



University
of Otago

ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA



OTAGO

OPEN DAYS

HE RĀ TIROTIRO KI
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Sunday 4 May

Info sessions

9–10am

Economics	9:30–9:50am	Archway 4
Health Sciences First Year ♦	9:30–10:20am	Castle 1 & 2
Humanities (Arts) overview	9:30–9:50am	St David
Microbiology & Immunology	9:30–9:50am	Burns 1
Zoology	9:30–9:50am	Archway 1

10–11am

Accountancy	10:30–10:50am	Archway 4
Botany	10:30–10:50am	Burns 1
Combined degrees: BACom, BASc, BComSc	10–10:20am	St David
History	10:30–10:50am	Archway 1
Management, Human Resource Management & International Business	10–10:20am	Archway 4
Medicine & Surgery	10:30–10:50am	Castle 1 & 2
Surveying, Measurement, Land Planning & Development	10–10:20am	Burns 1

11am–12pm

Chemistry	11–11:20am	Burns 1
Computing	11:30am–12:20pm	Archway 4
Finance & Sustainable Finance	11–11:20am	Archway 4
Food Science & Agricultural Innovation	11:30–11:50am	Archway 1
Forensic Analytical Science	11:30–11:50am	Burns 1
Genetics	11–11:20am	Castle 1
Law	11–11:50am	St David
Neuroscience	11:30–11:50am	Castle 2
Physiology	11:30–11:50am	Castle 1
Physiotherapy	11–11:20am	Castle 2
Theology	11–11:20am	Burns 2
Tourism	11–11:20am	Archway 1

12–1pm

Anatomy	12–12:50pm	Anatomy Museum, Lindo Ferguson 270 Great King St
Biomedical Sciences	12:30–12:50pm	Castle 2
Data Science	12:30–12:50pm	Archway 4
Geography & Environmental Management	12–12:50pm	Archway 1
Geology	12–12:20pm	Benson Common Room, Geology Building
Medical Laboratory Science	12–12:20pm	Burns 1

Pharmaceutical Science	12:30–12:50pm	Castle 1
Pharmacy	12–12:20pm	Castle 1
Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE)	12–12:50pm	Burns 2
Psychology	12–12:50pm	St David
Radiation Therapy	12:30–12:50pm	Burns 1
Religious Studies	12–12:20pm	Archway 3
Sustainable Energy Engineering	12:30–12:50pm	Archway 3

1–2pm

Bachelor of Health Sciences	1–1:20pm	Castle 1
Biochemistry	1:30–1:50pm	Castle 1
Bioethics	1–1:20pm	Burns 1
Commerce overview	1:30–1:50pm	Castle 2
English & Linguistics	1–1:20pm	Archway 1
Global Studies	1:30–1:50pm	Archway 1
Marketing	1–1:20pm	Castle 2
Sciences overview	1:30–1:50pm	St David
Social Anthropology	1–1:20pm	Archway 4
Social & Community Work	1:30–1:50pm	Archway 4

2–3pm

Ecology	2–2:20pm	Burns 2
Entrepreneurship	2–2:20pm	Burns 1
Geology	2–2:20pm	Benson Common Room, Geology Building
Health Sciences First Year ♦	2–2:50pm	Castle 1 & 2

3–4pm

Medicine & Surgery	3–3:20pm	Castle 1 & 2
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Monday 5 May

Activities & tours

Botany (tour)	11–11:45am	Dept of Botany (meet in carpark) 464 Great King St
Classics (collection tour)	1–2pm 2–3pm	Barclay Theatre, Tūhura Otago Museum
Dance (workshop)	12–1pm	Dance Studio, College of Education Gym 159 Union St East
Dentistry (tour)	11am–12pm & 1–2pm	Faculty of Dentistry 310 Great King St
English & Linguistics*	1:30–2:30pm	Ōtākou Press Studio
	*Meet at the AskOtago Central Hub. Register at events.otago.ac.nz/2025-tertiary-open-days/englishactivity	
Finance and Sustainable Finance* (30 minute sessions)	12pm, 1pm, 2pm	Bloomberg Lab, Otago Business School
	*Spaces are limited. Sign up at the expo.	
Geology (self-guided tour)	10am–3pm (drop-in)	Geology Museum, Geology Building (South end)
Marine Science (tour)*	10:45am–1:15pm 12:15–2:45pm	Portobello Marine Lab, Otago Peninsula
	*One hour at the facility, plus 45 minutes travel either end. Transport will be provided to and from Otago's Visitors' Centre (by the University of Otago sign). Spaces are limited. Register at events.otago.ac.nz/2025-tertiary-open-days/marine-science	
Music (recording studio tour)	1–2pm	Te Korokoro o te Tūi 141 Union St East
Physics (Quantum world of atoms)	10–10:50am	Burns 2
Physiology (activity)	12:15–1:15pm	G10 & G11, Lindo Ferguson 270 Great King St
Physiotherapy (tour)*	11:30am–12pm	School of Physiotherapy 325 Great King St
	*Meet in the ground floor foyer.	
Surveying (activity)*	10:30am–12:30pm	Union Lawn
	*Weather dependent – cancelled if wet.	
Theatre Studies (workshop)	2–3pm	Allen Hall Theatre
Zoology (activity)*	1:30–2:30pm	Marples Building 340 Great King St
	*Meet at the front steps. Weather dependent – cancelled if wet.	
Zoology (tour)*	1:30–3:30pm	Marples Building 340 Great King St
	*Meet at the front steps. Tours running every 30 minutes (last tour begins 3pm).	

