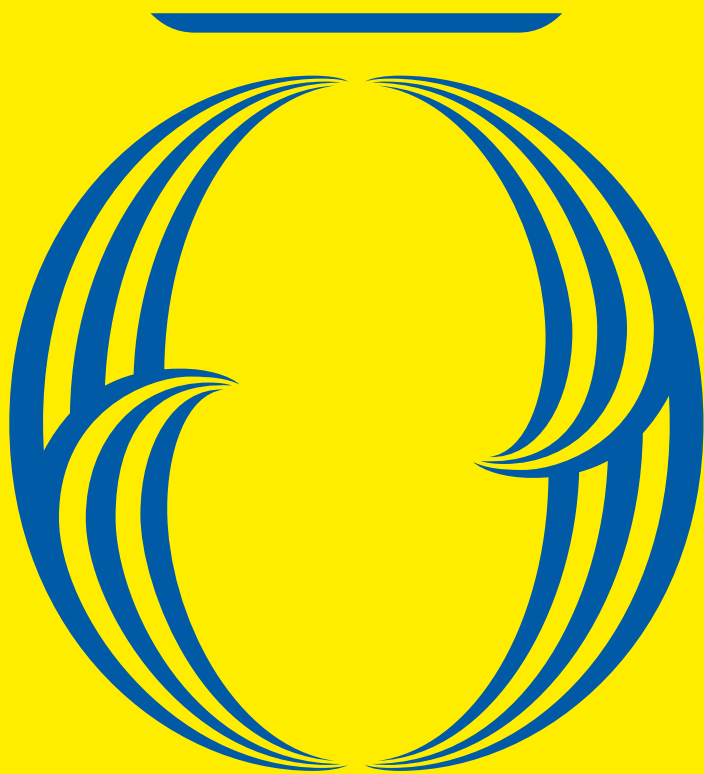


Summer School Prospectus



Te Kura Raumati



University
of Otago
ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

2024–2025



Make use of your summer

Summer School provides an intensive and intimate learning experience, supported by the full resources of New Zealand's oldest and leading university.

It runs for six weeks from 6 January to 14 February, with exams from 15 to 20 February 2025.

Why take a Summer School paper?

- Complete your degree
- Speed up your degree
- Make good use of your time
- Manage your workload
- For interest
- To study via distance learning

30+

With more than 30 papers on offer, there's plenty of choice.

18

Papers worth 18 points count as full-time study for StudyLink.

6

Complete a full paper in just six weeks and get ahead.

Summer School papers

Akoranga kura raumati

BIOA 201 Biocultural Human Skeletal Biology OC

An introduction to human bioarchaeology, particularly evolutionary and comparative anatomy of the human body, what makes it unique among other primates, and why it varies among populations. Includes aspects of forensic anthropology.

CHEM 150 Concepts in Chemistry DL

Introduction to the core ideas and methods of chemistry, recommended for students with limited chemistry backgrounds. Topics include stoichiometry, equilibria, thermochemistry, redox, acid-base chemistry and main group and organic chemistry.

CHEM 191 The Chemical Basis of Biology and Human Health OC

An introduction to the concepts of chemistry underlying important processes in biology and human health, including chemical bonding, energetics, kinetics, equilibria and solubility, properties of water and solutions, acids, bases, complexation and electron transfer, mechanisms of organic reactions and properties of amino acids and carbohydrates.

COMP 101 Foundations of Information Systems OC

Introduction to information systems for the management and exploitation of data and information, and to relational databases.

COMP 162 Foundations of Computer Science OC

An introduction to computer programming suitable for beginners with some prior experience. Builds on and extends basic Java and object oriented programming. Introduces broader programming concepts and other languages.

COSC 360 Computer Game Design DL

An introduction to the interdisciplinary field of computer game design, with an emphasis on technical skills. Topics include game critique, game design, programming, visual design and interactive storytelling.

FINC 204 Personal Finance OC

Principles and techniques for handling personal financial decisions. Topics include savings and investment considerations, personal risk management, use and cost of credit, financing alternatives, retirement, estate and tax planning.

FORB 201 Forensic Biology OC

An introduction to forensic biology. Trace and contact evidence, DNA, body fluids, traumatology, forensic entomology, toxicology and fibre analysis.

HUMS 301 Internship Practicum DL

HUMS 401 Internship Practicum DL

Relevant work experience undertaken in an approved workplace, enabling the application of skills acquired in an academic environment.

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HUNT 141 Understanding Human Nutrition DL

Basic understanding of key nutritional concepts and the importance of evidence-based nutrition for individual and population health.

LAWS 469 Law and Religion OC

The connection between law and religion.

LAWS 474 Special Topic 5: International Criminal Law: Terrorism and Human Rights OC

This paper introduces students to international criminal law as it applies to terrorism and human rights from early history through to modern times.

LAWS 480 Research Paper OC

Writing of a research paper, under supervision.

LAWS 486 Special Topic: Not-for-Profit Law OC

This paper considers theoretical and practical aspects of not-for-profit law, using a national and international perspective.

