broaden your horizons overseas as you study towards your degree. We are partnered with more than 140 universities worldwide.

i wgtn.ac.nz/student-exchange



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

The Kitea Impact Programme is open to all students who want to make a positive difference for the people, places, and planet around them. You can choose experiences as part of this exciting programme that will help you to build leadership skills, get involved in your community, and learn more about global issues. You'll have the opportunity to engage in workshops, events, intercultural experiences, volunteering, student leadership, and more.

At the introductory level, you will explore the themes of community, global citizenship, leadership, self-development, and sustainability. You can then extend your growth by aiming for the Kitea Impact Award, which recognises further engagement and learning outside the classroom and looks great on your curriculum vitae.

This programme is fun, free, and flexible. It fits around your schedule and you complete it at your own pace alongside your degree. You can choose experiences to complement your own studies, passions, and career goals, and make your impact locally, globally, or both.

Kitea means 'to see' and 'to discover'. Join the programme to:

- connect with other students and meet new people
- gain new experiences and develop a range of skills
- engage with issues and challenges that affect our world
- understand and value Te Tiriti o Waitangi, te ao Māori, and mātauranga Māori
- create positive change in your communities through volunteering and service
- contribute positively towards a more sustainable world
- grow your professional network, boost your employability, and prepare for your future career.

You can join the Kitea Impact Programme from the start of 2026.

✉ wellingtonplus@vuw.ac.nz

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/students/student-life/impact

“ I would attend Victoria University just for the chance to explore the Wellington International Leadership Programme [now the Kitea Impact Programme]. The programme is curated to put yourself in charge of the journey, so it is meaningful from the moment you start. The experiences on offer are fabulous. It has made me think more deliberately about how I bring my curiosity and passion as a global citizen into my daily life, studies, and what comes next. It is a lot easier and more fun getting onto building that path when you are surrounded by like-minded people.

Camilla Lundbak (Denmark)

Student, Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)

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Pathways to our university

If you have not yet met the English language requirements for your programme, our English for Academic Purposes programme can help develop your English and academic skills for entry.

English for Academic Purposes Programme

Our English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme caters to undergraduate, postgraduate, and advanced postgraduate study. Our highly qualified teaching staff will help develop your English language and academic skills for study at university.

We offer a 12-week programme. This will be full time and will take 20 hours per week. Our EAP programme will help you improve your academic reading, writing, speaking, and listening. You will develop a range of critical- and creative-thinking skills as well as learning strategies.

Once you successfully finish the EAP programme, you will receive a Certificate of Proficiency in English (CertEnglProf). Getting this certificate means you can then go on to pursue further study at our university. This can be either undergraduate or postgraduate study, depending on your scores in the EAP programme. Your EAP results will be accepted as an alternative to IELTS or TOEFL by Victoria University of Wellington and most other New Zealand universities.

The programmes start in February, June, and September.

i wgtn.ac.nz/academic-english

“The EAP course was beyond my expectations. I learnt a lot about speed reading, listening fluency, and academic writing, and I was able to improve my speaking. Also, the EAP course helped me connect with people from other cultures and understand other views of the world.”

John Walter Alvarez Pino (Colombia)

Student, Master of Educational Psychology

Foundation Studies

Let us help you prepare for undergraduate study. If you don't meet our minimum entry requirements, our Foundation Studies programme is an alternative entry pathway into a Bachelor's degree. Victoria University of Wellington offers its own foundation programme and accepts many foundation programmes taught by other institutions.

Our partners at UP Education provide a path to undergraduate-level study by offering successful students guaranteed entry into our undergraduate programmes.

The programme delivers the building blocks you need to study at Victoria University of Wellington:

- learn academic reading and writing
- learn about academic integrity; for example, APA referencing
- learn presentation skills and meet new friends in group projects
- develop skills in critical thinking
- learn independent study skills.

You can apply for this programme through UP International College.

i wgtn.up.education

New Zealand secondary schools

International students can study towards New Zealand secondary-school qualifications and qualify for entry to university. New Zealand schools have an excellent reputation for their teaching quality and academic facilities. Pastoral care for international students often includes home-stay accommodation with a family. Victoria University of Wellington works closely with schools to ensure a smooth transition from secondary school to university.

i wgtn.ac.nz/apply-from-nz-school

Study abroad

If you don't want to commit to a long-term degree, you can still choose to study abroad here at Victoria University of Wellington. You can study for a trimester or a year and earn credits towards your home university qualification. It will be a study experience to remember as you enhance your degree in our world-class learning and teaching environment while exploring the many wonders and adventures that Wellington and the rest of New Zealand have to offer.

i wgtn.ac.nz/study-abroad





Subject areas



Architecture, Construction, and Designed Environments



Architecture, Construction, and Designed Environments are what give us a home on this planet. It's all about combining creativity, technology, and problem-solving. You will learn how to use a range of design methods to create buildings and spaces that inspire, whether they are urban environments, sustainable buildings, or innovative interiors.



Our students are based at Te Aro campus in the vibrant Cuba Street area, among leading architecture firms and practices. The campus offers world-class facilities, hands-on learning, and guidance from expert academics and industry professionals.

- No art background or portfolio is required to study Architecture with us.
- Study at our dedicated campus with state-of-the-art workshops and equipment.
- The core first-year classes will help you build your skills and learn about different subject areas within architecture before you decide the area you want to major in.
- Our strong ties with leading design firms, architecture practices, and industry professionals provide valuable internship and networking opportunities, giving students a competitive edge when entering the workforce.

Accreditations

Master of Architecture (Professional)

- New Zealand Registered Architects Board

Master of Interior Architecture

- International Federation of Interior Architects / Designers
- Interior Design / Interior Architecture Educators Association

Master of Landscape Architecture

- New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects

Master of Urban and Regional Planning

- New Zealand Planning Institute (the programme is currently being assessed for full accreditation)

“ The innovative environment and supportive facilities at the University have been instrumental in my academic journey. The programme's flexibility has afforded me the freedom to delve into various topics and receive support from the local industry and community. Throughout my installation project, I collaborated with Indigenous artists and Te Auaha Gallery, and for my performance project, I received support from local healers, mana whenua [native people of the land], and Wellington City Council's public art and waterfront panel.

