

2023

Parents' Guide

Aratohu Mā Ngā Mātua



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At Otago, we're committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and success of our students.

This guide provides information about the transition from school to university, and Otago's comprehensive on-campus support system that helps students get the most from their studies and their time in the most vibrant student community in Aotearoa New Zealand.



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. 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 fields 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.

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, and 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.

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.

Your young person's 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.

PROFESSOR DAVID MURDOCH
Vice-Chancellor



The University of Otago

Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou

Established more than 150 years ago, the University of Otago is New Zealand's first and finest university, with a worldwide reputation for research and teaching excellence.

At Otago we are committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and success of our students.

Our lecturers are internationally recognised researchers who are also dedicated to teaching. For seven of the past nine years, our teachers have won the Prime Minister's Supreme Award for Teaching Excellence.

This world-class education goes hand in hand with fantastic support services, and state-of-the-art lecture theatres, research laboratories and libraries.

In addition to being an international centre of academic excellence, Otago is New Zealand's only true residential university, with a unique campus lifestyle and culture.

The majority of our 21,500 students study and live within one kilometre of the Dunedin campus, creating our iconic

student community, with all academic, cultural, social and sporting facilities just a short walk from the Dunedin city centre.

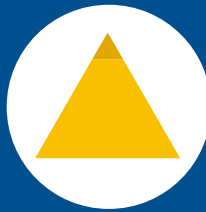
Most of our first-year students choose to live in one of our 14 residential colleges, which offer excellent support and guidance, and are great places to make new friends and share new experiences.

Other students prefer to go flatting, boarding or to live at home in their first year.

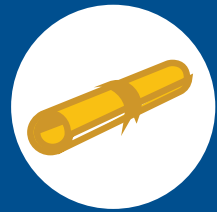
Whichever they choose, we offer support, facilities and academic opportunities to help your young people get the very best out of their time at Otago.



Awarded **5 stars plus** – the highest possible international quality rating
(QS Stars Rating)



Ranked in the top **1%** of universities in the world
(QS World Rankings)



Unmatched record in the National Teaching Excellence Awards:
7 Supreme Award Winners



Over **21,500** students, including **1,690** international students from **100** countries



More than **195** undergraduate and postgraduate programmes



85% of first-year students come from outside Dunedin



One of the **most beautiful** campuses in the world



Flexible degree structure: combine subjects, majors and degrees



Over **170** student clubs and societies to choose from



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



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



State-of-the-art libraries, lecture theatres, research labs and facilities



Dunedin Ōtepoti

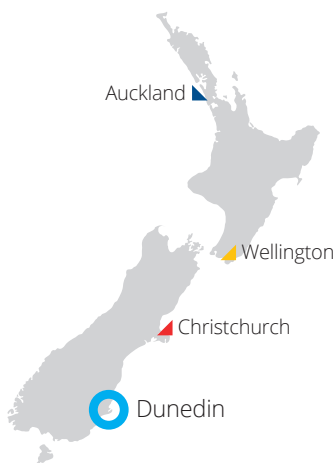
Dunedin is a true student city. During semesters our students make up 20 per cent of Dunedin's population, creating a community and atmosphere that's unique to Otago.

The town and the university campus developed together, so Dunedin is one of just a handful of places worldwide where education is the main activity of the city.

Dunedin has everything that's on offer in larger cities, but is still a friendly, uncrowded and safe place to live.

The university campus and student area are multicultural – they are home to more than 1,690 international students from 100 countries, and about half our academic staff are from overseas.

The city has a strong cultural focus. Music and the arts, shopping and fashion, and museums and libraries are among the best in New Zealand.



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www.DunedinNZ.com

New Zealand's only covered stadium is also right on our doorstep – hosting international sport and music events throughout the year.

The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in Dunedin, and innovation and creativity are backed by a supportive local business community.

Although surrounded by hills, Dunedin is mostly flat and easily accessible. Unlike larger cities, you don't need a car to get around – it's a 10-minute walk from the campus to the town centre, and a good public transport system covers the main suburbs.

No other city in the country offers the same opportunities to get out and explore; Dunedin is perfect for surfing, kayaking, mountain biking and hiking. And the stunning lakes and world-renowned ski fields of Queenstown and Wanaka are only a few hours' drive away.

Despite being the country's southernmost university, Dunedin's weather is milder than you might think. Daily highs are typically 18–22°C in summer and 10–12°C in winter. Dunedin also has considerably less rainfall than most New Zealand centres.

Getting here

There are regular direct flights to Dunedin from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and connections from all other New Zealand airports.

