



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
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NEW ZEALAND

Foundation Studies Programme

PROSPECTUS



TOP 1%
OF THE WORLD'S UNIVERSITIES
IN 19 SUBJECTS

Victoria University of Wellington

TOP 2%
OF THE WORLD'S 18,000
UNIVERSITIES

196
PARTNER UNIVERSITIES IN 39
COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

50%
OF UNIVERSITY STAFF ARE
FROM OVERSEAS

3200
OF 22,000 STUDENTS ARE
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

100+
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
BY OUR STUDENTS

The Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme is taught exclusively through UP International College. The programme prepares international students for entry into degree programmes at Wellington's University. Each student will be equipped with specialised subject knowledge, English-language skills for tertiary study, and knowledge about New Zealand culture and society. The University guarantees undergraduate entry to students who successfully complete the programme.

Welcome to our Foundation Studies Programme and to Wellington—a great city for students and New Zealand's political, cultural and creative capital. I also look forward to welcoming you to our globally-ranked university on the successful completion of your studies with UP International College



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Guilford".

Professor Grant Guilford
Vice-Chancellor





OUTSTANDING RESEARCH QUALITY

You'll be learning from world-class teachers and researchers. The University has 864+ researchers on staff, with 66% of them ranked at A-grade level.



KEY PARTNERSHIPS

You'll benefit from studying at a capital city university. The University has strong teaching and research partnerships with government, business, research institutes and the technology and arts sectors

THREE YEARS OF POST-STUDY WORK RIGHTS

After graduating with a Bachelor's degree or higher from Victoria University of Wellington you will be eligible to apply for a 3-year post study work visa.

FLEXIBLE STUDY

Choose a conjoint or double degree, or a double major to build a study programme that suits your interests and career goals.



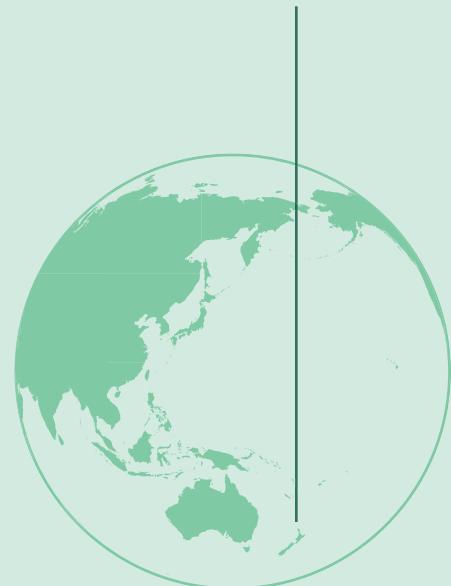
Study in Wellington

When you study at Victoria University of Wellington, you will enjoy a great quality of life, a diverse and welcoming environment, and a student experience to remember.

Located in New Zealand's vibrant capital city, Victoria University of Wellington enjoys privileged access to the country's leaders, influencers, and decision makers. This in turn shapes our world-class degrees.

When you study in Wellington, you also have access to the city's many museums, archives, libraries, scientific institutes, cultural bodies, financial, legal and business institutions, and political and government agencies.

NEW ZEALAND



**18TH SAFEST CITY IN
THE WORLD**

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**CAPITAL CITY OF
NEW ZEALAND**

**HOME TO KEY INTERNATIONAL
AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

**50,000 HECTARES OF
FOREST AND PARKS**

SO COMPACT YOU CAN **WALK
ALMOST ANYWHERE**

**2,000 SUNSHINE HOURS
EACH YEAR**

**#2 MOST LIVEABLE CITY
IN THE WORLD**

DEUTSCHE BANK 2018

497 KM OF COASTLINE



TE ARO
CAMPUS

PIPITEA
CAMPUS

KELBURN
CAMPUS

PARLIAMENT

Foundation Studies Programme

Prepare to study at university

Our Foundation Studies Programme provides a path to undergraduate-level study.

It delivers the building blocks you need to study at Victoria University of Wellington.

