



University of Otago

# Bachelor of Arts at Otago

Te Tohu Paetahi ki Ōtākou



# Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai

## Welcome to Te Kete Aronui Division of Humanities

### Home of the Bachelor of Arts

Tēnei rā te mihi atu ki a koutou katoa e whakaaro ana ki te whakauru mai ki tēnei wāhanga o Te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo, ko Te Kete Aronui, i raro i te maru o Ngāi Tahu.

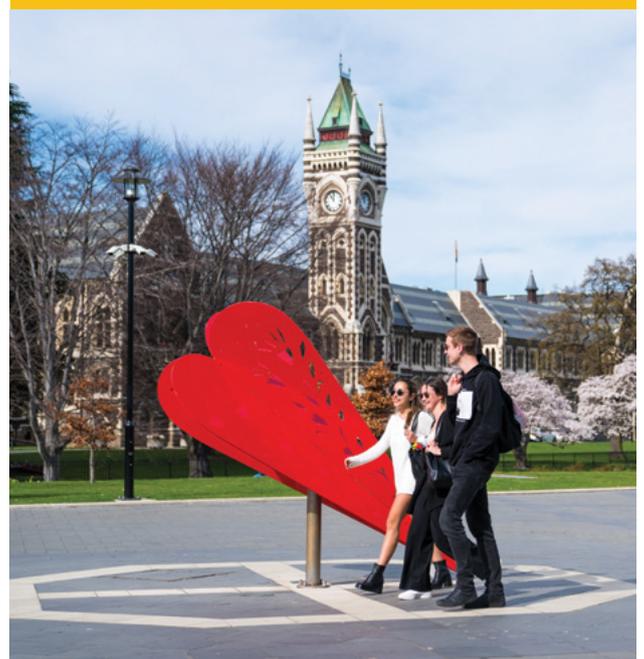
*Greetings to all of you considering enrolling in Humanities at the University of Otago, located under the mantle of Ngāi Tahu.*

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## An Arts degree is for people interested in other people.

You will look at human behaviour, how individuals, groups and societies – both past and present – function, and consider what your role in shaping our future world might be.

Arts subjects are for the intellectually curious, and an Arts degree will equip you with skills for a changing world and a global workforce.

We hope you enjoy exploring the wide range of options available for studying a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Otago.



# Why study for a Bachelor of Arts (BA)? He aha e whai ai i te Tohu Paetahi?

## Follow your passion

If you love your subject, you'll love your career.

- Build on subjects you enjoyed at school, or try something completely new that excites your interest.
- If you are interested in people, culture, human behaviour, and how groups and societies change through time, an Arts degree is for you.
- BA students look at the big issues like justice, power, war, equality, fairness and ethics, and how they can influence change in these areas.

## Future-proof your career

Your intellectual curiosity will be rewarded with skills for a changing world, and the global workforce.

- Employers want adaptable, creative employees with great analytical, problem-solving, communication and teamwork skills. A BA gives you these transferable skills, and more.
- You'll know how to learn – an important skill as most graduates will have at least six different careers in their lifetime.
- A degree is a smart investment. 90% of Arts graduates are in degree-relevant jobs and many studies show job opportunities and earnings for BA graduates match most other academic disciplines.



# Why choose Otago for your BA?

## He aha e whiri ai a Ōtākou mō tō Tohu Paetahi?

### Graduate employability

- 95% of Otago graduates go directly into work or further study.
- Our Humanities internship programme offers practical experience in workplaces nationwide.
- Otago has more student exchange partners around the world than any other New Zealand university. You can make useful contacts around the world.

### Quality teaching and research

- Otago has 10 Humanities subjects rated in the top 150 in the world.
- Our lecturers regularly feature in National Teaching Awards.
- The Division of Humanities is home to many internationally recognised researchers and research groups.

### Degree flexibility

- We offer more BA subject choices than any other New Zealand university.
- Our BA is the most flexible in New Zealand.
- There are no compulsory first-year subjects: you can tailor a degree to suit your interests.
- Our programmes are designed to promote collaboration, and you'll explore ideas with interesting like-minded people.
- It's easy to combine your BA with other subjects and degrees, especially Sciences or Law.



Ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world



Dunedin is New Zealand's student city: 21,000 students



State-of-the-art libraries, lecture theatres, facilities and resources



Highest possible international quality rating



New Zealand's top university for educational performance



One of the most beautiful campuses in the world



14 residential colleges offer a vibrant and supportive campus community



Excellent support for local students who are flatting, boarding or living at home

# Otago BA graduate careers

## He mahi pūmau whai Tohu Paetahi o Ōtākou



When you graduate with a BA, you'll have transferable skills that will help you work in almost any occupation. Your adaptability and critical thinking skills will mean you adjust quickly to new careers that are emerging now.

### **Our graduates work in a range of areas, including:**

- advertising, communications and public relations
- art galleries, museums, libraries and cultural centres
- business and banking
- community work and social services
- education and teaching
- government, local government and the diplomatic service
- human resources and recruitment
- journalism, reporting, media relations
- web design, digital and social media management
- music and the performing arts industry (theatre, television, film)
- research and policy analysis
- tourism and hospitality management
- writing, editing and publishing.

# Otago's Humanities internships

Make connections with employers and gain valuable workplace experience while you complete your studies.

The Humanities internship is a one-semester paper for undergraduate (HUMS 301) and postgraduate (HUMS 401) students from any of the Humanities disciplines.

As an intern, you will spend time, usually one day a week, at an organisation that suits your interests, completing a project that is relevant to your degree. The experience will provide academic, workplace and personal skill development, while enhancing your post-study employability.

## What does an internship involve?

You'll complete three assessments:

- Reflective field notes: a weekly diary of work events, comparing practice to theory.
- A report designed to develop your research skills within a work environment.
- A presentation outlining your internship experience.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible you'll need high academic grades (usually a B+ average in the previous year), and an endorsement from academic staff.

More information, including eligibility and application requirements, is available online.

[otago.ac.nz/internships](http://otago.ac.nz/internships)

# Student exchange

Make your degree truly global.

Employers respect graduates who have explored further opportunities for personal growth and development. While completing your Otago BA, you can spend one or two semesters overseas at one of Otago's 100+ partner universities.

Travel the world, experience new cultures, gain skills to enhance your CV, and still earn credits towards your Otago degree – while only paying Otago fees.

You will receive a travel grant from the University of Otago, and several other scholarships and awards are available.

## Who can apply?

To be considered for an exchange you'll need to have completed at least one semester of full-time study at Otago and have a minimum B average grade.

Full details on the programme and a current list of exchange partners is available online.

[otago.ac.nz/student-exchange](http://otago.ac.nz/student-exchange)



## Vincent O'Connor

BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH) AND BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY  
TEACHER, SACRED HEART COLLEGE, AUCKLAND

"For my internship at the *Otago Daily Times* I wrote a feature article, which meant adapting my research and writing skills to an unfamiliar style and objective. I also had to step outside my comfort zone to conduct an interview. This experience gave me valuable skills that are already useful, and will continue to be in future."

# About our programmes

## Mō ā mātou hōtaka

Here's some brief information to introduce you to the Schools and programmes in the Division of Humanities.

### School of Arts Te Pae Takata

#### Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies Mātai Airana, Mātai Kotirana

The Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies provides an opportunity to study the literature, history, politics and culture of Ireland and Scotland over the past three hundred years.

#### Classics (including Greek and Latin) Te Puāwaitaka o Metatareina

Our programme offers a wide variety of topics. We specialise in Greek and Roman art, archaeology, history, mythology, and society as well as the study of Greek and Latin language and literature. Students have their own specialist library, and several of our papers incorporate materials on display at the nearby Otago Museum.

#### English and Linguistics Te Reo Inarihi me te Mātai Wetereo

Situated in Dunedin, a UNESCO City of Literature, English and Linguistics offers the most comprehensive writing programme and the widest range of study in literature in New Zealand – from Old English and fantasy, to crime fiction and writing for games and interactive media. Studying Linguistics answers many questions, such as how many languages are there in the world, and how do they evolve or become endangered.

