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Intro to Otago Whakatakinga ki Ōtākou



THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

is ranked in the top **1%** of universities in the world.*

225

undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are available.



Awarded 5 Stars plus – the highest possible rating for teaching and research.◇

86%

of our students come from outside Dunedin.

95%

go directly into work or on to further study.

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New Zealand's number 1 university for educational performance.†

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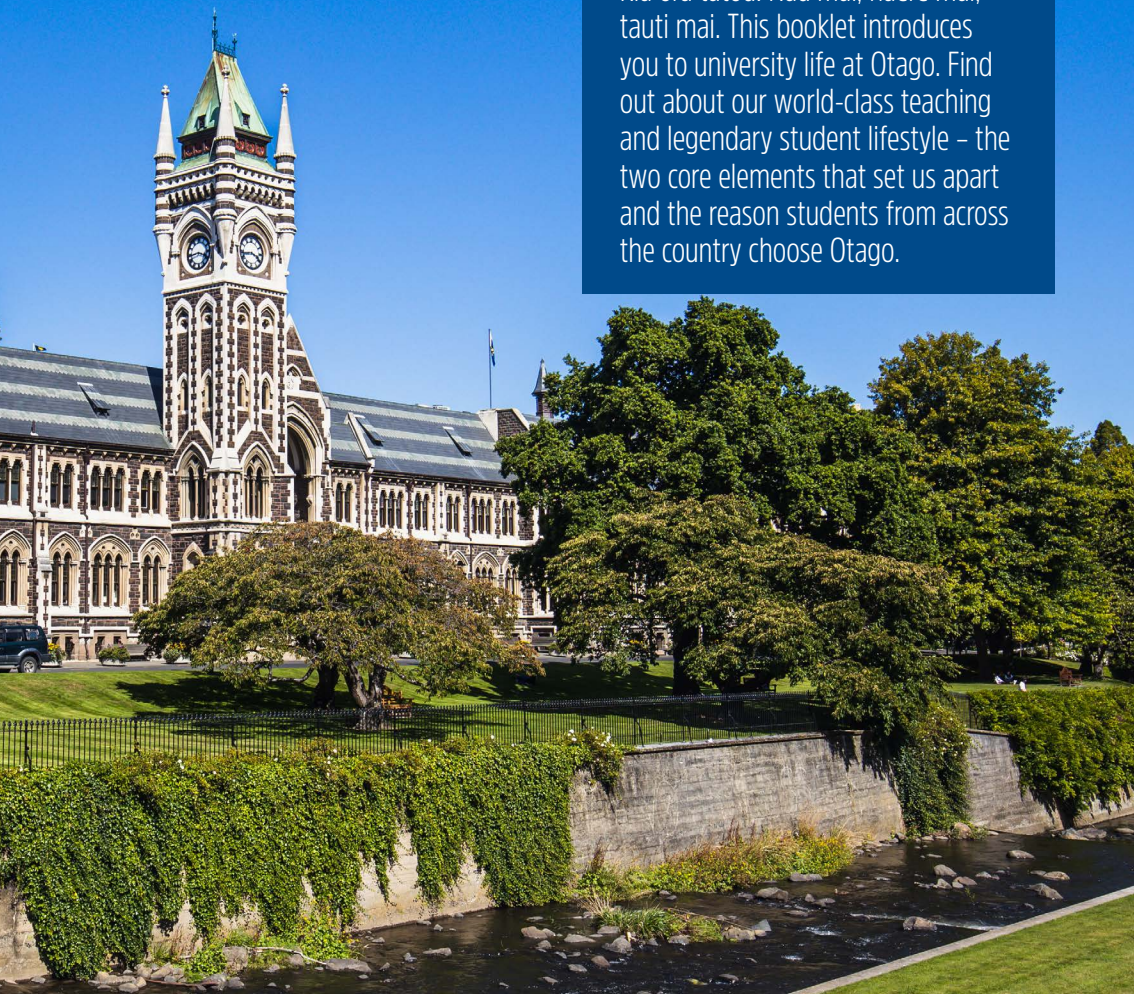
residential colleges offer a campus community like no other university in New Zealand.

*QS World University Rankings

†Tertiary Education Commission Educational Performance Indicators

◇ QS Stars

Kia ora tātou. Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai. This booklet introduces you to university life at Otago. Find out about our world-class teaching and legendary student lifestyle – the two core elements that set us apart and the reason students from across the country choose Otago.





