



University  
of Otago

ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

**2027  
INTRO  
TO OTAGO  
WHAKATAKINGA  
KI ŌTĀKOU**



# #1

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY FOR  
EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE.\*

# 96%

OF GRADUATES GO DIRECTLY INTO WORK  
OR ON TO FURTHER STUDY.

# TOP 200

RANKED IN THE TOP 200  
UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD.†

# 86%

OF OUR STUDENTS COME FROM OUTSIDE DUNEDIN.

# 200+

UNDERGRADUATE AND  
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES.



AWARDED 5 STARS PLUS – THE HIGHEST  
POSSIBLE RATING FOR TEACHING  
AND RESEARCH.‡

# #110

RANKED 110 IN THE WORLD FOR SUSTAINABILITY.

\* COURSE COMPLETION, FIRST-YEAR RETENTION RATE,  
QUALIFICATION COMPLETION,  
TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION NZ

† QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS  
‡ QS STARS



**Kia ora tātou. Nau mai,  
haere mai, tauti mai.**

**This booklet introduces  
you to university life and study at Otago.  
Learn from the best  
on a campus that puts  
students first.**

**Graduate with the skills, knowledge,  
and mindset to create positive change in  
Aotearoa, the  
Pacific and beyond.**



# LIFE AT ŌTAGO

## TE KOIORA I ŌTĀKOU

University is a chance to immerse yourself in new ideas and academic challenges, meet new people and develop your hobbies and interests. Find out how Otago can help support 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. Explore the Otago Peninsula or head to St Clair to surf, hang out on the beach or swim in the heated salt water pool.

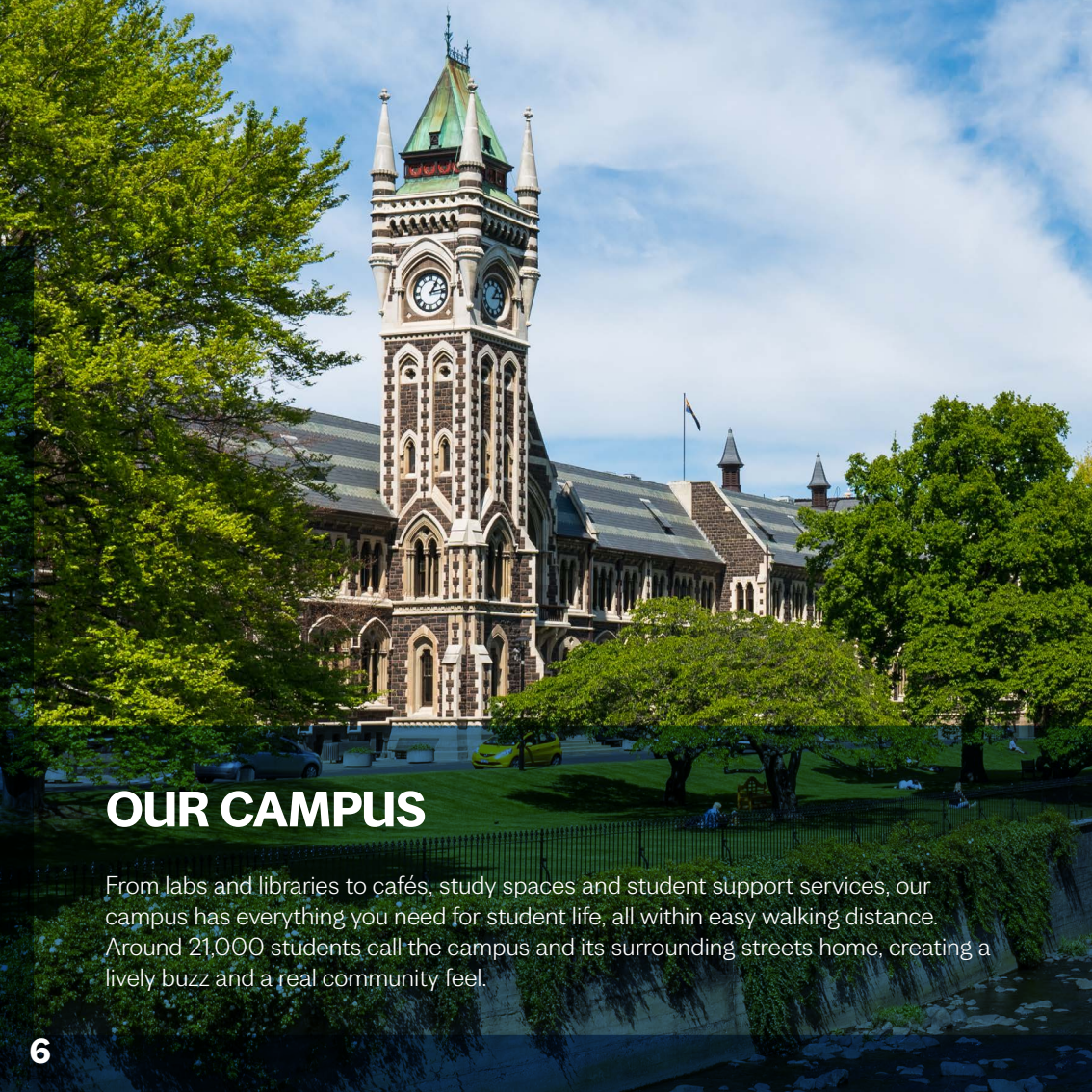
When you need a break from the books, the cafés, bars, museums, art galleries, cinemas and live music venues of the city centre are just a 10-minute walk from campus.