### History

#### Kā Kōrero o Nehe

It makes sense to study History at New Zealand's oldest university. Dunedin is a richly historical city with a unique atmosphere and an impressive array of resources for studying the past. The History programme offers diverse and topical papers, both local and global. The skills lecturers pass on lead many History graduates to exciting futures.

### Languages and Cultures

#### Kā Reo me kā Tikaka o te Ao Whānui

Graduates must increasingly have a global perspective, be able to work across international borders, and understand complex international and intercultural relationships. At Otago we offer, in small supportive classes, a range of both language and culture papers in Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish. A suite of Global Studies papers (GLBL) and a Global Studies major are also offered.

### Philosophy

#### Rapuka Whakaaro

The Philosophy programme and its staff are consistently highly ranked in both research evaluations and World University rankings. Students benefit from lecturers' innovative research. Otago is the only university in New Zealand that offers majors in both Philosophy and the popular Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) combination.

### Theology

#### Mātai Whakapono Karaitiana

Otago is the only university in New Zealand to offer a Bachelor of Theology, and offers many of its papers both on campus and by distance study. Students of many different perspectives and faiths study either individual Theology papers in their degrees, or complete a five-paper Theology minor.

### School of Geography Te Iho Whenua

Students can specialise in either physical or human geography, and are able to tailor their study to their areas of interest – for example, environmental management and conservation. Students learn useful vocational skills such as information gathering in the field and data analysis. The School also incorporates Otago's Centre for Sustainability research centre.

### School of Performing Arts Te Kāhui Tau

The University of Otago's multi-million dollar, purpose-built facility is the home for Performing Arts students. It houses numerous studios, music, and performance practice areas.

We offer tailored papers, courses, and degrees to equip you for careers in performance, theatre, dance, the music industry, music education, music technology and many other areas.

Music students can participate in the weekly Marama Hall Music concerts, which are public events.

Theatre Studies runs a weekly Lunchtime Theatre programme at Allen Hall Theatre. It is the only one of its kind in New Zealand where students put into practice skills in playwriting, acting, sound, lighting, production management and directing.

Otago's Bachelor of Performing Arts degree is a unique collaboration between the Theatre, Music and Dance programmes, but each of these subjects can also be studied on their own.

## School of Social Sciences Te Puna Pāpori

### Archaeology

#### Mātai Whaipara Takata

Archaeology studies past human societies through their material remains. Otago has the best-equipped archaeological laboratory, teaching and research facilities in Australasia.

Topics covered include New Zealand, Pacific and Asian archaeology, and archaeological methods including finding, recording and mapping archaeological sites.

### Media, Film and Communication Pāpāho, Whitiāhua, Pārokoroko

Smart phones, digital media and social media surround us. Students can study almost any aspect of contemporary culture – for example politics, popular culture, surveillance, or media production. Lecturers in the programme enjoy exploring varied topics – from politics and the media, female film-makers, film festivals or science communication.

### National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

#### Te Ao o Rongomaraeroa

The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies offers the opportunity to study development, peace building and conflict transformation at postgraduate level. Students who enter the programme will usually have completed an undergraduate degree.

### Politics

#### Tōrakapū

Otago lecturers include world experts often quoted in the media, particularly in the field of international relations.

Students can examine international and New Zealand politics, or study many wider global issues such as power and freedom. Politics enables a better understanding of people and power, which are key to helping make the world a better place.

### Religion

#### Tikaka Whakapono

The academic study of religion has never been more important. From debates over marriage, to civil wars, to popular culture, religion features daily in the headlines of the globe's newspapers.

Religion at Otago is an internationally recognised programme, offering a range of courses including Hinduism and Buddhism, and the scientific study of Religion. Otago is the only university in New Zealand with a Buddhist Studies minor.

### Social Anthropology

#### Mātai Tikaka Takata

Anthropology graduates from Otago are keenly sought after because of their understanding of human culture, past and present, and their excellent writing and analytical skills.

Anthropologists learn about the surprising differences, and similarities, in everyday life for people around the world.

### Social and Community Work Āhua ā iwi

If you have a strong interest in people, the make-up of New Zealand society, and contemporary social issues, then consider studying with us. Social work has a basis in sociology and seeks to implement human rights and social justice with individuals, communities and groups. A recognised professional qualification in the social services is a crucial step in becoming a social worker.

### Sociology, Gender Studies and Criminology

#### Te Taura Takata

Our programme explores the impact of social change. At Otago we have sought-after specialisations, including a Criminology minor, social issues, families and relationships, ethics and identities.

The Sociology programme can provide the first step to our professional programme for social workers, an important occupation where our graduates are highly valued.

Otago has New Zealand's largest Gender Studies programme, with a range of important topics such as consumer culture, victimology, masculinities and feminist theory.

## College of Education Te Kura Ākau Taitoka

The College of Education has campuses in both Dunedin and Invercargill. It has the longest history of teacher education in New Zealand, and is also top-ranked in the country for its education research. In addition to teacher training, the College offers an Education major in the Bachelor of Arts.

## Faculty of Law Te Kaupeka Tātai Ture

The Faculty of Law at Otago is New Zealand's first law school and has a long history and tradition of providing a world-class legal education in a supportive community. Many Arts, Commerce and Science students choose to undertake the first-year paper required for the Law degree (LAWS 101), as the skills gained through the paper are beneficial to their degree.

## Te Tumu School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies

Te Tumu has an international reputation as one of the preferred places in New Zealand to learn about Māori, Pacific and Indigenous languages, cultures and societies. Complementing its Māori Studies and Pacific Islands studies programmes is the major in Indigenous Studies.

# How does the Bachelor of Arts work?

## E pēhea e kainga ākona te Tohu Paetahi?

### The BA degree is:

- Three years of full-time study (can be studied part-time).
- Made up of at least 20 papers.
- Each paper is worth 18 points (credits), so 360 points is the minimum total required for a degree.
- Each paper takes around 10 hours of study time each week.
- You usually study different papers in each of the first and second semesters, and can also take papers at Summer School (January–February).
- Your degree must have at least one major subject, and can also include a minor subject.
- Otago has one of the most flexible Arts degrees – you can even include up to five non-Arts papers e.g. papers from Sciences or Commerce.

### Structure of the BA over three years of study:

<b>YEAR 1</b>	Major 100-level 18 points	Major 100-level 18 points	Arts 100-level 18 points	Arts 100-level 18 points	Arts 100-level 18 points	Arts or other 100-level 18 points	Arts or other 100-level 18 points
<b>YEAR 2</b>	Major 200-level 18 points	Major 200-level 18 points	Major 200-level 18 points	Arts 200-level 18 points	Arts 200-level 18 points	Arts or other 200-level 18 points	Arts or other Any level 18 points
<b>YEAR 3</b>	Major 300-level 18 points	Major 300-level 18 points	Major 300-level 18 points	Major 300-level 18 points	Arts Any level 18 points	Arts or other Any level 18 points	

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

The 360-point BA must include at least 180 points (10 papers) above 100-level, with 72 points (four papers) of these being above 200-level.

# Course advice

Otago's course advice experts can help you map out your study plans with confidence to help you achieve your goals.

If you are still at secondary school, a University of Otago Schools' Liaison Officer will visit your school at some point during the year – usually twice a year – to help you start planning your first year of study.

[otago.ac.nz/liaison](http://otago.ac.nz/liaison)

Once you're on campus, course advisers are available on a drop-in basis and by appointment near the AskOtago Central Hub in the Central Library. Course advice is available as many times as you need throughout your time at Otago.

[otago.ac.nz/courseadvice](http://otago.ac.nz/courseadvice)

## What you need to do

### Decide what subjects interest you

The *Undergraduate Prospectus*, *Guide to Enrolment*, and our website can help you to choose subjects. You might want to select subjects you have already done at school and are good at, or subjects you haven't tried before but think look interesting.

### Choose papers that you think you will enjoy

Papers are like topics within each subject – the building blocks of your degree. The first courses you take are called 100-level papers or beginner papers. For the Bachelor of Arts you will need to enrol for either three or four papers in the first semester. If you're feeling confident choose four, if you want time to "find your feet" at university choose three.

We strongly recommend that your paper selection avoids any timetable clashes. Our course advisers can help with this.

