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Why Otago?

Inspiring teaching

We're committed to high-quality, innovative teaching to help you reach your full potential.

World-changing research

Our academics are leaders in their fields, conducting groundbreaking research that makes a positive difference to our world.

Destination Dunedin

Located in the heart of a thriving city and surrounded by natural beauty, Dunedin offers an inspiring environment to live and study.

Meet lifelong friends

Our staff and students come from all around the world, providing a global perspective and a friendly, welcoming community.

Residential colleges

Living in one of our 15 colleges puts you in the heart of the action and helps make the transition to university easier.

Support and wellbeing

You don't have to figure everything out on your own. We offer a range of support services to make your time here as stress-free and successful as possible.

Inspiring teaching



Te whakaako whakaaweawe

Choosing the University of Otago means joining a prestigious academic community. Founded in 1869, we're ranked in the top one per cent of higher education institutes in the world.

What lights you up?

From Computer Science, Marketing, and Music, to Medicine, Neuroscience, and Psychology, our 200+ programmes provide opportunities to explore your passions and set yourself up for career success.



"The wisdom from my lecturers has been incredible. They have extensive knowledge and experience in their fields, and are engaging and encouraging teachers."

Lexie Tomlinson

Studying for a Bachelor of Performing Arts

#1

in
New Zealand
for student
academic
performance

96%

of graduates
go directly
into work
or further
study



Tap into a world-class research network

We have a global reputation for research excellence and impact, with our researchers driving significant advancements in health, society, culture, science and sustainability.

Whai huanga
ki te whatunga
rangahau ikeike



Learn from the best

Our research portfolio is diverse: from enhancing native reforestation, to saving lives through work on cancer genetics, and leading on community adaptation to climate change.

Many of our researchers teach courses at Otago, meaning you could be learning from international experts in their fields. As you progress further with your studies, you might have the opportunity to become part of a research team, helping to explore, prevent, and solve global problems.



Sustainability

We're committed to improving sustainability across everything we do, from research and teaching to our everyday activities. Our new residential college, Te Rangihīroa, is a five-star Green Star building and our campus is 100 per cent disposable cup free.



TOP
5%

in world
rankings for
sustainability

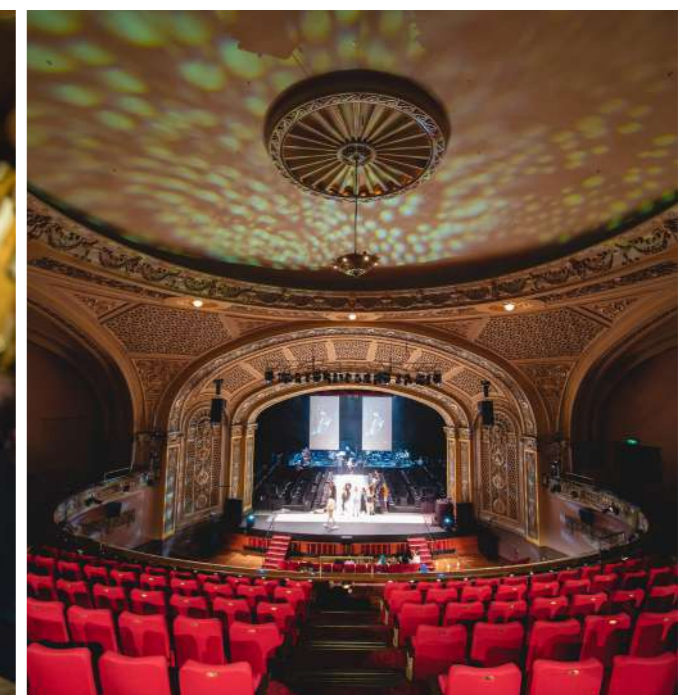


Ōtepoti Dunedin

Located on the southeast coast of the South Island, Dunedin is an urban hub surrounded by beaches, hills and harbour waters.

A vibrant city on your doorstep

The cafés, bars, museums, shops, art galleries, cinemas and live music venues of the city centre are just a 10-minute walk from campus.



Left and above images – Credit: DunedinNZ

Countless adventure opportunities

If you're into the outdoors, you'll find plenty to keep you occupied. Mountain bike, walking and running trails crisscross the city's hills. Explore the Otago Peninsula or head to St Clair to surf, hang out on the beach, or swim in the heated salt water pool.



Above top and bottom – Credit: DunedinNZ



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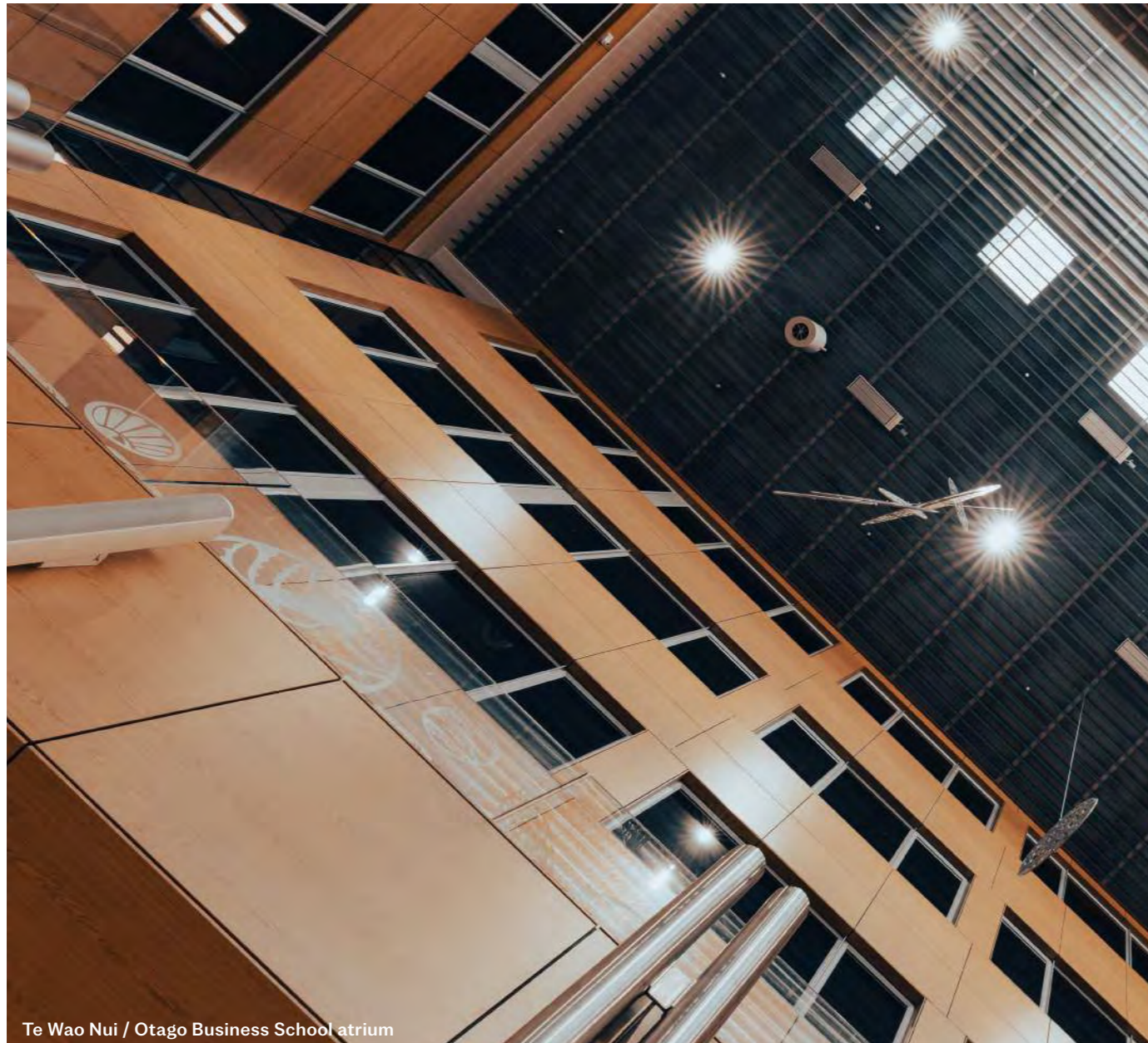
Meet lifelong friends

Ka tūtaki i ō hoa pūmau

Around 21,000 students – from all around Aotearoa and the world – call the campus and its surrounding streets home, creating a lively buzz and a real community feel.



From labs and libraries to cafés, study spaces and student support services, our campus has everything you need for student life, all within easy walking distance.



Te Wao Nui / Otago Business School atrium



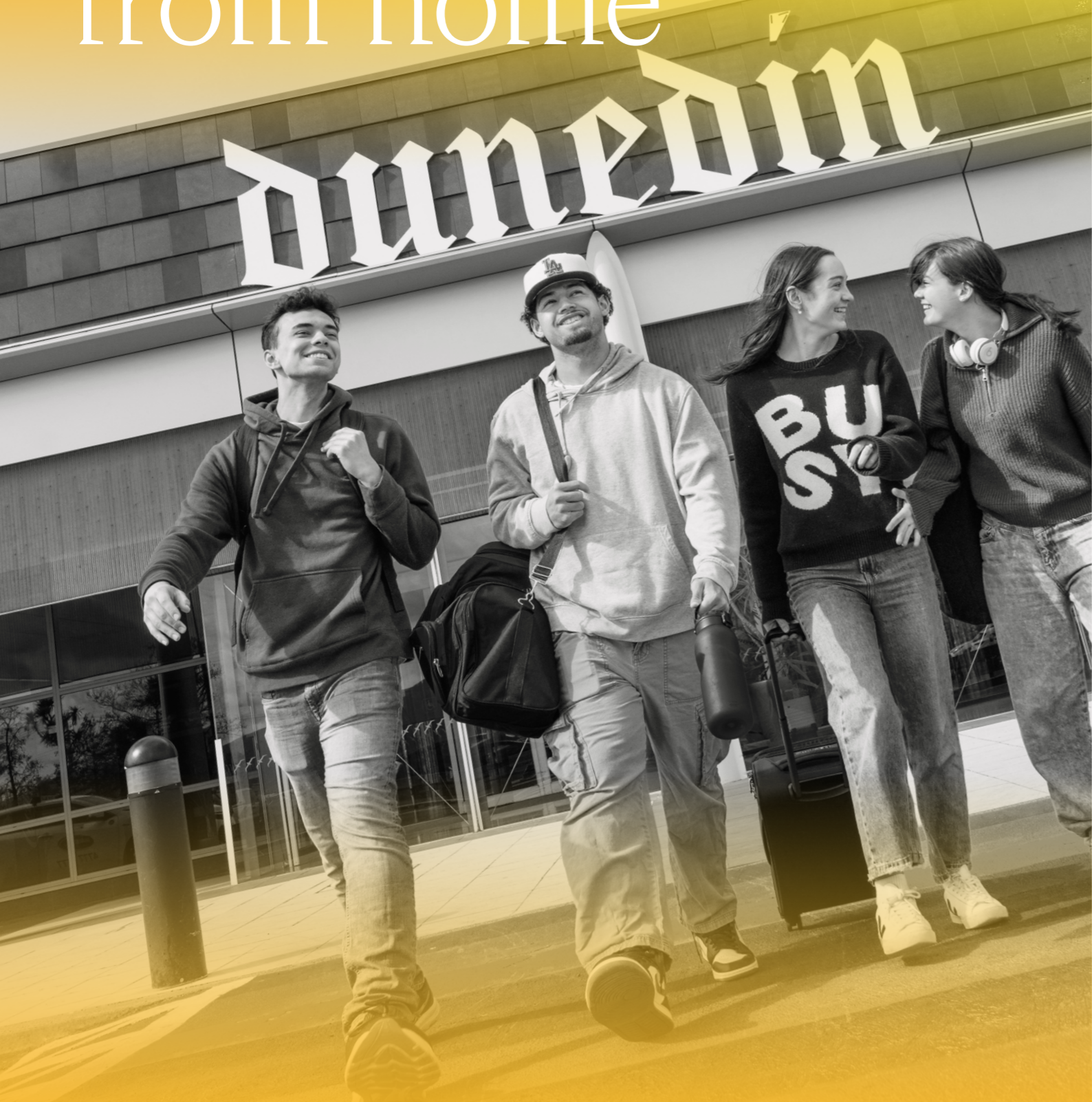
87%

of our students come from outside Dunedin



Dental School

Home away from home



He kāinga rua

Leaving home is a big step and finding the right accommodation can make a real difference when it comes to settling in and finding your feet.

Residential colleges

Most first-year students live in one of our 15 residential colleges, which are located on or close to campus. More than just a room, each college offers three catered meals a day, a strong support network, and a lively social calendar.

You'll be part of a tight-knit community from the day you arrive, making it easier to meet new people and transition to student life.

How to apply for residential colleges

1 August–30 September

- Apply for residential colleges online through eVision.
- Don't leave any sections blank as it could delay your application being sent to your first-preference college.
- Send your confidential reference form by 15 September.
- You'll receive email confirmation once we have your completed application.
- After 30 September, your application will be considered if places become available.

