



University of Otago

# PARENTS' GUIDE



This guide aims to help answer questions you may have as your young person transitions from school to university and, in many cases, lives away from home for the first time.

## Otago Connection

Otago Connection is an online newsletter that keeps our students' friends and families connected with life at Otago. It includes information about events like Orientation and graduation, and it provides an opportunity for the University to share some of the amazing things that students are doing as they live and learn here.

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



# Welcome

## Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai



As your young person nears the end of their secondary education, they are faced with major decisions about the next steps in their lives. We have produced this guide because we know that you will want to be well informed about the choices that are available to your family.

Every year we welcome nearly 4,500 new students to the University of Otago, most of them from outside Dunedin. We have students from almost every secondary school in the country as well as from 100 different countries around the world.

Students choose the University of Otago for a number of reasons. First, and foremost, they come here to gain a world-class education. The University of Otago is a research-intensive university and students are taught by world-recognised leaders in their field of study who are also award-winning teachers.

Students also come here because of the high quality of student life. The University of Otago is New Zealand's only truly residential university. Nowhere else in this country do so many bright young people come together to live and learn. Some students will live in one of our 15 residential colleges, while others will live in flats adjacent to the campus. In addition to our state-of-the-art classrooms, libraries and laboratories, students have access to a wide range of clubs and cultural activities. Our Unipol gymnasium with fantastic sporting amenities, located adjacent to Dunedin's world-class covered stadium, is also available for student use.

At the University of Otago, we are not only training the next generation of accountants, doctors, lawyers, teachers and scientists, we are also educating the next generation of citizens. We take this responsibility very seriously. We continue to provide new and exciting opportunities for students to enhance their sense of social responsibility to the local community, to the country and to the world at large.

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". The Dalai Lama said, "When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts". Here at Otago, we strive to do both – we educate young hearts and young minds, and together, we will change the world.

Whether your young person chooses to study Humanities, Sciences, Health Sciences or Business, their experience at Otago will represent one of the greatest journeys of their lifetime. We look forward to sharing that journey with them and with you. As always, you are more than welcome to visit our beautiful campus.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harlene Hayne".

**PROFESSOR HARLENE HAYNE**  
Vice-Chancellor  
University of Otago





# The University of Otago:

Academic excellence and an outstanding student experience

The University of Otago is New Zealand's oldest and finest university, with a worldwide reputation for excellence.

Research underpins academic activity at Otago and a strong research culture is fostered across all divisions. As a result, students are taught by those who are among the best in the world in their areas of expertise.

Otago offers more than 200 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, is one of two universities in New Zealand with a medical school, and the only university offering Dentistry, Dental Technology, Surveying and Radiation Therapy. We also offer a special Otago Bachelor of Applied Science degree.

The University of Otago has a presence in five New Zealand cities – the main campus in Dunedin, the Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Wellington School of Medicine and Health

Sciences, the College of Education campus in Invercargill, and the Wellington city office and Auckland Centre.

The Dunedin campus is unique. The majority of our 21,000 students study and also live in this area, resulting in a campus lifestyle and culture of learning that you will only find at Otago.

Most of our first-year students choose to live in one of our 14 undergraduate residential colleges, which offer support and guidance, good food and facilities, and are great places to make new friends and share new experiences.

Other students prefer to go flatting, boarding or to live at home. Whichever they choose, the support is there to help your young people get the very best out of their time at Otago.



Awarded "five stars plus" – the highest international quality rating  
*(QS Stars Rating)*



Ranked in the top 3% of universities in the world  
*(QS World Rankings)*



Unmatched record in the National Teaching Excellence Awards:  
8 Supreme Award winners



21,000 students, including 2,900 international students from 100 countries



95% of graduates go into work or on to further study



One of the 16 most beautiful campuses in the world  
*(Huffington Post)*



85% of first-year students come from outside Dunedin



New Zealand's top university for educational performance  
*(TEC Educational Performance Indicators)*



200+ undergraduate and postgraduate programmes



# Dunedin

One of the things that makes the University of Otago special is that it really is the heart of Dunedin in every way. The town and the university campus developed together, so modern Dunedin is now one of just a handful of places worldwide where education is the main activity of the city.