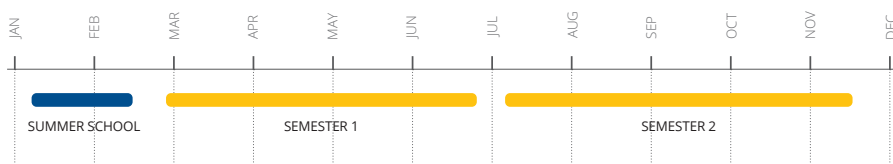
Bus routes connect Dunedin to Christchurch, Invercargill, Wanaka and Queenstown – with further connections to all South Island destinations. And you can drive to Dunedin from anywhere in the South Island within a day.



The university year

He tau i te whare wānanga

To help you understand what's going on in students' lives, here's a general guide to what happens during the university year.



February

Orientation week is packed with music gigs, sports days, a market day and other activities. An academic orientation programme helps prepare students for the year.

March

Anxieties around courses and workload, finances and health, and homesickness may set in. There are people available in the colleges and on campus to offer help and support.

April

This is a busy time for assignments and assessments. Most students go home for the first time at mid-semester break.

May

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

June

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

July

Semester 2 is winter in Dunedin. New courses start and by now students are settled and used to the routine of university life.

August

One-week mid-semester break.

September

Students are completing their last assessments and studying for final exams.

October/November

End-of-year exams start in mid-October and finish in early November. Once students complete their last exam, the summer break begins.

December/January

Exam results come out at the beginning of December each year, and Summer School starts in early January – it is generally attended by returning students rather than first-years.

Studying at Otago

Te ako ki Ōtākou

The University has more than 80 academic departments organised into four divisions – Business, Health Sciences, Humanities and Sciences – offering more than 195 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

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.

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.

Changing majors and degrees

We understand that not all students know exactly what they want to study when they first enrol with us. We also understand that university is a life-changing experience for many students, so we know that study and career goals may change.

Students can change their major or their whole degree – and it may not even take any longer to complete than initially planned.

Our course advice experts are available to help as many times as needed throughout a student's time at Otago.

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

otago.ac.nz/plan-your-degree

Workload

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

Students 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, management of assignments, study skills and exam preparation, and the residential colleges also run programmes to assist students with their study.



Residential colleges

Wharepuni

As more than 85 per cent of our new students come from outside Dunedin, we place great emphasis on providing high-quality, safe and supervised living in our residential college communities.

Most first-year students choose to live in one of our 14 residential colleges, which are all either on campus or within walking distance of the University.

In a residential college, the residents are part of a caring and supportive community. Professional, experienced college leaders and staff take a real interest in the wellbeing of their residents. They are supported by senior students who mentor and guide new students through their first year of university.

The colleges all provide tutorials and study spaces, and work hard to develop their residents as scholars and good community members through academic, cultural, sporting, volunteering and social programmes.

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-gender floors are available in some colleges.



Our residential colleges accommodate around **3,500** students. **97%** of students provide a positive assessment of their colleges.

Applying for a place in a residential college

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 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 answered, and the reference form must be completed by the applicant's secondary school. Applicants should use the online portal to check the status of their application before the end of September.

During October, you will either be offered a place in one of the colleges, or you will be advised that your application is on a waiting list. This list is reviewed continually between October and when university starts in February.

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.

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

otago.ac.nz/colleges

Local students

First-year students who choose to flat, board, or live at home are automatically part of the Locals' community. Locals provides social events, volunteering opportunities, academic support and pastoral care.



Flatting

Dunedin has a wide range of rental accommodation – from studio rooms and character houses to multi-unit, purpose-built complexes.

Flats are a popular accommodation choice in second year, although some first-year students choose to go flatting.

Many are only a few minutes' walk to the campus – students do not need to spend large amounts of money on transport.

The Student Accommodation Centre website provides up-to-date flat listings. They offer a flatmate advertising service and can provide sample budgets for flatting, flat agreements between flatmates, and helpful hints for flatting life. OUSA Student Support can also help with flatting queries and concerns.

Other accommodation options include homestays and private boarding.

For more information about all accommodation options visit:
otago.ac.nz/accommodation

Student support

Taunaki ākonga

Mindful that many of our first-year students are away from home for the first time, we offer a range of dedicated on-campus support services to help all students get the very best out of their time at Otago.