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Life at Otago

Tō noho ki Ōtākou

University life isn't just about study. It's a chance to meet new people, develop your hobbies and interests and have fun.

At Otago, there are countless ways to immerse yourself in student life and make the most of your university experience.

Ōtepoti Dunedin

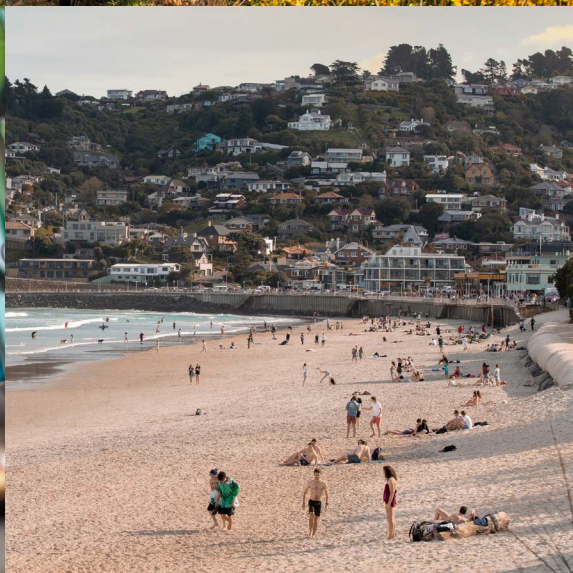
Located on the southeast coast of the South Island, Dunedin is an urban hub surrounded by beaches, hills and harbour waters.

If you're into the outdoors, you'll find plenty to keep you occupied. Mountain bike, walking and running trails crisscross the city's hills. Go penguin spotting on the Otago Peninsula or head to St Clair to surf, hang out on the beach or swim in the heated salt water pool.

The cafés, bars, museums, art galleries, cinemas and live music venues of the city centre are just a 10-minute walk from campus. Or, check out the action at Forsyth Barr Stadium, which plays host to top-level sport and big name bands.

Not sure if the southern climate's for you? Dunedin's changeable weather gets a bad rap, but the city serves up plenty of sunny days, even in winter.







Our campus

Study, refuel, catch up with friends, or chill out amongst beautiful green spaces ... our campus has everything you need for student life, all within easy walking distance.

Around 21,000 students call the campus and its surrounding streets home, creating a lively buzz and a real community feel.





Relax or socialise in the many beautiful green spaces around campus.



Six libraries around campus provide a wide variety of bright study spaces and access to a huge array of resources.



The Marsh Study Centre and café is a warm and comfortable study space located amongst our flatting community.



The Mellor Laboratories offer state-of-the-art laboratories, including a dietetics lab, a bioengineering lab and a metal-free clean lab.



Otago is home to New Zealand's only dental school. This facility is the most technologically advanced in Australasia.



Logan Park, and its floodlit artificial turf, hosts football, rugby and cricket matches and evening training sessions.



The Performing Arts Centre offers a recording studio, performance spaces, and practice rooms, all equipped with the latest technology.



The Bloomberg Lab, in the Otago Business School, provides access to the same trading platform used by leading investment companies.

Students' union

Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) is run by students for students. They offer 170+ clubs and societies, opportunities to get involved with *Critic* magazine and Radio 1, and support and advice services. OUSA also organise a year-round calendar of gigs and events that kicks off with Orientation – a fun week of activities designed to help you settle into university life.

ousa.org.nz

Be active

Whether you're looking to clear your head, meet new people or achieve a healthy study-life balance, Unipol Recreation has you covered. Facilities include a gym, weights areas, sports halls, fitness classes, gear rental and a social sport programme.

otago.ac.nz/recreation





Student exchange

Want to see the world and gain a more international perspective? Our student exchange programme gives you the opportunity to study at one of 100+ universities around the world. You could spend one or two semesters overseas and earn credits towards your Otago degree.

otago.ac.nz/student-exchange





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, a strong support network and a lively social calendar, they're a great way to meet new people and ease into student life.

What's included?

- Your furnished room
- Unlimited internet
- Fully catered meals
- Recreational and study facilities
- Support from live-in staff and senior students
- Year-round calendar of social and sporting events.

Applications for residential colleges open on 1 August. Complete your application by 30 September to be considered in the first round of offers.

otago.ac.nz/colleges

Not living in a college?

If you choose to flat, board or live at home, you'll automatically become a member of Locals, giving you plenty of opportunities to get involved in student life.