October

- You'll either be offered a place in a residential college or advised you're on the waitlist.
- The waitlist is reviewed continually until University starts in February.
- Once you've been offered a place in a residential college, you have 14 days to pay the entry and activities fee.
- Your college application is not the same as your registration to study, which you must complete separately to enrol at Otago. Enrolment information is outlined on pages 88–91.
- If you have any questions, contact the Student Accommodation Centre or one of our schools' liaison officers.

otago.ac.nz/accommodation
otago.ac.nz/connect

What's included?

- Your furnished room. Bedrooms are heated and equipped with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe and bookshelf. You're welcome to bring photos and personal items to make the space your own. Your college will supply fresh sheets every week.
- Unlimited internet.
- Fully catered meals. When you're balancing a full study and social life, you don't want to have to worry about cooking. Each college provides three meals a day. Specific diets may be catered for on request.
- Recreational facilities, ranging from TV and games rooms to gyms and outdoor areas.
- Access to academic support, including study spaces and tutorials.
- Support from live-in staff and senior students who are always available to chat and help you make the most of college and university life.
- Year-round calendar of social and sporting events.

Colleges at a glance

College	Beds	Minutes' walk from campus (*free shuttle)	Annual fee + entry and activities fee (2025)	Features	Academic support	Recreation	Sports and exercise	Disabled facilities	Car parking
Aquinas	224	*15	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol-free and single-gender floors available On-site house available for flat-style living Direct shuttle to and from campus on weekdays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whānau room & common spaces with kitchenette, projector and/or TV Expansive city views & outdoor areas Theatre, pool table & table tennis room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym 	●	●
Arana	342	3	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive accommodation options & locations Most floors/houses have their own lounge, kitchenette & laundry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common room, games and adjoining outdoor deck Music room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Close to Unipol 	●	●
Caroline Freeman	298	6	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apartments with 4–6 bedrooms, lounge, kitchenette (CF West) Pod, single ensuite and shared ensuite rooms (CF East) Mixed/single-sex, alcohol-free and rainbow-friendly spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common rooms & library Art, music and games rooms Cinema projection room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Two outdoor sports courts 	●	●
Carrington	243	6	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Villas and purpose-built dorms with laundry & kitchen access Single toilet/shower bathrooms for privacy Three hectares of woodland setting for games, meals & socialising Queer friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common room with movies & gaming consoles Games room with boardgames, pool & foosball tables Music room, art & sewing room, baking & cooking facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym & bike sheds Outdoor, fully-lit sports court 	●	●
192 Castle	125	5	\$22,154 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every room has an ensuite Female-only and alcohol-free wings available Otago's smallest college 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation area with pool table, snooker, table tennis, foosball, air hockey & outdoor deck Movie theatre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym 	●	●
Cumberland	327	4	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol-free and single-gender areas available Residents can opt to be allocated a bedroom near others studying the same programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common rooms Table tennis, pool table and foosball Smart TV rooms & projector rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Unipol Fully-lit sports court 	●	●
Hayward	176	3	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single-gender, alcohol-free & LGBTQIA-friendly spaces Each floor has a kitchenette Focus on supporting student communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart TV zones & PlayStation 5 Common area with pool table, table tennis, piano, guitars, decks and electric drums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Sports courts Mini sport field 	●	●
Knox	260	*15	\$21,960 + \$1,740	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents live in cottages, a renovated villa & the main tower Alcohol-free & single-gender spaces Home to both undergrad and postgrad students Each area has a kitchenette, plus access to a domestic kitchen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials & academic support Hewitson Library & study rooms Quiet hours during exam time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Common Room and Great Hall with piano, billiards, table tennis and games Cooking/baking area Smart TV with Sky/Netflix and music rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Native bush & walkways Multi-use sports court 	●	●
Salmond	261	*12	\$20,600 + \$995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each floor has a kitchenette Alcohol-free and female-only floor 10 ensuite rooms available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials & academic mentoring Group study rooms & library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social spaces with smart TV & projector, pool table, air hockey & table tennis Pianos, amplifiers, keyboard, drum-kit & PA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym & bike shed Multi-use sports court Outdoor lawn game space 	●	●
Selwyn	215	0	\$22,553 + \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The oldest residential college with a traditional feel Brick buildings organised around central quad Accommodation across 12 separate buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials & academic workshops Library & study centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common room with billiards table, music room, and TV room with table tennis Shared kitchen area with coffee machine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Multi-use sports court 	●	●
St Margaret's	225	0	*\$20,974 + \$1,100 (*when paid in full)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rooms over 11 floors and in 2 houses, each floor has a kitchen Alcohol-free and single-gender floors available Outdoor courtyard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials & academic mentoring programme Library and study centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media room with Sky TV & Netflix Games room with pool table, table tennis & foosball Music & art rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Unipol Sports court 	●	●
Studholme	184	3	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodation in main complex & six houses Alcohol-free areas available Large outdoor grounds for games, meals & socialising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common room with a pool table, table tennis table and big screen TV Music room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Unipol Fitness room 	●	●
Te Rangihīroa	450	5	standard \$19,988 ensuite \$22,154 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each floor has two kitchenettes and communal whānau space 150 ensuite bedrooms & alcohol-free and single-sex floors 5-star Green Star sustainable building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music room, multi-media room, and gaming room with kitchen, pool tables, table tennis and foosball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Unipol Basketball court Bike sheds & sporting equipment 	●	●
Toroa	152	3	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suite-style with shared living, bathroom and kitchen facilities One of the smaller colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials, academic support, study spaces, quiet zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large central common room with games and TV Roof terrace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Unipol Gym 	●	●
UniCol	461	0	\$19,988 + \$949	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol-free and single-gender floors Accommodation in residential towers, annexe & villa Most floors have their own common room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house tutorials Academic support Study spaces, quiet hours/zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common rooms with pool table, table tennis and foosball; Sky TV rooms with projectors Art & music rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to Unipol Gym 	●	●



otago.ac.nz/aquinas

Aquinas College Te Kāreti o Akuinahi

Surrounded by nature and overlooking the city and harbour, Aquinas features spacious common areas and 224 modern bedrooms.

Located just a 15-minute walk from campus through the Botanic Garden – or a free shuttle on weekdays – Aquinas residents can take advantage of the scenic environment for studying, relaxing and making memories.

A newly built wing linked to the main block houses bedrooms, a multi-use whānau area, tutorial spaces, an indoor gym, and an extended dining room.



otago.ac.nz/arana

Arana College Te Whare o Arana

Since its establishment in 1943, Arana has transformed into a modern college that holds true to its core values of courage, care and compassion. With 342 bedrooms, Arana is the only college to offer an extensive range of accommodation styles – from historic to contemporary, and mansion to cottage buildings – with most floors/houses having a separate lounge and kitchenette.

A popular college just a stone's throw from campus, Arana emphasises raising residents' academic performance through their in-house tutorial system and teaching spaces, computing facilities and a nurturing community. With youth-focused learning support and a thriving college spirit, Arana's expectation is that every resident will do their best to achieve high academic results and engage with their community.

Caroline Freeman College Te Kāreti o Caroline Freeman

Caroline Freeman provides modern living with timeless collegiate values: mutual respect, trust and personal responsibility. Residents stem from all degrees and subject areas, and the college events calendar is full of quirky and traditional activities to engage everyone.

Located in the student quarter, Caroline Freeman is just a short walk from campus and North Dunedin's foodie hotspots.

The college is divided into two sites with accommodation available in apartments, pods and ensuite rooms. Unique to Otago, Caroline Freeman offers 11 extra-large ensuite bedrooms shared by two students, with a substantial rent discount. Students move freely between the two complexes sharing their amenities – including sports courts; lounges; art, music, and games rooms; a library; and a cinema projection room.



otago.ac.nz/carolinefreeman

Carrington College Te Kāreti o Carrington

Carrington College resides in lush greenery and colourful gardens, just a short walk down the hill to campus. The 243 residents live in villas and purpose-built dorms* across the tranquil site. Facilities include a games room, outdoor dining area, study centre, and full-size sports court.

Residents have a history of academic achievement and there is a strong music culture within the college. The Carrington community embodies whānaukataka / relationships, manaakitaka / caring for and nurturing others, and atawhai / kindness and generosity. Residents should be prepared to seek out opportunities to make a positive difference and enrich their community – whether participating in or supporting inter-college competitions, taking on leadership roles or getting involved with volunteer initiatives.

*Beds for deaf/low hearing students are available.



otago.ac.nz/carrington



otago.ac.nz/192castle

192 Castle College Te Kāreti o Castle

Located just a five-minute walk between campus and the city centre, 192 Castle is Otago's smallest college.

Unique in Dunedin, all 125 bedrooms are large with modern ensuites. As well as their private space, residents can take advantage of the shared facilities designed to help them achieve a balance of work

and play – like the in-house movie theatre, courtyard balcony, multi-purpose games area, and gym. There's also a study centre and curated academic programme with tutorials and the opportunity for mentoring.

Cumberland College Te Kāreti o Cumberland

Cumberland's central location – just a few minutes' walk between campus and town – makes it ideal for residents wanting quick and easy access to Dunedin's main amenities.

The college has 327 bedrooms, and each corridor has its own kitchenette. Residents make use of the shared social spaces, outdoor courtyard and BBQ, study areas and a full-size sports court. There's also an active in-house social, sporting and cultural programme.

Academic success is high priority at Cumberland with on-site tutors and facilitators, and one-to-one academic mentoring on offer. Residents can also choose to be allocated a bedroom near others studying the same course.

otago.ac.nz/cumberland



otago.ac.nz/hayward

Hayward College Te Kāreti o Hayward

Centrally located just a few minutes' walk to campus and the city centre, Hayward offers 176 bedrooms over five storeys. Each floor has its own kitchenette.

Facilities include two common areas with games and comfy seating, and movie, exercise, music and art rooms.

The college has a strong commitment to its residents' academic achievement. Regular in-house tutorials are offered year-round and

study quiet hours are in place around exams. Residents and staff are also committed to sustainability, with current initiatives including recycling bins in every room, meat-free meal options, and sensor lights for energy savings.

Hayward works hard to enable student-led whanaungatanga and champions wellbeing – an integral part of your success here at Otago.

Knox College Te Kāreti o Knox

Located just outside the student quarter, Knox is a 15-minute walk through the Botanic Garden to campus. The 260 bedrooms and shared facilities are spread across the grounds – from heritage to modern buildings, and stand-alone cottages to the main accommodation tower block.

The main social hubs of the college are the Junior Common Room and Great Hall with a grand piano and full-size billiards table. Smaller common areas are set up for games, movies, exercise, music and studying – there's even a buttry (with full kitchen) for cooking or baking, and a college chapel for meditation and reflection.

Residents can live at Knox at various stages of their academic studies – returners and postgraduate students often make up a quarter of the college.

knoxcollege.ac.nz





salmondcollege.ac.nz

Salmond College Te Kāreti o Salmond

Salmond resides in spacious greenery just north of the Botanic Garden – an easy 12-minute walk to campus.

The majority of its 261 students are from the University, although Otago Polytechnic students are also welcome, creating a diverse and vibrant community. Bedrooms are spread across four floors of the main building, with a small ensuite wing for mature students.

Salmond is well-equipped for Dunedin's four seasons in one day, with an indoor-outdoor flow offering spaces for social events and a

large marquee. Residents socialise in the main common room, play games of air hockey and table tennis, watch movies in the projection room, workout in the gym, and take advantage of the newly upgraded sports courts.

Residents can also use the on-site Waddell Chapel for spiritual needs and music practice.

Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa

Selwyn is the oldest residential college in New Zealand and is considered a historical landmark in Otago. The college's culture is shaped by a rich heritage and traditions that reflect its core values: inclusivity, respect and mutual care.

Selwyn's 215 bedrooms are filled with first-year and returning second-year students. Residents live across 12 separate buildings, meaning bedroom layouts, size and character vary.

The college is situated right on campus in a garden setting with easy access to all of Otago's facilities. Residents also have an on-site library and study centre, music room, newly refurbished gym, and full-size tennis court.

The college strives to be a self-regulating community and relies on returning residents to pass down college values, organise activities and events, share their academic knowledge, and offer peer support.



selwyn.ac.nz



stmargarets.college

St Margaret's College Te Kāreti o Makere Tapu

One of the oldest colleges in New Zealand, St Margaret's is located right in the heart of campus. The college houses 225 residents over eleven floors and two on-site houses. Each floor reflects its own character and has a high ratio of individual bathrooms to residents, as well as a social kitchen space.

Everything you need is right down the hall – common rooms; a study centre, library and tutorial rooms; media room with a 75" smart TV;

games room; music facilities and an outdoor courtyard. There's also a returning members academic mentor programme.

Unique to St Margaret's are monthly formal dinners. The Norris Dining Hall is adorned with tablecloths and flowers, and residents dress up to enjoy a meal with special guests from the local community.

Studholme College Te Kāreti o Studholme

Built around its original homestead and picturesque gardens, Studholme is located just one street over from central campus and welcomes students from all areas of study.