Ningfei 'Shannon' Xiao (China)

PhD candidate in Architecture

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ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND DESIGNED ENVIRONMENTS QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Architectural Studies	Bachelor of Building Science	Bachelor of Construction	Bachelor of Environment and Society	Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Designed Environments	Graduate Certificate and Diploma in Construction and Building Science	Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Designed Environments	Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Construction and Building Science	Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Construction Law	PhD	Other postgraduate qualifications
Years	3	3	3	3	0.5-1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0.5-1	3-4	
Architecture	•				•		•			•	Master of Architecture (Professional) (24 months)
Architecture History and Theory	•				•					•	Master of Architecture (12 months)
Building Surveying		•				•				•	Master of Building Science (18-24 months)
Built and Natural Heritage Conservation		•				•				•	Master of Building Science (18-24 months)
Construction Health and Safety			•			•		•		•	Master of Construction (18-24 months)
Construction Law								•	•	•	Master of Construction Law (13-18 months)
Construction Management			•			•				•	Master of Construction (18-24 months)
Environmental Design				•						•	Master of Urban and Regional Planning (24 months)
Interior Architecture	•				•		•			•	Master of Interior Architecture (24 months)
Landscape Architecture	•				•		•			•	Master of Landscape Architecture (24 months)
Project Management		•				•		•		•	Master of Building Science (18-24 months)
Smart Cities and Digital Built Environments		•				•				•	Master of Building Science (18-24 months)
Sustainable Construction			•			•				•	Master of Construction (18-24 months)
Sustainable Engineering Systems		•				•		•		•	Master of Building Science (18-24 months)
Urban and Regional Planning							•			•	Master of Urban and Regional Planning (18-24 months)

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$41,132-43,680
Graduate Diplomas	\$41,132-43,680
Postgraduate Diplomas	\$47,528-49,356
Master's degrees	\$44,148-71,240

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

 wgtn.ac.nz/architecture



Business and Government

Business influences our society by creating opportunities, promoting creative solutions, and connecting people around the world. Wherever people are at work, they depend on business experts to keep their organisations moving forward.

Our qualifications will prepare you for a successful career in business, and you'll gain a strong foundation in analytical, strategic, and operational skills. With a focus on real-world experience and hands-on projects, you'll gain practical knowledge that enhances employability in both local and global industries.

Business and Government qualifications are taught at our Pipitea campus, located opposite Parliament and in New Zealand's commercial, political, and leadership hub. You'll be in the centre of business and government, with opportunities to connect with important organisations and leaders through real-world projects, internships, and guest lectures.

- You'll have access to industry placements and internships, enhancing career readiness.
- We are recognised globally for high-quality research and business education standards.
- You'll have opportunities to learn from expert faculty staff with extensive business experience.
- Our courses emphasise sustainability and innovation, preparing graduates for modern business challenges.



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I chose Victoria University of Wellington because I noticed a lot of successful actuaries in New Zealand studied here. What really sealed the deal for me was its accreditation with the Actuaries Institute in Australia. This means I can get exemptions from some professional exams, saving time and getting a head start in my career. It just made sense for where I want to go in the actuarial field.

Tiffany Koh (Malaysia)

Student, Bachelor of Commerce in Actuarial Science and Finance

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BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Commerce ²	Graduate Diploma in Commerce	Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)	Master of Commerce ³	PhD	Other qualifications
Years¹	3	1	1	1.5	3–4	
Accounting	•	•			•	Master of Professional Accounting—traditional pathway (12 months/3 trimesters) Master of Professional Accounting—CA fast-track (12 months/3 trimesters)
Actuarial Science	•	•	•	•		Postgraduate Diploma in Actuarial Science (8 months/2 trimesters) Master of Actuarial Science (12 months/3 trimesters)
Business Administration						Executive Master of Business Administration (16 months/4 trimesters)
Business Analysis						Master of Professional Business Analysis (16 months/4 trimesters)
Commercial Law	•	•				
Data Science	•					
Economics	•	•	•	•	•	
Finance	•	•	•	•	•	
Global Business						Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters)—specialisations available
Governing for the Future			•	•		
Human Resource Management and Employment Relations	•	•	•	•	•	
Information Systems	•	•	•	•	•	
International Business	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters)
Management	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters) Executive Master of Business Administration (16 months/4 trimesters)
Marketing	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Global Business (12 months/3 trimesters)
Public Management		•				Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management (8 months/2 trimesters) Master of Public Management (16 months/4 trimesters)
Public Policy	•	•			•	Postgraduate Diploma in Public Policy (8 months/2 trimesters) Master of Public Policy (16 months/4 trimesters)
Sustainability and Ethics in Business	•					
Taxation	•	•				
Tourism Management	•	•	•	•	•	

Accreditations



¹One year = two or three trimesters.

²Minors are also available in Banking, Econometrics, and Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

³Following a Bachelor of Commerce or equivalent.

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$36,868–38,064
Graduate Diplomas	\$36,868–38,286
Postgraduate Diplomas	\$38,064–42,952
Master's degrees	\$38,064–66,092

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

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Working on a film involves a lot of communication, liaising with different departments, peers, supervisors, and production workers. Excellent communication is needed to convey how your part of the work is going and the timing of when things will be ready. Wellington is a vibrant, chaotic, and welcoming city. I believe it's the most welcoming city in New Zealand.

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Ripley Shi (China)

Graduate, Master of Design Technology



Design Innovation



Design is all around us and influences the way we experience our world. Our degrees will help you push the limits of creative thinking and develop the skills needed to work in the design industry. If you love finding new and innovative ways of doing things, mastering new technologies, or using design to help improve our communities, this could be perfect for you.

Our students are based at Te Aro campus just off Cuba Street—known for being a vibrant and lively cultural centre. You'll be studying in the heart of Wellington's design industry and will have lots of opportunities to engage with industry leaders and translate your skills directly into exciting careers.

- You don't need to have studied any art subjects or to submit a portfolio of design work to study with us.
- Study at a dedicated campus with state-of-the-art facilities and studio spaces, including our fashion studio and media design lab.
- Work with new and emerging technologies such as 3D printing, animation, artificial intelligence, virtual and mixed realities, and visual effects to give you an edge in the ever-changing design industry.
- Explore programmes offered at the Miramar Creative Centre, an internationally renowned film and visual effects hub next to studios such as Wētā FX in Wellington's iconic film community.



