

2024

Summer School Prospectus

Puka Whakamahuki Kura Raumati





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 8 January to 16 February, with exams from 17 to 22 February 2024.

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.

ENGL 223 Fantasy and the Imagination OC

ENGL 323 Fantasy and the Imagination (Advanced) OC

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.

OC Taught on campus

DL Taught by Distance Learning

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**RELS 317 Religion, Science and Magic (Advanced) OC/DL**

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.

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

otago.ac.nz/summerschool



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 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 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/studentsservices

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.

10 January

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.



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.

Summer School Office
University of Otago
PO Box 56
Dunedin 9054

otago.ac.nz/summerschool

Pre-Christmas papers

Akoranga whiore tau

Pre-Christmas Summer School (PXSS) runs from **13 November** to **15 December** with exams on **16 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.

CHTH 224 Theology and the Environment OC/DL

CHTH 324 Theology and the Environment (Advanced) OC/DL

Engaging with biblical, historical and contemporary theologies of nature, this paper explores the resources available within the Christian tradition for shaping a contemporary ecological ethic.

CLAS 346 Power and Politics in Roman and Modern Times OC/DL

Examines and compares concepts of power, legitimacy, and governance in Republican Roman and modern political systems.

COMP 161 Computer Programming DL

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.

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.

LAWS 410 Criminology OC

What is Criminology? The concepts of crime and the criminal; the nature of crime; the causes of crime; media and crime; race, gender and class issues in crime.

How to enrol

Up until September 18, 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 September 18 please contact AskOtago for assistance.

New and returning students, please contact AskOtago for assistance.

Last day to add PXSS papers:
15 November 2023

LAWS 458 Sentencing OC

The law relating to sentencing the criminal offender, including theories of punishment, the mechanics of the sentencing process, the use of probation and psychiatric reports, sentencing alternatives.

MAOR 120 Introducing the Māori World OC/DL

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 244 Ancient Egypt: Magic and Mystery

RELS 344 Ancient Egypt: Magic and Mystery (Advanced) OC/DL

Magical practices and mystery religions in ancient Egypt. No prior knowledge of ancient Egypt or religion is required.

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