

Combine two
specialist areas.



Four years of
full-time study.



Hundreds of
combinations
available. Personalise your
degree to suit your interests,
strengths and career plans.

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Expand your
future career
opportunities.



How are these degrees structured?

BACom

Choose two different majors from two study areas, one from Arts and one from Business.

BASc

Choose two different majors from two study areas, one from Arts and one from Science or Applied Science.

BComSc

Choose two different majors from two study areas, one from Business and one from Science or Applied Science.

How long will it take?

A BACom, BASc or BComSc normally takes four years to complete, so you'll be able to launch your career or go on to further study sooner.

How do I choose my majors?

If you're considering studying for a BACom, BASc or BComSc, we recommend you talk to a schools' liaison officer first. They can help you structure your degree so you're on the right track from the start. Schools' liaison officers can help you personalise your degree to suit your interests and goals and will ensure you're taking the correct number of papers to complete your qualification. You can find your schools' liaison officer here:

otago.ac.nz/liaison/people

If you are already at Otago and considering changing your degree, contact the course advisers on campus. Course advice and planning is available as many times as you need throughout your time at Otago.

otago.ac.nz/course-advice

Tessa Aitken

Studying for a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese)

Tessa Aitken chose to study two majors to expand her future career opportunities and align with her interests.

"I lived in Singapore for most of my primary years which sparked my passion for Mandarin. In January, I returned from a nine-week immersion programme in Chengdu, China. I was selected alongside other tertiary students for the Prime Minister's Scholarship which enabled me to work in a sustainable ecotourism company in Chengdu.

"I believe a language is a gateway to the future and with an Asian-focused economy, I think my combination of Chinese and commerce will help me understand the differences in the way global businesses are run and forge better trade relationships."

Tessa has thrown herself into many of the business opportunities



on offer at Otago, including the entrepreneurial programme Audacious. She's also the competition representative on Otago's Commerce Students' Association (COMSA).

"I represent Otago in Case Competitions for nationals and have been selected to represent Team New Zealand Universities at the Central European Case Competition in Budapest this year. These opportunities have helped me develop more confidence in public speaking, consulting and analytical skills."

Her advice to students unsure of what to study?

"Take subjects you are truly interested in. Otago makes it easy for you to combine different areas of study."

Tom Mottershead

Bachelor of Arts and Science (Music and Mathematics)

Otago's Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc) degree enabled Tom Mottershead to combine his passion for music and maths.

"I'd always been interested in music in a big way but I was also good at maths and wanted to major in that too.

"When the BASc came up it was ideal. I didn't need to change anything in the courses I was doing but just take the papers I wanted to take anyway for a double major in four years.

"The lecturers were great and really responsive with answering questions and all the libraries were really good. There's a good variety of places to study."

Tom spent two years at a residential college and took part in several student-run social events, including poker tournaments where "maths came in handy with having an understanding of probability".



After graduating, Tom joined an online learning platform offering alternatives to textbooks for schools but is also keeping his options open.

"I'm considering teaching, which would allow me to continue with both music and maths but I'm also still making music.

"I've done a couple of music video projects which have been well received on social media. I'm also pursuing an interest in gospel music production."

Tom follows his own advice. "Find out for yourself what your values, skills, gifts and passions are. Go with what you find enjoyable over what you might be expected to do."

India Power

Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and Bachelor of Applied Science (Molecular Biotechnology)

When India Power's interests changed part-way through her degree, she discovered that Otago's flexible degree structure could easily accommodate her revised study plans.

"Along with the sciences, I enjoyed economics at school. When I became interested in business within the biotech industry, studying economics was a natural fit.

"My interests definitely evolved while I was at Otago. Even though I started in one discipline, being able to change degrees without losing the papers I had already done meant my studies could follow my interests."

Going on exchange to the UK helped cement her decision to study two majors.



"I studied at the University of Edinburgh for a year and then spent three months backpacking around Europe. I learnt a lot about myself, made some amazing friends and went far outside my comfort zone. The wider perspective I gained reassured me that studying two subjects was worthwhile.

"No subject is 'stand-alone', they all interact in different ways. If you are interested in two subjects, you may as well take advantage of the flexibility Otago offers and follow your interests."



For more information
otago.ac.nz/combine



Combine your passions

And expand your future career opportunities

Bachelor of Arts and Commerce (BACom)
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Bachelor of Commerce and Science (BComSc)



Bachelor of Arts and Commerce (BACom)

Build a combination of skills

The Bachelor of Arts and Commerce is an exciting new degree that allows students to combine their passion for arts and business in one degree.

Today's workplaces demand a different kind of graduate. The ability to think critically, solve problems and work as a team could prove advantageous in your future career. Studying for a multidisciplinary degree demonstrates adaptability and resourcefulness – skills that many employers are seeking.

What will the BACom give you?