Students make up almost a fifth of the population during semesters, making Dunedin a vibrant place. The “town/gown” relationship is greatly valued by the University and, in turn, Dunedin has a genuine affection for the University and its students.

Dunedin has the wealth of amenities and attractions you’d expect from a good-sized city, but is still a friendly, uncrowded and safe place to live. There is a strong cultural focus, with excellent music, shopping and fashion, and museums and libraries ranked amongst the best in New Zealand.

Situated between the mountains, the harbour and the sea, Dunedin offers a huge range of easily accessible leisure activities. There are tramping tracks and coastal hideaways within easy reach of the city centre, and Central Otago is only a few hours’ drive away.

## Getting here

There are regular direct flights to Dunedin from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and connections from all other New Zealand airports. You can drive to Dunedin from anywhere in the South Island within a day.

**dunedin**  
[www.DunedinNZ.com](http://www.DunedinNZ.com)

# The university year

A guide to what happens during the university year.

## February

This is the beginning of a new independent life with new friends and opportunities. Orientation week is packed with music gigs, sports days, a market day and other activities. An Academic Orientation Programme is also available to prepare new students for the academic journey ahead.

## March

Don't be overly alarmed if about four to six weeks into the first semester some anxieties around courses and workload, finances and health, relationships and homesickness set in. This is not uncommon, and there are plenty of people available in the residential colleges and on campus to offer help and support.

## April

Most students go home for the first time at mid-semester break – usually around Easter.

## May

The lead-up to exams can be an anxious time as the pressure of study mounts. Staff in the colleges and support services are on hand to help.

## June

Mid-year exams are followed by a well-deserved two-week break.

## July

Second semester is winter in Dunedin. New courses start and by now students are pretty settled and used to the routine of university life.

## August

One-week mid-semester break.

## September/October

The stresses and tensions around exam time will resurface and the end of the year can be an emotional time as students prepare to move on to the next stage – usually flattening – and say goodbye for the summer to the friends they have made over their first year.

## Workload

Studying at university is very different to school. As well as lectures, students must also attend tutorials and/or lab sessions, and complete assignments and assigned reading. As a general rule, that will work out to about 36-48 hours a week.

Students must understand that they are responsible for their own attendance. Usually, no one will check up on them if they miss a class or fail to hand in an assignment.

However, help is available from tutors, lecturers and course advisers. Student Learning Development provides help with learning strategies, study skills, management of assignments and exam preparation, and the residential colleges also run programmes to assist students with their study.





# Residential colleges

As more than 85 per cent of new students come from outside Dunedin, the University of Otago places great emphasis on the provision of high-quality accommodation through its residential colleges.



Our residential colleges accommodate around **3,500** students. **98%** of students provide a positive assessment of their colleges.

## Otago's residential collegiate community

Few educational institutes in the world can provide the quality of an Otago residential college experience. Most out-of-town first-year students choose to live in one of the 14 undergraduate residential colleges.

Parents can be confident that their young people will be part of a well-prepared and structured environment, led by experienced professionals who aim to help them adjust to, and thrive in, their academic life at the University.

An important part of this collegiate experience is the development of new friendships from many different backgrounds.

Experienced heads of college, caring staff and senior students ensure the smooth running of the colleges, and are available to help meet challenges that might arise. Staff are carefully selected and trained for their people skills and experience, and you can be confident that college residents are well supported in their scholastic, community and personal development.

Excellent study facilities, learning support and welfare services create a nurturing environment that fosters development and success.



Otago's residential collegiate community is not merely "dormitories" or "halls of residence" or "places to stay". In a residential college, the residents will be members of a caring and supportive community and will learn about working and living together with others. The importance of moral values (for example mutual respect and compassion for others) is emphasised, as is the development of leadership skills, self-regulation and social responsibility.

Colleges provide wonderful opportunities for young people to grow and mature through the various academic, cultural, sporting, volunteering and social programmes on offer.