Studholme is one of Otago's smaller colleges, with 184 bedrooms spread across the main building and six on-site houses. The common room is the social hub where residents can relax, watch movies, or play board games, pool and table tennis.

The college culture encourages a balanced lifestyle with an academic focus. It holds a reputation for being a friendly, fun and easy-going place to live with plenty of activities – whether weekend trips, competing for art and writing awards, or fighting for a win in inter-college and inter-floor competition events.



otago.ac.nz/studholme

Te Rangihīroa Te Whare Whakamaru o Te Rangihīroa

Purpose built in 2024, Te Rangihīroa is Otago's newest and most modern residential college. Located an easy five-minute stroll between campus and Unipol, Te Rangihīroa offers 150 ensuite bedrooms, as well as standard and accessible rooms.

Named after Otago's first Māori medical graduate, the values and mana of this individual are woven throughout the building, from the design and layout of the living spaces to the artwork and indigenous plantings.

With high standards of energy efficiency and sustainability at the heart of the design, Te Rangihīroa is a five-star Green Star building. Digital signage showcases information about water and energy consumption within the college, and residents are encouraged to support sustainability efforts and reduce waste.



otago.ac.nz/terangihiroa

University College Te Kāreti o te Whare Wānaka

UniCol is located on central campus, with Unipol, cafés and libraries right on the doorstep.

There are extensive indoor and outdoor social spaces and study facilities, including a courtyard and patio you can book for BBQs and functions. Most floors have their own common room and laundry.

The college culture and staff are dedicated to encouraging positive academic and social success for residents. The college mascot, Leo the lion, embodies the characteristics admired in UniCol residents – courage, strength and working for the good of their whānau.



otago.ac.nz/unicol

Toroa College Te Whare o Toroa

Toroa is one of the smaller colleges, housing 152 students in modern suite-style apartments. Residents have shared social spaces, including a woodland setting and rooftop terrace with giant chess and Connect Four.

The college dining hall is located on central campus – just two blocks away – and residents can use this space at any time for socialising or study.

Toroa has a strong commitment to sustainability and residents are proactive in taking care of the environment. As well as reducing general waste and energy consumption, there's a freecycling scheme offering pre-loved items. You'll also find worm farms and beehives.



otago.ac.nz/toroa



“During my first year, I was in the halls of residence. Unfortunately, I didn't get into any of the halls I had picked but still decided to come down regardless. My time in halls was one of the best experiences I have had. It is where I met some of my best friends and was a part of a bigger community. It made the transition from living at home to moving out so easy, as everyone else in the hall was in the exact same position as me.”

Hannah McMurray

Studying for a Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Accommodation options

Flatting

Flatting is popular with second-year and above students, although some first-years also choose to flat.

Dunedin has a wide range of rental accommodation – from studio rooms and character houses to multi-unit complexes. For private sector listings, check with local rental agencies and Facebook groups.

Homestay

A homestay – where you live with a local family – can be a great way to settle into university life. You'll get your own private room and three meals a day. Homestay accommodation is arranged through the Pathway and English Language Centre.

otago.ac.nz/uolcfy/accommodation

International students

Find out about your accommodation options here:

otago.ac.nz/accommodation/international-students/

Accommodation for people with disabilities

Some of our residential colleges offer facilities for taura with disabilities. Some colleges are particularly suited to those in a wheelchair or with limited mobility. Several University-owned flats meet the needs of students with physical disabilities and those who use guide and service dogs.

To secure a spot in accommodation equipped for your individual needs, register your interest with the Student Accommodation Centre during August and September for the following year.

otago.ac.nz/disabilities



Flatting, boarding or living at home in first year?

No matter where you come from, if you're flatting, boarding or living at home, you'll automatically become a member of the Locals community, giving you plenty of opportunities to get involved in student life. Locals organise social events, volunteering opportunities and academic support, and have their own common room on the top floor of the Union Building.

otago.ac.nz/locals



Support at every step



He piko, he tuarā

University life can sometimes feel overwhelming. We provide a range of support services to look after your health and wellbeing, enhance your opportunities for success, and help you make the most of your time at Otago.

Health and wellbeing

Health services

Student Health offers urgent and routine GP, nursing, and mental health support services.

otago.ac.nz/studenthealth

Disability Information and Support

If you have a physical, psychological or learning disability, Disability Information and Support are here to help. Support is tailored to your needs and can include access to specialised equipment, quiet study rooms, note-taking, tutoring, reformatting of course materials, and alternative examination arrangements.

otago.ac.nz/disabilities

Chaplains

Otago's chaplaincy team can provide you with confidential and non-judgemental support.

otago.ac.nz/chaplain

Te Whare Tāwharau

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

otago.ac.nz/te-whare-tawharau

Study support

Computer services

You'll have access to study spaces with Wi-Fi, printers, and computers across campus, plus a free Office365 subscription. IT questions can be answered in-person or online.

blogs.otago.ac.nz/studentit

Course advice

Not sure which subject to study? If you're still at secondary school, your schools' liaison officer will help you plan your first year when they visit your school. Once you're on campus, course advisers from Student Development are available to help. Course advice is available as many times as you need throughout your time at Otago.

otago.ac.nz/course-advice

Libraries

Six campus libraries offer a huge range of resources and warm, comfortable study spaces.

otago.ac.nz/library

Student Learning Development

Student Learning Development provides free academic learning programmes, workshops and online resources to help you up your study game.

otago.ac.nz/sld

A safer campus

Campus Watch

The Campus Watch team are out and about 24/7, ensuring that our campus is a safe and friendly place to live and study. They also operate a free Safety Patrol service to ensure you get home safely at night.

otago.ac.nz/campus-watch

0800 479 5000

Code of Student Conduct

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

otago.ac.nz/code-of-conduct

“Moving to university not knowing a single person was a daunting experience, but on my first day in Dunedin, my parents and I stumbled across Te Huka Mātauraka and from that moment I connected with support systems that I would use later in the year. I was able to get advice on issues I had at the start of the year regarding my residential college and just get overall tips on how to go about starting uni and where I could get help if I needed it.”

Arahina Kirifi Studying for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery



Te Huka Mātauraka Māori Centre

Tēnā koutou, nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai ki te Te Huka Mātauraka mō te tau 2026.

Our aroha-filled, dedicated team drive towards the moemoeā of being world leaders in indigenous student support. We provide a nurturing environment for our taira and offer academic, cultural, therapeutic, pastoral and social support. Our message to you is "don't do it on your own – let us help".

We're open Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5pm. All services are free, and all personal matters are handled in the strictest confidence.

Our services include:

Tūraka Hou / Māori Orientation

We run several events during O-Week, including a pōwhiri at a local marae, to welcome first-year taira Māori to Otago and introduce them to our staff.

Liaison, study advice and mentoring

We'll give you a helping hand with your academic pathway, welfare, finances, and iwi networks. We also offer an invaluable tuakana-teina mentoring programme.

Tutorials and seminars

We offer a wide range of extra tutorials, pre-exam boosters, advice and awahi. You'll also have access to exam preparation and seminar rooms for casual study sessions.

Counselling, advocacy and pastoral support

Experienced Māori counsellors, a clinical psychology intern, hauora connectors and Māori chaplains are available to ensure your hiko here is the absolute best it can be.

Ka karahipi / scholarships

We can help you navigate the scholarships and grants available to Māori students from the University of Otago and other local and national agencies.

otago.ac.nz/maoricentre



Pacific Islands Centre

Talofa lava and warm Pacific greetings.

The Pacific Islands Centre works collaboratively with Otago's academic divisions and the Pacific community to help you flourish academically, mentally and spiritually during your time here. We offer academic, pastoral and cultural support for all Pacific students. Whether you already relate strongly with your culture or want to learn more about your heritage, the Pacific Islands Centre is the place to be.

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Our services include:

- Supplementary tutorials and academic mentoring programmes.
- Wi-Fi, social spaces and study rooms.
- Kitchen facilities.
- Friendly, experienced staff and events to help you transition to University life.
- Advice on a range of issues, including accommodation, scholarships, legal and immigration, travel, places to worship, course-related information, study skills and support services.

otago.ac.nz/pacific

Balance work and play

Ka whakataurite i te mahi me te ngāhau

Whether you want to get into media, play social sport, or have your voice heard on something that matters to you, you'll find plenty to keep you busy between lectures. With 170+ clubs and societies, top-class sports facilities, and a full calendar of gigs and events, there's a way for everyone to join in.

Students' union

Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) is run by students for students. Every year, 10 students are elected to form the OUSA Executive and ensure your voice is heard by the University. OUSA provides services, support, media platforms and events to help you make the most of your university experience. As a student at Otago, you're automatically a member!

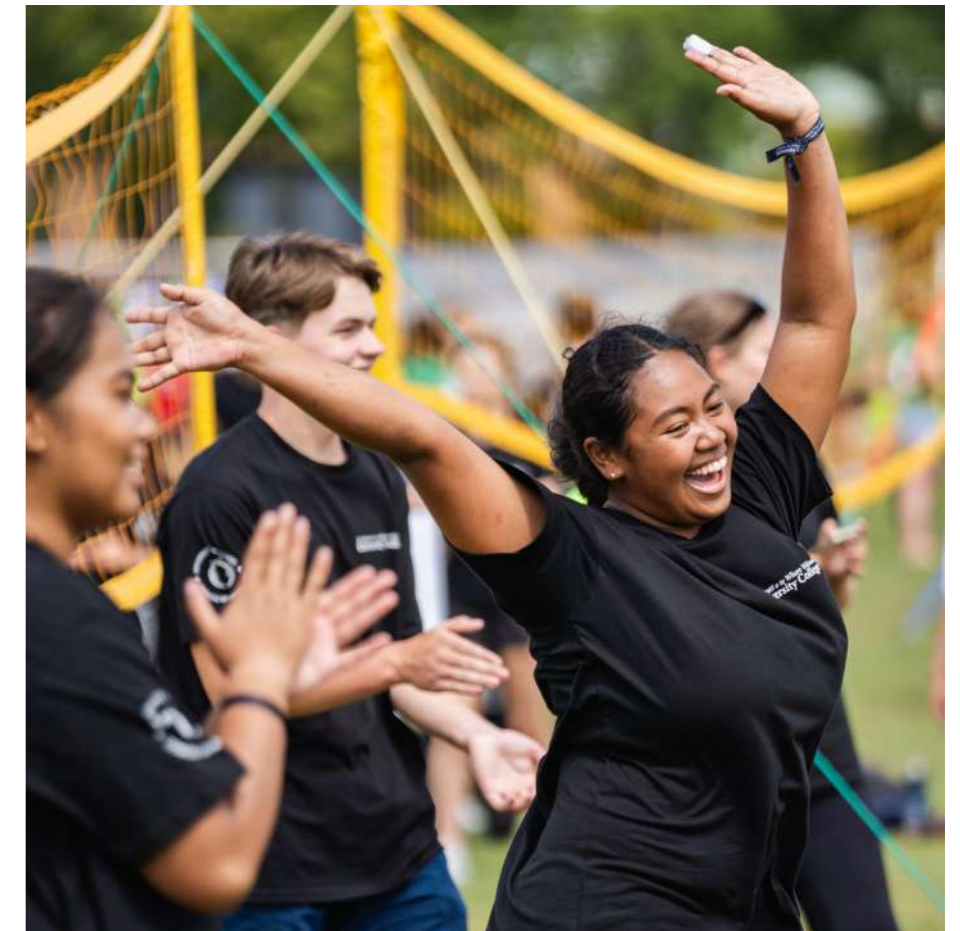
OUSA offers:

- 170+ sporting, cultural, political, and religious clubs and societies.
- A recreation programme where you can try all kinds of activities, from learning a new language to martial arts and pilates.
- Unforgettable student events.
- A Student Support Centre helping with everything from flatting issues to financial and wellbeing assistance. There's also a dedicated queer-focused advocate for anything related to gender or sexuality.
- 10 per cent discount at the University Book Shop plus a textbook buy-back scheme.
- Free breakfast and \$4 lunch on weekdays.

ousa.org.nz

Keen for some media experience?

Critic is OUSA's independent student magazine, out every Monday during semester. Volunteer and gain some valuable experience for your CV. Or jump aboard the airwaves and get involved with Radio 1 – Dunedin's student station. Stream online or set your dial to 91FM. And don't forget to pick up your Radio One card for amazing student discounts.



Run the week before the first semester, Orientation features events and activities that will help you settle into university life. Find your way around campus, enjoy great nights out, and pick up some useful academic tips.