DESIGN INNOVATION QUALIFICATIONS							
Subject area	Bachelor of Design Innovation	Graduate Diploma in Design Innovation	Postgraduate Diploma in Design Innovation	Master of Design	Master of Design Innovation	PhD	Other qualifications
Years ¹	3	1	1	1	1.5	3–4	
Animation and Visual Effects	•	•	•	•	•		Master of Design Technology (13–18 months)
Communication Design	•	•	•	•	•		Master of Fine Arts (18 months)
Design for Social Innovation	•	•	•	•	•		Master of User Experience Design (13–18 months)
Fashion Design Technology	•	•	•	•	•		
Game Design	•	•	•	•	•		Master of Design Technology (13–18 months)
Industrial Design	•	•	•	•	•		
Interaction Design	•	•	•	•	•		Master of User Experience Design (13–18 months)
Media Design	•	•	•	•	•		Master of Design Technology (13–18 months)
Design						•	

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$36,868–38,064
Graduate Diplomas	\$36,868–38,286
Postgraduate Diplomas	\$38,064–42,952
Master's degrees	\$38,064–66,092

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

[wgtn.ac.nz/design-innovation](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/design-innovation)





Education

Make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people with our teacher education qualifications. You'll learn to provide quality education and care in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand. Whether you're interested in early childhood education (teaching children aged 0–5), primary school education (teaching children aged 5–12), or secondary school education (teaching young people aged 13–18), we have qualifications to suit you. You'll graduate with the knowledge and skills to teach and inspire, ready to take on the responsibility alongside the excitement, creativity, and fun of working with children and young people.

- Our university is ranked in the top 200 universities worldwide for education (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024).
- Graduates from our programmes are eligible for registration and a provisional teaching certificate from the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand, allowing you to teach in New Zealand schools and early childhood centres.
- You'll get real-world teaching experience in educational settings.
- You'll be taught to use te reo Māori (the Māori language) in everyday and teaching situations.
- If you're interested in exploring theories of education, the University also offers two education majors as part of the Bachelor of Arts: Education and Educational Psychology.

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I chose to study early childhood education because I wanted to make a genuine and positive change in the world—I also wanted to enjoy waking up and going to work each day! At Victoria University of Wellington, I've found a passionate learning community with a spirit of playfulness and a drive to support young children to become confident, curious, and adventurous citizens.

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Josh Allen (New Zealand)

Graduate, Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood
 Graduate, Postgraduate Diploma of Education
 Candidate, Doctor of Philosophy in Education



EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS		
Subject area	Qualification	Years ¹
Early Childhood Teacher Education	Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood	3
	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education)	1
Education	Bachelor of Arts in Education ²	3
	Bachelor of Arts in Educational Psychology ²	3
Primary and Secondary Teacher Education	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Primary)	1
	Graduate Diploma of Teaching (Secondary)	1
Postgraduate Education	Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Education ²	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Education	1
	Master of Arts in Education ²	1
	Master of Education	1.5
	Master of Educational Psychology	2
	PhD	3-4

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

²These qualifications are offered through the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$34,736–36,072
Graduate Diplomas	\$42,692–44,334
Postgraduate Diplomas	\$37,596–39,042
Master's degrees	\$37,596–56,420

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

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Engineering

Do you want to make the next big technological breakthrough, understand the ins and outs of how things work, or develop a game-changing mobile app? Our qualifications have an emphasis on digital-focused technology and using creativity to solve real-world problems. Right from the start of your degree, you'll gain a solid background in engineering, grounded in mathematics and science, through the design and implementation of real-world systems. Our Engineering degree is recognised all over the world, and our students are sought-after employees based on the training they receive in project management, teamwork, and ethics alongside industry work experience. If you're keen to use and create technology that helps make the world a better place, studying Engineering with us might be an excellent choice for you.

- The Cybersecurity, Software, and Electrical and Electronic Engineering majors of the Bachelor of Engineering (with Honours) are all fully accredited by Engineering New Zealand under the Washington Accord. The Mechatronic Engineering major* will undergo the same rigorous accreditation process.
- You can be confident knowing that your degree will be accepted internationally, enabling you to explore working in various countries as a fully recognised professional engineer.
- Our university was the first in Aotearoa to offer school leavers the chance to study exciting programmes such as Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Engineering.

*Subject to regulatory approval.

ENGINEERING QUALIFICATIONS				
Subject area	Bachelor of Engineering with Honours	Master of Engineering	PhD	Other qualifications
Years ¹	4	1	3-4	
Cybersecurity Engineering	•	•	•	Master of Engineering Practice (1 year/3 trimesters)
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	•	•	•	Master of Renewable Energy (1 year)
Mechatronics Engineering*	•		•	
Software Engineering	•	•	•	Master of Computer Science (1 year/3 trimesters) Master of Engineering Practice (1 year/3 trimesters) Master of Software Development (1 year/3 trimesters)

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

*Subject to regulatory approval.

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$45,604–47,358
Master's degrees	\$44,616–72,800

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

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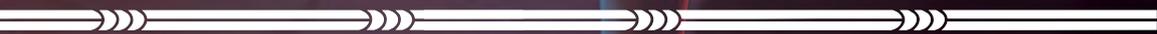
“ With Software Engineering, you can build apps that revolutionise daily tasks and programs that tackle global challenges. The idea of being able to bring my ideas to life through technology fascinated me, igniting my passion for exploring the endless possibilities of software engineering.

Arnav Dogra (India)

Student, Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Software Engineering

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Health

Pursue your passion for improving people's health and wellbeing. If you're interested in social justice, becoming an advocate for your local community, or tackling some of the biggest issues facing the world, our Health qualifications will be perfect for you.

During your studies, you'll learn about health services and policies, social aspects of health, and the impact of health issues on diverse populations. If you want a rewarding career developing better health services, policies, and strategies, our qualifications will help you get there.

- We bring together teachers, researchers, and health practitioners to help prepare you to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of diverse communities.
- Studying in Wellington, New Zealand's political centre, means you'll benefit from being close to where real change to health policy is made.
- Gain practical experience through internships or research projects, preparing you for a range of careers.

HEALTH QUALIFICATIONS		
Subject area	Qualification	Years ¹
Health Informatics	Bachelor of Health	3
Health Leadership and Management	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Health Policy and Innovation	Bachelor of Health	3
Health Policy, Planning, and Service Delivery	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Health Promotion	Bachelor of Health	3
	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Health Psychology	Bachelor of Health	3
	Postgraduate Diploma in Health Psychology	1
	Master of Health Psychology	2
Health Research	Master of Health Research	1
Midwifery	Bachelor of Midwifery	4
Nursing	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
	Master of Nursing Practice	2
Physical Activity and Hauora	Bachelor of Health	3
	Postgraduate Diploma of Physical Activity and Hauora	1
	Master of Physical Activity and Hauora	1
Professional Practice	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1
Workplace Health and Safety	Postgraduate Diploma in Health	1
	Master of Health	1

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Health and Master of Health can also be studied without any specialisation.

PhD study is possible in subjects in which expert supervision is available.