Colleges are mostly made up of single rooms, although there are a small number of twin rooms available. The colleges are fully catered (three meals a day), have a mix of male and female students, and range in size from 125 to more than 500 beds. Single-sex floors are available in some cases. Some colleges are located right on campus, and the farthest away is only a 15-minute walk.

More information about the colleges is available in the *Undergraduate Prospectus*. You are also very welcome to contact the colleges to book a tour.

## Applying for residential college membership

Applications should be made online through the University's website before the end of September, for consideration in the first round of offers.

Any changes that need to be made to an application after it has been submitted can be emailed directly to the Student Accommodation Centre.

The application must be completed in full, all questions need to be answered, and the reference form needs to be completed by the applicant's high school. Applicants should also use the online portal to check the status of their application before the end of September.

During October applicants will be contacted with either an offer of place in one of the colleges or advice that their application has been placed on a waiting list. Our collegiate communities are very popular and there is competition for places, hence a waiting list. When places do become available, offers will be made to students on the waiting list, through to the start of semester. If a college that is not a student's first choice makes an offer, it is strongly recommended that the student accepts this offer.

When an offer is made, the colleges require a payment to secure the place. Payment options are explained when an offer is made. For more information please contact the colleges directly.

## Flatting

Most students choose to go flatting in their second year of study, although some do opt for a flat in their first year. There are a variety of flats to choose from with many only a few minutes' walk to the campus – students do not need to spend large amounts of money on transport at Otago.

The large number of flats available for letting helps ensure reasonable rentals and quality accommodation. Before signing a lease, students should view the flat, talk to the landlord and/or meet the other tenants.

## Student Tenancy Accommodation Rating Scheme (STARS)



The STARS website is a tool for rating and recognising good quality student properties.

Students should insist on asking the landlord about the STARS rating for any property they are interested in. The STARS ratings are based on information provided by landlords on fire safety, security, insulation, heating and ventilation.

Other accommodation options include homestays and private boarding.

For more information about all accommodation options please see our website.

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

# The cost of university study

University study incurs many costs – tuition and associated fees, accommodation (for most students) and living expenses.

## Tuition fees

After the first year, programme fees range from about \$6,000 to \$12,000 depending on the degree and papers being studied. Textbooks are an additional cost.

Tuition fees increase every year so call us free on 0800 80 80 98 or talk to a schools' liaison officer to find out the latest costs.

Information regarding current tuition fees can also be found on our website.

[otago.ac.nz/tuition-fees](http://otago.ac.nz/tuition-fees)

## FEES-FREE STUDY

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

For more information, and to find out how to check eligibility, please visit:

[otago.ac.nz/fees-free](http://otago.ac.nz/fees-free)

## Residential colleges

There is some variation in the costs, but on average (based on 2019 figures) residential colleges cost \$15,390 for the academic year of 38 weeks. Students receiving an offer of accommodation will be required to make a confirmation-of-place payment, for accommodation in 2019 in a university-owned residential college, this was \$740.

## Flattng

Dunedin rental properties are generally let for 52 weeks. Extra money is needed at the start of the year for refundable bonds for flats and electricity accounts. Other living costs students incur include clothes, travel, health, entertainment and incidentals (e.g. mobile phone plans, postage and toiletries).

## Living costs

	Residential college	Flattng
Annual accommodation fee	\$15,390	-
Average rent (52 weeks @ \$150)	-	\$7,800
Groceries (40 weeks @ \$80)	-	\$3,200
Electricity/internet (52 weeks @ \$25)	-	\$1,300
Personal costs (40 weeks @ \$60)	\$2,400	\$2,400
Entertainment (40 weeks @ \$50)	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,790</b>	<b>\$16,700</b>

### Notes:

1. Residential college contracts are normally for 38 weeks. Some colleges may charge a higher fee than the fee listed in the table.
2. In addition to the accommodation fee, the residential colleges charge a small amenity fee.
3. Personal costs vary considerably depending on lifestyle.
4. This estimated budget does not include travel costs or any significant personal expenditure items.