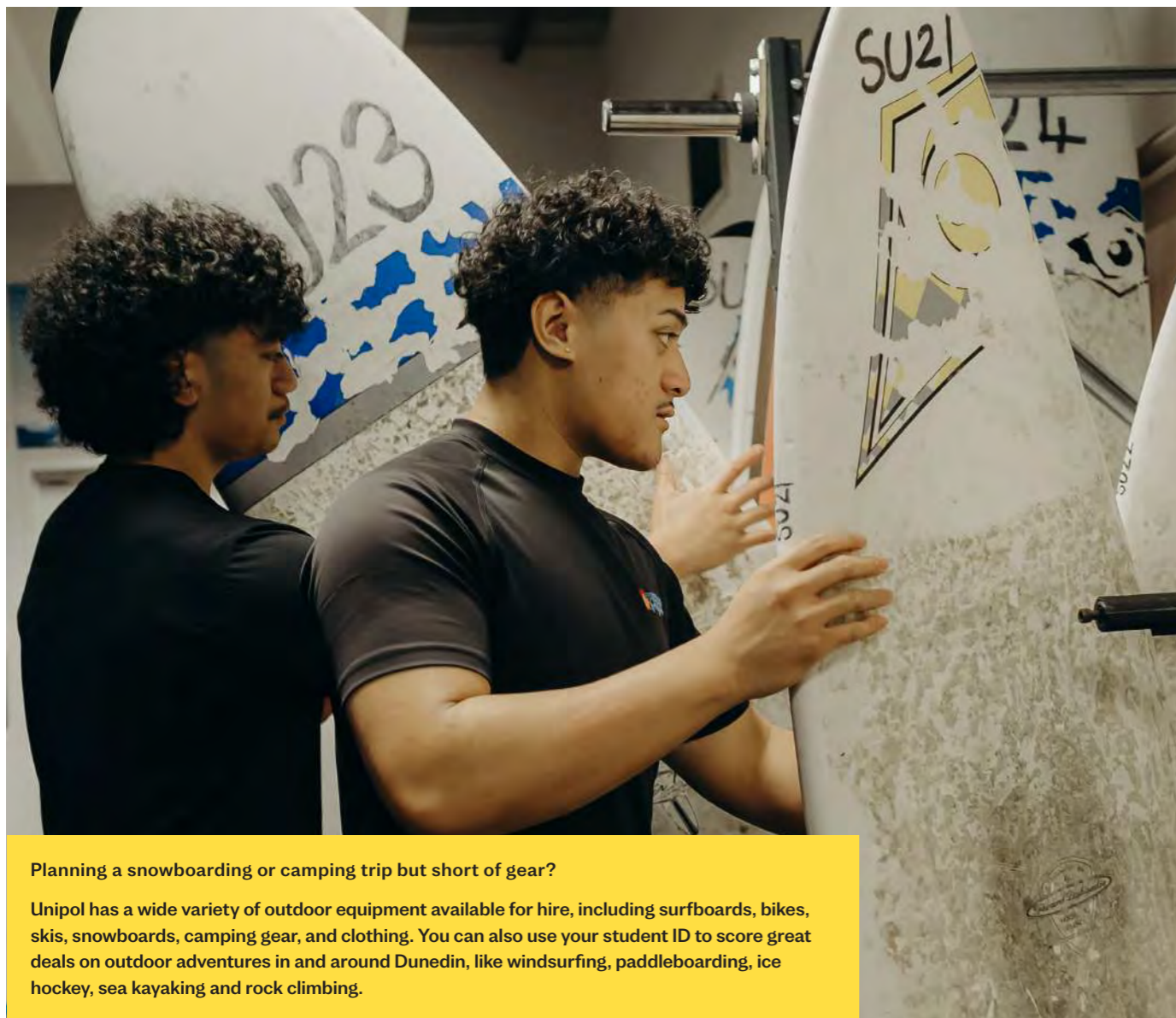
Sports and recreation

Whether you're looking to clear your head, meet new people or achieve a healthy study-life balance, Unipol Recreation has you covered.

What's on offer?

- Free access to our functional training zone, two fully equipped weight rooms, and a cardio training room.
- Group fitness classes.
- Free court spaces for netball, basketball, volleyball and badminton, plus free equipment hire.
- Social sport programme.
- Personalised fitness sessions.
- Games area with table tennis, pool and foosball tables, plus board games.

otago.ac.nz/recreation



Planning a snowboarding or camping trip but short of gear?

Unipol has a wide variety of outdoor equipment available for hire, including surfboards, bikes, skis, snowboards, camping gear, and clothing. You can also use your student ID to score great deals on outdoor adventures in and around Dunedin, like windsurfing, paddleboarding, ice hockey, sea kayaking and rock climbing.

Gain real-world skills

Otago offers lots of exciting opportunities to grow your skills beyond your degree and set yourself up for success after graduation.

Volunteering

The Social Impact Studio organises a huge range of projects, from reading to tamariki in local schools to tree planting and park clean-ups. Get involved and develop your leadership and employability skills.

otago.ac.nz/volunteer

Student exchange

Want to see the world and gain a more international perspective? Our student exchange programme gives you the opportunity to study at one of 100+ universities around the world. You could spend one or two semesters overseas and earn credits towards your Otago degree.

otago.ac.nz/otago-global

Career Development Centre

Attend interactive workshops and fairs, get help with your CV, or explore employment opportunities. Career advisers are available for one-to-one discussions.

otago.ac.nz/careers

Internships and placements

Gain relevant work experience before you graduate. Otago offers a range of opportunities across subject areas – from 10-week summer internships to one-year placements – that'll look great on your CV and put you ahead of the game when embarking on your career.



"I'm currently the International Students' Representative for OUSA, which means I spend a lot of my time every week advocating and representing the Otago international student voice in committees around the University, as well as with the Polytechnic and the Dunedin City Council. This year, I put a lot of effort into making our academic environment more accessible for international students, liaising with the fantastic cultural clubs we have, and organising large events like the International Food Festival and the Cultural Expo."

Ibuki Nishida

Studying for a Bachelor of Arts
(Economics; Philosophy, Politics and Economics)

Study guide

Aratohu ako



University is an amazing opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills, learn from experts, and set yourself up for future career success.

Studying at university

Studying at university is very different to school. You'll have fewer scheduled lessons and be expected to do more independent learning. Here are some of the main teaching methods you'll encounter:

- **Lectures** give you the core information for each paper and are the main method of instruction. They normally last 50 minutes. In many first-year subjects, there can be up to 500 students in a lecture at one time.
- **Tutorials** are small group sessions, led by a tutor, for discussion and individual assistance. Some are compulsory and some will be optional.
- **Laboratory sessions (labs)** involve experimental or practical work. They may be compulsory and participation may contribute towards your final grade.
- **Papers** are assessed in a variety of ways. Examinations (finals) are usually the most important, and most papers end with a two- to three-hour exam. Many papers also have internal assessments such as short tests, written essays/assignments or laboratory work.



Online tools

Otago offers a range of digital learning platforms and resources.

Blackboard

A one-stop-shop to access your course materials, complete or upload assessments, and take part in peer discussions.

eVision

For everything study related – apply for papers, view your grades and exam results, access your timetable, and keep your personal information up to date.

StudentMail

You'll get a personal Otago email address where you'll receive all University communications.

Apps at Otago

A web portal that enables you to access your files and software from any computer, anywhere.

University of Otago App

Quick access to the information you'll need most – your timetable and academic results, a campus map, key dates, useful contacts, campus weather, and shortcuts to Otago's online platforms.

otago.ac.nz/app

Fieldwork is practical work carried out off-campus. It might involve conducting surveys, collecting samples or taking photos.

How a degree works

A degree is the qualification you complete at university. This is your overall programme. Your degree will have an abbreviation such as BA, BSc or BCom. That's code for Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Commerce.

Some programmes, such as Health Sciences First Year (HSFY), will lead on to other degrees.

The subject you choose to specialise in within your degree is called your major. When you start your first year at university, choose three or four subjects you'd like to try. One will become your major.

In many degrees, you can choose to have a minor as well. This is a subject you've studied at each level, but not in as much depth as your major.

Each subject has levels (100, 200, 300). The first courses you take are called 100-level papers or beginner papers.

Each subject is divided into papers. These are like topics within each subject – the building blocks of your degree. They have codes like HIST 104, PSYC 201 and MART 304. The papers you choose each year are your course of study.

When you pass each paper, you get points towards your degree. Papers are generally worth 18 points and a three-year degree needs 360 points. This usually consists of 20 papers, an average of 7 papers per year.

A double degree is when you study two degrees at the same time. There are also options to combine two majors from different degrees in a single four-year degree. These combined degrees include Arts and Business, Arts and Science, and Business and Science.

A general degree, such as a Bachelor of Arts, might look like this:

YEAR 1	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
YEAR 2	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
YEAR 3	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

Choosing what to study

There's a lot to think about when deciding what to study at university. Here are some of the things to consider.

What interests you?

Studying a subject that genuinely fascinates you will make your time at university easier and more enjoyable. You might have a few subjects you enjoy – use your first year to explore your interests and work out which subject you're going to specialise in.

Do you have a specific career goal?

This can help narrow down your search but still make sure you investigate all your options. Otago degrees offer a lot of flexibility – you might be able to incorporate your interests while still working towards your career goals.

Are you driven to solve a particular issue – like climate change or health inequity – but have no idea which subject would best suit this goal?

Explore our themes to discover subjects you might not be familiar with.

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

Changing your course

University is all about exploration – you may decide your chosen area of study isn't for you, or find something else you enjoy more.

If your degree isn't meeting your study and career goals, it's okay to change direction!

You can change your papers, your major, or even your whole degree. Chat to our course advice experts and make a new plan.

otago.ac.nz/course-advice



Take our online quiz to uncover study options matched to your background and interests



Subjects and degrees

This table lists the subjects and degrees available at the University of Otago.

D Degree: you can study for a degree in this field

M Major: you can major in this subject

m Minor: you can minor in this subject

All major subjects available for the BA are also available for the BAsc and BCom.

All major subjects available for the BSc are also available for the BAsc and BComSc.

All major subjects available for the BCom are also available for the BAsc and BComSc.

Degrees: the degrees in which this is a specialist subject

Subject	Major/Minor or Degree	Degrees	Subject	Major/Minor or Degree	Degrees
Accounting	M/m	BCom	Entrepreneurship	D/m	BEntr/BCom
Agricultural Innovation	M/m	BSc	Environment and Society	m	
Anatomy	M/m	BSc	Environmental Management	M/m	BSc/BA
Anthropology*	M/m	BA	Exercise and Sport Science	M/m	BSc
Aquaculture and Fisheries	M/m	BSc	Film and Media Studies	M/m	BA
Biblical Studies	M/m	BA	Finance	M/m	BCom
Biochemistry	M/m	BSc	Food Science	M/m	BSc
Bioethics	m		Forensic Analytical Science	M	BSc
Biomedical Sciences	D	BBiomedSc	French	M/m	BA
Botany	M/m	BSc	Functional Human Biology	M	BBiomedSc
Buddhist Studies	m		Gender Studies	M/m	BA
Business Analytics^	m		Genetics	M/m	BSc
Chemistry	M/m	BSc	Geographic Information Systems	M/m	BSc
Chinese	M/m	BA	Geography	M/m	BA/BSc
Christian Thought and History	M/m	BA	Geology	M/m	BSc
Classics	M/m	BA	German	M/m	BA
Communication Studies	M/m	BA	Global Studies	M	BA
Community Health Care	M/m	BHealSc	Greek	m	
Computational Modelling	m		Health Sciences First Year	Entry programme	
Computer Science	M/m	BSc	Health Sciences	D	BHealSc
Criminology	m		History	M/m	BA
Dance	m		Human Nutrition	M/m	BSc
Data Science	M	BA/BSc	Human Resource Management	M/m	BCom
Dental Surgery	D	BDS	Human Services Law	m	
Dental Technology	D	BDentTech	Indigenous Studies	M/m	BA
Drugs and Human Health	M	BBiomedSc	Infection and Immunity	M	BBiomedSc
Ecology	M/m	BSc	International Business	M	BCom
Economics	M/m	BCom/BA/BSc	Irish Studies	m	
Education	M/m	BA	Japanese	M/m	BA
Engineering (Intermediate)	M	BSc	Land Planning and Development	M/m	BSc
English	M/m	BA	Language and Linguistics	M	BA
English and Linguistics	M	BA	Latin	m	

*Includes Archaeology and Social Anthropology

^May be available as a major in 2026

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Law	D	LLB	Plant Biotechnology	M/m	BSc
Linguistics	M/m	BA	Politics	M/m	BA
Management	M/m	BCom	Popular Music	m	
Māori Health	M/m	BBHealSc	Psychology	M/m	BSc/BA
Māori Studies	M/m	BA	Public Health	M/m	BHealSc
Marine Science	M/m	BSc	Radiation Therapy	D	BRT
Marketing	M/m	BCom	Religious Studies	M/m	BA
Mathematical Statistics	m		Reproduction, Genetics and Development	M	BBiomedSc
Mathematics	M/m	BSc/BA	Science of Religion	m	
Medical Laboratory Science	D	BMLSc	Social Work	D	BSW
Medicine and Surgery	D	MB ChB	Sociology	M/m	BA
Microbiology	M/m	BSc	Software Engineering#	D	BEng
Molecular Basis of Health and Disease	M	BBiomedSc	Spanish	M/m	BA
Music	D/M/m	MusB/BA	Sport and Exercise Nutrition	M/m	BSc
Music Production	m		Sport Development and Management	M/m	BA/BSc
Neuroscience	M/m	BSc	Sports Technology	m	
Nutrition, Metabolism and Human Health	M	BBiomedSc	Statistics	M/m	BSc/BA
Oral Health	D	BOH	Surveying	D	BSurv
Pacific and Global Health	M/m	BHealSc	Surveying Measurement	M	BSc
Pacific Islands Studies	M/m	BA	Sustainable Business	m	
Pastoral Studies	m		Sustainable Energy Engineering~	M/m	BSc
Pathology	m		Sustainable Finance	m	
Performing Arts	D	BPA	Teaching	D	BTchg
Pharmaceutical Science	D	BPharmSc	TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)	m	
Pharmacology and Toxicology	M/m	BSc	Theatre Studies	M/m	BA
Pharmacy	D	BPharm	Theology	D/m	BTheol/BA
Philosophy	M/m	BA	Tourism	M/m	BCom
Philosophy, Politics and Economics	M	BA/BCom	Tourism, Languages and Cultures	M	BA
Physical Education, Activity and Health	M/m	BSc	Writing	m	
Physics	M/m	BSc	Zoology	M/m	BSc
Physiology	M/m	BSc			
Physiotherapy	D	BPhty			

#Proposed new degree for 2026. Awaiting confirmation – see website for up-to-date details: otago.ac.nz/school-of-computing

~Proposed new subject name for 2026 – awaiting confirmation



Bachelor of Commerce Tohu Paetahi Pakihi

Develop your interests in business and related subjects with a BCom. You can create your own individual course from the range of papers across the departments in the Otago Business School.

