Admission Requirements
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All students must meet the minimum age requirement (be at least 16 years old by the first day of formal classes in the relevant teaching period), hold a University Entrance qualification (see below), and meet language requirements. However, not all students who fulfill these requirements will necessarily be admitted.

AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL RANKING
To be eligible for University Entrance admission via Australian secondary school rankings, you must achieve one of the following:

- ATAR, TER, ENTER or UAI rank of 74 or above
- OP rank of 12 or below

The requirement for Preferential Entry for programmes subject to the Entry Pathway system is an ATAR, TER, ENTER, or UAI rank of 80 or above or an OP rank of 10 or below.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)
To be eligible for University Entrance through IB you must achieve the IB Diploma (24 points minimum).

You must also satisfy literacy and numeracy requirements by completing English as Language A1 at either higher or standard level and any mathematics subject.

The entry score requirement for Preferential Entry from IB for the capped undergraduate programmes is 26 points.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.otago.ac.nz/study/entrance

If you require further information contact
the University Information Centre
1 800 468 246
university@otago.ac.nz

FOR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ASK OTAGO:
www.ask.otago.ac.nz

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STUDENT LOANS
New Zealand Government Student Loans provided through Study Link are available to domestic students enrolled in a Tertiary Education Commission approved course. The course must be full-time or part-time and 32 weeks or longer.

However, while Australian citizens and permanent residents pay domestic fees when studying at a New Zealand university, they are subject to a three-year stand-down period for Student Loans. This means you will have to live in New Zealand for at least three years and be ordinarily resident in New Zealand before you will be eligible for a New Zealand Student Loan.

For more information please go to www.studylink.govt.nz

CHANGE OF PLANS?
If you apply for study but later decide against enrolling at Otago, please let the University know as soon as possible so that you are not sent unnecessary letters or emails and so that places can be offered to other applicants.

Email university@otago.ac.nz

Admission to Otago
From an Australian Secondary School
Admission to Otago from an Australian Secondary School

The University of Otago is committed to maintaining its very high academic standards and the quality service it provides students. In order to achieve this, the University has to manage the number of undergraduate enrolments it accepts. There are caps on the numbers of students in a range of Otago undergraduate programmes (see list below), with selection based primarily on academic merit. There are two pathways for admission to these programmes for new students (and certain students who have enrolled at Otago previously):

**Preferential Entry** (see criteria on page 3)
This pathway guarantees places for high calibre students.

**Competitive Entry** (see criteria on page 3)
Students on this pathway are ranked and offered places according to availability and academic and other relevant criteria.

It is expected that the majority of students admitted to Otago will achieve entry via the Preferential Entry pathway. As long as enrolment patterns remain similar to previous years, a reasonable number of places will also be available via the Competitive Entry pathway.

**PROGRAMMES SUBJECT TO THE ENTRY PATHWAY SYSTEM**:
- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAppSc)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (BBiomedSc)
- Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)
- Bachelor of Music (MusB)
- Bachelor of Performing Arts (BPA)
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- Bachelor of Theology (BTheol)
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (first year only)
- Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for undergraduate papers
- Health Sciences First Year
- Surveying First Year
- other intermediate courses

**THE ENTRY PATHWAY SYSTEM DOES NOT APPLY TO**:
- Students who have accepted places in programmes for the following degrees: Bachelor of Teaching, Bachelor of Education Studies, Bachelor of Physical Education, Bachelor of Dental Technology, Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Radiation Therapy
- International students

**HOW TO GAIN PREFERENTIAL ENTRY**
1. Apply by the due date:
   - 10 December (for study commencing in the Summer School or first semester of the following year)
   - 15 June (for study commencing in the second semester)
2. Meet the Preferential Entry criteria of:
   - ATAR, TER, ENTER or UAI rank of 80 or above, or
   - OP rank of 10 or below
3. Achieve the International Baccalaureate Diploma with at least 26 points
4. Accept a place in a residential college owned by or affiliated to the University of Otago

Many who do not have Preferential Entry when they first apply may qualify later when their examination results become available or they accept a place in a residential college. Some students may hold a University Entrance qualification and meet one of the Preferential Entry criteria at the time of application. For these students a place at Otago is immediately guaranteed.

**Competitive Entry**

Once all relevant information has been received for new or recommencing students, those who did not gain Preferential Entry and are applying to a general degree programme (see list page 2) will be placed on the Competitive Entry pathway. Competitive Entry students will be assessed and ranked according to academic performance and other relevant criteria, and offered places in order of priority, subject to the availability of places in their nominated programmes.

In cases where a student cannot initially be awarded Preferential Entry, the pathway will remain unassigned until all relevant information (school results etc.) has been received and a decision on the pathway can be made. It is expected that the majority of students will ultimately meet the criteria for Preferential Entry. In every student’s case, admission will be subject to meeting university entrance and minimum age and language requirements. Students who apply after 10 December will automatically be assigned to the Competitive Entry pathway.

**Entry Pathways**

- **Preferential Entry**
  - Language Requirements
  - Minimum age requirement
  - University Entrance
  - Verification of name, date of birth and citizenship/residency status
  = Guaranteed place
  - Offered a place in chosen programme
  - Eligible to study at Otago

- **Competitive Entry**
  - Language Requirements
  - Minimum age requirement
  - University Entrance
  - Verification of name, date of birth and citizenship/residency status
  = Ranking
  - Not offered a place in chosen programme
  - Applicant may wish to try again for following year