Info sessions

9–10am

Biomedical Sciences	9–9:20am	Burns 1
Entrepreneurship	9:30–9:50am	Archway 4
Health Sciences First Year ♦	9–9:20am	Castle 1 & 2
History	9:30–9:50am	Burns 2
Humanities (Arts) overview	9–9:20am	Archway 4
Management, Human Resource Management & International Business	9–9:20am	Burns 2
Medicine & Surgery	9:30–9:50am	Castle 1 & 2
Microbiology & Immunology	9:30–9:50am	Burns 1
Religious Studies	9:30–9:50am	Archway 3
Sciences overview	9:30–9:50am	St David
Theology	9–9:20am	Archway 3

10–11am

Archaeology	10–10:20am	Archway 3
Chemistry	10:30–10:50am	Burns 1
Combined degrees: BACom, BASc, BComSc	10–10:20am	Archway 4
Computing	10:30–11:20am	Burns 2
Bachelor of Performing Arts & Dance	10:45–11am	Te Korokoro o te Tūi 141 Union St East
Ecology	10:30–10:50am	Archway 3
Food Science & Agricultural Innovation	10–10:20am	Burns 2
Law	10–10:50am	Castle 1 & 2
Marketing	10–10:20am	UniCol dining room
Mathematics & Computational Modelling (COMO)	10:30–10:50am	Archway 1
Medical Laboratory Science	10–10:20am	Burns 1
Music	10:30–10:45am	Te Korokoro o te Tūi 141 Union St East
Philosophy	10:30–10:50am	Archway 4
Physics	10–10:20am	Archway 1
Social & Community Work	10:30–10:50am	Archway 2
Sustainable Energy Engineering	10:30–10:50am	UniCol dining room
Theatre Studies	10–10:20am	Allen Hall

11am–12pm

Bachelor of Health Sciences	11:30–11:50am	Castle 2
Biochemistry	11–11:20am	Castle 2
Classics, Latin & Greek	11:30–11:50am	Archway 1
Data Science	11:30–11:50am	Burns 2
Economics	11:30–11:50am	Archway 4
Exercise & Sport Science, Sport Development & Management, Physical Education, Activity & Health	11–11:50am	St David
Genetics	11:30–11:50am	Castle 1

Monday 5 May

Media, Film & Communication	11:30–11:50am	UniCol dining room
Physiotherapy	11–11:20am	Castle 1
Politics	11–11:20am	Archway 4
Statistics	11–11:20am	Archway 1
Surveying, Measurement, Land Planning & Development	11–11:50am	Hutton Theatre, Tūhura Otago Museum
Teaching & Education	11–11:50am	College of Education Auditorium
Tourism	11–11:20am	Archway 3
Zoology	11:30–11:50am	Archway 3

12–1pm

Anatomy	12–12:50pm	Anatomy Museum, Lindo Ferguson 270 Great King St
Botany	12:30–12:50pm	Archway 3
Commerce overview	12–12:20pm	St David
Combined degrees: BACom, BAsC, BComSc	12:30–12:50pm	Archway 1
Criminology	12:30–12:50pm	St David
Geography & Environmental Management	12:30–1:20pm	Hutton Theatre, Tūhura Otago Museum
Geology	12–12:20pm	Archway 4
Global Studies	12–12:20pm	Archway 1
Health Sciences First Year ◊	12–12:20pm	Castle 1 & 2
Humanities (Arts) overview	12–12:20pm	Archway 3
Languages & Cultures	12:30–12:50pm	Archway 4
Marine Science	12–12:20pm	UniCol dining room
Medicine & Surgery	12:30–12:50pm	Castle 1 & 2
Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE)	12:30–12:50pm	Burns 2
Social Anthropology	12:30–12:50pm	Archway 2
Sociology & Gender Studies	12–12:20pm	Burns 2