As a Business student at Otago, you'll learn from award-winning academics who teach an innovative curriculum based on their extensive research experience. You'll get the chance to network with business professionals, take part in guest-speaker events, and learn key career skills by participating in the business case competition series.

We believe business has a big role to play in a better future. Our graduates gain a solid understanding of their chosen business discipline(s) and an appreciation of the wider business sector. They also take on the challenge of ensuring our communities grow culturally, socially, economically and sustainably.

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Subjects:

- Accounting
- Business Analytics[^]
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship*
- Finance
- Human Resource Management
- International Business Management
- Marketing
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
- Sustainable Business*
- Sustainable Finance*
- Tourism

[^]May be available as a major in 2026.

*Minor subject only.



Three years full-time



Includes a set of core Business papers



Must have at least one major subject and can also include a minor subject



Bachelor of Entrepreneurship Tohu Paetahi Rakahinonga

Entrepreneurs can change the way we live and work. Entrepreneurial thinking is beneficial not just for those creating and building new businesses but for professionals in every sector of the economy.

Study for a Bachelor of Entrepreneurship (BEntr) and you'll develop problem-solving skills that enhance innovation and creativity, increase productivity, and create new products, services and processes. During your studies, you'll learn how to:

- Bring innovative, sustainable and inclusive thinking to a new venture or existing organisation.
- Fund a new venture, make investment decisions and evaluate performance.
- Develop and test business ideas in ways that reduce risk and uncertainty.
- Formulate and implement innovative strategies.
- Use entrepreneurial thinking to improve the health, wealth and wellbeing of organisations and communities.
- Apply research and communication skills to develop and pitch a start-up idea.

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Through teamwork and interaction with skilled lecturers and start-up founders, you'll develop a wide array of professional skills that will enhance your employability, such as communication, leadership, problem-solving, analysis, and decision-making.

In addition to learning and applying leading theories, knowledge and frameworks related to innovation and entrepreneurship, you'll engage with industry and practicing entrepreneurs. You'll have access to extra-curricular entrepreneurial programmes as well as Dunedin's thriving start-up ecosystem that offers supportive networks, business incubators and co-working spaces.



Three years full-time



Consists of six core Entrepreneurial papers



You can include one or more optional majors from Business, Humanities, Sciences, or the Bachelor of Health Sciences, and one or more optional minors

“The lecturers help you succeed, and don’t just view you as a number on a page. This is super important, and a point of difference for the University of Otago. The staff are always up-to-date on what’s happening in their fields, and constantly ask for feedback from students to make sure they are offering the best teaching.”

Lilly Baird

Bachelor of Commerce
(Majors: Management, Marketing)

“The BEntr was recommended to me because of its flexibility and customisability. My degree is packed with practical entrepreneurial skills like start-up financing, managing people and organisations, and social responsibility.

“I hoped the BEntr would offer a more practical and real-world approach to business compared to a textbook-based programme and, so far, it has successfully met this expectation.”

Connor Laycock

Studying for a Bachelor of Entrepreneurship

Health Sciences First Year Mātau Hauora Tau Tuatahi

Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) is the launching pad for many health professional programmes and an excellent way to begin degrees in biological sciences, biomedical sciences or any health sciences-based degree.

You'll gain foundational knowledge about how the body functions at various levels, from the physical, chemical, biochemical, molecular and cellular levels, through to functional organ systems and factors affecting health and disease in human populations.

HSFY is the entrance pathway into Dental Surgery, Medical Laboratory Science, Medicine, Pharmacy, or Physiotherapy. But your options don't end there. HSFY can be credited towards a wide range of degrees and many students discover new areas of interest after taking HSFY.

What will you study?

HSFY is a busy year that includes weekly lectures, tutorials, laboratories, assignments, tests and readings.

There are seven compulsory papers:

- BIOC 192 Foundations of Biochemistry
- CELS 191 Cell and Molecular Biology
- CHEM 191 The Chemical Basis of Biology and Human Health
- HUBS 191 Human Body Systems 1
- HUBS 192 Human Body Systems 2
- PHSI 191 Biological Physics
- POPH 192 Population Health

There's also the option to take an eighth paper to study something outside of health sciences.

otago.ac.nz/hsfy



One year full-time



Dunedin



Applications close
10 December 2025

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences Tohu Paetahi Pūtaiao Rongoā Koiora

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

You'll explore the fundamentals of cell and molecular biology, chemistry and biochemistry, and human structure and function.

Through a combination of theoretical, practical, and self-directed learning, you'll develop knowledge and skills in laboratory techniques, data collection, analysis, and presentation, report writing, and teamwork.

Career opportunities

The skills you develop while studying Biomedical Sciences can be applied to a range of medical, scientific and research careers. You could work as a laboratory technician in the pharmaceutical, biomedical or agricultural sectors, an adviser or consultant for government agencies, or as a sales and marketing representative for healthcare and medical companies. Alternatively, you might go on to a career in a research institute, university or school.

Choose from six majors:

- Drugs and Human Health
- Functional Human Biology
- Infection and Immunity
- Molecular Basis of Health and Disease
- Nutrition and Metabolism in Human Health
- Reproduction, Genetics and Development

otago.ac.nz/bbiomedsc



Three years full-time



Dunedin



Applications close
10 December 2025

"I chose to study Biomedical Sciences as it provided me with a human-health-focused degree, that allowed for flexibility in the range of subjects and papers I could take. My major has been incredibly focused on microbiology and immunology. The staff in this department are passionate, knowledgeable and easily approachable when you have questions or just want to have a chat about research. While this degree is very lab heavy, it provided a lot of structure to my weekly schedule which I felt I really benefited from."

Verona Conole

Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences
(Major: Infection and Immunity)

"HSFY is not an easy breezy year but it's manageable! The teaching staff are all helpful and supportive. They have a range of different ways you can ask for help, from discussion boards to drop-in sessions and Zoom sessions.

"Physiotherapy was always my end goal when I headed into HSFY. I am so privileged to have gotten into the course that I was aiming for. Before doing HSFY I didn't realise how much you can do after completing the course – it opened my eyes to other options."

Hannah McMurray

Studying for a Bachelor
of Physiotherapy



“I saw Health Sciences First Year as an option that could open up various pathways into healthcare professions because I wasn’t sure at that point what I wanted to do. I still wanted to pursue the health pathway, even after failing one of my first-year papers. I chose to major in Māori Health because being Māori myself, I believed that I would gain the knowledge and skills needed to improve healthcare delivery in Māori communities.”

Te Reimana Parangi

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Māori Health), studying for a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery

Bachelor of Health Sciences Tohu Paetahi Mātau Hauora

This career-focused degree will give you the skills needed to help address the global challenges impacting the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Through classroom and hands-on learning, you'll gain expertise in topics such as health services, health policy, social health, and population health, and learn how to develop innovative and proactive approaches to challenging and complex health needs.

You can choose to specialise in four different areas:

Community Health Care

Through interactive learning, you'll examine the biological, sociological, cultural, psychological, and developmental perspectives of healthcare. You'll study health and wellbeing, disability, human development, and common health problems, enabling you to deliver compassionate and inclusive care and services to individuals, whānau and communities.

Māori Health

Māori Health focuses on making a difference for Māori health outcomes. Learn how to provide culturally responsive health practice when working with Māori individuals, whānau, communities, organisations and populations.

Pacific and Global Health

Gain a holistic perspective of health and wellbeing, and develop the skills and knowledge needed to serve the health needs of Pacific people and communities in New Zealand and across the Pacific region.

Public Health

With a strong focus on reducing ethnic and socioeconomic inequities, you'll learn how to identify and understand the collaboration needed across sectors and disciplines to prevent and control disease, prolong life, and actively promote good health.

otago.ac.nz/bhealsc

Rewarding careers exist in government policy, health promotion, and case management – it’s not just doctors or dentists who make a difference. Or use your qualification as a foundation for further study in one of the health professional programmes or at postgraduate level.



Three years full-time



Dunedin



Applications close
10 December 2025



Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science Tohu Paetahi Pūtaiao Taka Rongoā

This lab-based degree – the only one of its kind in Aotearoa – opens doors to the diverse and rapidly growing pharmaceutical industry and health-related research careers.

Taught by industry experts and academics, you'll learn through lectures, laboratory classes and interactive workshop sessions. You'll delve into the scientific basis of the discovery, design, development, formulation and use of drugs, honing your practical skills in our state-of-the-art laboratories.

Pharmaceutical Science will appeal to anyone who has an interest in science and technology and a passion for medicines that prevent and treat disease in humans, plants and animals. The degree incorporates rongoā Māori, to help understand medicines beyond western practice.

The skills you'll learn are transferable to many industries including cosmetics, food science and agriculture. At 300-level, you'll visit an industrial production site and get a close-up look at pharmaceutical manufacturing in action.

Expand your knowledge

Academic staff are engaged in research that is brought to life in the classroom. Topics you'll learn about include:

- Designing better medicines for cancer.
- Challenges of dosing medicine to a yellow-eyed penguin.
- Developing better vaccines, including needle-free options.
- Reducing the side effects of highly toxic drugs.
- Tackling the problem of antibiotic resistance.

otago.ac.nz/bpharmsc

“Pharmaceutical Science and School of Pharmacy staff at Otago are expert scientists and teachers who fostered an environment of intellectual curiosity – inspiring us to push the boundaries of our knowledge and pursue further study. Their passion for research and innovation prepared us academically and instilled confidence for the global impact we can make in the field.”

Baxter Blair

Bachelor of Science with Honours (Pharmacology), Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science



Three years full-time



Dunedin



Applications close
10 December 2025



“Dental technology is a new, exciting and creative field. The course is very hands-on, with a great balance between theory and practical aspects. The class culture and the learning environment is friendly with great support from the lecturers. Making a dental appliance might seem like a simple process, but there is complex science behind the work.”

Ana Grymak

Bachelor of Dental Technology with Honours

Bachelor of Dental Technology Tohu Paetahi Hangarau ā-Niho

Interested in a career that combines hands-on practical work, creativity and the ability to care for people? Study Dental Technology and learn how to design and construct dental appliances that improve the health and wellbeing of patients.

Learn the biomechanics and biomaterials science behind dental appliance design, and work with a wide range of materials, including gold, porcelain and acrylic, to make artificial teeth and removable orthodontic appliances.

If you enjoy working with your hands on detailed and delicate items, Dental Technology could be for you. A dental technician learns to visualise in a 3D perspective. They typically have an eye for detail to get things just right.

Professional registration

The profession of dental technician is registered under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2004). Graduates of the Bachelor of Dental Technology programme are automatically entitled to register with the New Zealand Dental Council in order to practise as a registered dental technician.

Career opportunities

Dental technicians are in high demand in New Zealand, Australia, and globally. Employment opportunities are available in private dental laboratories, hospitals, and educational institutions. Additionally, you can pursue postgraduate studies to qualify as a clinical dental technician, enabling you to work directly with patients.

otago.ac.nz/denttech

Our state-of-the-art laboratories provide hands-on experience with the latest industry-standard equipment, including computer-aided design (CAD), computer-aided manufacturing (CAM), milling and 3D printing.