Locals organise social events, offer volunteering opportunities and academic support, and have their own common room – Locals HQ – on the top floor of the Union Building.

otago.ac.nz/locals



Support and wellbeing

You don't have to figure everything out on your own. We offer a range of support services to make your time here as stress-free and successful as possible.

- Our **Campus Watch** team are out and about 24/7, ensuring that our campus is a safe and friendly place to live.
- Staff at **Te Huka Mātauraka** operate from a kaupapa Māori base to create a supportive learning and social environment for tauira Māori.
- The **Pacific Islands Centre** provides academic and cultural support for Pacific students in collaboration with the local Pacific community.
- Students with physical, psychological or learning disabilities can receive extra help from our **Disability Information and Support Office**.
- Our **Student Health** team is here to look after your physical and mental health.
- Head to **Student Learning Development** for study advice, including tips on writing essays and preparing for exams.
- The **Student Accommodation Centre** can help you find your perfect student flat.
- Starting to think about your future career? Check out the resources on offer at the **Career Development Centre**.
- **OUSA's Student Support Centre** can help with everything from accommodation to wellbeing advice.
- The **chaplaincy team** offers spiritual support and a confidential listening ear to all students.
- Download the **University of Otago app** for access to online resources, including a campus map and your timetable.
- Our six campus **libraries** offer a huge range of resources and warm, comfortable study spaces.
- Not sure if you've picked the right course? Our **course advice** experts can set you on the right track.

otago.ac.nz/student-services



TE HUKA MĀTAURAKA

ou mai, haere mai,
ki te whare o
Huka Māhūrakā



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How do I get in?

E pehea au e uru atu ai?

You'll need to meet specific requirements in order to study at Otago. This section provides information about admission requirements and gives you an indication of how much university will cost.

Admission requirements

To be eligible to enrol at Otago, you'll need one of the following university entrance (UE) qualifications.

NCEA

- NCEA Level 3
- At least 14 credits in each of three approved subjects.
- Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or higher.
- Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above (five in reading and five in writing).

Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International)

- At least 120 points on the New Zealand score table, at AS or A level with a grade of D or better from at least three different syllabus groups, broadly equivalent to the NCEA-approved subject list.
- Meet literacy and numeracy requirements.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- IB diploma with 24 points minimum.
- Meet literacy and numeracy requirements.

Overseas secondary school qualifications

- Australian Secondary School Ranking (ATAR74 or above).
- General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) taken overseas.
- Other overseas qualifications.

Some programmes may have higher standards or additional entrance requirements which must also be met for an offer of enrolment to be made.

Fees and funding

Most domestic students who are new to tertiary education will be eligible for one year of fees-free study.

feesfree.govt.nz

After your first year, programme fees vary from approximately \$6,000 to \$17,000 depending on what you choose to study.

There are additional administration and service fees to plan for. You'll also need to budget for textbooks, field trips, and all the social, sporting, community and cultural events Otago has to offer.

otago.ac.nz/tuition-fees

Living costs

	Residential college	Flatting	Studio room
Annual accommodation fee	\$18,696	-	-
Average rent (52 weeks)	-	\$10,400	\$13,000
Groceries (40 weeks @ \$100)	-	\$4,200	\$4,200
Electricity/internet (52 weeks @ \$35)	-	\$2,000	-
Personal costs (40 weeks @ \$80)	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200
Entertainment (40 weeks @ \$55)	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Total	\$24,096	\$22,000	\$22,600

Costs are based on 2023 figures. Residential college contracts are normally for 38 weeks. Some colleges may charge a higher fee than the fee listed in the table. In addition to the accommodation fee, the residential colleges charge a student placement and activities fee. For 2023, this was \$894 for most colleges. Personal costs vary considerably depending on lifestyle. This estimated budget does not include travel costs or any significant personal expenditure items.

Scholarships

Scholarships are an award of money to help pay for your university study. Entrance scholarships are available if you're starting full-time, first-year degree studies.

Scholarships aren't just for high academic achievers. While some scholarships are awarded for academic achievements, others recognise leadership qualities, ethnicity, financial and life challenges, disabilities, and excellence in sporting, cultural or community pursuits.

There are thousands of scholarships available, ranging from \$2,000 to over \$30,000.

How to apply for a scholarship

Apply online through eVision. Provide as much information as you can about yourself – we're interested in your background, interests, and life outside of school, as well as your academic achievements.