### Pick a major subject

This is the subject that you think you will specialise in within your BA, and go on to study in your second and third years. A major subject usually takes up nine papers of your 20-paper degree. The *Guide to Enrolment* specifies which papers make up any specific major.

### Choose at least one paper from your major subject for each semester if you can

This makes it easier to cover the requirements for the major as you progress through your degree. However, if you aren't sure what your major will be after the first semester it's fine to continue to choose a wide range of papers that interest you in the second semester. This means that you have more choice of majors after your first year.

### If you are not sure what major to choose, a good approach is to include two papers from each of three subjects in your first year

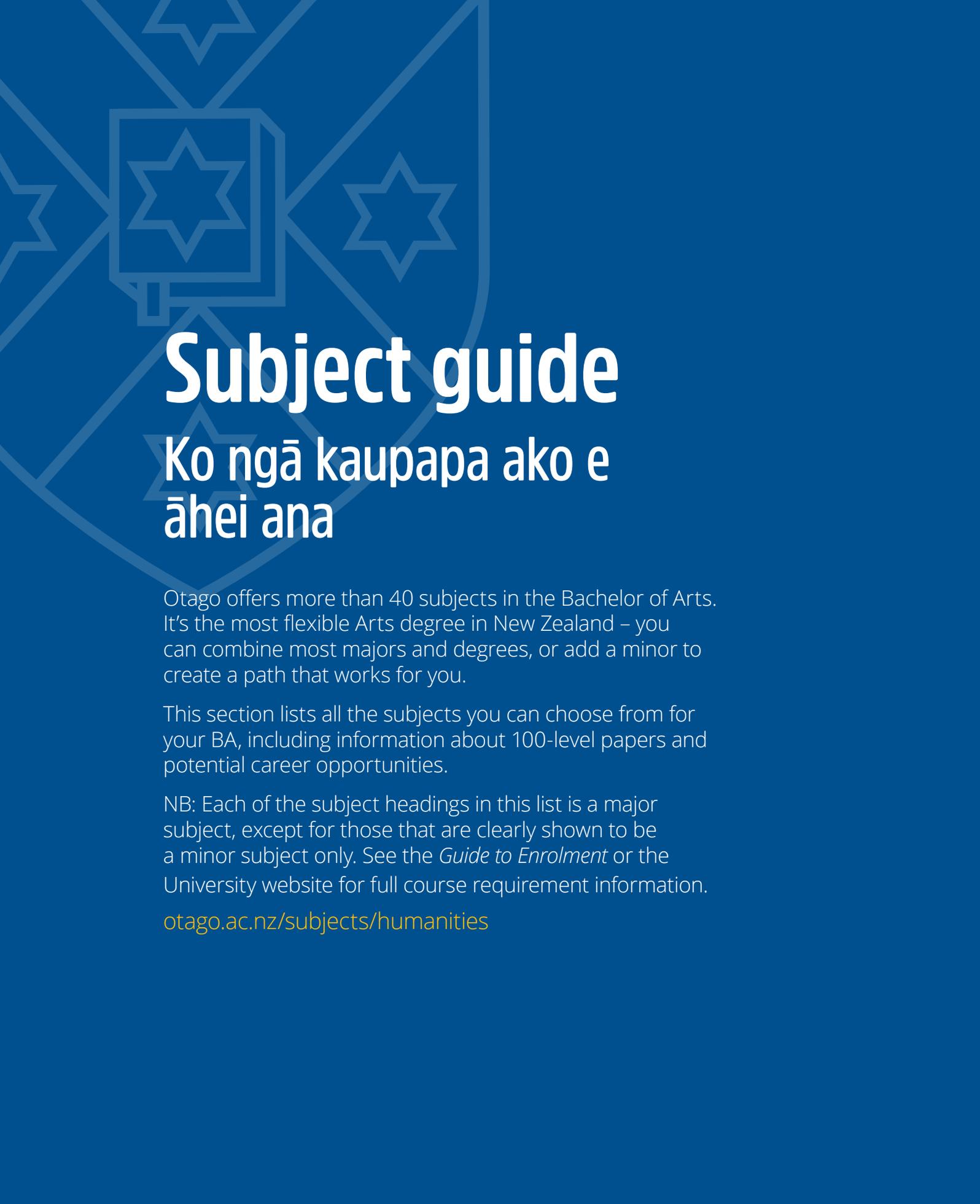
This gives you lots of choice for your major. It also means you will have no problem meeting the prerequisites (first-year papers you are required to complete) for study in the second year of your chosen major.

### Consider a minor

You can also start thinking about a minor subject – but don't worry too much about doing this in your first year. A minor is a subject you have studied at each level but not in as much depth as your major. Your minor can be a subject more commonly taken for a different degree; for example, a BA majoring in Philosophy can include Marketing as a minor subject.

### Remember, the Otago BA is very flexible

You can always change your major, your minor, or even your degree if you decide it isn't right for you.

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# Subject guide

## Ko ngā kaupapa ako e āhei ana

Otago offers more than 40 subjects in the Bachelor of Arts. It's the most flexible Arts degree in New Zealand – you can combine most majors and degrees, or add a minor to create a path that works for you.

This section lists all the subjects you can choose from for your BA, including information about 100-level papers and potential career opportunities.

NB: Each of the subject headings in this list is a major subject, except for those that are clearly shown to be a minor subject only. See the *Guide to Enrolment* or the University website for full course requirement information.

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

## Social Anthropology

Social Anthropology focuses on the cultural basis of social life, and diversity and similarities between cultures. It examines the dynamics of cultural change at every level of human life, from the local to the global, in the recent past as well as the present.

### Career opportunities

Many graduates become professional anthropologists, museum staff, social scientists, researchers, cultural analysts, writers, and policy analysts and advisers with government ministries and departments.

### 100-level papers

A major in Anthropology requires two of:  
ANTH 103 Introduction to Anthropology  
ANTH 105 Global and Local Cultures  
ANTH 106 Human Origins and Civilisations

## Archaeology

Archaeology studies past human societies through their material remains from monumental structures like the pyramids of Egypt to microscopic plant fragments retrieved from ancient soils. It is our primary source of knowledge about the deep history of humankind, and the gradual developments in culture and society that led to the present-day arrangement of human communities.

Please note: If you wish to specialise in Archaeology, you need to major in Anthropology because there is no separate Archaeology major.

### Career opportunities

Graduates who have specialised in archaeology may become professional archaeologists working variously in universities, consultancies and industries with heritage management interests (e.g. mining), public heritage or conservation agencies, and in specialist laboratories and museums.

## Asian Studies

From both economic and cultural points of view, Asia has become an important part of New Zealand life. Asian Studies is an interdisciplinary programme that includes Asian history, literature, film, religion, politics, music, anthropology and economics.

### Career opportunities

An understanding of Asia opens up a great variety of international or domestic career paths in private and public sectors, in industry and government.

### 100-level papers

A major in Asian Studies requires:

ASIA 101 Introducing Asia

Plus one of:

MUSI 140 Performance Studies

RELS 102 Introduction to Hinduism and Buddhism

## Biblical Studies

Biblical Studies looks at the origins and interpretation of biblical writings. As well as examining Jewish and Christian Scriptures, you can study the biblical languages – classical Hebrew and New Testament Greek.

### Career opportunities

Our graduates work in teaching, social work, policy analysis, journalism, librarianship, and administration, as well as a wide variety of church-related roles.

### 100-level papers

A major in Biblical Studies requires:

BIBS 112 Interpreting the Old Testament

BIBS 121 Interpreting the New Testament

Additional papers:

BIBS 131 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 1

BIBS 132 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 2

HEBR 131 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 1

HEBR 132 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 2



### Edward Ennion-Dickison

BACHELOR OF ARTS (MAJORS: ANTHROPOLOGY, POLITICS, MINOR: TESOL)  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY TEAM,  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

"I'm about to start a graduate policy role at the Ministry of Social Development through the Ministry for Ethnic Communities Graduate Programme. The programme is open to graduates from a range of degree backgrounds and aims to provide an entry pathway into the public service for skilled graduates from a range of ethnic communities in New Zealand."