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$36,712–38,124
Graduate Diplomas	\$36,712–38,124
Postgraduate Diplomas	\$37,180–38,610
Master's degrees	\$37,180–55,744

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

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“ No other university I looked at offered this programme, and Victoria University of Wellington is a top-ranked university for research, which really solidified my choice.

There are so many different cultures in Wellington, I feel like I fit in, and the support from the lecturers and administrative staff has been so amazing.

Pramishka Madurapperuma (Sri Lanka)

Graduate, Postgraduate Diploma in Health (Health Leadership and Management)



Humanities and Social Sciences



Think critically and creatively. Broaden your knowledge in New Zealand's creative and cultural capital where you will be at the centre of arts, politics, culture, foreign embassies, and the public service.

Many undergraduate and postgraduate programmes have connections in Wellington that create unrivalled opportunities in which students can engage. These include Archives New Zealand, the Government and Parliament, the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, the New Zealand Film Archive, professional and amateur theatre, and the city's thriving digital and film industries.

- We have more A-rated researchers than any other New Zealand university in seven of our Humanities and Social Sciences subjects.
- We are in the top three universities in New Zealand for number of A-rated researchers for five Humanities and Social Sciences subjects.
- Six of our subjects rank in the top 100 of the QS World Rankings by Subject.
- Graduating from the humanities and social sciences opens doors to a broad variety of career options in the private and public sector locally and globally.
- Take advantage of VUW's strong industry links and career pathways. The University has partnerships with non-governmental organisations, government departments, and cultural organisations, helping you to gain practical experience in fields such as policymaking, international relations, media, and more.
- Take part in co-curricular activities such as work-integrated learning and leadership programmes to start your career while studying.



HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Arts ²	Graduate Diploma in Arts	Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	Bachelor of Arts with Honours	Master of Arts ³	PhD	Other qualifications
Years ¹	3	1	1	1	1	3–4	1
Applied Linguistics ⁴			•		•	•	Master of Applied Linguistics ⁵ Master of TESOL ⁵
Art History	•	•	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Practice Master of Museum and Heritage Practice
Asian Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Chinese	•	•	•	•	•	•	Certificate in Languages and Diploma in Languages ⁷
Classical Studies / Classics	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Creative Writing ⁴	•				•	•	
Criminology	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Criminology
Cultural Anthropology	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Development Studies ⁶	•	•			•	•	
Economics ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Education	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Education
Educational Psychology ⁶	•	•					Master of Educational Psychology
English (Literature)	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Film	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)
French	•	•	•	•	•	•	Certificate in Languages and Diploma in Languages ⁷
Geography ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	
German	•	•	•	•	•	•	Certificate in Languages and Diploma in Languages ⁷
Greek	•	•	•	•	•	•	
History	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Indigenous Studies			•				Postgraduate Diploma in Indigenous Studies Master of Indigenous Studies
International Relations	•	•	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations Master of International Relations Master of International Trade
Japanese	•	•	•	•	•	•	Certificate in Languages and Diploma in Languages ⁷
Kaitiakitanga	•	•					
Language Sciences	•	•					
Latin	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Linguistics					•	•	Master of Applied Linguistics ⁵ Master of TESOL ⁵
Māori Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Mathematics ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Media Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	Bachelor of Communication (3 years) Postgraduate Diploma in Communication Master of Communication



“ I wanted to study something fresh and new that was relevant to today’s world—something that offered the chance to make a meaningful change. That’s why I chose to study Global Studies.

Studying has really helped me when tackling complex issues, understanding different viewpoints, and coming up with creative solutions. It’s been a mix of challenging and interesting—every day feels like a fresh opportunity to learn something new, and no two days ever feel the same. I’ve had to push myself out of my comfort zone at times, but honestly, it was just so fun to get out there and do it. I also appreciate that the University encourages both independent thinking and teamwork, which I believe will be crucial for my future.”

Meleki Schuster (New Zealand)

Student, Bachelor of Global Studies* with minors in World Affairs and Organisations and Ethical Leadership and Intercultural Communication

*The Bachelor of Global Studies is a three-year undergraduate degree.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Arts ²	Graduate Diploma in Arts	Postgraduate Diploma in Arts	Bachelor of Arts with Honours	Master of Arts ³	PhD	Other qualifications
Years¹	3	1	1	1	1	3–4	1
Modern Language Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation
Museum and Heritage Studies					•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Museum and Heritage Practice Master of Museum and Heritage Practice
Music	•	•	•	•	•	•	For specialist qualifications, see the Music Qualifications table at right. Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)
Pacific Studies	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Philosophy	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Political Science	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Master of Political Science
Psychology ⁶			•		•	•	
Psychological Sciences ⁶	•	•		•			
Public Policy ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sāmoan Studies / Matā'upu tau Sāmoa	•	•	•	•	•	•	Certificate in Languages and Diploma in Languages ⁷
Sociology	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Spanish	•	•	•	•	•	•	Certificate in Languages and Diploma in Languages ⁷
Strategic Studies							Postgraduate Diploma in Strategic Studies Master of Strategic Studies
Study of Religion	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Te Reo Māori	•	•	•	•	•	•	Certificate in Languages and Diploma in Languages ⁷
TESOL			•		•	•	Master of Applied Linguistics ⁵ Master of TESOL ⁵
Theatre	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)
Translation							Postgraduate Diploma in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

²Minors are also available in Creative Writing, Data Science, Gender and Sexuality Studies, New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL), Popular Music Studies, and Social Policy.

³A Master of Arts can be completed in one year of study/research only after an Honours year in the same subject area, or equivalent.

⁴Courses are available at undergraduate level in these subjects, but the subjects are not Bachelor of Arts majors.

⁵The Master of TESOL and Master of Applied Linguistics may be available in part by distance learning.

⁶These subjects are offered for Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences qualifications, but are taught by other faculties.

⁷Subject to regulatory approval.



COMMUNICATION QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Communication	Postgraduate Diploma in Communication	Master of Communication	PhD	Other qualifications
Years¹	3	1	1	3–4	
Intercultural Communication	•	•	•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation (1 year) Master of Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation (1 year)
Literary and Creative Communication	•	•	•	•	
Media Studies	•	•	•	•	Bachelor of Arts (3 years)
Political Communication	•	•	•	•	
Science Communication	•	•	•	•	Bachelor of Science (3 years)

¹One year = two or three trimesters.