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.

Images: DunedinNZ  
and freeridenezeland







## OUR CAMPUS

From labs and libraries to cafés, study spaces and student support services, 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 flating community.



Get hands-on lab experience in our state-of-the-art Mellor Laboratories.



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



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



Located in the Business School, the Bloomberg Lab 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 160+ 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](http://ousa.org.nz)

# STAY ACTIVE

At Otago, there's lots of ways to get moving, from social sport programmes to fitness classes to sports clubs. Unipol Recreation features a gym, weights areas, sports halls, court spaces and games areas. They also have a wide variety of outdoor equipment available for hire, including surfboards, bikes, skis, snowboards, camping gear and clothing.

[otago.ac.nz/recreation](http://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/otagoglobal](https://otago.ac.nz/otagoglobal)





# 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.

What's included?

- Your furnished room
- Unlimited internet
- Fully catered meals
- Recreational and study facilities
- Support from live-in staff and senior students to help you meet your academic goals and transition to university life
- 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](https://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 and make new friends.

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](https://otago.ac.nz/locals)**

For flatting tips, check out OUSA's support hub.

**[ousasupporthub.org.nz](https://ousasupporthub.org.nz)**

# 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.
- **Student Academic Skills** provides study advice, including tips on writing essays, improving your maths skills and preparing for exams.
- The **Student Accommodation Centre** can help you with residential college applications and advice on alternative accommodation.
- 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 **chaplancy 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](https://otago.ac.nz/student-services)**





# HOW DO I GET IN?

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You need a university entrance qualification 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 qualifications (UE).

## 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).

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

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

## 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.

## OVERSEAS SECONDARY SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS

- Australian Secondary School Ranking (ATAR 69.6 or above).
- General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) taken overseas.
- Other overseas qualifications.

Other New Zealand secondary school qualifications are also eligible for UE. Some degrees have additional entry requirements, including Dental Technology, Oral Health, Radiation Therapy, Teaching, and Performance Music.

[otago.ac.nz/entrance](https://otago.ac.nz/entrance)

## STUDY FEES

Programme fees vary from approximately \$7,000 to \$18,000 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](https://otago.ac.nz/tuition-fees)

## STUDENT LOANS

Many students will use a loan to pay for university. StudyLink offers student loans and allowances to pay for tuition fees, and living and study-related costs. Start your research early to make sure you get everything sorted in time.

[studylink.govt.nz](https://studylink.govt.nz)

## LIVING COSTS

	RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE 2026 (INCLUDES PLACEMENT AND ACTIVITY FEE)	FLATTING	STUDIO ROOM
ANNUAL ACCOMMODATION FEE	\$21,008–\$25,632	-	-
AVERAGE RENT	-	\$10,400	\$14,040
GROCERIES (40 WEEKS @ \$100)	-	\$4,800	\$4,800
ELECTRICITY/INTERNET (52 WEEKS @ \$35)	-	\$2,000	-
PERSONAL COSTS (40 WEEKS @ \$80)	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200
ENTERTAINMENT (40 WEEKS @ \$55)	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$27,208–\$31,832	\$23,400	\$25,040

Residential college contracts are normally for 38 weeks. Some colleges may charge a higher fee than the fee listed in the table. Personal costs vary. 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 \$40,000.

International students who will achieve university entrance having studied at a New Zealand secondary school, or at a New Zealand-based foundation programme, can also apply for entrance scholarships.

## 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 specific scholarships – just complete the one application and you'll be considered for all applicable scholarships. Keep the scholarship closing dates in mind so you don't miss out.

Applications open on 1 July and most close on 15 August.