## Matt Manukuo

STUDYING FOR A BACHELOR OF ARTS (MAJOR: COMMUNICATION STUDIES, MINOR: FRENCH)

"I enjoy my communication papers because what we are taught is applicable to the world today. Our classes provide a great space for discussion and I've gained the understanding of different perspectives and ideas from other students, ultimately helping my learning. French keeps my brain active. It is interesting and at times amusing being the only Pacific Islander in my classes speaking French with other French speakers."

## Chinese

Standard Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world. As China is becoming increasingly important to New Zealand's future, it is important to know more about Chinese culture, history, politics and economy.

### Career opportunities

There is a definite demand for people who understand Chinese culture and who can communicate effectively with Chinese speakers. Our graduates work in New Zealand and overseas in business, law, tourism, information science and technology, teaching, translation and interpreting, print and electronic journalism, and government departments.

### 100-level papers

A major in Chinese requires:

- CHIN 131 Introductory Chinese 1
- CHIN 132 Introductory Chinese 2

(or 200-level papers if you have previous knowledge of Chinese)

Plus one of:

- ASIA 101 Introducing Asia
- GLBL 101 Introduction to Intercultural Communication

## Christian Thought and History

Christianity has been a hugely influential force in the development of Western civilisation, helping to shape the world in which we live today. It continues to have a very significant global presence. This subject explores the history, beliefs and values of Christianity.

### Career opportunities

Graduates go on to develop careers in teaching, social work, journalism, librarianship, administration, aid and development agencies, government department work, and church leadership and ministry.

### 100-level papers

A major in Christian Thought and History requires:

- CHTH 102 The History of Christianity

Plus one of:

- CHTH 111 Doing Theology
- CHTH 131 God and Ethics in the Modern World

## Classics

### (including Greek and Latin minor subjects)

The civilisations of ancient Greece and Rome have had an immense influence on the development of Western civilisation. Much of our language, literature, art and architecture, drama, philosophy, political and legal systems are derived (in part) from Greece and Rome.

### Career opportunities

Graduates teach in schools and universities, and work in foreign affairs, trade and industry, university administration, libraries, art galleries, museums, theatre and journalism.

### 100-level papers

A major in Classics requires any two of:

- CLAS 105 Greek Mythology
- CLAS 108 Classical Art and Archaeology: Of Heroes, Gods and Men
- CLAS 109 Roman Social History: Slaves, Gladiators, Prostitutes
- GREK 111 Introductory Greek 1
- GREK 112 Introductory Greek 2
- LATN 111 Introductory Latin 1
- LATN 112 Introductory Latin 2
- ANAT 131 Origins of Anatomical Language

## Communication Studies

With an emphasis on social and media-based communication, Communication Studies courses initiate a critical and creative understanding of digital, broadcast, print, mobile and everyday communication.

### Career opportunities

Communication Studies is a major that recognises the need for graduates who understand communication in the information age and the era of globalised media. The skills you will learn are widely applicable to a broad range of occupations and professions. Our graduates work as journalists (TV, radio, print), teachers, administrators, managers, communications and marketing co-ordinators, registrars and policy-makers in the public service sector (Tertiary Education Commission, Department of Internal Affairs). Others are employed in private creative and media industries.

### 100-level papers

A major in Communication Studies requires:

MFCO 102 Media, Power, Society

MFCO 103 Introduction to Communication Studies

## Computer Science

Computers are more important than ever before. In various forms, from smart technology, through phones, tablets and laptops, to supercomputers, they are essential to how we all work, play and communicate.

### Career opportunities

This is a good time to think of a computing career. Over the past few years, the number of jobs has continued to increase steadily while the number of skilled graduates has lagged behind. A career in the computing sector offers good salaries and job security. It also offers variety, since computer skills can be combined with many other interests.

### 100-level papers

A major in Computer Science requires:

COMP 101 Foundations of Information Systems

COMP 161 Computer Programming

COMP 162 Foundations of Computer Science

Plus another specified paper from a range of options

## Criminology

(minor subject only)

Criminology is one of the fastest growing and most popular areas of social science study internationally. You will have the opportunity to learn about many of the social, cultural, political and economic dynamics that surround the social phenomenon of crime.

### 100-level papers

A minor in Criminology requires:

SOCI 103 Crime, Deviance and Social Transformation

## Dance

(minor subject only)

Dance at Otago offers you a unique opportunity to study dance as an art form. In a combination of theory and practice, you will explore a diverse range of dance styles and develop an understanding and critical appreciation of dance as a performative medium and creative expression within a variety of cultural contexts.

### 100-level papers

A minor in Dance requires:

DANC 101 Dance and Popular Culture

## Economics

When you are trying to decide whether to blow your budget and go skiing or stay at home and study, you're using basic principles of economics. Economics is about choice, and is at the heart of decision-making.

### Career opportunities

Graduates work in large industrial and commercial firms and many different branches of the public sector, including the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Health, Business, Innovation and Employment, the Reserve Bank, Treasury, Statistics New Zealand, the Department of Internal Affairs, local government and planning authorities, and banks and financial institutions. Some graduates work with health providers, research bureaux and management consultancies, while others have careers in universities, other tertiary institutions and secondary schools.

### 100-level papers

A major in Economics requires:

BSNS 113 Economic Principles and Policy

ECON 112 Principles of Macroeconomics



### Tiara Nafatali

STUDYING FOR A BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION, ACTIVITY AND HEALTH, MINOR: DANCE)

“At Otago, I'm exploring a diverse range of dance styles, including break dancing, K-pop, and hip hop in Aotearoa, learning different skills and passing my knowledge on to others. After university, I hope to teach dance and physical education in secondary schools. Dance has helped me develop my choreographic process and creativity, which will definitely help me as a coach. I am also really enjoying interacting with other students in the practical classes, and our teacher is amazing, engaging and passionate.”



## Logann Russell

KĀI TAHU, KĀTI MĀMOE, WAITAHA

BACHELOR OF ARTS (MAJOR: EDUCATION, MINOR: MĀORI STUDIES), STUDYING FOR A MASTER OF TEACHING AND LEARNING (PRIMARY EDUCATION)

“My Education major and Māori Studies minor complemented each other well, as te ao Māori and te reo Māori are linked within the education system through the curriculum and cultural competency documents, and feature in the teaching given by lecturers. My minor has allowed me to look further into the histories of my ancestors and how they educated their whānau, as well as the challenges they faced through history. It has given me the confidence to discuss and inform others about the histories of Māori, and spread awareness about the systems they had that are beneficial to all people of Aotearoa New Zealand.”

## Education

Education is the fundamental tool with which countries, communities and individuals can improve their wellbeing. Education papers investigate how learning happens, and how they identify and address patterns of success and failure in education.

### Career opportunities

Education provides a foundation for careers that require critical thought, interactions with people, an understanding of human development and learning, policy analysis, and advanced communication.

#### 100-level papers

A major in Education requires:  
 EDUC 101 Education and Society  
 EDUC 102 Human Development

## English

At Otago, you can study literature from Old English to contemporary poetry and prose, New Zealand literature, post-colonial literature, popular literature such as crime fiction, and writing for gaming.

### Career opportunities

Graduates of our programme work in journalism, editorial work, publishing, library work, film, radio, theatre and television, personnel and information management, government policy and diplomatic roles, arts management, teaching and educational administration and research for business and industry. A degree in English also enhances any professional career such as law, education, business or health.

#### 100-level papers

A major in English requires:  
 ENGL 121 English Literature: The Remix  
 or  
 ENGL 131 Controversial Classics  
 Plus one further paper from:  
 ENGL 120 Creative Writing: How to Captivate and Persuade  
 ENGL 121 English Literature: The Remix  
 ENGL 127 Essentials of Writing  
 ENGL 128 Essentials of Communication  
 ENGL 131 Controversial Classics  
 LING 111 Language and Its Structure

## Environment and Society

(minor subject only)

Environment and Society deals with the relationships between people, their activities and the biophysical environment, and develops an understanding of the sociocultural context of environmental problems. It is intended for students who want to develop a sense of environmental awareness in their programme.