MUSIC QUALIFICATIONS									
Subject area	Bachelor of Music ²	Bachelor of Popular Music	Graduate Diploma in Music	Postgraduate Diploma in Music	Bachelor of Music with Honours	Master of Music	Master of Musical Arts	PhD	Other qualifications
Years ¹	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	3-4	
Audio Production and Recording		•							
Classical Performance ³	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Composition (Instrumental and Vocal)	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice) (1 year)
Digital Music and Audio Production	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice) (1 year)
Electronic Music		•							
Jazz Performance	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Music Studies	•		•		•	•			
Music Therapy									Master of Music Therapy (2 years)
Popular Music Studies		•							
Songwriting		•							

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

²Minors are also available in Composition, Music Technology, Performance, and Popular Music Studies.

³Performance students are selected by audition.

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$34,736-43,524
Graduate Diplomas	\$34,736-40,404
Postgraduate Diplomas	\$37,596-43,524
Master's degrees	\$37,596-63,648

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

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Law

Law contributes to every aspect of life—culture, economy, society, family ties, personal relationships, and our international connections all exist within a legal framework. As a Law student, you'll examine legal texts, case studies, techniques, and principles. Whether you end up practising as a lawyer or working in business or government, we'll show you that laws can solve problems and communicate ideas.

Our Law qualifications are taught in Wellington's historic Government Buildings opposite Parliament and near the courts and legal research libraries. You'll be learning about the law in New Zealand's legal and political hub. This remarkable environment attracts top staff and students from around the world.

- You don't need to take an entrance exam or have studied any specific subjects at school to study Law with us.
- We use interactive teaching methods and discussion-based learning that will encourage you to communicate ideas, think independently, and evaluate learning principles.
- If you want to be a lawyer in New Zealand, you'll need to complete a practical professional legal studies course after you complete the Bachelor of Laws.

TOP 1% IN THE WORLD

(Latest QS World University Rankings by Subject)

LAW QUALIFICATIONS		
Subject area	Qualification	Years ¹
Law	Bachelor of Laws ²	4
	Bachelor of Laws with Honours ³	4–5
	Graduate Certificate in Law ⁴	0.5–1
	Graduate Diploma in Law ⁴	1
	Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Law	1
	Master of Construction Law	1–1.5
	Master of Laws by coursework ⁵	1.5
	Master of Laws by coursework and dissertation (35,000 words) ⁵	1–1.5
	Master of Laws by thesis (50,000 words) ⁵	1–1.5
	Master of International Trade	1.5
	PhD	3–4

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

²Entry into the second year is competitive, based on grades in the first year.

³The Honours programme runs parallel to the Bachelor of Laws in its final two years—entry is by invitation after high achievement in second or third year.

⁴If you're a legal practitioner from overseas who needs to meet New Zealand Council of Legal Education requirements, the Graduate Certificate of Law will help you meet them.

⁵The Master of Laws is usually taken to focus on a specific aspect of law—it does not entitle a graduate to practise law in New Zealand. For information on obtaining a practising certificate, go to nzcle.org.nz



Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$40,560–42,120
Graduate Diplomas	\$20,280–21,060
Master's degrees	\$38,740–71,240

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

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“ There were a range of courses to choose from, including an opportunity to complete an internship in a firm, office, court, or government department. I found this course particularly useful—I was an international student and the internship gave me some much-needed insights into the practice of law in New Zealand. ”

Nilupuli Ariyaratne (Sri Lanka)

Graduate, Master of Laws





Science

Scientists are future thinkers, ready to tackle the world’s biggest problems, from climate change to antibiotic resistance. If you’re curious about the world around you and enjoy making new discoveries and solving problems, our qualifications could be for you. You’ll explore scientific theories and apply them in different contexts, while also developing skills in collecting, analysing, and understanding data. With our qualifications, you can also explore communication, the environment, societies and cultures, and social justice. This connection of science and social science generates a powerful platform for the development of new ideas and their implementation in industry, policy, and communities. Studying Science with us will take you beyond the lecture theatre, as you’ll have the opportunity to learn in modern labs and world-class facilities and take part in hands-on laboratories and field trips.

- With world-renowned research centres and government institutes right on our doorstep and the highest number of science organisations in the country, Wellington is the science capital of Aotearoa. There’s no better place to study science in New Zealand.
- Our Science degree is super flexible, allowing you to study more than one subject you love (even if one is outside science).
- Studying for a Bachelor of Science will equip you with highly employable skills such as critical thinking and analysis, data management, and experimental design.
- Our university’s connections with organisations mean there are opportunities for internships and work experience to boost your career opportunities.



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Victoria University was the only university that gave me the flexibility to be able to study my two passions—design and chemistry—so it was an obvious choice. The highlight of my studies so far has been the connections I’ve made with lecturers, students, and guest speakers while learning new content and techniques. There’s great support from staff when it comes to your future career and job opportunities too.

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Dimitri Economou (New Zealand)

Student, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Bachelor of Design Innovation in Communication Design and Fashion Design Technology



SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS										
Subject area	Bachelor of Science ²	Bachelor of Biomedical Science	Bachelor of Environment and Society	Bachelor of Psychology	Graduate Diploma in Science	Postgraduate Diploma in Science	Bachelor of Science with Honours	Master of Science	PhD	Other qualifications
Years ¹	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1-2	3-4	
Actuarial Science	•				•				•	Master of Actuarial Science (1 year)
Applied Statistics										Master of Applied Statistics (1 year)
Artificial Intelligence	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Artificial Intelligence (1 year)
Biology	•				•					
Biomedical Science									•	Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours (1 year) Postgraduate Diploma in Biomedical Science (1 year) Master of Biomedical Science (1-2 years)
Biotechnology	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Brain Sciences and Mental Health				•						
Cell and Molecular Bioscience	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Chemistry	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Climate Change Science and Policy						•				Master of Climate Change Science and Policy (1-2 years) Postgraduate Certificate in Science majoring in Climate Change Science and Policy (1 year)
Climate Science	•		•		•					Master of Climate Change Science and Policy (1-2 years)
Clinical Research									•	Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Research (1 year) Master of Clinical Research (1 year)
Cognitive Science				•						
Computer Graphics and Games ²					•	•	•	•	•	
Computer Science	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Computer Science (1 year)
Conservation Biology						•	•	•	•	Master of Conservation Biology ⁴ (1 year)
Criminal Justice and Psychology				•						
Data Science	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Data Science (2 years)
Development Studies	•		•		•			•	•	Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies (1 year) Master of Development Studies (1 year)
Drug Discovery and Development										Postgraduate Diploma in Drug Discovery and Development (1 year) Master of Drug Discovery and Development (1-2 years ³)
Earth Science	•		•		•					
Ecological Restoration						•		•	•	
Ecology and Biodiversity	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Educational Psychology				•						
Electronic and Computer Systems	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Environmental Science	•		•		•	•		•	•	Master of Environmental Science