## Travel

Because the campus is contained and close to all of Dunedin's main amenities, students spend very little on transport once they get here. The cumulative daily transport costs of travelling to a university closer to home can often be far greater than several airfares to Dunedin each year.

In weighing up the costs of students moving away to attend university, remember what it costs to keep them at home. Almost all parents notice a marked drop in their food and petrol bills!

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## Studylink

StudyLink administers student allowances, student loans and also extra help with costs while studying.

### Student allowance

The student allowance is a weekly payment that can help students with their living expenses while they study full-time. There are certain criteria they need to meet to qualify. A student allowance does not have to be paid back.

### Student loan

A student loan can help to finance study. It's made up of three parts – compulsory fees, course-related costs and living costs. There are certain criteria students need to meet to get a student loan. A student loan has to be paid back.

## Extra help

There are a number of ways that StudyLink can help with extra costs while studying or if the student is on a study break and can't find work. These include help with accommodation, health, ongoing medical, childcare or emergency costs.

### When to apply

It's important that students apply for their student finance well before their course starts – it can take around six weeks to process a student allowance or student loan application. Students can apply even if they're not sure where or what they're going to study, they just need to make sure they tell StudyLink once they have decided.

### How to apply

The easiest way to apply for student finance is online. When a student applies they can set up a MyStudyLink account, which lets them check the status of their applications, view and update their personal details and view their mail online.

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

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## Student Job Search

Before students take out a student loan they should consider other options to finance their studies. Many students take on holiday jobs and part-time work throughout the academic year to help fund themselves through study. Student Job Search can help students looking for paid work.

[sjs.co.nz](http://sjs.co.nz)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are a good way to fund study and are open to a wide range of students. Not all scholarships depend on previous academic achievements.

The University of Otago offers entrance and undergraduate scholarships that recognise academic excellence, leadership qualities, ethnicity, financial hardship, disability and excellence in sporting or cultural pursuits. Applications open in July and close 15 August.

There is also a range of donor- and trust-funded entrance scholarships with applications opening at various times throughout the year. See our website for more information.

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





# Student support

Mindful that so many of our students are away from home for the first time, we offer a range of support services.

## Campus Watch

The University has a Campus Watch team to help maintain a safe and healthy campus and to ensure that the provisions of the Code of Conduct are observed. Team members are easily recognised by their distinctive blue and gold uniforms.

[otago.ac.nz/campus-watch](http://otago.ac.nz/campus-watch)  
[otago.ac.nz/code-of-conduct](http://otago.ac.nz/code-of-conduct)

## Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre helps students with career planning, job search, applications and interviews advice. They also facilitate employer events on campus.

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

## Chaplains

The chaplaincy team offers pastoral care and spiritual support to anyone who wants to talk in confidence, whatever their beliefs. The chaplaincy offices can be found on the eastern end of the mezzanine floor in the University Union building.

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

## Course advice

Course advice and planning is a chance for your son or daughter to ensure that their course of study is right for them and their goals. Our experienced student advisers can listen and provide tailored guidance to help students plan and achieve their goals at university and beyond. They can also connect students with our wider support services to help them finish their qualification with the skills, knowledge and confidence to tackle life's challenges.

[otago.ac.nz/course-advice](http://otago.ac.nz/course-advice)

## Disability Information and Support

Disability Information and Support provides learning support, advice, advocacy and information to students with disabilities, impairments, medical conditions or injuries. The support provided is varied and may include access to specialised equipment, quiet study rooms, note-taking, subject tutoring, reformatting of course materials, and alternative test and examination arrangements. Student advisers are available to discuss each student's requirements and work collaboratively to put together a support plan.

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

## Te Huka Mātauraka – the Māori Centre

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai.

Your tamariki will not be alone when they come to Otago. The Māori Centre is the “whānau on campus” for taira Māori, encouraging Māori students to participate and succeed, and providing a first-class support service for academic, cultural and social development from pre-enrolment through to graduation.