#### 100-level papers

A minor in Environment and Society requires:  
 ENVI 111 Environment and Society  
 Plus one other paper at 100-level or above

## European Studies

European Studies covers the remarkable social, economic, political and cultural transformations that have taken place over several centuries and have resulted in European integration and the building of the European Union.

### Career opportunities

The aim of the programme is to provide a clear pathway to postgraduate training opportunities and careers in commerce, law, arts and the diplomatic service.

#### 100-level papers

A major in European Studies requires:  
 EURO 101 Introduction to European Studies  
 HIST 108 From Medieval to Modern Europe  
 Plus French, German or Spanish language papers

## Film and Media Studies

From the emergence of cinema at the end of the 19th century to the internet revolution, the production and consumption of moving images has changed every aspect of our lives and cultures.

### Career opportunities

Our graduates work as journalists (TV, radio, print), teachers, production managers, assistant editors, curators and policy-makers in organisations such as Natural History New Zealand, Television New Zealand, the NZ Film Commission and Te Papa Museum. Others are employed in private, creative and media industries, while a number have gone on to independent media careers as filmmakers, comic artists, web-authors and much more.

### 100-level papers

A major in Film and Media Studies requires:

- MFCO 101 Screen Form and Culture
- MFCO 102 Media, Power, Society

## French

French is a major international language. It is spoken in Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific region in a total of 47 countries around the world. You will study language, literature and culture, with tuition from native French speakers in conversation classes.

### Career opportunities

Graduates with expertise in French immediately increase the countries in the world where they may pursue a variety of careers. They also work in New Zealand in roles which call for French specifically such as teaching and translating, or where their language skills are an added value, such as in journalism, law, business, government departments (e.g. Foreign Affairs and Trade) and tourism.

### 100-level papers

A major in French requires:

- FREN 131 Introductory French 1
- FREN 132 Introductory French 2 (or 200-level papers if students have previous knowledge)
- GLBL 101 Introduction to Intercultural Communication

## Gender Studies

Gender shapes the work we do and how we spend our leisure time, our income, our family relationships and friendships, the value and meanings we attach to other people and activities, what we eat and how we dress, and even how we speak and move.

### Career opportunities

Graduates work in social and cultural policy development and analysis, education, the media, art galleries and museums, Equal Employment Opportunities, human rights and health professions, the corporate sector, non-governmental organisations, health and community advocacy, human resources and social work.

### 100-level papers

A major in Gender Studies requires:

- GEND 101 Gender in Everyday Life
- GEND 102 Bodies, Sexualities and Selves

## Geography

Geographers study the environment – including the physical processes that shape the natural environment, social and cultural processes that explain patterns of human activity, and the interactions between human activity and the natural world. Geography explores environmental problems and solutions to those problems, and helps us manage human activity and secure the future of our planet.

### Career opportunities

Geography graduates work in the public and private sectors. Their skills and interdisciplinary outlook prepare them for a diverse range of careers. Central government departments, state-owned enterprises, local government and private corporations employ Geography graduates in areas such as regional and resource planning, environmental management, natural resources (especially water) analysis, social and economic research, social services and tourism. Geographers also become teachers.

### 100-level papers

A major in Geography requires:

- GEOG 101 Physical Geography
- GEOG 102 Geographies of Sustainable Futures



### Gray Gibson

BACHELOR OF ARTS (ENGLISH, POLITICS)  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NEWSHUB

"I'm currently working as an assistant director for *Newshub* in Auckland. I help put out a range of programmes from the *AM Show* to news bulletins and *The Project*. It's a super dynamic environment and I get to work with great people. My English degree gave me an eagle eye for spelling and grammatical precision, which helps in my current role, but it was honestly learning about the world through English that I have truly carried with me. The great books I read and learned about gave me so many lessons and perspectives that have truly helped me live a better life and, I hope, be a better person. It sounds a little vague, but I do believe that English and reading makes you and the world better. Better at understanding and relating to each other, and more enjoyable to boot."



## Poppy Johns

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS  
(GENDER STUDIES)  
DUNEDIN CORONER'S OFFICE AND  
YOUTHLINE OTAGO

"The way I describe my studies to others is critical social sciences – how to critically understand and analyse the social world beginning with gender. What I came out with is a deeper understanding of people and society, of social issues, how they came about, and potential solutions to remedy or reduce their negative effects. I developed skills such as research, effective written communication, construction and analysis of ideas, and emotional intelligence. I firmly believe Gender Studies makes you better at any job, especially those that involve working with people from different backgrounds."

## German

German is one of the major European languages. German culture has contributed greatly to the development of literature, science, philosophy, music and the visual arts in the Western world.

### Career opportunities

Graduates work in teaching, the arts, science, the media, law, government departments (e.g. Foreign Affairs and Trade), tourism and business.

#### 100-level papers

A major in German requires:

**GERM 131 Introductory German 1**

**GERM 132 Introductory German 2**

(or 200-level papers if students have previous knowledge)

**GLBL 101 Introduction to Intercultural Communication**

## Global Studies

Global learning leads to global careers. Globalisation has changed the workplace. Today, every employer needs graduates who are not just well-qualified and highly motivated, but are able to put their professional skills to work in a thoroughly globalised environment. The major in Global Studies is a multidisciplinary course of study created precisely to address this need.

### Career opportunities

Our graduates find exciting, challenging and highly rewarding careers in environment and sustainability, communications and creative industries, commerce and tourism, government and public administration, teaching and learning. The possibilities are truly global!

#### 100-level papers

A major in Global Studies requires:

**GLBL 101 Introduction to Intercultural Communication**

Plus three other papers at 100-level or above, and two language and cultural competency papers at 100-level or above

## History

Historians explore how and why change has occurred in human societies over time. Intriguing, and sometimes controversial, History is a subject for the intellectually curious, and those seeking deeper perspectives on the world's current issues and challenges.

### Career opportunities

History graduates enter a wide range of professions, including government service, industry, all levels of teaching, journalism, broadcasting, museum and library work. Our graduates have the ability to collect and analyse data and write clear, coherent and balanced assessments, together with the ability to think independently, flexibly and objectively. As artificial intelligence takes over much mundane work, these unique 'humanities' skills are increasingly sought after by high-quality employers.

#### 100-level papers

A major in History requires two of:

**HIST 102 The Global Twentieth Century**

**HIST 107 New Zealand in the World from the 18th Century**

**HIST 108 From Medieval to Modern Europe**

**HIST 123 Revolutions**

## Human Services Law

(minor subject only)

Human Services Law offers papers focusing on areas of the law such as Family Law, Criminal Justice, Law and Psychiatry, Sentencing, and the Treaty of Waitangi.

#### 100-level papers

A minor in Human Services Law requires:

**LAWS 101 The Legal System**

## Indigenous Studies

Indigenous Studies is an area of increasing national and international interest, for students and potential employers, where Māori and indigenous development issues are of increasing importance. This programme provides a strong grounding in core indigenous cultural values, concepts, issues and practices, using Māori, Pacific and other indigenous examples.

### 100-level papers

A major in Indigenous Studies requires:

MAOR 102 Māori Society

MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori

PACI 101 Pacific Societies

or a language paper approved by the Dean

## Information Science

Information Science sits at the intersection of technology, people and organisations. It is an exciting and rapidly changing field that solves problems through using computing technology to help people and organisations work more effectively.

### Career opportunities

Graduates of Information Science are sought after in a range of fields such as business, science, education, health, music and mass media, with roles from data analysis to building large-scale software systems. Careers in information and communications technology (ICT) are exciting, engaging and well-rewarded.

### 100-level papers

A major in Information Science requires:

COMP 101 Foundations of Information Systems

Plus one of:

COMP 161 Computer Programming or

COMP 162 Foundations of Computer Science

## Irish Studies

(minor subject only)

Irish Studies is an interdisciplinary study of the literature, history, film and theatre of Ireland over the past 200 years. It focuses on issues such as identity, ethnicity, and “nation building”, and Ireland’s relationships with New Zealand, Europe and Australia. Papers are chosen from a specified range of English and History papers at 200-level (second-year) and above.

## Japanese

Japan is the world’s third largest economy and one of New Zealand’s largest trading partners. Japanese at Otago aims to provide a high level of expertise in both Japanese language and culture.