1–2pm

Accountancy	1:30–1:50pm	Burns 1
Bioethics	1:30–1:50pm	Castle 1
Commerce overview	1:30–1:50pm	Archway 1
Dental Surgery, Dental Technology & Oral Health	1–1:50pm	Castle 2
English & Linguistics	1–1:20pm	Archway 1
Forensic Analytical Science	1–1:20pm	Castle 1
Pharmaceutical Science	1:30–1:50pm	Burns 2
Pharmacy	1–1:20pm	Burns 1
Psychology	1–1:50pm	St David
Radiation Therapy	1–1:20pm	Burns 2
Surveying, Measurement, Land Planning & Development	1:30–2:20pm	Hutton Theatre, Tūhura Otago Museum

2–3pm

Finance & Sustainable Finance	2–2:20pm	Burns 1
Human Nutrition & Sport & Exercise Nutrition	2–2:20pm	St David
Neuroscience	2–2:20pm	Castle 2
Pharmacology & Toxicology	2–2:20pm	Burns 2
Physiology	2:30–2:50pm	Burns 1

Activities & tours

Archaeology (tour)*	11am & 1pm (40 minutes)	Richardson Building
*Meet by the ground floor lifts. Spaces are limited. Register at events.otago.ac.nz/2025-tertiary-open-days/archaeology		
Botany (tour)	11–11:45am	Dept of Botany (meet in carpark) 464 Great King St
English & Linguistics*	1:30–2:30pm	Ōtākou Press Studio
*Meet at the AskOtago Central Hub. Register at events.otago.ac.nz/2025-tertiary-open-days/englishactivity		
Exercise & Sport Science, Sport Development & Management, Physical Education, Activity & Health*	12:15–1:30pm	Physical Education Building 55 Union St West
*Interactive lab activities & demos.		
Finance and Sustainable Finance*	10am, 11am, 1pm (30 minutes)	Bloomberg Lab, Otago Business School
*Spaces are limited. Sign up at the expo.		
Geology (self-guided tour)	10am–3pm (drop-in)	Geology Museum, Geology Building (South end)
Philosophy, Politics & Economics (The political economy of debt)*	9–11am	Room 1.17, Otago Business School
*Students only due to limited space. Register at events.otago.ac.nz/2025-tertiary-open-days/ppe-activity		
Physics (lab tours)*	11am & 1:30pm	Science 3 Building (Science library entrance)
*Tours run for 40 minutes. Spaces are limited. Sign up at the expo booth.		
Physiotherapy (tour)*	1–1:30pm	School of Physiotherapy 325 Great King St
*Meet in the ground floor foyer.		
Zoology (tour)*	10am–12pm	Marples Building 340 Great King St
*Meet at the front steps. Tours running every 30 minutes (last tour begins 11:30am).		

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Student Experience Expo

Discover the wide range of services designed to support your wellbeing, student life and learning at Otago. Connect with representatives from Student Services, Global Exchange, University Sports, Clubs and Societies, Disability Support, the Students' Association, StudyLink, Scholarships, the Social Impact Studio – and so much more!

We've also got exciting performances, activities, games and freebies to keep you entertained. Don't miss your chance to get involved, get informed, and explore what Otago has to offer.

Sunday, 10am–2pm | Union Lawn
Monday, 9am–3pm | Union Lawn

Info sessions

Entrance Scholarships

Sunday, 10:30–10:50am | St David Lecture Theatre
Monday, 11–11:20am and 1–1:20pm | University College (UniCol) dining room

International students

Monday, 9:30–10:20am | Archway 2 Lecture Theatre
Campus tour: 10:30–11am | Leave from outside Archway Lecture Theatres

Locals programme – for first-years not living in a college

Sunday, 1–1:20pm | Burns 2 Lecture Theatre
Monday, 1–1:20pm | Archway 2 Lecture Theatre

Otago Global Student Exchange

Monday, 1:30–1:50pm | Archway 2 Lecture Theatre

Pathway | Te Huarahi

Academic programmes for students who have just missed UE.
Monday, 9–9:20am | Archway 2 Lecture Theatre
Pathway area tour: 9:30am and 1pm | Level 2 reception, Otago Business School

Schools' Liaison – transitioning to University

Sunday, 9:30–9:50am, 11:30–11:50am, 1:30–1:50pm | Burns 2 Lecture Theatre
Monday: 12–12:20pm | Archway 2 Lecture Theatre

Drop-in

Disability, Information and Support

Monday, 8:30am–4:30pm | Information Services Building, 65 Albany Street

Health Sciences support

We offer a range of support for Māori and Pacific students, those who attended schools of high socioeconomic disadvantage (EQ schools), and those of refugee or rural backgrounds studying Health Sciences. Find us at the HSFY expo stand for more information.