The Centre creates opportunities for Māori students at Otago to meet in an informal and relaxed atmosphere and operates from a kaupapa Māori base to provide services such as:

- recruitment and study advice
- Māori Academic Orientation programme for first-year local Māori students
- Tūraka Hou / Māori orientation
- Ka Karahipi – scholarships and grant information
- mentoring and liaison
- academic tutorials and seminars
- counselling and advocacy
- Māori pre-graduation ceremonies.

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



2,097 taira Māori in 2018,  
representing nearly every iwi  
(9.9% of enrolments)

## Local students

The Locals programme provides college-style support and engagement – from academic support to fun social events – for students living at home, flatting or boarding to ensure a great first year at Otago.

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

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## Otago University Students' Association

The OUSA is run by students for students and is central to the Otago experience. Its services include welfare and advocacy, student representation, sport and recreation and, of course, social activities which begin with Orientation at the start of the first semester and continue throughout the year.

[ousa.org.nz](http://ousa.org.nz)

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## Recreation

Unipol Recreation Services and the OUSA Clubs and Societies team provide a comprehensive programme to ensure students maintain a healthy, balanced and fun lifestyle while studying at Otago. There are many recreational opportunities on and off campus including courses, trips, group fitness classes and social sport.

[unipol.co.nz](http://unipol.co.nz)

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## Student Health

Student Health is situated on campus and provides medical, nursing, counselling and psychiatric advice and treatment for all students enrolled at the University of Otago.

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

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## Student Learning Development

The Higher Education Development Centre offers Student Learning Development for all students, including:

- interactive workshops
- individual consultations with HEDC staff
- peer learning/support programmes including PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) and a peer writing programme
- online study resources.

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

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## Volunteering

Student volunteers often have the employability edge as they can demonstrate to employers the additional skills and experiences gained through volunteering. The Social Impact Studio supports students to lead social projects addressing causes they care about, and helps connect them with opportunities to make positive changes in their community.

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

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## Pacific Islands Centre

Warm Pacific greetings.

The Pacific Islands Centre offers a home away from home for all Pacific students; working collaboratively with the academic divisions and the Pacific community to ensure that Pacific students' time at Otago is as memorable and successful as possible.

We welcome you, their parents, to visit us when you are here in Dunedin. We understand your concerns and have the best interests of your child at heart. Contact us early so we can plan together to ensure a smooth transition from home to university for your child.

The Centre provides:

- orientation and transition programmes
- supplementary tutorials and the Taimane Academic Mentoring Programme
- tutorial rooms and a warm place to study
- strong links to the Pacific community in Dunedin
- pastoral care and advice on matters such as accommodation, scholarships, legal and immigration issues, travel, places to worship, university and course-related information, study skills, and other support services.

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



994 Pacific students in 2018  
(4.7% of enrolments)

# Studying at Otago

## An Otago degree

An Otago bachelor's degree is most commonly a three-year programme of study, which builds towards a specific subject specialisation or "major". A "minor" is a secondary area of specialisation. Papers are the building blocks of the degree; most are worth 18 points and most are completed in one semester. A full-time course for a first-year student is generally three or four papers in any one semester, or seven to eight papers in a full year.

Some degrees such as Laws (LLB), Surveying (BSurv) and many of the Health Sciences specialisations take more than three years.

An important advantage of many Otago degrees is their flexibility. The cross crediting of papers enables students to undertake two degrees at the same time: it is possible for a student to complete two three-year degrees in four and a half or five years.

Detailed information is available in the *Undergraduate Prospectus*, the *Guide to Enrolment* and on our website.

[otago.ac.nz/plan-your-degree](http://otago.ac.nz/plan-your-degree)







# What to study?

The University has more than 80 academic departments organised into four divisions – Business, Health Sciences, Humanities and Sciences.

## Business

The Otago Business School is one of the best in the world, with dual EQUIS and AACSB accreditation. Commerce ensures students learn how to deal with real world issues, giving them a base upon which to pursue any number of career paths. Studying subjects such as Economics, Accounting, Statistics and English-rich disciplines at high school is useful preparation. Involvement in the Young Enterprise Scheme will give students an opportunity to set up and run a real business.