### Career opportunities

Because of the important trade, tourist and cultural links between Japan and New Zealand, graduates with expertise in Japanese language and culture are in high demand by employers in a wide variety of fields, including business, law, government, tourism, journalism, advertising and education.

### 100-level papers

A major in Japanese requires:

JAPA 131 Introductory Japanese 1

JAPA 132 Introductory Japanese 2

(or 200-level papers if students have previous knowledge)

Plus one of:

ASIA 101 Introducing Asia

GLBL 101 Introduction to Intercultural Communication

LING 111 A World of Languages



## Nat Christensen

BACHELOR OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY),  
MASTER OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY)  
SENIOR POLICY ADVISER, MINISTRY OF  
BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT

“Geography offered a valuable blend of theory, academia and practical learning – equipping me to think critically about the world around me and setting me up to contribute to making it a better place. My success at Otago and the support I was given to achieve and push myself has set me up well to work in the sometimes high-pressure environment at MBIE.”



## Porourangi Templeton

NGĀTI POROU, NGĀI TŪHOE, TAINUI

BACHELOR OF ARTS (MAJOR: INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT / HE KURA MATANUI, MINOR: COMMUNICATION STUDIES), MASTER OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES, PHD CANDIDATE

"I chose indigenous studies because I wanted to reconnect with my Māori identity to learn more about my whakapapa. It was something that I could also share with my whānau to help them on their journey as well. Communications has always been an interest of mine and the way we can use communications to connect with a mass audience across the globe and how we are utilising different media platforms for those to also reconnect with their cultural identity."

(Indigenous Development has been renamed Indigenous Studies.)

## Linguistics

(includes English and Linguistics, and Language and Linguistics)

Linguistics is the scientific study of language and its structure, meaning, and use.

Linguistics describes how people actually communicate and how this changes from one context, situation, culture, geographical domain or even one moment to another. Linguistics is a useful and rewarding subject for anyone who is interested in languages and in the teaching and learning of second/foreign languages.

### Career opportunities

Previous graduates are now lawyers, editors, copy-writers, technical writers, journalists, television and film directors and producers, newspaper and television reporters, translators, interpreters, sign language interpreters, language policy-makers, language advisers, speech therapists, diplomats, first language teachers, second language teachers, primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, university lecturers, polytechnic lecturers, software designers, actors, comedians, education policy-makers, machine voice synthesisers, entrepreneurs, publishers, creative writers, science writers and marketers.

### 100-level papers

A major in Linguistics requires:

LING 111 A World of Languages

Plus:

GLBL 101 Introduction to Intercultural Communication

Or one 100-level language paper

A major in English and Linguistics requires:

LING 111 A World of Languages

Plus one 100-level ENGL paper

A major in Language and Linguistics requires:

LING 111 A World of Languages

Plus two 100-level language papers

Additional papers:

LING 103 Language Myths

LING 140 Language, Brain and Being Human

## Māori Studies

Māori Studies focuses on te ao Māori (the Māori world). Subjects offered include the Māori language, customary lore, history, performing arts, education, politics, research methodology, Ngāi Tahu studies, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Māori epistemology.

### Career opportunities

Māori Studies is useful to those who wish to pursue careers in academia, archiving, the diplomatic corps, government, iwi development, language planning, libraries, the media industry, ministers of religion, police force, policy analysts, historical research, social work, teaching and translating.

### 100-level papers

A major in Māori Studies requires:

MAOR 102 Māori Society

MAOR 111 Te Kākanō 1

MAOR 112 Te Kākanō 2

Additional papers:

MAOR 120 Introducing the Māori World

MAOR 108 Waiata: Te Timatanga

MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori – a paper for students new to the Māori language

## Mathematics

Otago's undergraduate programme introduces all major areas of mathematics, from applications to analysis, from modelling to relativity, from algebra to computation. Skills in Mathematics are central to many disciplines.

### Career opportunities

Otago Mathematics graduates go on to careers in a wide range of areas. Many go on to postgraduate study at Otago or their choice of top-ranking universities internationally.

### 100-level papers

Check the programme entry requirements to make sure you enrol in papers at the right level:

MATH 130 Fundamentals of Modern Mathematics 1

MATH 140 Fundamentals of Modern Mathematics 2

## Music

(includes Popular Music minor subject)

Courses are offered in a wide range of areas, including Western classical music, contemporary popular music, composition and studio production. You can take Music as individual papers or a minor subject, as a major subject in a three-year Bachelor of Arts, or complete the more specialised Bachelor of Music degree.

### Career opportunities

Graduates may become performers, teachers, composers and studio producers. Some work in the media or the arts and music industry. These are just a few of the many possibilities.

#### 100-level papers

A major in Music in the BA requires:

MUSI 101 Materials of Music 1

Plus one of:

MUSI 103 Popular Music

MUSI 104 World Music

MUSI 105 Music Matters in Human Life

The following papers are more commonly taken in the Bachelor of Music degree, but are also available to BA students:

MUSI 131 Composition 1

MUSI 132 Music Production 1

MUSI 135 Songwriting

MUSI 140 Performance Studies 1 (entry by audition)

MUSI 141 Performance 1 (entry by audition)

MUSI 146 Contemporary Music Performance 1 (entry by audition)

MUSI 191 Introduction to Music

## Music Production

(minor subject only)

The Music Production minor caters to any music genre or style, from classical to traditional folk music, jazz and beyond. The papers are designed to empower you with the tools necessary to create, perform, record and enjoy music on all levels, in the constantly expanding digital environment we experience today.

#### 100-level papers

A minor in Music Production requires:

MUSI 132 Music Production 1

## Pacific Islands Studies

Study issues of importance to Pacific peoples. Papers cover contemporary issues including climate change, environment, gender, land, health, politics, performing arts and urbanisation, as well as Pacific prehistory and history, and religion.

### Career opportunities

Pacific Islands Studies is useful to those who wish to pursue a career in national and regional organisations, diplomatic corps, non-government organisations, as government officials, teachers, doctors and dentists, ministers of religion or social workers. It can also complement other academic subjects, including Anthropology, Geography, Commerce, Education, Tourism, History, Health Sciences, Law, Nutrition, Māori Studies, Physical Education, Politics and Social Work.

#### 100-level papers

A major in Pacific Islands Studies requires:

PACI 101 Pacific Societies

Plus one of:

PACI 102 Pacific Dance: An Introduction

PACI 103 Language and Cultures of the Pacific: An Introduction

ANTH 103 Introduction to Anthropology

ANTH 105 Global and Local Cultures

HIST 107 New Zealand in the World from the 18th Century

MAOR 102 Māori Society

MFCO 102 Media, Power, Society

## Philosophy

Philosophy examines big questions about the nature of the world and our place in it, assessing the foundations of our beliefs and the principles we live by. You will learn rigorous and analytical approaches to answering complex and difficult questions.

### Career opportunities

Employers value the clear thinking and reasoned argument learned in Philosophy. Philosophy graduates earn well and secure positions in business, government, and secondary and tertiary education.



### Jacinda Kumar

BACHELOR OF ARTS (MAJOR: FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES, MINOR: HISTORY)  
VISUAL EFFECTS PRODUCTION CO-ORDINATOR,  
WETÀ FX

“During my time at Otago, I really felt that the academic staff from the Film and Media Studies department were genuinely interested in the occupational endeavours of their students. Not only would they offer support for your studies, directing you to relevant research journals or suggest ways to refine your writing, but they were a great sounding board to discuss how you could shape your career, post tertiary education. As an emerging filmmaker interested in the practical skillset of film production, the academic staff would often point me towards attending film workshops and conferences taking place in Dunedin, internship and work experience, and opportunities to get involved within the community. It was this continual support from the University staff that really eased the transition from academic life to my career that followed.”



## Sally Davis

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SPANISH, PSYCHOLOGY)  
VOLUNTEER AND FACILITATOR, RECREATE NZ

"I loved learning about the Spanish culture, music and traditions, as well as the language. And I really enjoyed the different atmosphere in class. Because you have to speak the language to learn it, you are always talking to people next to you, engaging with the lecturer and making friends. Learning languages also means you can travel to other countries and properly connect with the locals. I spent an amazing semester on exchange in Chile, which fed my adventurous spirit and really helped with my language acquisition."