You don't have to apply for a specific scholarship. Once we receive your application, we'll consider you for the scholarship/s that best match your circumstances.

Keep the scholarship closing dates in mind so you don't miss out. Applications open on 1 July and close on 15 August (some closing dates vary).

otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships

Student loans

If you can't afford to pay for course-related costs and living expenses yourself, StudyLink can help you arrange a student loan. StudyLink can also organise a student allowance (conditions apply), and assist with budgeting and other financial advice.

studylink.govt.nz





Comparing Financials

- Different aspects for different audiences: Revenue, marketcap, subscriber, customers and R&D
- Average case Assets
- Consider what company you are comparing and why



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Studying at Otago

Te ako ki Ōtākou

University is an amazing opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills, learn from experts and set yourself up for future career success. This section will explain how you'll study at university and introduce you to the subjects on offer.

Teaching

Studying at university is very different to school. You'll have fewer scheduled lessons and be expected to do more independent learning. Some of the main teaching methods you'll encounter at university include:

Lectures give you the core information for each paper and are the main method of instruction. Lectures normally last 50 minutes and, in many first-year subjects, there can be up to 500 students in a lecture at one time.

Tutorials are small group sessions, led by a tutor, for discussion and individual assistance. Some are compulsory and some will be optional.

Laboratory sessions (labs) involve experimental or practical work. They may be compulsory and participation may contribute towards your final grade.

Fieldwork is practical work carried out off-campus. It might involve conducting surveys, collecting samples or taking photos.

Assessment. Papers are assessed in a variety of ways. Examinations (finals) are usually the most important, and most papers end with a two- to three-hour exam. Many papers also have internal assessments such as short tests, written essays/assignments or laboratory work.

Workload

You need to treat being a student as a full-time job. Expect to study three or four papers each semester. Including your lectures, practicals, assignments and independent study, this will work out to be about 36–48 hours a week.

University jargon

Starting to research your study options and already feeling lost in the jargon? Here are some common terms you're likely to come across.

A **degree** is the qualification you complete at university. This is your overall **programme**. Your degree will have an abbreviation such as BA, BSc or BCom. That's code for Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Commerce, and so on.

Some **programmes**, such as Health Sciences First Year (HSFY), will lead on to many other degrees.

The **subject** you specialise in within your degree is called your **major**. When you start your first year at university, choose three or four subjects you'd like to try. One will become your major.

In many degrees you can choose to have a **minor** as well. This is a subject you have studied at each level, but not in as much depth as your major.

Each subject has **levels** (100, 200, 300). The first courses you take are called 100-level papers or beginner papers.

Each subject is divided into **papers**. They are like topics within each subject – the building blocks of your degree. They have codes like HIST 104, PSYC 201 and MART 304. The papers you choose each year are your course of study.

When you pass each paper, you get **points** towards your degree. Papers are generally worth 18 points and a three-year degree needs 360 points. This usually consists of 20 papers, an average of 7 papers per year.

A **double degree** is when you study two degrees at the same time. There are also options to combine two majors from different degrees in a single four-year degree. These **combined degrees** include Arts and Business, Arts and Science, and Business and Science.

How does a degree work?

General three-year bachelors' degrees such as the BA, BCom and BSc have a similar structure.

- Three years of full-time study.
- Made up of at least 20 papers.
- Each paper is worth 18 points.
- Each degree is 20 papers x 18 points
= 360 total points.

- Your degree must have one major subject.
- A major subject is made up of at least nine papers at 100-, 200- and 300-level.

A general bachelor's degree is flexible; you can make changes and include up to five papers from other degrees.

A general degree, such as a BA, might look something like this:

YEAR 1	Arts 100-level e.g. HIST 102	Arts 100-level e.g. HIST 107	Arts 100-level e.g. CLAS 109	Arts 100-level e.g. CLAS 105
YEAR 2	Arts 200-level e.g. HIST 215	Arts 200-level e.g. HIST 233	Arts 200-level e.g. HIST 210	Arts 200-level e.g. CLAS 238
YEAR 3	Arts 300-level e.g. HIST 303	Arts 300-level e.g. HIST 306	Arts 300-level e.g. HIST 337	Arts 300-level e.g. HIST 328

Specialist degrees

Many students come to Otago for specialist programmes such as Health Sciences First Year, Oral Health, Dental Technology, Radiation Therapy, Surveying, Social Work, Teaching, Theology, Law, Music or Performing Arts. These programmes usually include more compulsory papers and less free choice. However, there is still flexibility in the first year and opportunities to make changes.