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## Health Sciences

Health Sciences at Otago offers students a comprehensive range of programmes: Dentistry, Medical Laboratory Science, Medicine, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy, as well as Radiation Therapy, Oral Health, Dental Technology and the Biomedical Sciences including Anatomy and Physiology. Recommended subjects to study at secondary school are Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Statistics or Calculus and an arts subject such as English, History, Geography, Classics or Art History is also helpful.

## Humanities

Humanities graduates acquire generic transferable skills that employers seek, including analytical, communication and teamwork skills. These provide a basis for the widest possible range of employment opportunities. Students focused on the Humanities (such as History, English, Anthropology, Languages, Politics, Classics, Performing Arts or Music) should be encouraged to take some of these subjects at school. Studying subjects they enjoy will help students choose a degree that inspires them, and will lead into a career they are passionate about.

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## Law

Law is a career path that entices students from a variety of backgrounds, including the sciences and commerce. While there are no recommended subjects, those rich in language and requiring essay-writing skills – such as English, History or Classics – provide a good platform. An interest in debating or performing arts is also useful.

## Sciences

Science and Applied Science explore many avenues covering fundamental sciences such as Zoology, Physics or Chemistry, applied areas like Food Science or Forensic Analytical Science, and interdisciplinary subjects such as Ecology or Electronics. If a student is considering a degree in science, it is a good idea to take at least two sciences to Year 13: Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Mathematics or Computer Science, depending on the student's interests.

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## Surveying

Surveying is a varied and exciting career that requires design, measurement, interpersonal skills, and the ability to sift through evidence. It is a profession that is in constant demand both in New Zealand and abroad and encompasses indoor and outdoor activities. Budding surveyors will find a background in Mathematics (particularly Calculus) and Physics useful, as well as subjects that develop very good writing skills (e.g. English, Geography, New Zealand History).

# Enrolling at Otago

Students must be at least 16 years old by the first day of classes in the semester they begin their study and hold one of the following university entrance (UE) qualifications.

Admission with UE based on NCEA	<p>NCEA Level 3</p> <p>At least 14 credits in each of three approved subjects</p> <p>Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or higher</p> <p>Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above (five in reading and five in writing)</p>
Admission with UE based on International Baccalaureate (IB) qualifications	<p>IB diploma with 24 points minimum</p> <p>Meet literacy and numeracy requirements</p>
Admission with UE based on Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)	<p>At least 120 points on the UCAS Tariff, with a grade of D or better at AS or A level in syllabuses from at least three different syllabus groups, broadly equivalent to the NCEA approved subject list</p> <p>Meet literacy and numeracy requirements</p>