### 100-level papers

A major in Philosophy requires two of:

- PHIL 101 Mind and Reality
- PHIL 103 Ethical Issues
- PHIL 105 Critical Thinking
- PHIL 106 Radical Philosophy

## Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Otago is the only New Zealand university to offer this BA major studying human behaviour and social phenomena. It combines the analytical reasoning of philosophers, the social insight of scholars of politics, and the methodological rigour of economists.

### Career opportunities

Career opportunities exist in a broad range of businesses, government departments and NGOs, both in New Zealand and in the wider world. Graduates of the programme include senior advisers in several ministries, diplomats, business consultants, journalists, lawyers, think-tank members and CEOs.

### 100-level papers

A major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics requires:

- BSNS 113 Economic Principles and Policy
- ECON 112 Principles of Economics 2

Plus at least one Philosophy and one Politics paper:

- PHIL 103 Ethical Issues (recommended)
- POLS 102 New Zealand Politics: An Introduction (recommended)

## Politics

Politics is about people and power, conflict and co-operation. Politics at Otago covers international relations and diplomacy, political theory, New Zealand politics, and politics in the Middle East, Asia, Pacific, Europe and the USA.

### Career opportunities

Studying politics doesn't mean you will become a politician (although you could!). Studying politics will give you analytical and communication skills that are widely sought after and attractive to employers in various fields. Our graduates find highly rewarding careers in a broad range of areas such as the diplomatic corps, NGOs and the not-for-profit sector, government ministries, consultancy firms, the private sector, education and the media.

### 100-level papers

A major in Politics requires two of:

- POLS 101 Political Philosophy: Basic Problems
- POLS 102 New Zealand Politics: Introduction
- POLS 104 International Relations: Introduction
- POLS 105 Comparative Politics: Introduction

## Psychology

Psychology is the science of behaviour and how behaviour is represented in the brain. Psychologists study the way humans and other animals interact with the world, and each other. They study how our experiences shape our behaviour.

### Career opportunities

Graduates have gone on to secure jobs in universities, health services, business and industry, road safety, communications and planning, and various government agencies. Clinical Psychology graduates have gone on to work in the public health sector or in private practice.

### 100-level papers

A major in Psychology requires:

- PSYC 111 Brain and Behaviour
- PSYC 112 Human Thought and Behaviour

## Religious Studies

(includes the Buddhist Studies minor subject)

The study of religion has never been more important. There are constant media debates over marriage, civil wars, and popular culture. Today's world needs people who can think clearly and creatively about religion's shifting role in political, economic and social life.

### Career opportunities

Our graduates apply their knowledge in a variety of employment settings: from government, to education, journalism, business, non-profit and law.

#### 100-level papers

A major in Religious Studies requires two of:

- RELS 101 Introduction to Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- RELS 102 Introduction to Hinduism and Buddhism
- RELS 110 Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion

#### Buddhist Studies minor

The Buddhist Studies minor subject starts with:

- RELS 102 Introduction to Hinduism and Buddhism

## Science Communication

(minor subject only)

The Science Communication minor provides you with a background in communication theory and practice, an understanding of the societal context within which science and science communication operates, as well as the practical skills required to become a capable science communicator.

#### 100-level papers

A minor in Science Communication requires:

- MFCO 103 Introduction to Communication Studies
- SCOM 109 Communicating Science: An Introduction

## Science of Religion

(minor subject only)

Are you interested in how science can help us understand religion? Have you ever wondered why some people are religious, and others aren't? Or whether religion affects a person's mental and physical health? The scientific study of religion examines topics that are important locally and globally. A minor in the Science of Religion will allow you to explore research design and learn how scientific methodologies can help us understand religious beliefs and behaviour.

#### 100-level papers

A minor in the Science of Religion requires:

- RELS 110 Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion

Plus one of:

- BIOA 101 Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- PSYC 111 Brain and Behaviour
- PSYC 112 Human Thought and Behaviour
- SCOM 109 Communicating Science: an Introduction
- STAT 110 Statistical Methods

## Sociology

Sociology critically analyses how people organise and participate in groups, collectives or societies. Sociology is very interested in examining social conflict and social change – how societies or social groups change over time. Sociology papers are also an important part of students' preparation for Otago's Social and Community Work programme.

### Career opportunities

By learning skills of social research and social analysis, Sociology graduates find careers in the following fields: social justice campaigns, social research, marketing, trade unions, human resources, public health, non-governmental organisations, academia, evaluation research and government policy analysis. Upper-level Sociology papers include options to place students into applied research situations with community groups, organisations and businesses.



### Lydia Clixby

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY),  
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH  
POLICY ANALYST, CHILD AND YOUTH POLICY  
TEAM, MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

"What particularly appealed to me about sociology is how it is connected to the real world in the sense of the people and communities around us, with a lens to understanding social issues and dynamics from an academic standpoint and how we may work to improve outcomes in these areas. A strength of sociology is its versatility – while underpinned by social theories, it has a strong focus on research methods and also encourages analytical perspective. These are all valuable skills required for a policy career and are sought after by potential employers."



## Victoria Abbott

BACHELOR OF ARTS (THEATRE STUDIES)  
ACTOR/DIRECTOR

"I've had some wonderful jobs since graduating; working for Jane Campion twice, filming *Educators* with my comedy heroes, and international theatre tours to London, New York, Jeonju, Melbourne, Perth and LA. I formed a theatre company with another Otago graduate, and we worked for years together making theatre. At the moment, I'm working full-time on the TV show *Power Rangers* and directing my first play, *Contractions* by Mike Bartlett. The Theatre programme has produced some incredible industry professionals. Once you've been through Allen Hall Theatre, you belong to a special club for life."

### 100-level papers

A major in Sociology requires:

- SOCI 101 Sociology of New Zealand Society
- SOCI 102 Cultural and Social Identities

Additional paper:

- SOCI 103 Crime, Deviance and Social Transformation

## Spanish

With over 400 million native speakers from 21 countries spread across five continents, Spanish is truly a global language. Spanish-speaking countries account for an increasing proportion of world trade and are a growing target market for New Zealand exporters.

### Career opportunities

Spanish language and culture skills distinguish graduates from others seeking employment opportunities in government, planning and consultancy firms, mass media (e.g. journalism, publishing and advertising), finance and banking, health care, tourism and hospitality. With trade links between New Zealand and Latin America growing, the demand in business for Spanish language graduates is increasing.

### 100-level papers

A major in Spanish requires:

- SPAN 131 Introductory Spanish 1
- SPAN 132 Introductory Spanish 2

(or 200-level papers if students have previous knowledge)

- GLBL 101 Introduction to Intercultural Communication

## Sport Development and Management

Sport is a rapidly expanding industry that intersects with education, culture, commerce, health, events, media, politics and tourism. Sport Development and Management is founded on the global growth in sport science degrees and sport management specialisations.

### Career opportunities

Careers in this sector include sport development officers, administrators and managers in national sports organisations, regional sport organisations, community trusts, commercial sport entities, professional sport administration, government ministries and local councils. It also provides pathways into: teaching, coaching, youth work, sports marketers, school sport co-ordinators, sports journalism – all of which are involved in improving individuals and environments.

### 100-level papers

A major in Sport Development and Management requires:

- SPEX 101 Sport, Science and Society
- SPEX 102 Principles of Exercise for Health and Performance

## Statistics

Data is being generated at an astonishing rate in science, business and government. Statistics is the collection, analysis, interpretation and visualisation of data; all crucial skills for society and business in the 21st century.

### Career opportunities

Statistical thinking and quantitative reasoning are highly valued by employers. Our graduates know how to design ways to collect data, to visualise data, to analyse data and to communicate the results of their analyses.

Statisticians are key contributors to decision-making by business and government.

They also work with researchers in a wide range of disciplines, including biological, environmental, health and social sciences.

Employers include banks and insurance companies, consulting firms, Crown Research Institutes (e.g. Scion, AgResearch, Plant & Food Research, and Landcare), health organisations, local government,

marketing and market research companies, the New Zealand government (e.g. ACC, Treasury and Statistics New Zealand), and all data-intensive industries.