Arts 100-level e.g. ANTH 103	Arts or other 100-level e.g. BSNS 111	Arts or other 100-level e.g. MART 112
Arts 100-level e.g. ANTH 105	Arts or other 200-level e.g. MART 201	Arts or other 200-level e.g. MART 211
Arts ANY LEVEL e.g. SPAN 131	Arts or other ANY LEVEL e.g. COMP 101	

- Arts major subject
- Arts subjects other than the major
- Subjects either from Arts or from other degrees

Choosing what to study

There's a lot to think about when deciding what to study at university. Here are some of the things to consider.

What interests you?

Studying a subject that genuinely fascinates you will make your time at university easier and more enjoyable. You might have a few subjects you enjoy – use your first year to explore your interests and work out which subject you're going to specialise in.

Do you have a specific career goal?

This can help narrow down your search but still make sure you investigate all your options. Otago degrees offer a lot of flexibility – you might be able to incorporate your interests while still working towards your career goals.

Are you driven to solve a particular issue – like climate change or health inequity – but have no idea which subject would best suit this goal?

Explore our themes to discover subjects you might not be familiar with.

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

Remember, Otago degrees are flexible. It's okay to change your mind after you apply. For now, use our printed publications and website to find out as much as you can about the subjects on offer. The *Undergraduate Prospectus*, available from your school in May, is a great starting place.

Are you on the right track?

Many of Otago's subjects and degrees have recommended school subjects – a handy chart summarising this is available on our website:

otago.ac.nz/background-subjects

Year 11

English, maths and science are strongly recommended.

Add at least two other subject options.

Aim to achieve at least 10 Level 1 Numeracy credits.

Year 12

English and maths are strongly recommended. Choose science subjects if you are considering a science-based career.

Aim to achieve at least 10 Level 2 Literacy credits.

Your Level 2 results can guarantee you admission to Otago (provided you gain UE and meet the minimum age and language requirements).

Year 13

Studying five UE-approved subjects is recommended.

Check you're taking the recommended school subjects for your intended degree programme, especially if you're considering a science-based career.

Ensure you're on track to gain university entrance.

Bachelor of Commerce

otago.ac.nz/business

At Otago, we believe business has a big role to play in a better future. Our business school was one of the first worldwide to adopt the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals – and we continue to be global leaders in the impact space.

As a student, you'll learn from world-renowned lecturers who teach an innovative curriculum based on their extensive research experience. You'll get the chance to network with business professionals, take part in guest-speaker events, and participate in business case competitions, entrepreneurial challenges and the internship programme.

If you want a career that matters, an Otago Business degree will give you the

skills and knowledge you need to make a real difference.

Subjects:

Accounting
Business Analytics*
Economics
Entrepreneurship*
Finance
Human Resource Management
Information Science
International Business
Management
Marketing
Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Sustainable Business*
Sustainable Finance*
Tourism and Hospitality

** Available as a minor subject only.*

Bachelor of Entrepreneurship

otago.ac.nz/bentr

Develop the entrepreneurial skills and innovative thinking to turn business ideas into reality.

On this programme, you'll learn how to build and scale a successful venture. This includes how to develop ideas, interpret research and understand what customers truly want.

You'll have access to entrepreneurial training programmes and get the opportunity to undertake an internship at an existing venture.

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences

otago.ac.nz/biomedicallsciences

Biomedical Sciences is the study of how the human body functions in health and disease. You'll delve into the causes of disease and look at how that knowledge can be applied to the detection, diagnosis, management, treatment and even prevention of disease.

From second year, you'll choose to specialise in one of six subjects, giving you the opportunity to shape your study around the fields that interest you the most.

Subjects:

Drugs and Human Health

Functional Human Biology

Infection and Immunity

Molecular Basis of Health
and Disease

Nutrition and Metabolism
in Human Health

Reproduction, Genetics and
Development

Bachelor of Dental Surgery

otago.ac.nz/dentalsurgery

Learn how to prevent, diagnose and treat disease and improve the oral health of individuals and the wider community.

Develop scientific, theoretical and clinical skills in our high-tech dental facilities and take the first steps towards a challenging and rewarding career as a dentist.

Admission to Dental Surgery is competitive and is normally based on your marks from Health Sciences First Year.