Libraries

Visit otago.ac.nz/library/hours and filter by each library for location/opening hours.

Pacific Islands Centre

Sunday and Monday, 8:30am–5pm | 520 Castle Street North

Te Huka Mātauraka | The Māori Centre

Monday, 8:30am–5pm | 515/519 and 523 Castle Street North

Te Oraka – campus thrift shop

Monday, 9am–3pm | Sustainability Office, 109 Saint David St

Unipol Recreation Services

All facilities are free of charge over Otago Open Days weekend for prospective students and whānau. Take a look around, play a game, or hit the gym!
Saturday, 8am–9pm | Sunday, 9am–10pm | Monday, 6am–10pm
Unipol Recreation Centre, 130 Anzac Avenue

Planning notes

Plan your Otago Open Days experience below:

Academic Expos

Explore your study options across Otago's four academic divisions. Chat with staff and current students, ask questions, and get the inside scoop on the wide range of courses, majors, and career pathways on offer. Our academic expos are all about helping you uncover new opportunities, make confident decisions, and find the perfect fit for your future.

Business & Humanities: Otago Business School

Health Sciences & Sciences: The Link, Union Building

Sunday, 10am–2pm
Monday, 9am–3pm

Campus tours

Sunday and Monday: Leaving every hour between 10am–2pm.
Meet near the Union Lawn statue.



Sign up for the
Otago Open Days app



Residential colleges

Most first-year students live in one of our 15 residential colleges, which are located on or close to campus. Offering three catered meals a day, personal and academic support, and a lively social calendar, they're a great way to meet new people and ease into student life.

Info sessions – find out about college life

Sunday, 2–2:50pm | St David Lecture Theatre

Monday, 9–9:50am | University College (UniCol) dining room

Tour at your own pace

Aquinas
Minutes' walk from campus: 20
(daily shuttle to/from campus)
74 Gladstone Road, Dalmore
otago.ac.nz/aquinas

Arana
Minutes' walk from campus: 3
110 Clyde Street, North Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/arana

Caroline Freeman
Minutes' walk from campus: 6
911 Cumberland Street,
North Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/freeman-college

Carrington
Minutes' walk from campus: 6
57 Heriot Row, North Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/carrington

192 Castle
Minutes' walk from campus: 5
192 Castle Street, Central Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/192castle

Cumberland
Minutes' walk from campus: 4
250 Castle Street,
Central Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/cumberland

Hayward
Minutes' walk from campus: 3
110 Frederick Street,
Central Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/hayward

Knox
Minutes' walk from campus: 15
(daily shuttle to/from campus)
3 Arden Street, North East Valley
knoxcollege.ac.nz

College tours

Sunday & Monday, 9am–3pm (colleges open 9am–4pm, last bus departs 3pm)
Saturday by appointment (please contact each college directly)

A hop-on hop-off bus will be departing approximately every 20 minutes (from 9am) outside the Visitors' Centre (near St David Complex – find the Otago sign on the map). The bus will loop around the following off-campus colleges: Knox, Salmond, Aquinas, Caroline Freeman, Toroa, Carrington, Cumberland. You can choose to walk to other nearby colleges or back to campus from these stops. Check out the college map to see what's close by!

Salmond
Minutes' walk from campus: 12
(daily shuttle to/from campus)
19 Knox Street, North East Valley
salmondcollege.ac.nz

Selwyn
Minutes' walk from campus: 0
560 Castle Street,
North Dunedin
selwyn.ac.nz

St Margaret's
Minutes' walk from campus: 0
333 Leith Street, North Dunedin
stmargarets.college

Studholme
Minutes' walk from campus: 3
127 Clyde Street, North Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/studholme

Te Rangihiroa
Minutes' walk from campus: 5
15 Forth Street, North Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/terangihiroa

Toroa
Minutes' walk from campus: 3
8 Regent Road, North Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/toroa

University College (UniCol)
Minutes' walk from campus: 0
315 Leith Street, North Dunedin
otago.ac.nz/unicol

Residential colleges map



Campus map



We recognise the importance of the whenua our University is built upon, and the local tribal authorities who have mana whenua here. Our three principal rūnanga in Dunedin are Te Rūnaka o Ōtākou, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki and Te Rūnanga o Moeraki.



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