Campus Watch

The Campus Watch teams are out and about 24/7, ensuring that our campus is a safe and friendly place to live and study.

otago.ac.nz/campus-watch

Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre runs interactive career workshops, co-ordinates employer presentations and career fairs, and has a wide range of useful online career resources. Career advisers are available for one-to-one discussions.

otago.ac.nz/careers

Chaplains

The chaplaincy team offers pastoral care, spiritual support and a confidential listening ear to all students.

otago.ac.nz/chaplain

Childcare on campus

The Otago University Childcare Association operates five childcare centres, including a bilingual centre, for children from birth to five years. Twenty hours' ECE is available for all three- and four-year olds and WINZ subsidies also provide financial assistance.

otago.ac.nz/childcare

Code of Student Conduct

This set of common-sense rules prohibits behaviour that is likely to endanger safety.

otago.ac.nz/code-of-conduct

Computer services

Otago provides a range of IT services to students: 24-hour wireless study spaces with printers and computers, student webmail and online Office 365, and a student desktop that's accessible anywhere. IT questions can be answered in-person or online.

blogs.otago.ac.nz/studentit

Course advice

Course advice and planning is a chance for students 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. Course advice is available as many times as needed throughout a student's time at Otago.

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 examination arrangements. Student advisers are available to discuss each student's requirements and work collaboratively on a support plan.

otago.ac.nz/disabilities

Internships

A variety of internship or summer research positions are available, usually in the third year of study. Internships contribute to learning by providing real-world work or research skills, enhancing post-study employability.

otago.ac.nz/internships

Libraries

Our nine libraries offer an outstanding range of information services and resources, access to Wi-Fi, and warm, comfortable facilities suitable for individual study or group learning.

otago.ac.nz/library

Local students

The Locals Collegiate Community supports first-year students who choose to live at home, flat or board. Locals offers social events, volunteering opportunities and academic support, and helps students connect with other first-year students living in the local community.

otago.ac.nz/locals

Orientation Week

Run the week before the first semester, Orientation includes a wide variety of events to help students settle into university life.

otago.ac.nz/oweeek

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 tauira Māori, encouraging Māori students to participate and succeed, and providing first-class support 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 including:

- 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



**2,532 tauira Māori
were enrolled in 2021**

Otago University Students' Association

OUSA represents students' interests within the University. Its services include welfare and advocacy, student representation, sport and recreation, and of course, social activities which begin with Orientation at the start of semester 1 and continue throughout the year.

ousa.org.nz

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. There are more than 170 sporting, cultural, political and religious clubs and societies to choose from, as well as recreational opportunities on and off campus, including courses, trips, group fitness classes and social sport.

Entry into Unipol is free with a current student ID card. This purpose-built facility includes spaces for table tennis, basketball, foosball, netball, volleyball, futsal, group fitness, and functional, weights and cardio training. Students can arrange sessions with a Unipol fitness leader, take part in a social sport programme or rent outdoor equipment.

otago.ac.nz/recreation

Student Health Services

Embracing inclusivity and manaakitanga, Student Health Services engages with all students and the diverse university community to support health and wellbeing, enabling students to reach their full potential and thrive during their Otago experience. We are centrally located on campus and provide daily urgent and routine appointments.

otago.ac.nz/studenthealth



Student Learning Development

The Higher Education Development Centre provides free academic support for all students, including workshops, peer learning and support programmes, and online study resources.

otago.ac.nz/sld

Te Whare Tāwharau

Te Whare Tāwharau is a sexual violence support and prevention centre, providing a place of shelter, free and confidential support, and education to reduce the impact of sexual violence within our campus communities.

otago.ac.nz/te-whare-tawharau

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 to connect them with opportunities to make positive changes in their community.

otago.ac.nz/volunteer

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, we 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 study space
- 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



**1,302 Pacific students
were enrolled in 2021**

What does it cost?

He aha te utu?

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



Tuition fees

After the first year, programme fees range from about \$6,000 to \$16,000 depending on the degree and papers being studied.

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

Residential colleges

There is some variation in the costs, but on average (based on 2022 figures) residential colleges cost \$18,315 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 2022 in a university-owned residential college, this was \$835.

otago.ac.nz/colleges

Living costs

	Residential college	Flatting	Studio room
Annual accommodation fee	\$18,315	-	-
Average rent	-	\$10,400	\$13,000
Groceries (40 weeks @ \$100)	-	\$4,000	\$4,000
Electricity/internet (52 weeks @ \$35)	-	\$1,800	-
Personal costs (40 weeks @ \$80)	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$3,200
Entertainment (40 weeks @ \$55)	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200
Total	\$23,715	\$21,600	\$22,400

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

Flatting

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

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!

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. Student Job Search can help students looking for paid work.

sjs.co.nz

StudyLink administers student allowances and student loans, and can provide 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 access their mail online.

studylink.govt.nz





Scholarships

Ngā karahipi

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.

Entrance scholarships are available for full-time, first-year undergraduate study.

The University of Otago offers a range of undergraduate entrance scholarships that recognise academic excellence, leadership qualities, ethnicity, financial hardship, disability, and excellence in sporting or cultural pursuits.

There is also a range of donor- and trust- funded entrance scholarships with applications opening at various times throughout the year.