Bachelor of Dental Technology

otago.ac.nz/dentaltechnology

Interested in a career that combines hands-on practical work, creativity and the ability to care for people?

Study Dental Technology and you'll learn how to design and construct dental appliances that improve the health and wellbeing of patients.

Admission is competitive. You can apply from school.

Bachelor of Health Sciences

otago.ac.nz/bhealsc

Interested in contributing to the promotion of health and wellbeing in our communities? Then the Bachelor of Health Sciences could be for you.

You'll gain expertise in health services, health policy, social health, and population health. Through classroom and hands-on learning, you'll learn how to develop innovative and proactive approaches to challenging and complex health needs.

Majors:

Community Health Care
Māori Health
Pacific and Global Health
Public Health

Health Sciences First Year

otago.ac.nz/hsfy

Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) is the gateway to a career in healthcare or medical research.

If you intend to apply for Dental Surgery, Medical Laboratory Science, Medicine, Pharmacy, or Physiotherapy then you must do HSFY.

HSFY is a programme available only at Otago, to be completed in its entirety in the first year of university study.

HSFY can lead to:

Dental Surgery
Medical Laboratory Science
Medicine
Pharmacy
Physiotherapy

Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science

otago.ac.nz/medicallaboratoryscience

Gain the skills, techniques and hands-on experience to assist in the diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of disease.

Clinical placements in fourth year are undertaken in New Zealand.

Admission to the four-year programme is competitive and is normally based on your marks from Health Sciences First Year.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

otago.ac.nz/medicine

Being a doctor is a challenging and exciting career that requires the highest level of clinical competency, excellent communication and research skills, and a high standard of professional and ethical behaviour.

At Otago, you'll be taught by experienced clinicians who are at the forefront of modern clinical practice. You'll develop an understanding of the scientific and professional basics of medicine through a blend of lectures, case-based learning and practical work, supplemented by patient interactions in hospitals or primary care settings.

Admission to Medicine is competitive and is normally based on your marks from Health Sciences First Year.

Bachelor of Oral Health

otago.ac.nz/oralhealth

Become a highly skilled member of the dental team and work with patients to help prevent and manage oral disease.

Through laboratory, clinical and classroom teaching, you'll learn how to diagnose and treat oral diseases (such as gum disease and dental decay), educate patients about their oral health, and provide quality care for patients of all ages.

Admission is competitive. You can apply from school.

Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science

otago.ac.nz/bpharmsc

Contribute to the discovery and development of new medicines and therapies. This lab-based degree opens doors to the diverse and rapidly growing pharmaceutical industry and health-related research careers.

If you're interested in science and technology, and want to learn more about medicines that prevent and treat disease in plants, animals and humans, this degree could be for you.

Bachelor of Pharmacy

otago.ac.nz/pharmacy

Pharmacists are health professionals and medication experts. Pharmacists take care of patients in many settings, including community pharmacies and hospitals. They also collaborate with other healthcare professionals to make the best decisions for patients.

Admission is competitive and is normally based on your marks from Health Sciences First Year.

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

otago.ac.nz/physiotherapy

Physiotherapists play an essential role in helping people achieve optimal physical function and healthy lifestyles. They treat people of all ages and from all sorts of backgrounds – from babies with breathing issues to people with back pain, cerebral palsy, or who have recently given birth or undergone heart surgery.

Admission to Physiotherapy is competitive and is normally based on your marks from Health Sciences First Year.

Bachelor of Radiation Therapy

otago.ac.nz/radiationtherapy

Are you attracted to a scientific discipline and keen to work as part of a team of skilled professionals treating and curing patients?

Radiation Therapy involves the planning and delivery of radiation treatment and care for patients with cancer. It's a highly skilled health profession with excellent career opportunities in New Zealand and overseas.

A degree in Radiation Therapy combines a variety of learning from health science to technology, patient care and teamwork. It's taught from the Wellington campus of the University of Otago.

Admission is competitive. You can apply from school.

Bachelor of Arts

otago.ac.nz/arts

If you're interested in people, then the Bachelor of Arts is the degree for you. Choose from the wide range of subjects looking at how individuals, groups and societies think and behave.

As well as gaining a breadth of knowledge during your studies, Arts graduates are known for their excellent communication skills, innovation, versatility, critical thinking and research and analytical skills – attributes that are essential in practically every career imaginable and sought after by employers.