SCIENCE QUALIFICATIONS

Subject area	Bachelor of Science	Bachelor of Biomedical Science	Bachelor of Environment and Society	Bachelor of Psychology	Graduate Diploma in Science	Postgraduate Diploma in Science	Bachelor of Science with Honours	Master of Science	PhD	Other qualifications
Years¹	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1-2	3-4	
Environmental Studies	•		•		•				•	Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Studies (1 year) Master of Environmental Studies (1-2 years ³)
Geography	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	
Geology						•	•	•	•	
Geophysics						•	•	•	•	
Health Psychology				•						
Human Genetics		•								
Information Systems	•				•				•	Bachelor of Commerce with Honours Master of Commerce
Māori Psychology				•						
Marine Biology	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Marine Conservation									•	Master of Marine Conservation (1-1.5 years ⁴)
Mathematics	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Mental Health: Principles and Applications				•						
Molecular Microbiology						•	•	•	•	
Molecular Pathology		•								
Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry		•								
Physical Geography									•	Master of Science by thesis (1 year)
Physics	•				•	•	•	•	•	
Psychology / Psychological Science	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	Master of Science in Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience (2 years ⁵) Master of Science in Cross-Cultural Psychology (2 years ⁵) Master of Science in Forensic Psychology (2 years ⁵)
Science Communication ⁶					•					Master of Communication, specialisation in Science Communication (1 year)
Science in Society ²						•		•	•	Master of Science in Society (1 year)
Space Science	•				•					
Statistics	•				•	•	•	•	•	Master of Applied Statistics (1.5-2 years)
Work and Organisational Psychology				•						

Estimated fees

Level of study	Range of fees (NZD)
Bachelor's degrees	\$39,728-44,616
Graduate Diplomas	\$39,728-41,256
Postgraduate Diplomas	\$44,616-46,332
Master's degrees	\$44,616-74,412

¹One year = two or three trimesters.

²This subject is available as a minor in the BSc.

³Can be completed in one or two years depending on academic background.

⁴January or June start.

⁵The first year of this degree is also offered as a Postgraduate Diploma in Science.

⁶The Science Communication major must be taken alongside another major or minor from the BSc or BMedSc degrees. The Science in Society minor does not fulfil this requirement.

This is an estimated range of fees, depending on your level of study. For the latest cost, go to your chosen programme's page on the website.

 wgtn.ac.nz/science

SCAN ME



PhD study

Victoria University of Wellington is home to more than 40 world-leading research institutes and centres that have significant roles in graduate teaching and research. These include the:

- Centre for Strategic Studies
- Ferrier Research Institute
- International Institute of Modern Letters
- MacDiarmid Institute for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology
- Malaghan Institute of Medical Research
- New Zealand Climate Change Institute
- New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre
- New Zealand India Research Institute
- Victoria University Coastal Ecology Laboratory.

We are also partners in four national Centres of Research Excellence.

STUDY FOR YOUR PhD WITH US

Whatever your aspirations, our PhD programmes will widen your skills and deepen your knowledge in your chosen subject.

Benefits of a PhD in New Zealand

- International students pay the same fees as domestic students.
- Enjoy excellent work rights both during and after your PhD.
- Partners can apply for an open work visa.
- Children can enrol in New Zealand state schools.

Application information

Apply for your PhD through the Faculty of Graduate Research. Scan the code for more information about PhD degrees, admission requirements, contacting potential supervisors, the application process, and scholarship funding.

Applications are considered in three rounds each year, with closing dates of: 1 March, 1 July, and 1 November.

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/phd

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New Zealand
for research
intensity**

*Victoria University of Wellington has been the top-ranked university in New Zealand since 2012, as measured by the six-yearly Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) evaluation exercise run by the New Zealand Tertiary Education Commission.



📍 Antarctica

Life in Wellington

LOCATION AND CLIMATE



497 km of coastline



50,000 hectares of forests and parks



400+ walking trails, mountain biking routes, and backpacking trips



2,000 hours of sunshine each year



**5–25° Celsius
(or 40–80° Fahrenheit)**



Windy (not always, but often!)

GETTING AROUND IN WELLINGTON



The average time to walk to all amenities is 14 minutes.



Rent an electric scooter, located all around the city.



There are multiple bus routes throughout the city, all day, every day.



Use our free inter-campus bus passes if you meet the requirements.



If you'd like to explore outside Wellington, jump on one of the trains from our centrally located railway station.



For a little more autonomy, grab an Uber or hire a Mevo for a day to drive around.



HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS



“ Wellington’s small size makes it easy to explore, and its proximity to nature allows for moments of peace in natural settings. With a slow pace of life and a strong sense of community, it’s an excellent place to focus on personal and academic development. ”

Shaketha Ryine Sriram (Sri Lanka)
Graduate, Bachelor of Commerce in Management

“ Let’s talk about Wellington—because this city is a vibe! Feeling overwhelmed? Head to the beach. Bored? Go on a hike. Need some inspiration? Just take a stroll through Cuba Street or soak in the views from Mount Victoria. And on those rare legendary sunny days? Trust me, staying indoors isn’t even an option—Wellington calls you outside! So, if you’re on the fence—jump! VUW isn’t just a university; it’s a life experience, and one you’ll never regret. ”

Farheen Hussain (India)
Student, Master of Business



“ Living in New Zealand has been an incredible experience! I appreciate how much living here has taught me about different cultures and traditions. There are so many students here from different countries and cultures, and getting to know them has been a very eye-opening experience that I’ll always be grateful for. ”

Matilda Hongell (Finland)
Graduate, Bachelor of Architectural Studies and Graduate Diploma in Designed Environments in Interior Architecture





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People in Wellington are so friendly and diverse. As an international student, there are a lot of people who you can relate to here. It's definitely the best place to grow and explore. This city gave me opportunities that I couldn't get in India. It is so easy to meet new people and make friends here, be it in clubs or volunteering activities. You always meet the friendliest people in Wellington.

”

Brijva Modi (India)

Student, Bachelor of Laws

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While studying at Victoria University of Wellington, I worked as a casual employee of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority. As a scientist, I would like to use my qualification as well as the knowledge that I've received here to help the community in terms of conservation and the management of our marine resources and the environment.

”

Michael Mendiola (Philippines)

Graduate, Doctor of Philosophy in Marine Biology



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Have you ever seen landscapes so stunning they seem like they're out of this world? That's what exploring New Zealand is like.

”

Leanghong Tha (Cambodia)

Graduate, Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages



If you'd like to ask some of our current students what their experience studying at our university and living in Wellington has been like, go to our website and connect now.