New Zealand and Australian citizens/ permanent residents are eligible for our scholarships. International students may be eligible for some scholarships.

Applications

Applications for our core entrance scholarships open in July and close mid-August, unless otherwise stated.

You don't need to worry about applying for specific scholarships.

Based on the information provided, applicants will be considered for all applicable scholarships and awards open on the date the application was received.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships

Disclaimer: While every effort has been made to ensure the above information is current and correct, applicants are advised to check our website for the most up-to-date scholarship regulations, eligibility criteria, scholarship value and tenure, and closing dates. The University reserves the right to change the nature and value of its entrance scholarships up to the closing date for those scholarships.

Scholarship	NZ\$ (1–3 year tenure)	Eligibility
Academic Excellence	Typically around \$30,000 (over three years)	Students who have outstanding previous academic performance. Leadership qualities and community involvement also considered.
Leaders of Tomorrow	Standard value \$6,000* (one year)	Students with excellent academic results and outstanding leadership qualities.
Māori	Standard value \$13,000 (over two years)	Māori students with academic ability and involvement in their communities.
Pacific Peoples'	Standard value \$13,000 (over two years)	Indigenous Pacific students with academic ability and involvement in their communities.
150th	Standard value \$13,000 (over two years)	Academically strong students with financial or life circumstances that make attending university difficult.
Donna-Rose McKay	Standard value \$6,000* (one year)	Students who have a disability, good academic ability, and financial or life circumstances that make attending university difficult.
Performance	Standard value \$6,000* (over three years)	Students with excellent academic results who have performed in sport or cultural activities at an elite level.
Dux	\$6,000 (or with reduced value if held in conjunction with another Otago scholarship) (one year)	Recipients are Duxes of their secondary school and have an automatic entitlement to this scholarship.
New Frontiers (closes 4 March 2023)	Up to \$4,000	Recipients do not have another University of Otago entrance scholarship and have gained overall Excellence endorsement at NCEA Level 2 and/or 3 (or IB or CIE equivalent). Recipients must not be studying Health Sciences First Year or Engineering Intermediate.

* Exceptional applicants may be offered this scholarship at a higher value and longer tenure.

Enrolling at Otago

Ka tono ki Ōtākou

Students must be at least 16 years old by the start of classes, meet English language requirements and hold one of the following university entrance (UE) qualifications.

NCEA Level 3

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

Cambridge Assessment International Education

- At least 120 points 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.
- Meet literacy and numeracy requirements.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

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

Overseas secondary school qualifications

- Australian secondary school ranking.
- General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) taken overseas.
- Other overseas qualifications.

Alternative methods of admission

(not available for international students)

Pathway programme: the Foundation Studies Certificate provides a university entrance qualification.

Special Admission: for students 20 years of age or over.

Discretionary Entrance: for students under 20 years of age.

otago.ac.nz/entrance

Check

At the beginning of Year 13, check that your child 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.



Otago's enrolment system

A number of qualifications are subject to the Entry Pathway system:

- Bachelor of Applied Science (BAppSc)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Arts and Commerce (BACom)
- Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc)
- Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (BBioMedSc)
- Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)
- Bachelor of Commerce and Science (BComSc)
- Bachelor of Entrepreneurship (BEntr)
- Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHealSc)
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (first year only)
- Bachelor of Music (MusB)
- Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science (BPharmSc)
- 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)
- Diploma in Theology (DipTheol)
- Other intermediate courses.

The key points of the Entry Pathway system are:

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

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 (BRT)
- Bachelor of Dental Technology (BDentTech)
- Bachelor of Oral Health (BoH)
- Bachelor of Teaching (BTchg)

For further information about entrance requirements and enrolment, contact a schools' liaison officer.

Tel 0800 80 80 98
otago.ac.nz/study

The enrolment process

Te tukanga whakauru

Preparation	Application	Course enrolment	Payment of fees
Are you eligible for admission to the University?	Create your eVision account	Provide annual details	All the information you need to organise payment is in the Finance section of your eVision account
What, where and when do you intend to study?	Complete and submit your application	Select your papers	
What are the entry requirements of the programme?	University admission	Course approval	
What are the application due dates?	Programme admission	Declaration	

The closing date for most enrolment applications is 10 December. Some programmes have earlier enrolment deadlines.

otago.ac.nz/important-dates

eVision

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

eVision is the admin site for study-related information including timetables and examination results.

eVision is accessible anytime, anywhere, using the internet and mobile devices.

otago.ac.nz/enrolment

More information

The *Undergraduate Prospectus* is delivered to all New Zealand secondary schools at the end of term two. 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 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:
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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. Intending students and their parents can also visit by appointment in their Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin offices.

Auckland

09 373 9704

auckland.liaison@otago.ac.nz

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