Subjects:

Anthropology (includes
Archaeology and Social
Anthropology)
Asian Studies^
Biblical Studies
Bioethics*
Buddhist Studies*
Chinese
Christian Thought and
History

Classics
Communication Studies
Computer Science
Criminology*
Dance*
Economics
Education
English
English and Linguistics
Environmental Management
Environment and Society*
European Studies^
Film and Media Studies
French
Gender Studies
Geography
German^
Global Studies
Greek*
History
Human Services Law*
Indigenous Studies
Information Science
Irish Studies*
Japanese
Language and Linguistics
Latin*
Linguistics
Māori Studies
Mathematics
Music
Music Production*
Pacific Islands Studies
Pastoral Studies*
Philosophy

Philosophy, Politics and
Economics
Politics
Popular Music*
Psychology
Religious Studies
Science Communication^*
Science of Religion*
Sociology
Spanish
Sport Development and
Management
Statistics
TESOL (Teaching English
to Speakers of Other
Languages)*
Theatre Studies
Theology*
Tourism, Languages and
Cultures
Writing*

**Available as a minor subject only.
^ To be confirmed. See website for
up-to-date details.*

*Note: See Music section for the
Bachelor of Music degree.*

Bachelor of Laws

otago.ac.nz/law

A Law degree from Otago is a professional degree that can lead to expected – and unexpected – careers. Many graduates go on to work as lawyers in private practice, but others work in business, government, the public sector or welfare agencies.

Studying Law will give you the ability to question and challenge, analyse complex issues, find solutions to a wide variety of problems and contribute to decision-making at all levels.

All students who gain admission to the University can enrol in the first-year paper, LAWS 101 The Legal System. Admission to second-year law is based on your first-year marks and is restricted to around 230 students.

Bachelor of Music

otago.ac.nz/music

Develop your skills as a performer, composer, songwriter or music producer.

From classical music to contemporary rock and world music, this programme provides a stimulating musical education across a wide variety of forms and styles.

You'll delve into the theory and history of music, and hone your skills in critical thinking, expression and research.

Entry to most Performance Music papers is by audition. Application for entry should be made by 1 September for study the following year; late auditions may be considered.

Bachelor of Performing Arts

otago.ac.nz/performingarts

Studying Performing Arts at Otago gives you a rare opportunity to explore more than one performing art form – music, theatre and dance – blended into a single degree.

You'll develop your knowledge and skills in acting, dance, directing, devising, music performance (singing or instrument), composition, songwriting, technical production, and the theoretical and historical foundations of theatre, music and dance.

You'll train and perform in a fully equipped theatre, as well as music and dance studios and performance spaces.

Auditions are required for singing papers.

Bachelor of Social Work

otago.ac.nz/socialwork

Want to make a rewarding and positive contribution to society? Social workers engage with individuals, whānau and communities to promote human rights, help improve people's life outcomes and pursue social justice.

This degree will prepare you for the profession through a combination of theory and supervised fieldwork. After graduating, you can apply for registration as a social worker, opening doors to an impactful professional career

Bachelor of Teaching

otago.ac.nz/education

Gain the contemporary theory, curriculum knowledge and in-class experience needed to become a teacher and set yourself up for a rewarding career.

You can study for the Bachelor of Teaching (in Early Childhood or Primary Education) at our campuses in Dunedin and Invercargill. A specialised Primary Bicultural teaching programme, Te Pōkai Mātauranga o te Ao Rua, is available in Invercargill.

Bachelor of Theology

otago.ac.nz/theology

Theology offers the chance to explore faith, yourself and the world.

Christianity has been a major force in the development of western civilisation, helping to shape the world in which we live today, so there is enormous value in coming to an informed understanding of the Christian faith.

The Bachelor of Theology can be endorsed in Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, or Pastoral Studies. You can study a Theology minor or choose individual papers. There is also a one-year Diploma in Theology.

Bachelor of Science

otago.ac.nz/sciences

When you think science and scientific research, think Otago, where world-renowned researchers and unique natural resources combine to create a scientific learning environment like no other.