- Study what interests you
- Upskill in academic English
- Improve your understanding of lectures
- Write stronger essays
- Learn academic referencing style, e.g. APA
- Improve pronunciation and confidence when speaking or presenting
- Develop skills in critical thinking
- Learn independent study skills

To gain entry to a Victoria University of Wellington Undergraduate degree course:

Successfully complete 120 credits in the Foundation Studies Programme with:

- A grade of 50% or higher in all four core subjects
- A grade of 50% or higher in six optional subjects equal to 60 credits (300 marks out of a possible 600)

Subjects

Core

- English for Tertiary Study (I and II, 40 credits)
- Introductory Mathematics (10 credits)
- New Zealand Culture and Society (10 credits)

Optional (10 Credits each)

- Calculus	- Media Studies (I and II)
- Design and Society (I and II)	- Microeconomics
- Environmental Science	- Psychology
- Health Studies	- Quantitative Methods
- Accounting (I and II)	- Statistics
- Macroeconomics	- Tourism (I and II)
- Management Studies	
- Marketing	

Note: Not all subjects will be offered each term.

Scholarship

Victoria University of Wellington offers a range of scholarship opportunities.

For more information, refer to the scholarship insert.
Refer to insert for accepted IELTS equivalents and academic entry requirements.



Meet Daryl Neo

Victoria University of Wellington scholarship winner

"During my Foundation programme, I felt very supported as the teachers took on a student-focused approach and they were experienced with teaching international students. In addition to teaching the content subjects, they played a role in the notable improvement of my language and critical thinking skills. I also received valuable feedback on my progress and advice regarding university."

Sample course progression

VUW TRIMESTERS	2021												2022											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Fast-track (6 months)																								
Standard (8–9 months)																								
Standard Plus (12 months)																								
Extended (18 months)																								

Refer to insert for program fees.

Programme Delivery

Partnered with Victoria University of Wellington, UP Education has been delivering the foundation programme for over 20 years. All teachers are trained and registered with the Teachers Council of New Zealand.

We also place great emphasis on student welfare and ensure a high standard of care. Our dedicated staff are experienced in looking after the educational, practical and social needs of students.





Victoria University of Wellington Degree Progression Requirement

To gain entry to a Victoria University of Wellington undergraduate degree from the foundation studies programme:

- Successfully complete 120 credits in the Foundation Studies Programme
- Achieve a minimum of 50% in all four core subjects
- Achieve 50% or higher in six optional subjects equal to 60 credits (300 marks out of a possible 600)

Programmes	Trimester intake February = Trimester 1 July = Trimester 2	Minimum Duration (Years)	Minimum English language proficiency	Notes
Bachelor of Architectural Studies	February	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	Entry into second year is competitive and is based on first year results
Bachelor of Arts	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	
Bachelor of Building Science	February	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	
Bachelor of Commerce*	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	
Bachelor of Communication	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	
Bachelor of Design Innovation	February	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	Entry into second year is competitive and is based on first year results
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood	February	3	IELTS 7.0, with a minimum of 7.0 in each band	Complete 'Teacher Education Programme Form for International Students'; supply police reports
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	February	4	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	Entry into second year is competitive and based on first year results
Bachelor of Health	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	
Bachelor of Laws	February, July (requires prolonged study time)	4	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	Entry into second year is competitive and based on first year results; entry to parallel third- and fourth-year Honours programme is by invitation after high achievement in second year
Bachelor of Music	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	Complete 'Application to Audition' form; audition required for Classical Performance and Jazz
Bachelor of Science	February, July	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II	

*Study in Trimester 3 (November) may be possible for specific programmes, depending on course availability.



Life on Campus

Victoria University of Wellington is diverse and welcoming, and provides a great student experience. There are lots of opportunities to get involved and have fun.

Join a club, mentor another student or volunteer. Join a free global leadership programme – Wellington International Leadership Programme or Wellington Plus.

You can make new friends, embrace new experiences and develop skills for your future career.



UP International College

Your journey to Victoria University of Wellington starts with UP International College. Foundation Studies classes are taught at our Wellington Campus.

ORIENTATION

Orientation is your chance to learn more about your programme, timetable, IT support and receive your Student Handbook. Attendance at Orientation is compulsory.

TIMETABLE

Student timetables are designed to help you become accustomed to university study, so you are expected to attend all lessons and work on study and revision between classes. Lessons are 55 minutes.

LOCATION

Our campus is adjacent to Victoria University of Wellington's Pipitea Campus (home to the Wellington School of Business and Government and Faculty of Law) and just a short walk to the city centre where you will find plenty of shops and cafés. There is a New World Metro supermarket near the campus in the Railway Station, and the university bookshop in Rutherford House at Pipitea Campus

Victoria University of Wellington has three campuses and several sites spread out over Wellington city.

Kelburn campus offers access to student support, administration offices, the Central Library and five different Faculties.