### 100-level papers

STAT 110 Statistical Methods  
or  
STAT 115 Introduction to Biostatistics  
Plus:  
MATH 130 Fundamentals of Modern Mathematics 1  
MATH 140 Fundamentals of Modern Mathematics 2

## TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

(minor subject only)

English is the language that is most commonly learned and used by second language speakers. The TESOL minor is a useful option if you are intending to make a career of teaching English as a foreign language in New Zealand or overseas.

### 100-level papers

A minor in TESOL requires:  
LING 111 A World of Languages  
Plus one further 100-level LING paper

## Theatre Studies

Theatre explores and represents human experience and imagination in a dynamic, immediate and relevant way. Theatre Studies papers will help you to develop the skills of self-confidence, teamwork, communication and creative expression.

### Career opportunities

In addition to careers in the theatre, film and television industries, graduates work in such fields as education, journalism, broadcasting, marketing, design, tourism and arts admin.

### 100-level papers

A major in Theatre Studies requires:  
THEA 122 Drama on Stage and Screen  
THEA 151 Improvisation  
THEA 152 Theatre Technology  
Additional paper:  
THEA 153 Voice and Movement

## Theology

(minor subject only)

Theology is concerned with the study of Christianity and is studied by people from a variety of backgrounds, regardless of whether or not they have a Christian faith of their own. The primary qualification for entry is an interest in religious questions. Although Theology is a minor subject in the BA, a full Theology degree is also available.

### 100-level papers

A minor in Theology requires two of:  
BIBS 112 Interpreting the Old Testament  
BIBS 121 Interpreting the New Testament  
BIBS 131 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 1  
BIBS 132 Introductory New Testament Greek Language 2  
CHTH 102 The History of Christianity  
CHTH 111 Doing Theology  
CHTH 131 God and Ethics in the Modern World  
HEBR 131 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 1  
HEBR 132 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 2

## Tourism, Languages and Cultures

In the tourism sector, there is a high demand for graduates with language and culture knowledge. This major combines the study of tourism with language/culture study in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Māori or Spanish.

### Career opportunities

With the growth of tourism in New Zealand and internationally, the tourism industry worldwide is seeking graduates who are multilingual and who have an understanding of the cultural needs of their guests.

The New Zealand tourism industry has anticipated an increase in its workforce in the near future (according to NZIER 36,000 additional positions by 2025).

### 100-level papers

A major of Tourism, Languages and Cultures requires:  
TOUR 101 Introduction to Tourism  
TOUR 102 Global Tourism  
Plus a minimum of two language papers in one specific language

## Writing

(minor subject only)

Otago offers a minor in Writing, which can be taken alongside major subjects in Arts, Science or Commerce, including the major in English.

### 100-level papers

A minor in Writing requires:  
ENGL 127 Essentials of Writing  
Plus one of:  
ENGL 120 Creative Writing: How to Captivate and Persuade  
ENGL 128 Essentials of Communication

### 200- and 300-level papers

Plus three of (including at least one paper at 300-level):  
ENGL 217 Creative Writing: Poetry  
ENGL 220 Creative Writing: Reading for Writers  
ENGL 227 Essay and Feature Writing  
ENGL 228 Writing for the Professions  
MFCO 220 Writing for the Media  
THEA 241 Writing for Stage and Screen  
ENGL 320 Advanced Creative Writing  
ENGL 327 The Essay: Creative Non-Fiction  
ENGL 337 Creative Writing: Travel Narratives  
ENGL 342 Digital Literature  
ENGL 368 Approaches to Writing about Literature  
THEA 341 Advanced Playwriting

# Double degrees and combined degrees

Many students choose to take advantage of the flexibility of Otago's degrees by combining their passion for Arts subjects with other subjects, or other degrees, from the range offered across the whole University.

An Arts degree will give you a broad base of skills useful for a very wide range of career options. If you have a specific career destination in mind, a double or combined degree can help you to more specifically tailor your qualification(s).

Some of our most popular combinations are:

## BA/LLB double degree

A double degree is a programme of study that leads towards two separate qualifications. One of the most popular options is a Bachelor of Arts (BA) taken in combination with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) – this will usually take five years to complete. Around 50 per cent of Law students also study for a BA.

## Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc)

This is a single degree that allows you to combine your passion for arts and science in one qualification. Choose a major subject from each of arts and science, and complete this combined Bachelor of Arts and Science degree in four years.

## Bachelor of Arts and Commerce (BACom)

Build a great combination of skills. This single degree enables you to major in both arts and business in a four-year Bachelor of Arts and Commerce degree.

Our schools' liaison officers or University course advisers can help you to plan double or combined degrees.

# Higher qualifications

We offer a range of postgraduate programmes, including the BA(Hons) and MA(Coursework) degrees, which are popular with BA graduates.

## Bachelor of Arts with Honours – BA(Hons)

The BA(Hons) builds on the three-year BA degree. It takes one year of full-time study to complete, and incorporates a comprehensive research component.

## Master of Arts (Coursework) – MA(Coursework)

The MA(Coursework) is designed to develop skills that employers around the globe are looking for, with a balance of specific subject knowledge plus broad-based transferable skills – such as oral and written communication, and analytical skills.

The programme normally requires either 12 months or three semesters of full-time, or equivalent part-time, study and entails completion of papers and a dissertation (a major piece of supervised research of up to 20,000 words).

[otago.ac.nz/humanities-postgraduate](http://otago.ac.nz/humanities-postgraduate)

## Other degrees

The Division of Humanities also offers degrees in:

- Arts and Commerce
- Arts and Science
- Law
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Social Work
- Teaching
- Theology

Learn more at:

[otago.ac.nz/humanities-undergraduate](http://otago.ac.nz/humanities-undergraduate)



# Contact us

## Whakapā mai

### AskOtago

AskOtago is your one-stop shop for all questions about studying at Otago.

You can find answers with our searchable knowledgebase, or call, email or chat with us.

You can also find us at our hub in the Information Services Building, or at one of our other hubs around campus.

[ask.otago.ac.nz](http://ask.otago.ac.nz)

### Schools' Liaison Officers

Our liaison staff visit secondary schools around New Zealand to provide you with information and advice about courses and life at Otago.

[otago.ac.nz/liaison](http://otago.ac.nz/liaison)

### Course advice

Course advice is available as many times as you need throughout your time at Otago.

[otago.ac.nz/courseadvice](http://otago.ac.nz/courseadvice)

### Useful additional information

Bachelor of Arts

[otago.ac.nz/myba](http://otago.ac.nz/myba)

General information for new students

[otago.ac.nz/future-students](http://otago.ac.nz/future-students)

Applying to study at Otago

[otago.ac.nz/enrolment](http://otago.ac.nz/enrolment)

Accommodation at Otago

[otago.ac.nz/accommodation](http://otago.ac.nz/accommodation)

Local students

[otago.ac.nz/locals](http://otago.ac.nz/locals)

Te Huka Mātauraka – the Māori Centre

[otago.ac.nz/maoricentre](http://otago.ac.nz/maoricentre)

Pacific Islands Centre

[otago.ac.nz/pacific](http://otago.ac.nz/pacific)

### Kaiāwhina Māori Māori Student Support Officers

Tēnā koutou katoa. The Division of Humanities Kaiāwhina Māori network is here to help students:

- access academic and pastoral support
- provide assistance with advocacy and scholarships
- liaise with Humanities departments regarding things Māori.

Our centrally-based Kaiāwhina work with a team of Kaiāwhina across programmes in the Division.

Email [humanities.kaiawhina@otago.ac.nz](mailto:humanities.kaiawhina@otago.ac.nz)

### Pacific Islands Students' Support

Warm Pacific Greetings. The Pacific Islands Support Officer in the Division of Humanities supports students from the Pacific Islands enrolled in Humanities papers.

Key roles are:

- to liaise with academic departments and support services with respect to any issues relating to students and their course of study
- to act as a point of contact for all Pacific Island students enrolled in Humanities papers and degrees
- to facilitate access to pastoral care, student services and course planning advice within the University.

Email [pacificsupport.humanities@otago.ac.nz](mailto:pacificsupport.humanities@otago.ac.nz)



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