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Make use of your summer

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

ENGL 223  Fantasy and the Imagination  OC
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An examination of fantasy literature, from Beowulf to Harry Potter, and the interaction between the literary and the visual, by way of illustrations, dust jackets, stage-plays, videogames, TV and movies.

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

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 351  Climate Law and Policy  OC
An introduction to Climate Law to include the international treaty regime, core domestic legislation and case law, and examples of other jurisdictions legal responses.

LAWS 471  Special Topic: International Trade Regulation  OC Wellington
This paper introduces students to the multilateral legal rules governing international trade with particular focus on the World Trade Organisation. There will also be a focus on recent challenges to the multilateral system arising out of events including the US China trade war and the COVID-19 pandemic.

LAWS 473  Special Topic 4 Public Health Law  OC Wellington
This course will explore the legal framework for the provision of public health services in New Zealand.
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).

MINS 415 Christian ministry in te ao Māori (the Māori World) (Advanced) DL
Explores Christian ministry and theology in relation to te ao Māori (the Māori World) at an advanced level that critiques the role of clergy in relation to Māori expressions, understanding and practice of ministry within a historical and contemporary context.

MUSI 249 Contemporary Vocal Pedagogy: How to Teach Contemporary Voice OC
MUSI 349 Contemporary Vocal Pedagogy: How to Teach Contemporary Voice (Advanced) OC
This paper equips singers with scientific knowledge on the voice and demonstrates how to teach safely and effectively. The paper encompasses vocal anatomy and physiology, practical techniques and critical listening.

MUSI 259 Special Topic: Practical Conducting (Advanced) OC
The techniques and skills of conducting including gesture, rehearsal technique and score analysis. This is a practical conducting paper aimed at students and community members (teachers in particular) with an interest in amateur and professional conducting. The paper has a core practical component and includes rehearsal techniques, performance etiquette, score analysis and effective programming.
PACI 210  Special Topic: Pacific Education  OC
Introduction to Pacific education in New Zealand and the Pacific region. Focus is on education’s impact on Pacific people’s academic achievement and lives in a globalised world.

PACR 101  Pacific Realities and University Learning  OC
An introduction to theories of learning and academic skills needed for independent learning and success at university especially designed for Pacific students new to tertiary study.

PAST 323  Christian ministry in te ao Māori (the Māori World)  DL
Explores Christian Ministry and theology in relation to te ao Māori (the Māori World), taking into consideration Māori expressions, understanding and practice of ministry within a historical and contemporary context.

PHAL 231  Drugs and Society  OC
An introduction to core pharmacological principles, together with an investigation of how society is influenced by drug use, both licit and illicit.

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 217  Religion, Science and Magic  OC/DL
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Beginning with the contemporary debates regarding creationism, alternative medicine, and witchcraft (Wicca), the paper examines the relation between the modern sciences and the worlds of Kabbalah, alchemy, and apocalyptic religion from which they emerged.

RELS 237  Psychology of Religion  OC/DL
RELS 337  Psychology of Religion (Advanced)  OC/DL
An introduction to the psychology of religion, with emphasis on what research in contemporary cognitive and evolutionary psychology says about human religious belief and behaviour.

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.

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**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 for 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 2024, 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 Hayward 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 8 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 10 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

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/studentservices

SUMMER SCHOOL DATES

2023
18 September
Course enrolment (including paper selection) opens for 2024.
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.

2024
8 January
Summer School classes begin. Due date for completing Summer School course enrolment declaration.
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Summer School welcome, central campus. Last day to add Summer School papers.
11 January
Last day to delete Summer School papers with refund of fees.
Mid to late January
Examination timetable released.
6 February
Waitangi Day.
8 February
Last day to withdraw from Summer School papers.
16 February
Last day of classes.
17 February
Examinations begin.
22 February
Examinations end.
Early March
Results available through eVision.

NB: It is important that deadlines and due dates are met as late fees may apply. However, late applications will be considered.
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