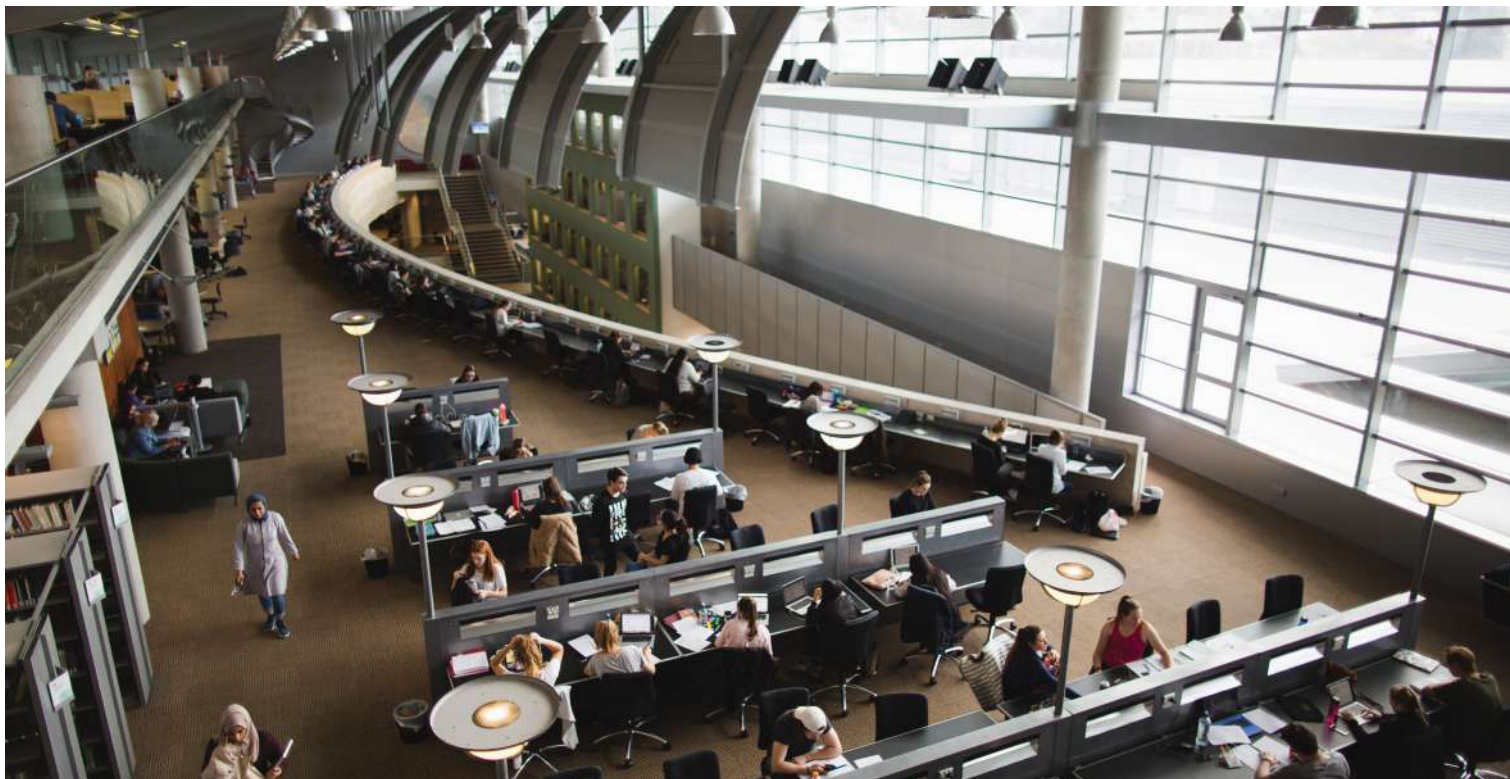
## CHECK

At the beginning of Year 13, check that your son or daughter is taking sufficient credits and enough approved subjects at Level 3, and that they have the required literacy and numeracy credits. This can save confusion and disappointment when they come to enrol at university.

## Discretionary Entrance

New Zealand citizens or permanent residents under 20 years old may seek Discretionary Entrance if they do not have an entrance qualification.

Discretionary Entrance is not granted automatically, and cannot be used for entry to first semester classes in the year following that in which a student has sought entry from Year 13 study.



## Otago's enrolment system

There are a number of qualifications at the University of Otago that are subject to the Entry Pathway system:

- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAppSc)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc)
- Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (BBioMedSc)
- Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)
- Bachelor of Health Science (BHealSc)
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (first year only)
- Bachelor of Music (MusB)
- Bachelor of Performing Arts (BPA)
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- Bachelor of Theology (BTheol)
- Health Sciences First Year

- Social Work Pre-Professional (BA)
- Surveying First Year
- Certificate of Proficiency (COP) for undergraduate papers
- Diploma in Language (DipLang)
- Diploma in Global Cultures (DipGlobalC)
- other intermediate courses.

The key points are:

- a Preferential Entry pathway for high-calibre students
- a Competitive Entry pathway in which remaining students will be ranked and admitted according to the availability of places
- an enhanced admission system for Māori and Pacific students.