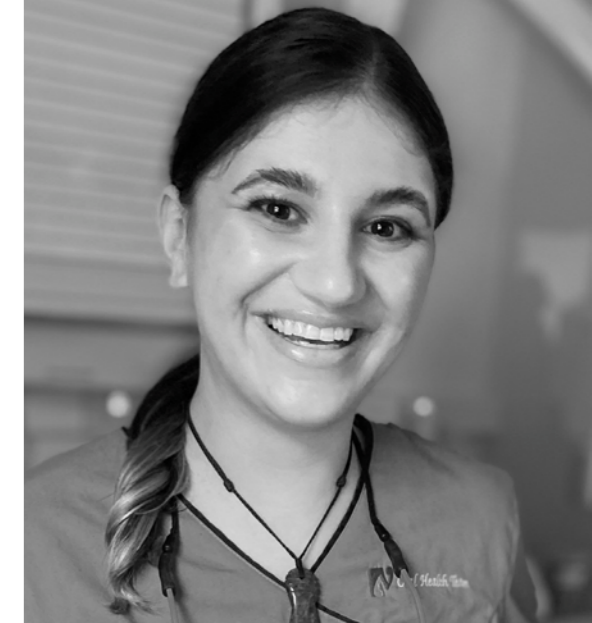
Three years full-time



Dunedin



Apply from
1 July to 14 August 2025



Bachelor of Oral Health Tohu Paetahi Oranga Waha

Good oral health can change lives. Study for a Bachelor of Oral Health and you'll gain skills in dental hygiene, dental therapy and oral health promotion, enabling you to play an important role within the community.

Learn how to diagnose and treat oral diseases (such as gum disease and dental decay), educate patients about their oral health, and provide quality care for patients of all ages, including restorative care for children and adolescents.

Professional registration

Graduates of the Bachelor of Oral Health programme are automatically entitled to register as an Oral Health Therapist with the New Zealand Dental Council.

Career opportunities

Employment opportunities include working in private dental practices, specialist practices, community-based clinics, iwi-based clinics, and hospital dental clinics.

otago.ac.nz/oralhealth

Foster lifelong positive oral health attitudes and behaviour in your patients. You'll learn how to apply your knowledge about health and disease to health promotion in education, community development and public policy.



Three years full-time



Dunedin



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“One of the main reasons I chose to study for a Bachelor of Oral Health was because of how community-focused it is – it really aligned with my values. My parents both grew up with poorer oral health, so I saw how it can negatively impact someone's overall quality of life in the future. I really wanted a career in which I could help to prevent this from happening to our tamariki.”

Lateisha Chant

Rangitāne ki Wairau, Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, Ngāti Kuia, Kāi Tahu

Bachelor of Oral Health

Oral Health Therapist, Te Whatu Ora – Te Tai Tokerau (Health New Zealand, Northland region)



Bachelor of Radiation Therapy Tohu Paetahi Haumanu Iraruke

Radiation therapists are involved in the planning and delivery of radiation treatment and care for patients with cancer. Radiation therapy is a highly skilled health profession and qualified radiation therapists are in demand.

Study to become a qualified radiation therapist on our Wellington campus and make a real difference to the health of Aotearoa. Due to the lengthy nature of cancer treatment – sometimes five days a week for up to seven weeks – you'll get to know your patients and their whānau well, which is very rewarding.

Students go on clinical placements at cancer centres around the country, gaining the experience that allows an easier transition to working once qualified.

Professional registration

Graduates are eligible for registration with the New Zealand Medical Radiation Technologists Board. There are excellent career opportunities both in New Zealand and overseas.

Accommodation

Otago doesn't offer any residential colleges in Wellington. Radiation Therapy students can apply directly to Victoria University and Massey University (Wellington campus) for accommodation. This is a popular option for first-year students. For more information, talk to our Schools' Liaison team.

Info sessions

Discover first-hand what Radiation Therapy is all about by attending one of our information sessions held at cancer centres around the country. See our website for dates.

otago.ac.nz/radiationtherapy

Radiation therapists work in a fast-paced, high-tech environment. It's a career that offers a great work/life balance as you'll typically work standard hours.



Three years full-time



Wellington



Apply from
1 July to 14 August 2025



Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science Tohu Paetahi Taiwhanga Pūtaiao Rongōā

Medical laboratory professionals are the behind-the-scenes backbone of medicine, playing a major part in helping to diagnose and treat diseases.

The test results that medical laboratory scientists provide have an immediate impact on the care of patients, especially those who are critically ill.

Medical Laboratory Science covers a wide range of subjects. You'll choose to focus on two of these for your fourth-year clinical placement: haematology, chemical pathology, histology and cytology, immunology, microbiology and virology, transfusion science, and molecular diagnostics.

Professional registration

Around 70 per cent of graduates work for at least six months in diagnostic medical laboratories. This is necessary to fulfil the requirements for registration with the Medical Science Council of New Zealand.

Career opportunities

With a qualification that's recognised in most countries and an increasing shortage of medical laboratory scientists worldwide, this degree provides career opportunities in areas such as medical research, forensic science and biotechnology.

otago.ac.nz/medlabsci

70 per cent of diagnoses made by clinical staff (such as doctors) depend on laboratory tests, making medical laboratory science a life-saving profession.



Four years full-time
(including one year HSFY)



Dunedin



Apply for HSFY
Check website for updated
application dates

“If you're interested in healthcare and diagnostics, this course is for you. It was great getting such a broad-spectrum look at many aspects of human pathologies, like haematology, biochemistry and microbiology. But it was also good to specialise in areas that were particularly interesting to me. My beginnings in the BMLSc at Otago set me up for a long and exciting career in infection sciences. The education and skills I gained at Otago meant that I could be competitive and capable on the world stage of laboratory science.”

Lisa Stevens

Bachelor of
Medical Laboratory Science
Technical Officer
World Health Organization



“From a young age, I knew that I wanted to be a health professional. After a hospital pharmacy experience during secondary school, I knew that Pharmacy was for me – I loved the fact that I could have a career and still have lots of time to spend with family and friends.

“I decided to do an honours degree because, throughout my studies, I realised that research has a huge impact on health outcomes and I wanted to develop my skills in this area.”

Paige Rangi

Ngāti Kahungunu

Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours

Intern Pharmacist

Palmerston North Hospital

Bachelor of Pharmacy Tohu Paetahi Taka Rongoā

Pharmacists work directly with patients, helping them understand their medicines and use them in the most effective way. As medicines experts, pharmacists are trusted by other healthcare professionals to assess prescriptions and recommend the best combination of medicines.

On this programme, you'll study the foundational sciences that underpin pharmacy, such as drug design, delivery and pharmacology. You'll learn about the practice and role of pharmacists in improving the health outcomes of patients and focus on person-centred care in clinical settings and patients in the community.

Pharmacy is a varied profession, from manufacturing medicines through to optimising patient health-related outcomes and providing ongoing monitoring of their effectiveness.

Professional registration

Once you complete your fourth year and graduate, there is a one-year, pre-registration internship programme which is overseen by the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand. This is undertaken as paid employment at an approved site in a hospital or community pharmacy.

Career opportunities

Pharmacists can work in a wide variety of locations including community pharmacies, clinics, hospital pharmacies, pharmacy regulation bodies, drug companies, universities, government organisations, or they can own their own pharmacy.

otago.ac.nz/pharmacy

Hone your practical skills in our Virtual Professional Practice Laboratory, where you'll use the latest procedures and technologies. You'll also get real-life experience at our pharmacy clinic – the only university pharmacy clinic in Australasia.



Four years full-time
(including one year HSFY)



Dunedin



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Check website for
updated application dates



Bachelor of Physiotherapy Tohu Paetahi Haumanu Korikori

Physiotherapists play an essential role in helping people achieve optimal physical function and healthy lifestyles. They treat people of all ages and from all backgrounds – from babies with breathing issues to people with cerebral palsy and sporting injuries, as well as those who have recently given birth, or are recovering from a stroke or surgery.

On this programme, you'll learn how to assess, treat and prevent a wide range of physical limitations and dysfunction, and gain expertise in exercise therapies and manual rehabilitation techniques.

Through real clinical scenarios and hands-on learning, you'll develop the skills to support individuals to live fulfilling and active lives. You'll also empower your patients to take a more active role in their own rehabilitation and personal healthcare, making it a very rewarding career.

Career opportunities

Physiotherapists work in hospitals, aged care facilities, rehabilitation centres or private practice. Graduates find employment with sports teams, fitness centres, sports clinics, or schools, and many establish their own private practices. Opportunities also exist within large companies as occupational health and safety professionals, and in the areas of health management and policy.

otago.ac.nz/physio

We have a long-standing international reputation as a leader in education, research and clinical practice. Our programmes are informed by the latest research and continually improved to keep in step with leading-edge physiotherapy practice.



Four years full-time
(including one year HSFY)



Dunedin



Apply for HSFY
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application dates

“The course is very hands-on – we got to interact with patients in the early stages of the second year – which was good for me because I find it easier to learn through practical means.

“I enjoyed the support and fun opportunities amongst my cohort, and interacting with members of the community and helping them through my placements.”

Hamish Laing

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Physiotherapist

Elite Physiotherapy



Bachelor of Dental Surgery Tohu Paetahi o te Hāparapara ā-Niho

Dentistry combines a high degree of manual dexterity and precision with strong scientific knowledge and excellent communication skills. As a dentist, you'll be the leader of an oral health team, diagnosing and carrying out treatments to suit each patient's needs.

Taught by leading academics and active practitioners, you'll hone your clinical skills, first in simulation classes and laboratories and then on patients. You'll delve into the scientific foundations of anatomy, physiology, oral biology, and biomaterials, and learn how to communicate professionally with your patients.

Learn in Aotearoa's only dental teaching hospital

Located next to the University, in the heart of Dunedin's health precinct, you'll help real patients and train alongside Oral Health and Dental Technology students, giving you the experience of working in an integrated, professional dental team from the start.

Study timeline

After admission from HSFY (or from other entry categories), you'll undertake a further four years of study within the Faculty of Dentistry. In your fifth (final) year, you'll undertake clinical work in either Dunedin or Auckland.

Career opportunities

As a graduate, you can practice in New Zealand and Australia. In New Zealand, there are opportunities to work in private general practice, a hospital, community clinic or a defence-based practice. Dentistry provides considerable variety and lifelong learning as you work to maintain your practising standards.

otago.ac.nz/dentalsurgery

Dentistry is ranked #1 in New Zealand and #40 worldwide (2024 QS World Rankings).



Five years full-time
(including one year HSFY)



Years 1–4: Dunedin
Year 5: Auckland or Dunedin



Apply for HSFY
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application dates

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery Tohu Paetahi Rongoā Tohu Paetahi Hāparapara

Being a doctor is a challenging and exciting career that requires the highest level of clinical competency, excellent communication and research skills, and a high standard of professional and ethical behaviour.

At Otago, you'll be taught by experienced clinicians who are at the forefront of modern practice. You'll spend your first two years at Otago Medical School where topics will include clinical skills, integrated cases, Early Professional Experience, medical sciences, ethics, professional development, and evidence-based medicine.

There is a wide range of specialisation available in the public and private sectors – most doctors choose to complete postgraduate training in their chosen specialty.

Clinical training

For your final three years of study, you'll undertake clinical training in either Christchurch, Wellington or Dunedin (and their associated regional sites). You'll rotate around a variety of specialties, gaining exposure to medical disciplines and contexts, and take part in a Rural Medical Immersion Programme.

Professional registration

Before you can practise as a doctor in New Zealand, you must register with the Medical Council of New Zealand and complete a two-year internship.

otago.ac.nz/medicine

Gain practical experience in our state-of-the-art anatomy lab and clinical simulation centres.



Six years full-time
(including one year HSFY)



Years 1–3: Dunedin
Years 4–6: Dunedin,
Christchurch or Wellington
(and associated regional sites)



Apply for HSFY
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application dates



“I first experienced Otago through the REACH Otago Scholarship – an on-campus experience for Year 13 Māori students interested in a career in health. I applied, left the North Island for the first time and my eyes were opened to all the possibilities the University of Otago had to offer for someone like me: a young, Māori female, who would be the first in their family to attend university.”

Jackie Katipa-Maikuku

Ngāti Maniapoto, Tainui
Ngāti Mahuta

Studying for a Postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Medical Gynaecology, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery



Bachelor of Arts Tohu Paetahi Toi

Imagine a world without the humanities, arts or social sciences? Culture, literature, history, human relationships, and politics help us make sense of the world. They also hold the keys to transforming people and places, understanding and leading sustainability, ensuring a fairer society, and maintaining humanity in the face of AI.

The Bachelor of Arts enables you to explore a wide range of subjects about people, including how they think and behave. You can also examine the similarities and differences between people from many different groups and cultures.

Taught by research-active scholars, BA students are challenged to develop their intellectual independence. Arts graduates are known for their excellent communication skills, innovation, versatility, critical thinking and research and analytical skills – attributes that are essential in practically every career imaginable and sought after by employers.

otago.ac.nz/arts

Subjects

Anthropology (includes Archaeology and Social Anthropology)	Geography	Politics
Biblical Studies	German	Popular Music*
Buddhist Studies*	Global Studies	Psychology
Chinese	Greek*	Religious Studies
Christian Thought and History	History	Science of Religion*
Classics	Human Services Law*	Sociology
Communication Studies	Indigenous Studies	Spanish
Criminology*	Irish Studies*	Sport Development and Management
Dance*	Japanese	Statistics
Data Science	Language and Linguistics	TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)*
Economics	Latin*	Theatre Studies
Education	Linguistics	Theology
English	Māori Studies	Tourism, Languages and Cultures
English and Linguistics	Mathematics	Writing*
Environment and Society*	Music	
Film and Media Studies	Music Production*	
French	Pacific Islands Studies	
Gender Studies	Pastoral Studies*	
	Philosophy	
	Philosophy, Politics and Economics	



Three years full-time

“I went into 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.”