LAWS 498 Research and Writing OC

A programme of research and writing undertaken in conjunction with other 300- and 400-level LAWS papers, to be completed in compliance with conditions prescribed by the Dean of Law.

MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori OC

An introduction to Māori language with emphasis on pronunciation, greetings and forms of language in particular cultural contexts.

MART 310 Current Issues in International Branding DL

The strategies that brands use to position themselves in relation to international markets in the context of global business. Considers the socio-political contexts of markets and the cultural influences that affect strategic branding decisions.

MATH 120 Mathematics for Scientists DL

The development of understanding, formulation and application of a variety of approaches to quantitative problem solving in scientific disciplines.

MATS 204 Treasure or Trash: Sustainability of Materials DL

Broad and complex challenges associated with sustainability of materials. Aspects of product lifecycle related to material selection and use (processing, production, design, end-of-life).





PHSI 191 Biological Physics OC

Foundations of physics for the health sciences including mechanics, properties of fluids and solids, thermodynamics, optics, electrostatics and DC circuits, and radiation and health.

POLS 321 Public Policy in New Zealand OC/DL

Examination of theories and descriptions of how and why governments make and implement policy decisions in New Zealand.

RELS 214 New Religious Movements OC/DL

A study of new religious movements (NRMs) in the modern world.

RELS 225 Science, Religion and Knowledge OC/DL**RELS 325 Science, Religion and Knowledge****(Advanced) OC/DL**

Are science and religion in conflict? Beginning with this question, the nature of religion and science and the differing conceptions of knowledge found in scientific and religious communities are examined.

RELS 306 New Religious Movements OC/DL

A study of new religious movements (NRMs) in the modern world.

STAT 110 Statistical Methods OC

Descriptive statistics, probability distributions, estimation, hypothesis testing, regression, analysis of count data, analysis of variance and experimental design. Sampling and design principles of techniques to build on in the implementation of research studies.

TOUR 101 Introduction to Tourism DL

An introduction to the global principles that structure tourism, the nature and operation of the tourist industry and the impact, development and management issues that arise from tourism.

TOUR 102 Global Tourism DL

The major issues in world tourism as it is differentiated on a global regional basis; integrated illustrative case studies.

TOUR 310 Leisure: Lives and Societies DL

Examines conceptual and historical perspectives of leisure; the role and scale of contemporary leisure, and the leisure industry. Considers determinants of the demand for and access to leisure, leisure, hedonism, deviance, freedom, and morality.

Papers are subject to change. See the website for an up-to-date list, plus timetable information:

otago.ac.nz/summerschool

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About Summer School

He kōrero mō te Kura Raumati

All Summer School papers have full academic credit and most are of the same point value as semester papers. One 18-point paper counts as full-time study for StudyLink purposes. Papers are taught across six weeks instead of the usual thirteen weeks of a semester. Please note that LAWS papers are worth 15 points, so students wanting to study full-time must take two papers.

Is it difficult?

University study is always challenging, but many like the intense focus of Summer School. You'll immerse yourself in the subject and find that smaller classes and the quieter campus help you focus.

Workload

The maximum workload permitted by the University in Summer School is 36 points. For most Summer School papers, one point implies 10 hours of work. Taking one 18-point paper involves 180 hours of work (or 30 hours a week for six weeks, including classes and private study time).

If your academic record is average or lower, you should be cautious about enrolling in two papers in Summer School. If you are in doubt, seek advice. Some students find that they

overcommit themselves by taking two papers. Students on Conditional Enrolment may be permitted to take only one paper.

StudyLink

If you are not enrolled for subsequent study in 2025, StudyLink payments will cover the Summer School tuition period only – StudyLink payments do not cover the Summer School exam period.

Summer School students may be approved to take papers for Final Examination Only. Any such additional papers are not taken into account in consideration of a student's status as a full-time or part-time student, or eligibility for government student loans or allowances.

Timetable

If you intend to take two papers in Summer School, please check that there are no lecture timetable clashes for your chosen pair of papers. For some papers, more tutorial streams may be added.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available at University College. Please see the website for details:

otago.ac.nz/summerschool

Interest Only

Interest Only enrolment is not normally available to students taking credit courses in the same enrolment period (i.e. Interest Only students must be taking only Interest Only papers). Students taking papers for credit may not take additional papers for Interest Only or change their enrolment for any papers from being for credit to Interest Only part-way through a teaching period. Interest Only enrolment is not available to international students.

Opening day

Monday 6 January is a busy day for Summer School students as many papers have their first class. Libraries and food outlets are open, although for shorter periods during the first two weeks of Summer School.

Summer School welcome

Wednesday 8 January, 12–1pm, central campus.

Join OUSA and Summer School for entertainment, free food and competitions.


Student facilities

The full range of student facilities are open during Summer School, including the Link, Unipol, Student Health, the Māori Centre and the Pacific Islands Centre.

OUSA Summer School lunches

Wednesdays, 12–1pm, central campus.