**[otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships](https://otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships)**





# STUDYING AT OTAGO

## TE AKO KI ŌTAKOU

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

**ARTS**  
100-LEVEL

**ARTS**  
100-LEVEL

**ARTS**  
100-LEVEL

**YEAR 2**

**ARTS**  
200-LEVEL

**ARTS**  
200-LEVEL

**ARTS**  
200-LEVEL

**ARTS**  
200-LEVEL

**YEAR 3**

**ARTS**  
300-LEVEL

**ARTS**  
300-LEVEL

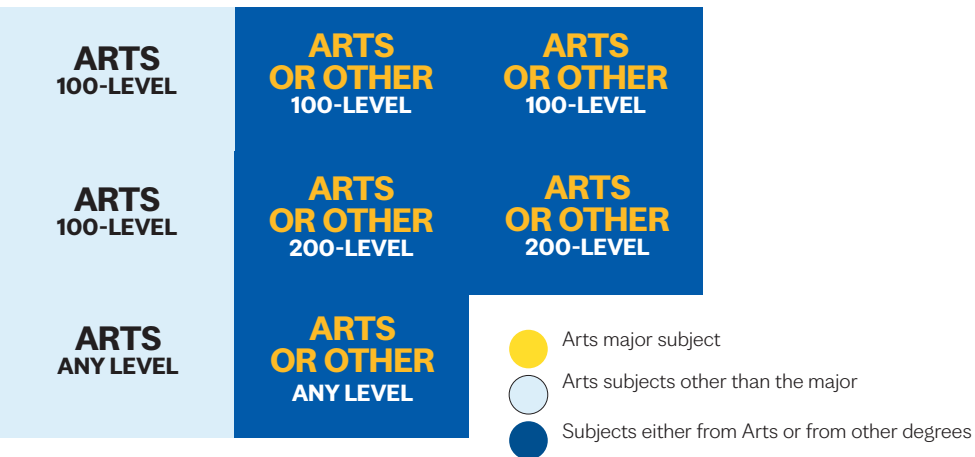
**ARTS**  
300-LEVEL

**ARTS**  
300-LEVEL

# SPECIALIST DEGREES

Many students come to Otago for specialist programmes such as Health Sciences First Year, Oral Health, Dental Technology, Radiation Therapy, Surveying, Software Engineering, 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.



# 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/study/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/study/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 *2027 Undergraduate Prospectus*, available from your school in May and at expos around the country, 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/future-students/prepare](http://otago.ac.nz/future-students/prepare)

## YEAR 11

English, maths and science are strongly recommended.

Add at least two other subject options.

Aim to achieve the NCEA 20-credit numeracy and literacy co-requisite requirements.

## YEAR 12

English and maths are strongly recommended.

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

Aim to achieve at least 10 Level 2 Literacy credits.

## YEAR 13

Studying five UE-approved subjects is recommended.

Check you're taking the recommended school subjects for your intended uni subjects. Ensure you're on track to gain university entrance (UE).

# ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF LAWS

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 into second-year Law is based on your first-year marks.

## BACHELOR OF 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 music performance 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

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. Auditions are required for music performance papers. Application for entry should be made by 1 September for study the following year; late auditions may be considered.

# ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

Studying for a Bachelor of Arts equips you to understand and analyse the social dynamics of the world around you. Through discovering differing experiences and viewpoints, you'll build a versatile skill set that can be applied widely across industries and jobs.

### Subjects:

Anthropology (includes

Archaeology and Social Anthropology)

Biblical Studies

Bioethics\*

Buddhist Studies\*

Chinese

Christian Thought and History

Classics

Communication Studies

Criminology

Dance\*

Data Science

Economics

Education

English

English and Linguistics

Environmental Management

Environment and Society\*

Film and Media Studies

French

Gender Studies

Geography

German

Global Studies

Greek\*

History

Human Services Law\*

Indigenous Studies

Irish Studies\*

Japanese

Language and Linguistics

Latin\*

Linguistics

Māori Studies

Mathematics

Music

Music Production\*

Pacific Studies

Pastoral Studies\*

Philosophy

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Politics

Popular Music\*

Psychology

Religious Studies

Science of Religion\*

Sociology

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.*

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

[otago.ac.nz/study/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/study/subjects)

# ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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

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

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.

# BUSINESS

## BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

At Otago, we believe business has a big role to play in a better future. Our Business School was one of the first in the world to adopt the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and we're recognised as 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.

If you want a career that matters, an Otago Business degree will give you the skills and knowledge to make a real difference.

### Subjects:

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

*\* Available as a minor subject only.*

## BACHELOR OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Entrepreneurs can change the way we live and work. Entrepreneurial thinking is beneficial not just for those creating and building new businesses but for professionals in every sector of the economy. Study for a Bachelor of Entrepreneurship and you'll develop problem-solving skills that enhance innovation and creativity, increase productivity, and create new products, services and processes.