[wgtn.ac.nz/international-chat](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-chat)

Let us help you settle in



ACCOMMODATION

Te Kopanga—University Accommodation Wellington has a range of accommodation options to suit your style of living, including our catered halls of residence or independent living. Our halls of residence provide a safe, comfortable, and supportive living environment. Most university accommodation is within walking distance of each campus and the city centre.

If you are an international student under the age of 18 years, we require you to stay in one of the following accommodation options: a catered hall, a homestay, with your parents, or with a designated caregiver.

You do not have to gain admission to the University before applying, so we recommend applying early.

For more information or for the latest dates, go to our website or contact us.

✉ accommodation@vuw.ac.nz

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/international-accommodation

KEY

-  Catered hall
-  Self-catered hall
-  Music room
-  Games room
-  Disabled access
-  WiFi available
-  Room type
-  Weekly rate*
-  Walking distance to campuses





Weir House



The historic Weir House provides a vibrant community with a strong academic focus for first-year undergraduate students.

-  Single, set, or twin-share rooms
-  From \$378 per week
-  5–20 minutes' walk to each campus



Te Puni Village



A multi-level complex on Kelburn campus with stunning views from its communal areas.

-  Single, apartment single, or single studio
-  From \$524 per week
-  2–25 minutes' walk to each campus



Everton Hall



A pleasant hillside setting beside the cable car for second-year students and above.

-  Single and twin rooms in five-bedroom apartments
-  From \$285 per week plus electricity
-  5–20 minutes' walk to each campus



Whānau Marama Apartments



Situated in the heart of Wellington's vibrant city centre for second-year students and above.

-  1–2 bedroom apartments
-  From \$373 per week plus electricity
-  5–20 minutes' walk to each campus

*Weekly rate includes most utilities. Rates are subject to change and may vary for 2026–2027.

FEES

Tuition fees are calculated on a per-point basis, so the amount you pay will depend on your choice of courses. Other fees per year cover student support services such as careers guidance, counselling, financial advice, health services, student advocacy, student publications, and student representation. Some programmes may incur additional costs, such as field trips or thesis publications. Tuition fees for PhD study and research are charged on a per-year basis, and international PhD students are charged at domestic fee rates.

Use our cost calculator to work out your likely study and living costs in Wellington or and get the latest fees from your programme's page on our website.

- [wgtn.ac.nz/international-fees-costs](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-fees-costs)
- [wgtn.ac.nz/cost-calculator](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/cost-calculator)

INSURANCE

All international students must have appropriate medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. When you accept your Offer of Place at the University, you will be automatically signed up to a comprehensive insurance plan provided by Studentsafe Inbound University. The Studentsafe insurance policy covers your medical bills (with some exceptions), loss or damage of your personal belongings, personal liability, and some other unexpected costs relating to your travel.

The insurance plan can be paid with your fees. If you already have medical and travel insurance, or wish to purchase an alternative policy, it is essential that you check this with Te Haumiri—International Student Experience first.

- international-support@vuw.ac.nz
- [wgtn.ac.nz/international-insurance](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-insurance)

LIVING COSTS

For 20 weeks (one trimester) in Wellington, you might need:

- essential living costs (keeping it basic but comfortable): NZ\$12,000 (\$600 per week)
- generous living costs (weekend trips and enjoying the nightlife): NZ\$16,500 (\$850 per week).

These calculations have been based on a single person and not students with families.

- [wgtn.ac.nz/international-fees-costs](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-fees-costs)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Victoria University of Wellington provides a range of scholarships that recognise and encourage high achievement and leadership. They are available for international students at all study levels:

- Tongarewa International Scholarship of up to NZ\$10,000 (for international students who completed secondary school outside New Zealand)
- International School-Leaver Excellence Scholarship of NZ\$20,000 (for international students who completed secondary school in New Zealand)
- Manaaki New Zealand scholarships funded by the New Zealand Government and available to students from eligible countries.

The University also provides other scholarships for international students at different times of the year. For more information, check the scholarships page on our website.

- [wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships)

VISA

All international students studying in New Zealand must have a valid student visa to enrol at the University. Your visa must specify that you are permitted to study at Victoria University of Wellington with the programme you have been offered. Full details of visa requirements and advice on work rights in New Zealand while studying are available from Immigration New Zealand.

- international@vuw.ac.nz
- [wgtn.ac.nz/visa](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/visa)



I always wanted to study in an English-speaking country that has different cultures so that I could experience new perspectives. I instantly fell in love with Victoria University of Wellington. I worked hard to get scholarships to make my dream come true, and I'm glad to say that my hard work paid off!

Anis Aqeelah Afrina (Malaysia)

Graduate, Bachelor of Commerce in Actuarial Science and Finance





📍 Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus



To study at Victoria University of Wellington, you will need to meet the academic and English-language entry requirements for your chosen programme of study. Contact the International Office if you have any questions.

✉ international@vuw.ac.nz

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Academic entry requirements for undergraduate study vary from country to country. For more information, go to our website.

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/international-entry-requirements

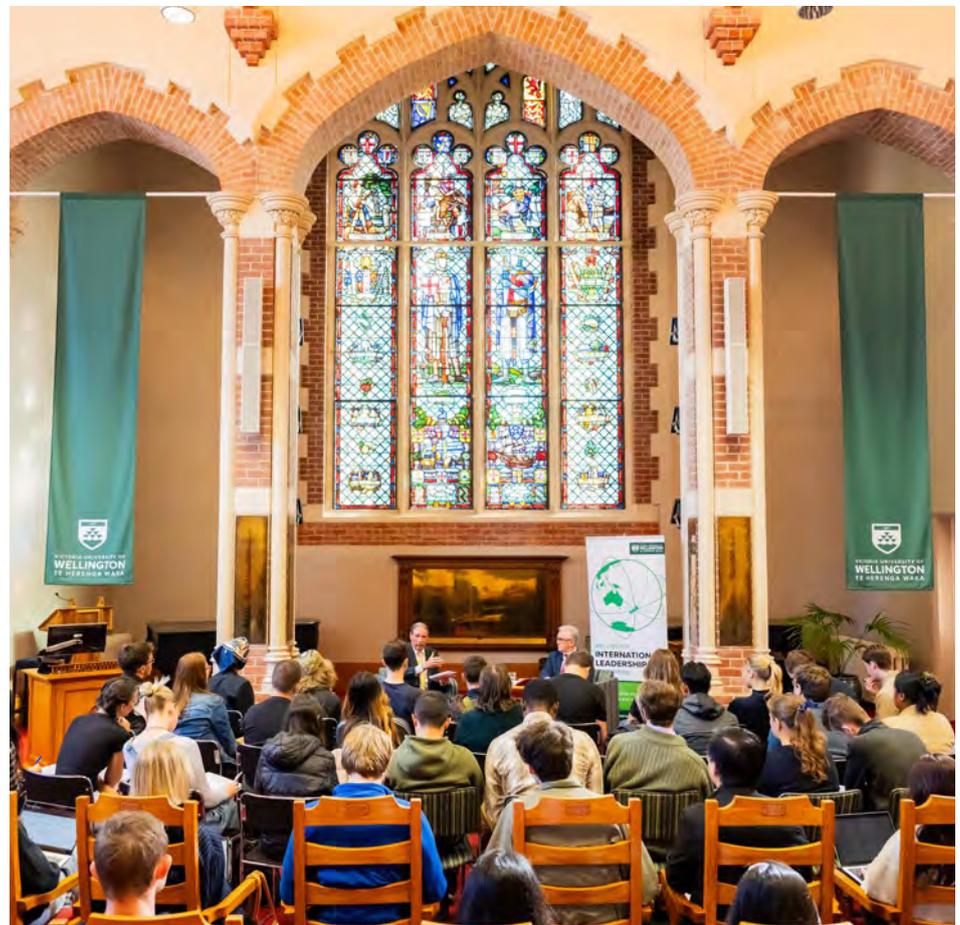
GRADUATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Graduate certificates and diplomas require a New Zealand Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

POSTGRADUATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need a Bachelor's degree with at least a B average unless stated otherwise in the programme's minimum general entry requirements. A background in a particular subject area or extensive relevant work experience may be required. Students with equivalent international qualifications from a recognised institution are encouraged to apply. Each application is assessed individually, and entry into postgraduate programmes is at the discretion of the programme director. For more information, find your chosen programme on our website.

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes





ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PREPARATION AND REQUIREMENTS

	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	Pearson Test of English (PTE)	Cambridge English Qualifications (C1 Advanced/ C2 Proficiency)	New Zealand Certificates in English Language (NZCEL)	Victoria University of Wellington English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme
Undergraduate students	Overall band of 6.0 with no sub-score below 5.5	A score of 80 on the internet-based test	A score of 50 with a 'Communicative' score of not less than 42	A score of 169 or higher, with each skill score no less than 162	NZCEL Level 4 (Academic)	A minimum of three ratings of 4 and one rating of 3
Postgraduate students	Overall band of 6.5 with no sub-score below 6.0	A score of 90 on the internet-based test, with at least 20 in writing	A score of 58 with a 'Communicative' score of not less than 50	A score of 176 or higher, with each skill score no less than 169	NZCEL Level 5 (Academic)	A minimum of two ratings of 5 and two ratings of 4

If you are not a native speaker of English, you must ensure your English will meet our requirements. For more information, check our website.

📍 wgtn.ac.nz/international-entry-requirements



Duolingo

We accept the Duolingo English Test to meet the general English requirement for most undergraduate programmes. You will need to achieve 110 overall and good scores in each sub-score. If you have questions about Duolingo's requirements, contact us.

✉ international@vuw.ac.nz

English for Academic Purposes Programme

The English for Academic Purposes Programme is a full-time 12-week programme of intensive English-language study for students whose first language is not English and who have an intermediate or advanced knowledge of English. Courses help students to develop academic English skills for university study. The start dates for the programmes are in February, June, and September.

✉ wgtn.ac.nz/academic-english

Writing in English as a Second Language courses

If you have achieved university entrance qualifications and have a sufficient level of English proficiency, but would like to develop your ability further, you may wish to include the following degree-level courses in your programme of study:

- WRIT 151 Writing in English as a Second Language—this course aims to develop the writing, reading, and study skills of non-native speakers of English
- WRIT 251 Academic Writing in English as a Second Language—this course helps students develop an awareness of what constitutes effective writing and reading in academic contexts.

How to apply

Applying to study at Victoria University of Wellington is easy and free of charge.



APPLICATION DEADLINES

You should apply as soon as possible to ensure you have enough time to arrange your student visa and accommodation before you travel to New Zealand.

- ▶ Trimester 1 (February): Apply by 1 December the previous year
- ▶ Trimester 2 (July): Apply by 1 May
- ▶ Trimester 3 (November): Apply by 1 September

Some programmes have an earlier application closing date.

For the latest information about the University's application deadlines, go to our website.

[wgtn.ac.nz/international-deadlines](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-deadlines)

STEP 1

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAMME OF STUDY

Explore our subjects on our website.

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

If you are a prospective PhD candidate, go to the Faculty of Graduate Research website for information on how to apply.

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

STEP 2

CHECK YOU MEET THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Check the academic and English-language entry requirements on pages 52–53.

If you don't meet the entry requirements for:

- ▶ English language, you can take English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- ▶ undergraduate study, you can enrol in our Foundation Studies programme
- ▶ postgraduate study, contact us at international@vuw.ac.nz and we can help you check if there are pathways available for your chosen degree.

STEP 3

CHECK YOUR FEES AND COSTS

For estimated tuition fees, see the relevant subject pages. For information about living costs and scholarships that are open to international students, go to our website.

[wgtn.ac.nz/international/scholarships-fees](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/scholarships-fees)

STEP 4

PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS

Check your programme to determine which documents are required for your application, and prepare these according to our guidelines.

[wgtn.ac.nz/international-documents](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-documents)

STEP 5

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Submit your application via Pūaha, our online portal where you can view and manage all your applications for courses and programmes, accommodation, and scholarships.

[wgtn.ac.nz/puaha-login](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/puaha-login)

STEP 6

WAIT TO HEAR FROM US

We'll send you a confirmation email when we receive your complete application.

We'll let you know by email if your application is successful, usually within one week (undergraduate) or four weeks (postgraduate).

STEP 7

IF ACCEPTED, GET READY TO ENROL

If you are accepted to Victoria University of Wellington, we'll email you an Offer of Place and tell you how to enrol and when to pay your fees.

To find out what you need to organise before you study, including your student visa, accommodation, and insurance, go to our website.

[wgtn.ac.nz/international/get-ready-to-study](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/get-ready-to-study)





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THE PASTORAL CARE CODE

The Government's Pastoral Care Code sets out the University's role and responsibilities in ensuring the wellbeing and safety of all our students. This includes fostering learning environments that are safe and designed to support positive learning experiences of diverse student groups. During your time here, you have access to a range of services and support to promote your overall wellbeing, development, and educational achievement.

Read more about the code and our obligations.

🌐 wgtn.ac.nz/support

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