



FACULTY OF LAW

Study Abroad and Exchange: Law at Otago



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The Faculty of Law was established in 1873, the first Law Faculty in New Zealand. Otago's Faculty of Law has a vibrant, strong academic community and welcomes international students, who bring a highly-valued diversity and perspective.

You will be able to enjoy a close community environment with students from both New Zealand and many other countries, on a beautiful campus with world-class lecturers who are experts in their chosen fields.

The New Zealand Tertiary Education Commission ranked the University of Otago the highest in legal research in the latest round of the Performance-Based Research Fund quality evaluation. There are three research centres with international collaborations across a number of disciplines: The Legal Issues Centre, The New Zealand Law Foundation Centre for Law and Policy in Emerging Technologies, and the International Centre for Society, Governance & Science.

The Faculty offers a well-supported environment with an excellent law library and great IT. Students work collegially at the Faculty and there are dedicated law student associations – Society of Otago University Law Students, Te Roopū Whai Pūtake, and the Pacific Islands Law Students Association – who offer mentoring and support as well as organising many interesting and fun social events.



International Student Profile

Originally from Hawaii, Mara Kawehiwehi Hosoda was studying at Occidental College (the alma mater of fellow Hawaiian Barack Obama) in California when she got her first taste of New Zealand.

“Studying abroad in junior year was the norm at my US institution. Students who had travelled abroad came back so mature and with great stories. Otago is a great place for international students. There are many friendly support services, events and activities to participate in. Dunedin city (in which the University of Otago is based) is very student-centered so there's lots of student discounts and everything is within walking distance.”

Otago Law Courses:

Law students can take any law courses (except second year)

For the full list of courses offered by the Faculty of Law, please visit: www.otago.ac.nz/law/undergraduate/papers/

High achieving non-law students can take any of the selected papers listed below:

New Zealand and Pacific Studies

101 – Legal System

461 – Law and Indigenous Peoples

Opportunities for Pre-Professional Studies

101 – Legal System

Other papers of Interest

447 – Law and Medicine

448 – Law and Psychiatry

467 – International Human Rights Law

469 – Law and Religion

483 – Law and Emerging Technologies

Summer School

479 – The Rights and Wellbeing of Children

486 – Issues in Forensic Law

The University of Otago encourages international student's applications to the Faculty.



International Student Profile

Charlotte Edgar

“Whales and Antarctica, land rights of indigenous peoples in Canada and Australia, courtroom advocacy, the Code of Rights in New Zealand health law... Just a flavour of some of the exciting topics I am studying here at Otago. I would not have the opportunity to study such interesting papers at my home university. My time at the Law Faculty has been a very enjoyable experience, and both staff and students are friendly, welcoming and engaging. Otago is the place to be!”