A full overview of the Entry Pathway system is available online: [otago.ac.nz/entrypathways](https://otago.ac.nz/entrypathways)

This system does not apply to international enrolments, or to the following programmes, which have their own selective entry regulations:

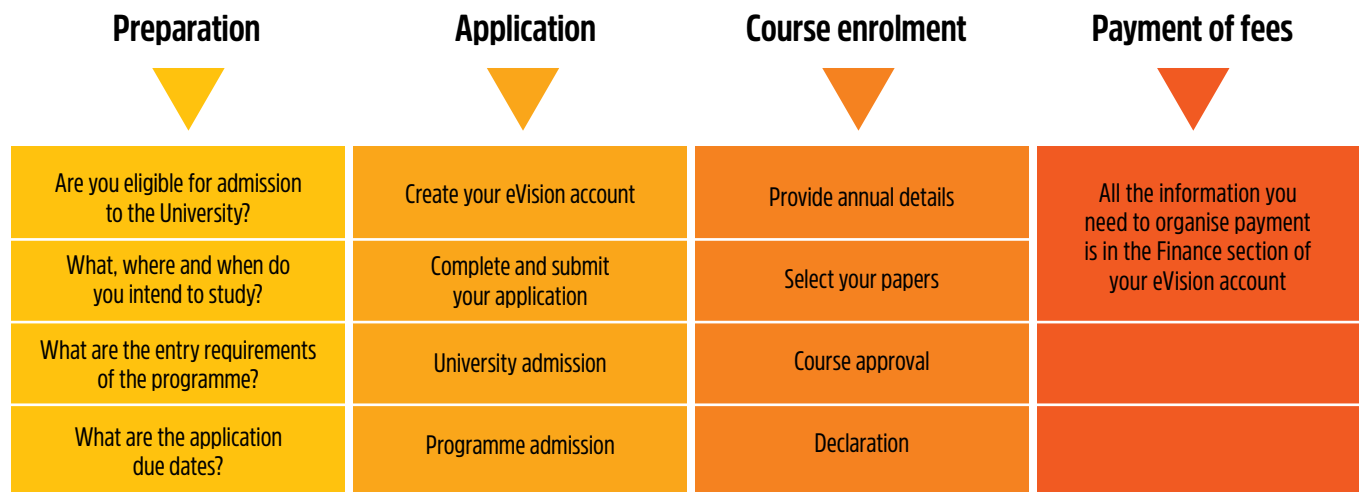
- Bachelor of Radiation Therapy
- Bachelor of Dental Technology
- Bachelor of Oral Health
- Bachelor of Teaching

For further information about entrance requirements and enrolment contact a University of Otago schools' liaison officer.

Tel 0800 80 80 98  
[otago.ac.nz/study](https://otago.ac.nz/study)



# The enrolment process



*NB: The closing date for most enrolment applications is 10 December. Some programmes have earlier enrolment deadlines. Please visit our website for up-to-date information: [otago.ac.nz/important-dates](http://otago.ac.nz/important-dates)*

## eVision

The University uses an online system called eVision to handle application and enrolment.

eVision is a one-stop shop for study-related information including timetables and examination results. eVision is accessible anytime, anywhere, using the internet and mobile devices.

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

## More information

The University of Otago has a number of publications available for prospective students and their families.

The *Undergraduate Prospectus* is delivered to all New Zealand secondary schools at the end of the second school term. It explains how to choose a course, how to structure a degree and how to go about enrolling and finding accommodation.

The *Guide to Enrolment* is distributed to secondary schools early in term three. It is the key publication that will help guide you through the application and enrolment process, and provides valuable information for course planning. It also includes degree structures and details of papers that are available.

To request a copy of these publications visit:

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

# Contact

## Schools' Liaison Officers

Before enrolling, students should contact one of Otago's schools' liaison officers to receive information and advice on what courses they should take in order to maximise their talents and achieve their career ambitions.

Liaison officers visit most New Zealand secondary schools at least once a year, and intending students and parents can also see them by appointment in their offices in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin.

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Wellington

04 460 9805

[wellington.liaison@otago.ac.nz](mailto:wellington.liaison@otago.ac.nz)

Dunedin

03 479 8247

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AskOtago is your one-stop-shop for all questions about studying at Otago. You can find answers instantly with our searchable knowledgebase.

Or call, email or chat with us.

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

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