Free BBQs, lawn games and entertainment. See the OUSA website or Facebook page for details:

ousa.org.nz  OUSA

Clubs and Societies

During Summer School, Clubs and Societies offers a range of short recreation courses. For more information see: ousa.org.nz/recreation

Student support

All of the usual student support services are available over the Summer School period. For full information see:

otago.ac.nz/studentsservices

SUMMER SCHOOL DATES

2024

2 September

Course enrolment (including paper selection) opens for Summer School 2025.

31 October

Due date for applications from new international students.

10 December

Due date for applications to programmes subject to the Entry Pathway system from new and recommencing domestic students, and returning students applying for a new programme.

15 December

Due date for submitting Summer School paper selection for course approval.

2025

6 January

Summer School classes begin.

Due date for completing Summer School course enrolment declaration.

8 January

Summer School welcome, central campus.

9 January

Last day to add Summer School papers.

15 January

Last day to delete Summer School papers with refund of fees.

Mid to late January

Examination timetable released.

6 February

Waitangi Day.

7 February

Last day to withdraw from Summer School papers.

14 February

Last day of classes.

15 February

Examinations begin.

20 February

Examinations end.

Early March

Results available through eVision.

Contact us

Whakapā mai

AskOtago is your one-stop shop for all information about studying at Otago. You can find answers with our searchable knowledgebase or online chat:

ask.otago.ac.nz

You can also find us at our hub in the Information Services Building, or at one of our other hubs around campus.

otago.ac.nz/summerschool

Pre-Christmas papers

Akoranga whiore tau

Pre-Christmas Summer School (PXSS) runs from 11 November to 13 December with exams on 14 December.

All papers have full academic credit – most are the same point value as semester papers.

One 18-point PXSS paper constitutes full-time study and therefore only one paper can be taken in this period.

BTNY 303 Topics in Field Botany OC

Understanding plants in the world around us. A hands-on, field-oriented course in plant identification and collection, in the context of plant population and community ecology.

CHTH 217 Special Topic: Theology and Science DL

CHTH 317 Special Topic: Theology and Science (Advanced) DL

The relationship between Christian theology and science has for the most part been a rich and constructive one, occasional tensions notwithstanding. This paper will explore the history of the relationship between these two spheres of human enquiry and investigate the current prospects for fruitful interaction between theology and science.

COMP 161 Computer Programming OC

An introduction to computer programming suitable for beginners with little or no prior experience. Introduces the Java programming language, basic object oriented concepts, and simple graphical applications.

How to enrol

Up until 2 September, if you are already enrolled, you can apply for a PXSS paper via Change of Course under “My programmes and papers” in your eVision portal.

After 2 September, please contact AskOtago for assistance.

New and returning students, please contact AskOtago for assistance.

Last day to add PXSS papers:
13 November 2024

INFO 130 Fundamentals and Practice of Spreadsheets OC

Introduces the core concepts and tools used to organise and manipulate tabular data. Covers basic spreadsheet calculation, modelling, visualisation and analysis skills for business and research.

MAOR 120 Introducing the Māori World OC

An introduction to the Māori world, including cultural concepts and practices, Treaty of Waitangi, pronunciation, greetings, songs, and forms of language appropriate to work contexts. Includes cultural experience practicum.

RELS 203 Ancient Religion: Egypt to Mesopotamia OC/DL

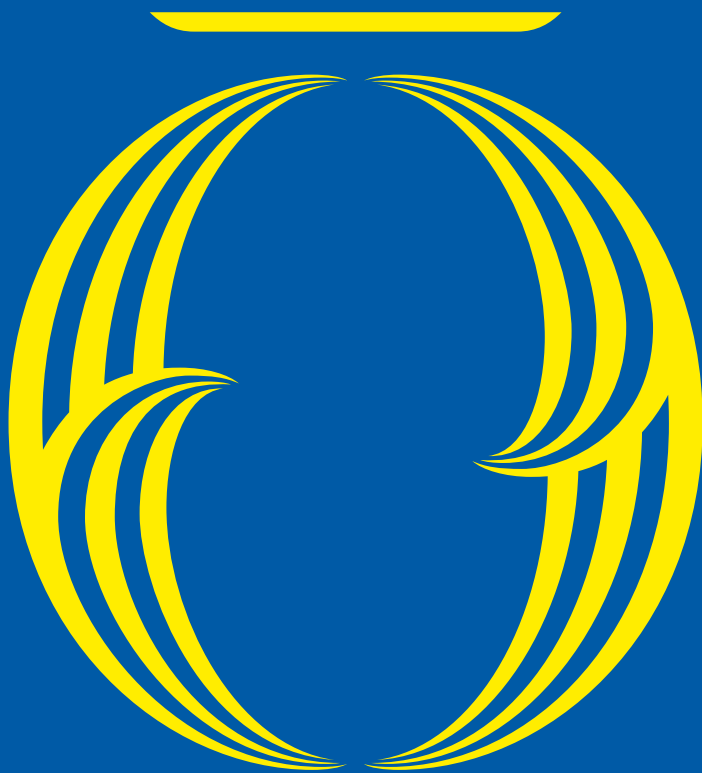
RELS 303 Ancient Religion: Egypt to Mesopotamia (Advanced) OC/DL

The religious practices, beliefs and texts of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Levant, ca. 3000–300 BCE.

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