Pipitea campus is the home to the Faculty of Law and Wellington School of Business and Government.

Te Aro campus is at the heart of our Architecture and Design programmes.

Miramar Creative Centre is where you learn arts of film making, game design, visual effects, and exhibition design. Learn directly from the professionals.



Meet Pimpisa Petchsud

Victoria University of Wellington scholarship winner

"I am really happy with my choice to pursue my studies with Victoria University of Wellington. There is always something fun to do and I have definitely grown from the exposure to new experiences and the amazing Wellington culture "

Accommodation Options

Homestay

Available to all students, homestay is a great way of experiencing New Zealand culture and practising your English every day.

You will have your own room with a bed, desk, heating and Wi-Fi, and meals including breakfast and dinner Monday to Friday, and breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekends and public or school holidays. Laundry is also included.

Homestay Plus families can accommodate up to two students at a time, with a separate bathroom available.

- All homestays are thoroughly checked – the family is interviewed and the home inspected
- All homestay providers sign a contract agreeing to rules and standards and undergo a vetting procedure by New Zealand Police
- All students under 18 are visited in their accommodation a minimum of three times a year by homestay staff
- All payments to the homestay provider are made via the UP Education Student Fees Trust
- A 24-hour call centre number is provided in case of emergency

Other accommodation options

You could also choose to:

- Live with your parents
- Live with a residential caregiver (relative or family friend)
- Live in a student apartment (for students 18 and over only – this is the responsibility of the student or their parent/guardian or agent to arrange)

If you are under 18 at the start of your course, your accommodation arrangements must be approved by us.

Please refer to insert for accommodation costs.





Student Wellbeing

Student Wellbeing Awareness Team

This team of current students empowers other students to look after themselves by raising awareness and providing education about health and wellbeing. They run regular events and can also support you at the Bubble, a space for students to meet friends or seek advice. Enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee or heat up your lunch in the kitchen.

Student Learning

Student Learning provides free workshops, learning opportunities and resources to help international students communicate better, improve their writing and practise study techniques.

Other Victoria University of Wellington Support

All international students can access the University's main support services, including:

- Student Health
- Student Counselling
- Disability Services
- Student Finance Advisers
- Careers and Employment

Student Support

New Zealand is the only country in the world with an International Student Wellbeing Strategy, designed to protect our reputation as a safe and welcoming study destination. Here are some of the ways that Victoria University of Wellington supports international students:

Wellington University International - Te Kahupapa

International students have support from a dedicated team at the University who provide personal, academic and cultural support, including student visa renewal, insurance claim support, academic monitoring, International Orientation and student events.



International Orientation

This fun two-day session is your chance to receive an orientation pack, take a campus tour and get tips and information on all the services available in your exciting new life.

International Buddy Programme

You will be assigned a buddy, who will be

- there to show you around and help you adjust to life as a student in Wellington.
- You can also take part in buddy events throughout the year – have some fun and meet fellow students.

How to apply?

Visit Enroller, our online enrolment portal, where you will be able to set up your account and manage the entire enrolment process from application through to arrival.

> enroller.app/up-education-university-partnerships/enrolment-application

Step 1. Application

Create a secure account and complete the application form with the guidance of a step-by-step process. Ensure that you have the following documents ready to be uploaded:

- Copy of passport
- Copy of your most recent school reports or other qualifications
- Evidence of achieving the minimum English proficiency requirement

Step 2. Offer

Once your application has been received, the Admission Team will assess it and issue an offer letter accordingly.

You will be able to review and update the required documents up until accepting an offer.

Step 3. Accept

Within this stage, signed acceptance documents are uploaded and payment is made via Flywire*.

*Students from certain countries, such as India, China, Vietnam, Russia and Turkey, should not pay fees until a Visa Approval in Principle (AIP) has been obtained from Immigration New Zealand.

Step 4. Pre-arrival

Apply for a student visa and prepare for arrival.

This stage allows the sharing and confirming of the essential pre-arrival information such as visas, accommodation, insurance details and orientation documents.





Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

UP Education, and its schools, is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 (the Code). Published by the New Zealand Ministry of Education and administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), the Code is designed to ensure international students are well informed, safe and properly cared for.

Visit: nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

UP Education partners with leading universities in New Zealand and Australia to provide learning pathways to international students, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to excel at English-language universities.

Every effort was made to present accurate information in this publication at the time of printing.

UP Education reserves the right to change information without notice where this is considered necessary or desirable.

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