Edward Ennion-Dickison

Bachelor of Arts
(Majors: Anthropology, Politics
Minor: TESOL)

Professional Development Advisor
Ministry of Social Development

Bachelor of Laws Tohu Paetahi Ture

A Law degree from Otago will give you the ability to question and challenge, analyse complex issues, find solutions to a wide variety of problems and contribute to decision-making at all levels. You'll develop precise language skills and gain an excellent grounding in negotiation, researching, and forming legal and other arguments – all skills employers love.

Law is a professional degree with pathways to a legal career as a barrister and solicitor. Many Law graduates find careers as lawyers in private practice, but others work in business, government, the public sector, welfare agencies and international organisations.

In the commercial world, Law graduates work as legal advisers and company secretaries, in management and in executive positions. Government departments and local bodies employ lawyers for specialist legal advice. Lawyers working in private practice have a variety of fields of law to choose from. These include commercial, property, public, environmental, Treaty of Waitangi, banking, wills and trusts, family, criminal, sports, media, Māori land law, civil, tax, intellectual property and medical law.

otago.ac.nz/law

Otago Law students achieve success in national and international competitions in writing, mooting, negotiation and client interviewing – demonstrating Otago's ability to prepare top-quality graduates with the skills and expertise to be valuable employees and make important contributions to their communities.



Four years full-time



“One of the aspects I enjoy most about studying Law at Otago is the flexibility of the course structure. After second year, students can choose from a wide range of electives, allowing me to tailor the degree to my interests. This has given me the freedom to explore topics like environmental law, which align with my passion for using law to address societal challenges.”

Zoe Cameron

Studying for a Bachelor of Laws with Honours, and a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy, Politics and Economics)



Bachelor of Music Tohu Paetahi Pūoro

At Otago, we make music, know about music, and are passionate about nurturing and developing musicians. We teach performance, composition, songwriting and music production, as well as music theory, history and culture. You'll have the opportunity to explore classical, traditional and contemporary music from Aotearoa and the world.

If you want Music to be the main focus of your degree, you should apply for the Bachelor of Music. The programme is mainly made up of Music papers, but may include up to five papers in other subjects across the University. You can complete a MusB without any specialisation, or it can be endorsed in Composition, Performance, or Music Production. You can also include a minor in another subject within your MusB.

If you'd like to study more papers from other subject areas in addition to Music, a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Music is a good option. Or, you can study Music as a major alongside Commerce or Science subjects with the Bachelor of Arts and Commerce, or the Bachelor of Arts and Science.

Music is available as a minor subject for a range of degrees, in three specialisations: Music, Music Production, and Popular Music. You can also add standalone Music papers to most degrees across the University.

Students studying Classical Music have the rare opportunity to play within a symphony orchestra, through the University's relationship with the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra (DSO). A DSO scholarship is also available, and for those studying Contemporary Music there is the Six60 Scholarship.

otago.ac.nz/music

Our excellent facilities include a recording studio, performance spaces and practice rooms, all equipped with the latest technology.



Three years full-time



Bachelor of Performing Arts Tohu Paetahi Whakaaturanga Toi

Studying for the Bachelor of Performing Arts at Otago gives you a rare opportunity to explore more than one performing art form – music, theatre and dance – blended into a single degree.

Develop your skills in acting, dance, directing, choreography, devising, music performance (singing or instrument), composition, songwriting, and technical production, and learn about the theoretical and historical foundations of theatre, music and dance.

You'll have opportunities to perform in our fully equipped music and theatre venues Marama Hall, Allen Hall Theatre, Te Korokoro o te Tūi and in our dance studios and other teaching/performance spaces.

Career opportunities

You'll develop many skills that employers seek, including teamwork and leadership, effective oral and written communication, analysis, reflective practice, organisational skills and time management. Cultural knowledge and skills gained through creative practice and historical and theoretical study are valued in many careers, including journalism, teaching, advertising, marketing and law.

otago.ac.nz/performing-arts

Entry to some Performance Music papers is by audition. Applications must be made by 1 September of the year before you plan to study at Otago.



Three years full-time

“I chose to study the Bachelor of Performing Arts at Otago so I could enhance and work on all aspects of the performing arts, instead of just one. I was also able to study papers outside of the performing arts that interested me – which I wouldn't have been able to do at other performing arts schools! I had high expectations about the programme, and they were definitely met.”

Hazel Simes

Ngāi Te Rangī, Ngāpuhi
Bachelor of Performing Arts



“I wanted to be a change-maker, helping young people find the right path to a better future. My studies opened my eyes to how harsh our world can be, and how social workers are forever trying to make it better. Otago prepared me well for a challenging and rewarding career, and has opened doors to many different pathways that I want to explore.”

Tulua Sekone-Fraser

Bachelor of Social Work

Youth Adviser

Bachelor of Social Work Tohu Paetahi Tauwhiro

Want to make a rewarding and positive contribution to society? Social workers engage with individuals, whānau and communities to promote human rights, help improve people’s life outcomes, and pursue social justice.

Social work ranges from direct work with individuals and organisations to become more responsive to people’s needs, right through to the development of social policy and legislation. The various roles include counselling, clinical social work, family therapy, helping people obtain services and resources, agency administration, community work, social policy, and political organising.

If you have a strong interest in people, the make-up of New Zealand society, and contemporary social issues, then the Bachelor of Social Work could be for you.

This degree will prepare you for the profession through a combination of theory and supervised fieldwork.

Students initially enrol in the Social Work pre-professional Bachelor of Arts and apply for admission to the Social Work programme near the end of their second year.

Career opportunities

The Bachelor of Social Work is approved by the Social Workers’ Registration Board of New Zealand. Graduates pursue careers in government services, not-for-profit agencies, iwi-based organisations, and private practice.

otago.ac.nz/socialwork

120 days of supervised practical social work placement over the final two years of the degree.



Four years full-time



Bachelor of Teaching Tohu Paetahi Whakaako

Gain the contemporary theory, curriculum knowledge and professional experience needed to become an outstanding teacher. You can study initial teacher education at our campuses in Dunedin or Invercargill.

Early Childhood

Three-year Bachelor of Teaching degree endorsed in Early Childhood Education – offered at Dunedin and Invercargill campuses.

One calendar year Master of Teaching and Learning endorsed in Early Childhood Education. Requires a degree for entry – offered at Dunedin campus only.

Primary Education

Three-year Bachelor of Teaching degree endorsed in Primary Education – offered at Dunedin and Invercargill campuses.

One calendar year Master of Teaching and Learning endorsed in Primary Education. Requires a degree for entry – offered at Dunedin campus only.

Te Pōkai Mātauranga o te Ao Rua Primary Bicultural Education

This programme enables graduates to teach in Māori-medium or English-medium primary and intermediate schools. Taught from a kaupapa Māori perspective, there is an emphasis on te reo me ngā tikanga Māori.

Three-year Bachelor of Teaching degree endorsed in Te Pōkai Mātauranga o te Ao Rua / Primary Bicultural Education – offered at Invercargill campus only.

Secondary

One calendar year Master of Teaching and Learning endorsed in Secondary Education. Requires a degree for entry in subjects relevant to the New Zealand curriculum – offered at Dunedin campus only.

otago.ac.nz/education

Our programmes qualify graduates to apply for registration and certification as New Zealand teachers in the early childhood, primary, and secondary education sectors.

“Having amazing lecturers and tutors who were qualified teachers with classroom experience hugely benefited my teaching studies. They could present the theory work in an authentic way and provide actual examples linked to what happens in the classroom.”

“The placements throughout this degree were some of the best learning opportunities. They allowed me to see how other teachers communicated with their students and always emphasised that relationships are key to a happy and successful classroom.”

Kalas Taukamo

Ngāti Porou

Bachelor of Teaching
(Primary Education) incorporating
Catechetical Studies

Teacher



Bachelor of Theology Tohu Paetahi Whakapono Karaitiana

Theology offers the chance to explore faith, yourself and the world. Otago offers the only university Theology programme in New Zealand, with campus and distance courses on Biblical Studies, Christian Theology, Church History, Theology for Public Issues, Pastoral and Practical Theology, Ministry, and Chaplaincy.

Many students study Theology to enquire further into their own faith, but others simply have a broad curiosity about the world and human experience. Christianity has been a major force in the development of western civilisation, helping to shape the world in which we live today, so there is enormous value in coming to an informed understanding of the Christian faith.

Students who take papers in Theology often uncover insights that complement their studies in subjects such as Classics, History, Social Sciences, Politics and Law.

Our programme also offers papers on aspects of Māori and Pacific theology.

otago.ac.nz/theology

The Diploma in Theology is a one-year undergraduate qualification which involves seven papers, mainly at 100-level.

“Studying Theology at Otago was great! The lecturers are so different in temperament and teaching style, and I appreciated what each one brought to my appreciation of who God is, and the Christian faith. Their efforts, and the courses they ran, exposed me to completely different ways of thinking about God, myself and the created world. That is a gift I treasure, and I am so grateful.”

Mikaela Sotutu

Bachelor of Theology
Bachelor of Laws

Solicitor



Three years full-time



Bachelor of Science Tohu Paetahi Pūtaiao

Open doors to a world where curiosity meets career potential. Our BSc programme combines cutting-edge knowledge with practical skills that employers value, all within modern teaching and research facilities.

Over three years, you'll learn from academic staff who don't just teach science – they actively shape it through groundbreaking research. These mentor relationships provide invaluable connections as you develop expertise in your chosen field.

For environmental sciences, our location offers extraordinary natural laboratories right on our doorstep – from Fiordland and Stewart Island to Otago Harbour and even Antarctica – creating unparalleled opportunities for hands-on fieldwork and research.

What makes Otago special is our flexible approach to learning. We encourage you to broaden your horizons with subjects from Business, Health Sciences, and Humanities. This mix ensures you'll graduate with versatile skills that employers are actively seeking.

Science graduates are always in high demand because the analytical thinking and problem-solving abilities you'll develop at Otago are exactly what today's world needs.

otago.ac.nz/sciences

Subjects

Agricultural Innovation	Genetics	Plant Biotechnology
Anatomy	Geographical	Psychology
Aquaculture and Fisheries	Information Systems	Sport and
Biochemistry	Geography	Exercise Nutrition
Botany	Geology	Sport Development
Chemistry	Human Nutrition	and Management
Computational Modelling*	Land Planning	Sports Technology*
Computer Science	and Development	Statistics
Data Science	Marine Science	Sustainable Energy
Ecology	Mathematics	Engineering
Economics	Microbiology	Surveying Measurement
Environment and Society*	Neuroscience	Zoology
Environmental	Pathology*	
Management	Pharmacology	*Minor subject only.
Exercise and Sport	and Toxicology	
Science	Physical Education,	
Food Science	Activity and Health	
Forensic Analytical	Physics	
Science	Physiology	

“My time at university definitely cemented my appreciation for the natural world, and provided me with a lot of the knowledge and ability to research that I use in my job. The opportunities for outreach that I was involved in while studying also helped spark my interest in science communication and education as a career.”

Taylor Davies-Colley

Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Ruanui

Master of Science
(Botany)
Bachelor of Science
(Botany and Ecology)

Educator,
Orokonui Ecosanctuary



Bachelor of Surveying Tohu Paetahi Rūri

Looking for a career that combines cutting-edge technology, diverse outdoor environments, and excellent job prospects? The Bachelor of Surveying could be perfect for you.

Through hands-on fieldwork, practical classes and the use of the latest technology, you'll learn how to map everything from city streets to the ocean floor. You'll create precise 3D maps using drones and lasers, design sustainable neighbourhoods and infrastructure, and understand property rights.

Qualified surveyors are in high demand and most of our students have a job secured before they graduate. Otago offers the only degree recognised as a prerequisite to becoming a professional land surveyor in New Zealand. It's also an internationally recognised degree,

with many graduates choosing to work and travel overseas. Job opportunities are available in land, engineering and hydrographic surveying; land planning; urban development; and geospatial sectors.

To study for the Bachelor of Surveying, you must apply for Surveying First Year. Students who successfully pass the first year then apply to second-year classes in Surveying (maximum 70 students each year). Surveying First Year is also an excellent pathway to other BSc courses.

otago.ac.nz/surveying

If you enjoy maths, technology, and want a career where you aren't stuck behind a desk, Surveying could be a perfect fit.



Four years full-time



Selection into second year is based on your first-year results



Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) Software Engineering Tohu Paetahi o te Pūhanga Tāhiko ki te Pūhanga Tāhiko Pūmanawa

Imagine yourself an architect of the digital future, creating the next groundbreaking application or game-changing technology. That's what a Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering offers – the power to transform ideas into reality through code.