A BACom graduate will have both a creative and business background, giving them the necessary skill set to work in arts and business professions, or intersecting areas. A graduate's exposure to multiple fields of expertise will set them up for success in areas of consumer behaviour, ethics, international relations, leadership, communication and many more.

What your degree might look like

You'll choose two different majors, one from Arts and one from Business. Each major usually consists of between nine and eleven papers.

There are over 400 combinations of majors available. Here are some examples:

Communication Studies and Marketing
Geography and Economics
English and Human Resources Management
History and Tourism
Music and Management
Politics and Management
Philosophy, Politics and Economics, and Finance

Our Dunedin campus is recognised as one of the world's most beautiful campuses

Unmatched record in the National Teaching Excellence Awards: 7 Supreme Award Winners

Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc)

Answering the big questions

Science is rapidly changing the way we live and work. But these developments also require us to think carefully about their implications.

The Bachelor of Arts and Science recognises that tackling big world issues of health, security, food production and climate change (to name just a few) requires multi-faceted solutions. These solutions may include new technology and scientific breakthroughs, but will also require an understanding of their impact on people and society.

There are no straightforward answers to questions around issues such as these. That's why our best graduates need to have an understanding of science and technology along with an understanding of the opportunities and costs that scientific developments can bring.

What will the BASc give you?

The BASc will enable graduates to present themselves to employers, and the world at large, as people who have real expertise in both the sciences and the humanities.

Graduates' scientific capabilities will go hand-in-hand with knowledge of human history, how people think, and how societies function.

What your degree might look like

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There are about 1500 combinations of major subjects available. Examples include:

History and Genetics
Music and Zoology
Communication Studies and Data Science
Global Studies and Energy Management
Philosophy and Neuroscience
Sociology and Sports Technology

New Zealand's top university for educational performance (TEC Educational Performance Indicators)

Highest possible international quality rating (QS Stars)

Bachelor of Commerce and Science (BComSc)

Build the ultimate skill set

The multidisciplinary Bachelor of Commerce and Science is a specialised degree for students facing a rapidly changing world. The BComSc is designed for students whose interests span science and business. Increasingly, graduates require a broad set of knowledge and skills and multidisciplinary degrees like the BComSc provide both breadth and depth within a single qualification.

This means you will have a very personalised degree that will make you stand out. Employers are looking for graduates with technical expertise, transferrable skills and the ability to solve problems. The BComSc degree will give you these skills.

What will the BComSc give you?

The BComSc gives graduates a professional and scientific experience. Graduates will develop proficiency across subjects and the ability to apply thinking to both the experimental and industry application of a subject, setting them up for success in areas such as nature, nutrition, animal studies and maths.

What your degree might look like

You'll choose two different majors, one from Business subjects and one from either Science or Applied Science subjects. Each major usually consists of a minimum of nine papers.

There are nearly 300 combinations of major subjects available. Here are some examples:

Food Science and Marketing
Zoology and Accounting
Energy Studies and Economics
Agricultural Innovation and Tourism
Sport Development and Management, and Marketing
Psychology and Marketing
Human Nutrition and Management
Land Planning and Development, and Management
Psychology, and Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world (QS World Rankings)

95% of our graduates go directly into work or further study (Graduate Opinion Survey)



- Arts majors:**
- Anthropology (includes Archaeology)
 - Asian Studies
 - Biblical Studies
 - Chinese
 - Christian Thought and History
 - Classics
 - Communication Studies
 - Computer Science
 - Economics
 - Education
 - English
 - English and Linguistics
 - European Studies
 - Film and Media Studies
 - French
 - Gender Studies
 - Geography
- German
- Global Studies
- History
- Indigenous Development / He Kura Matanui
- Information Science
- Japanese
- Language and Linguistics
- Linguistics
- Māori Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Pacific Islands Studies
- Philosophy
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sport Development and Management
- Statistics
- Theatre Studies
- Tourism, Languages and Cultures
- Business majors:**
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 - Economics
 - Finance
 - Human Resource Management
 - Information Science
 - International Business
 - Management
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 - Tourism

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- Science majors:**
- Anatomy
 - Biochemistry
 - Botany
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science
 - Ecology
 - Economics
 - Energy Science and Technology
 - Exercise and Sport Science
 - Food Science
 - Genetics
 - Geography
 - Geology
 - Human Nutrition
 - Information Science
 - Land Planning and Development
 - Mathematics
 - Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Oceanography
- Pharmacology
- Physics
- Physiology
- Plant Biotechnology
- Psychology
- Sport Development and Management
- Statistics
- Surveying Measurement
- Zoology
- Applied Science majors:**
- Agricultural Innovation
 - Applied Geology
 - Aquaculture and Fisheries
 - Computational Modelling
 - Consumer Food Science
 - Data Science
 - Energy Management
 - Environmental Management
 - Forensic Analytical Science
 - Geographic Information Systems
 - Molecular Biotechnology
 - Physical Education, Activity and Health
 - Software Engineering
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