[otago.ac.nz/study/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/study/subjects)

# HEALTH SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

With one degree, learn about the fundamentals of human biology, health and wellbeing as well as the causes, diagnosis, and remedies of human diseases like cancer, diabetes, COVID-19, flu, tuberculosis, and brain and heart disorders.

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

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

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. Apply by 13 August.

# HEALTH SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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

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 only available at Otago.

### **HSFY can lead to:**

Dental Surgery  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Medicine  
Pharmacy  
Physiotherapy

## BACHELOR OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

Medical laboratory professionals are the behind-the-scenes backbone of medicine, playing a major part in helping to diagnose and treat diseases. The test results that medical laboratory scientists provide have an immediate impact on the care of patients, especially those who are critically ill. Admission to the four-year programme is competitive and is normally based on your marks from Health Sciences First Year.

[otago.ac.nz/study/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/study/subjects)

# HEALTH SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF MEDICINE AND BACHELOR OF SURGERY

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.

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

## BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH

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. Apply by 13 August.

## BACHELOR OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE

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.

# HEALTH SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF 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

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

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. Apply by 13 August.

[otago.ac.nz/study/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/study/subjects)

# SCIENCES

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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  
Environmental Management  
Exercise and Sport Science  
Food Science  
Forensic Analytical Science  
Genetics  
Geographic Information Systems

Geography  
Geology  
Human Nutrition  
Land Planning and Development  
Marine Science  
Mathematical Statistics\*  
Mathematics  
Microbiology  
Neuroscience  
Pathology\*  
Pharmacology  
Physical Education, Activity and Health  
Physics  
Physiology  
Plant Biotechnology  
Psychology  
Sport and Exercise Nutrition  
Sport Development and Management  
Sports Technology\*  
Statistics  
Surveying Measurement  
Sustainable Energy  
Zoology

*\* Available as a minor subject only.*

## BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONS) SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Imagine yourself an architect of the digital future, creating the next groundbreaking application or game-changing technology. That's what this degree offers – the power to transform ideas into reality through code. From day one, you'll dive into hands-on projects, building practical applications with real-world impact. You'll learn to design robust software systems, master cutting-edge development techniques, and collaborate with innovative thinkers. As you progress, you'll have the opportunity to specialise in areas like artificial intelligence and human-computer interfaces – whatever ignites your interest and curiosity.

# COMBINED DEGREES

## BACHELOR OF 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.

## STUDY MULTIPLE INTERESTS

Interested in geography and economics? Music and maths? Marketing and food science? Our combined degrees allow you to build the ultimate skill set. 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.

## ARTS AND COMMERCE

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

## COMMERCE AND SCIENCE

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

## ARTS AND SCIENCE

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

[otago.ac.nz/combine](https://otago.ac.nz/combine)

Course information is subject to change. See the *2027 Undergraduate Prospectus* and [otago.ac.nz](https://otago.ac.nz) for up-to-date listings.

[otago.ac.nz/study/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/study/subjects)

# KEY DATES

## MARCH–JULY

Schools' Liaison officers visit schools for introductory Otago talks.

### MAY

Pick up a copy of the *2027 Undergraduate Prospectus* from your school or view online: [otago.ac.nz/study/publications](https://otago.ac.nz/study/publications)

### 3–4 MAY

Join us on campus for Otago 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](https://otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships)

### 31 JULY

Applications encouraged for the Bachelor of Teaching (for first round interviews).

## AUGUST–NOVEMBER

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

### AUGUST

Pick up a copy of the *2027 Guide to Enrolment* from your school or view online: [otago.ac.nz/study/publications](https://otago.ac.nz/study/publications)

### 1 AUGUST– 30 SEPTEMBER

Apply for residential colleges by 30 September.  
[otago.ac.nz/colleges](https://otago.ac.nz/colleges)

### 13 AUGUST

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

### 1 SEPTEMBER

**Application deadline** for Performance Music auditions (late applications may be accepted).

### 30 NOVEMBER

**Final application deadline** for the Bachelor of Teaching.

### 10 DECEMBER

**Application deadline** for the following programmes/degrees: BA, BACom, BASc, BBiomedSc, BCom, BComSc, BE(Hons), 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.

# 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.

**Hands-On at Otago** runs for a week in January 2026 and is open to current Year 11 and 12 students. Live in a residential college and get hands-on experience in your favourite subject.

## **Fully funded experiences:**

**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](https://otago.ac.nz/informationevents)





## OTAGO OPEN DAYS

Otago 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 3 and Monday 4 May 2026 into your calendar – we'd love to show you around!

[otago.ac.nz/open-days](https://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](https://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 OTAGO OPEN DAYS:**

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