Subjects:

Agricultural Innovation
Anatomy
Aquaculture and Fisheries
Biochemistry
Bioethics*
Botany
Chemistry
Computational Modelling*
Computer Science
Data Science
Ecology
Economics
Energy Management
Energy Science and Technology
Environmental Management
Environmental Toxicology*
Exercise and Sport Science
Food Science
Forensic Analytical Science
Genetics
Geographic Information Systems
Geography
Geology

Human Nutrition
Information Science
Land Planning and Development
Marine Science
Mathematical Statistics*
Mathematics
Microbiology
Neuroscience
Nutrition Communication*
Pathology*
Pharmacology
Physical Education, Activity and Health
Physics
Physiology
Plant Biotechnology
Psychology
Science Communication^*
Software Engineering
Sport and Exercise Nutrition
Sport Development and Management
Sports Technology*
Statistics
Supplementary Nutritional Science* (for students majoring in Sport and Exercise Nutrition only)
Surveying Measurement
Zoology

** Available as a minor subject only.*

^ To be confirmed. See website for up-to-date details.

Bachelor of Surveying

otago.ac.nz/surveying

Looking for a hands-on career that gives you the opportunity to work outdoors? Surveyors and spatial scientists measure, analyse and model the world, working in a range of land, property and construction related areas.

Otago offers New Zealand's only professional surveying degree that leads to registration as a licensed cadastral surveyor. It's a profession in high demand and most graduates gain full-time employment before they complete the final year of their degree.

Admission into second year is based on your first-year results.

Combined degrees

A combined degree allows you to study two different majors from two study areas.

With hundreds of combinations available, you can personalise your degree to suit your interests, strengths and career plans.

A combined degree usually takes four years to complete.

otago.ac.nz/combine

Bachelor of Arts and Commerce

Choose two different major subjects, one from Arts and one from Business.

Bachelor of Commerce and Science

Choose two different major subjects, one from Business and one from Science.

Bachelor of Arts and Science

Choose two different major subjects, one from Arts and one from Science.

Course information is subject to change. See the Undergraduate Prospectus and website for up-to-date listings.

Key dates

March-July

Schools' liaison officers visit schools for introductory Otago talks.

May

Pick up a copy of the 2025 Undergraduate Prospectus from your school.

26-27 May

Join us on campus for Tertiary Open Days. Explore our facilities and residential colleges, learn more about subjects and meet staff and students.

1 July-15 August

Apply for entrance scholarships by 15 August. Find out how to apply here:

otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships



August–November

Schools' liaison officers visit schools to help you with course planning.

August



Pick up a copy of the 2025 Guide to Enrolment from your school.

1 August–30 September

Apply for residential colleges by 30 September. Find out how to apply here:

otago.ac.nz/colleges

31 August

Application deadline for the Bachelor of Teaching.*

1 September



Application deadline for Performance Music auditions.*

15 September

Application deadline for Radiation Therapy, Oral Health, and Dental Technology.

10 December



Application deadline for the following courses: BA, BACom, BASc, BBiomedSc, BCom, BComSc, BEntr, MusB, BPharmSc, BSc, BSW (first year), BTheol, LLB (first year), HSFY, BSurv (first year), BPA, BHealSc.

All enrolment, scholarship and residential college applications are made online via eVision.

*Late applications may be considered.

Experience campus life

Did you know you can sample university life while still at school? Several programmes give you the chance to spend time on campus and attend lectures. Scholarships to cover costs are available.

Hands-On at Otago runs for a week in January 2024 and is open to current Year 11 and 12 students. Live in a residential college and get hands-on experience in your favourite subject.

Māori On-Campus Experience (OCE) is for Year 13 Māori students. Spend five days attending lectures, meeting staff and students, and living in a residential college.

Pacific On-Campus Experience (POCE) provides an opportunity for Year 13 Pacific students to experience life in a residential college and attend classes.

REACH is an on-campus opportunity for selected Year 13 Māori students interested in a career in health. Stay in a residential college and explore Health Sciences study options.

otago.ac.nz/informationevents





Tertiary Open Days

Tertiary Open Days is a great way to get a feel for university and find out if you'd like to live and study in Dunedin. You can tour the campus and residential colleges, attend lectures, and chat to staff and students.

Book Sunday 26 and Monday 27 May 2024 into your calendar – we'd love to show you around!

otago.ac.nz/open-days

Campus tours

If you can't make our open days, you're welcome to visit at any time. Explore the campus at your own pace or book one of our guided tours, which include visits to two residential colleges – St Margaret's and University College (UniCol). If you want to visit other colleges, you can contact them directly to arrange a time.

otago.ac.nz/campustours

Get in touch

Need some help or advice about studying at Otago? Our schools' liaison team are your first point of contact.

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For info about expos and Tertiary Open Days:

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