From day one, you'll dive into hands-on projects, building practical applications with real-world impact. You'll learn to design robust software systems, master cutting-edge development techniques, and collaborate with innovative thinkers.

As you progress, you'll have the opportunity to specialise in areas like artificial intelligence and human-computer interfaces – whatever ignites your interest and curiosity.

Our industry connections mean you'll work with the latest tech and tools actually used in the field, and practical work experience integrated into your degree means you'll graduate job-ready with a portfolio that impresses employers.

Technical know-how is also enhanced with essential professional skills. Through team projects, you'll strengthen communication abilities and critical

thinking, learning to explain complex ideas to diverse audiences and approach challenges systematically.

You'll also develop a multicultural understanding for global workplaces and an ethical awareness for creating sustainable, energy-efficient software solutions.

To study for this degree, you must apply for Software Engineering First Year. Students who successfully complete the compulsory papers in the first-year with a B average then apply to second-year classes. Software Engineering First Year is also an excellent pathway to other computing programmes, such as a BSc in Computer Science.

Join us and become part of the next generation of tech innovators who aren't just using technology – they're creating it.

otago.ac.nz/school-of-computing

With software engineers in high demand worldwide, you'll enjoy exceptional career opportunities and competitive salaries from graduation.



Four years full-time



Selection into second year is based on your first-year results

Proposed new degree for 2026

Awaiting confirmation – see website for up-to-date details:

otago.ac.nz/school-of-computing

Study multiple interests

Combined degrees

Interested in geography and economics? Music and maths? Marketing and food science? Our combined degrees allow you to build the ultimate skill set. With hundreds of combinations available, you can personalise your degree to suit your interests, strengths and career plans. A combined degree usually takes four years to complete.

Bachelor of Arts and Commerce

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

Bachelor of Commerce and Science

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

Bachelor of Arts and Science

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

otago.ac.nz/combine

Programme structure for a Bachelor of Arts and Science

YEAR 1	Arts major 100-level 18 points	Arts major 100-level 18 points	Arts at any level 18 points	Science major 100-level 18 points	Science major 100-level 18 points	Science major 100-level 18 points	Any paper at any level 18 points
YEAR 2	Arts major 200-level 18 points	Arts major 200-level 18 points	Arts major 200-level 18 points	Science major 200-level 18 points	Science major 200-level 18 points	Science major 200-level 18 points	Any paper at any level 18 points
YEAR 3	Arts major 300-level 18 points	Arts major 300-level 18 points	Arts at any level 18 points	Science major 300-level 18 points	Science major 300-level 18 points	Sciences at any level 18 points	Any paper at any level 18 points
YEAR 4	Arts major 300-level 18 points	Arts major 300-level 18 points	Arts at any level 18 points	Science major 300-level 18 points	Science major 300-level 18 points	Sciences at any level 18 points	

- Arts major
- Any Arts subject
- Science major
- Any Sciences subject
- Any subject

Double degrees

It's possible to take two degrees at the same time. This doesn't mean you double your workload. You can count some papers twice by studying them in one degree and cross crediting them to the other degree. If you're considering a double degree, talk to your schools' liaison officer or a University course adviser.

otago.ac.nz/liaison



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Accounting

otago.ac.nz/subjects/acct

Accounting is the financial language of the business world. From start-ups and non-profit organisations to global supply companies, the ability to interpret and inform financial decision-making will enable you to succeed in any business or professional sector.

You'll gain expertise in the two key branches of accounting – financial and management accounting – learning how to produce business accounts and analyse financial information. Increasingly, accountants provide advice on sustainable business practices, and you'll gain skills in the production of social, environmental and governance reports.

Your lecturers will bring theory to life using current case studies and real-life examples. There will be opportunities to grow your professional networks and develop critical thinking, financial analytic and communication skills – attributes that are highly valued by employers.

Following the completion of your degree, you'll have the opportunity to become professionally qualified.

Career opportunities

Studying Accounting is ideal preparation for a career as an auditor, tax adviser, financial manager, investment adviser, financial consultant, valuation expert, company director, or controller of financial information systems. New Zealand's leading accounting firms express a strong preference for Otago-trained graduates and recruitment fairs are held in March each year.

Agricultural Innovation

otago.ac.nz/subjects/agri

As population increase and climate change affects our world, sustainable food production is becoming one of the most pressing issues of our time. How do we feed a global population that is expected to reach 9.8 billion by 2050? And how can we lessen the impact of extreme weather events, greenhouse gas emissions, and the decline of soil and water quality?

By studying Agricultural Innovation, you'll help pioneer solutions to these problems. Taught by agriculture, food and environment experts, the teaching

programme is primarily science-focused but also incorporates the social, environmental, and economic aspects of agriculture, including traditional and contemporary Māori agriculture and mātauranga Māori.

Your study will include laboratory work and fieldwork. Once a year, you'll visit a farm that is leading the way in sustainable practice, giving you the opportunity to observe a variety of agricultural activities first-hand.

Career opportunities

The agricultural sector is expected to generate an additional 50,000 skilled jobs by 2050, so career opportunities are plentiful. Graduates will have the expertise to work in a diverse range of sectors, including biosecurity, environment protection agencies, farming or horticulture, food manufacturing, food assurance programmes, organic nutrient and fertiliser companies, regulatory agencies (regional government), and synthetic food production. Your skills could also lead to a research and development role.

Anatomy

otago.ac.nz/subjects/anat

You can't leave home without anatomy. It holds you together, controls what you think and do, and enables you to run, jump and play.

Anatomy explores the relationship between the structure of the body and the functions it performs. Ever wondered how the body develops from just a single cell to an individual with millions of cells? Or how we transmit our desire to move from the brain to our muscles? Study Anatomy and you'll discover the answer to these questions and many more.

Through lectures and hands-on laboratory classes, you'll develop the skills needed for the scientific analysis of human and animal tissue. You'll learn how to use specialised equipment and have access to over 3,000 anatomy specimens in our WD Trotter Anatomy Museum.

Career opportunities

Our graduates work in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, nursing, and other allied health professions such as fertility, audiology, and optometry. Others have taken roles in education, government, and biomedical- science-related advocacy and not-for-profits, such as the Cancer Society or Neurological Foundation, or chosen technical work in biomedical and agricultural laboratory settings. Some graduates have gone on to work in sales and marketing, as funeral directors, and even winemakers.

Anthropology

(Includes Archaeology and Social Anthropology)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/anth

What does it mean to be human in a diverse, complicated and changing world? Anthropologists ask questions about human variation and human differences. They study issues that affect different societies, such as changing economic and political arrangements of power, sustainable living alternatives, and the tensions around community inclusion and exclusion.

What are the patterns by which people organise their lives? How do ideas of difference and sameness come about? How does the movement of people through a globalised world impact the meaning and experience of culture and our sense of belonging and heritage? These are just some of the questions you'll delve into during your studies.

You'll learn to engage with cultural groups ethically and explain social life through systematic questioning and critical analysis. You'll acquire expertise in problem-solving, research and writing, independent thinking, and project management, preparing you for a wide range of rewarding careers.

Career opportunities

Anthropology graduates work in a variety of fields including community development, the police force, disaster relief, historic preservation, foreign affairs, the media, and within government or local bodies. Other career routes include project co-ordination/management for organisations such as Volunteer Service Abroad, international aid, working with refugees, social impact assessment and environmental management.

Aquaculture and Fisheries

otago.ac.nz/subjects/aqfi

More than half the world's seafood now comes from aquaculture. As our global population continues to grow, the industry needs to find new ways to increase production and profitability while minimising environmental issues and waste.

You'll learn how to manage fish stocks and aquaculture operations and protect the ecosystems and environments that support them. Aquaculture is also involved with the restoration of wild fisheries and the protection of waterways.

With practical application at the core of your studies, a typical day of learning could see

you gaining technical skills in the laboratory, undertaking research at the Portobello Marine Laboratory, or observing local marine habitats on one of the University's research vessels.

Career opportunities

Graduates find work in commercial aquaculture, where you could be involved in the production or management of food. You could also work in a research and advisory role for food producers, government organisations, regional councils or iwi organisations.

Archaeology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/arch

Archaeology is part of the Anthropology major at Otago and provides a long-term perspective on human diversity and cultural variation. Archaeology is our primary source of knowledge about our history and the gradual developments in culture and society that led to the present-day arrangement of human communities. Study Archaeology and you'll gain a unique 50,000-year perspective on early human colonisation and cultural change in Asia and the Pacific – you'll learn about who we are and how we got here.

Archaeology draws on a range of other fields, particularly from the sciences. You'll learn how to generate data through fieldwork and excavation, and use both laboratory science and interpretive theory to study that data.

You'll be taught by active researchers who incorporate their research programmes and findings into their teaching. Alongside lectures and tutorials, you'll engage in fieldwork and laboratory analysis, gaining skills in the recording, analysis and interpretation of the cultural past. Since research is a key component of archaeology, you'll also become skilled in the construction and presentation of well-reasoned and articulated arguments – fundamental skills for a wide range of careers.

Career opportunities

Graduates take up positions in archaeological research, heritage management, museum studies or related fields. They may work for government agencies, such as Heritage New Zealand or the Department of Conservation, or work in a private consulting capacity, offering services and advice to local and national government and other public institutions.

B

Biblical Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/bibs

Delve into the Jewish and Christian scriptures and consider how you can understand them more deeply. Your studies will focus on the Old Testament (Tanakh or Hebrew Bible) and New Testament, but you'll also have opportunities to study the biblical languages of Classical Hebrew and New Testament Greek to an advanced level.

Career opportunities

Graduates have found careers in teaching, social work, policy analysis, journalism, and librarianship, as well as a variety of church-based roles.

Biochemistry

otago.ac.nz/subjects/bioc

Biochemists find out how the molecules in living things work. You'll focus on processes at a molecular level and use this knowledge to explain how cells and organisms behave. You'll study how cells communicate with each other and with molecules in the environment, and how they can be affected by the environment itself.

Biochemistry also looks at the biological, chemical and sometimes structural basis for disease, including genetic disorders, infection, neurodegeneration and cancer. You'll learn how diagnosis, drug design, and therapeutic treatments at the molecular level are improving health outcomes for society.

Biochemists are experimental scientists, and hands-on learning is a fundamental part of this course. You'll gain essential practical skills using specialist scientific equipment.

Career opportunities

Studying Biochemistry is ideal preparation for a career in research, product development, forensics, public health, bioinformatics, agribusiness, patent law, science policy, publishing, teaching and science communication, commerce, and marketing.

The New Zealand biotechnology industry has opportunities for biochemists in livestock improvement, the development of food crops, winemaking, the protection of native flora and fauna, and pharmaceuticals.

Since Biochemistry underpins many of the other life sciences, it allows you to

specialise in a range of different subjects, including genetics, forensics, microbiology and agricultural science.

Bioethics

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/bioethics

Science, technology and healthcare are powerful tools that bring ethical and legal challenges and opportunities. Bioethics explores the current and future impacts of the biosciences and healthcare on people and society, animals and the environment.

Biomedical Sciences

(Degree – see page 47)

Botany

otago.ac.nz/subjects/btny

Plants provide us with food, fibres and medicines, so knowledge about plants is fundamental to both the survival of life on Earth and the health of the planet.

Your studies will include research into the biochemistry, ecology, genetics, and physiology of plants; plant evolution; photosynthesis; the role plants play in ecosystems; and plant biotechnology. You'll cover topics from the breeding of crops using modern molecular techniques through to modelling the effects of climate change on plants.

Hands-on learning is an important element of this programme and you'll develop valuable practical skills through laboratory work and field trips. Dunedin's diverse landscape and marine environments provide ideal laboratories for botanical study and research.

Career opportunities

Botany equips you for a career in conservation, biosecurity, environmental management, crop science, biotechnology, horticulture, or agroecology. Graduates also take up positions in local and national government, for instance at the Department of Conservation, the Ministry of Primary Industries, and Crown Research Institutes.

Buddhist Studies

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/budh

Buddhism is the dominant religion in many Asian countries and has played an important role in the history and culture of Asia. The minor in Buddhist Studies introduces Buddhism through its Indian origins and then allows you to focus on the development of Buddhism in other regions of Asia.

Business Analytics

(May be a major in 2026 – see website for up-to-date details)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/buan

Vast amounts of data are generated every day by businesses and organisations, social activity, video streaming, medical imagery and more. The ability to sift through this data and extract useful information is in hot demand.

You'll learn how to apply analytics skills and techniques to organisational data to obtain useful insights. You'll develop sought-after skills that are required in every area of business, including accounting, finance, marketing, management, economics and tourism.



Chemistry

otago.ac.nz/subjects/chem

Chemistry underpins every aspect of life – what we see, eat, touch, smell and wear every day. It's so fundamental it's been called the central science.

Study Chemistry at Otago and you'll explore the composition, properties and transformations of matter. You'll look at how chemicals interact with each other, how to develop new materials and how to measure trace amounts of pollutants.

Grab your safety glasses because lab work is a big part of this course. You'll have access to specialist facilities and laboratories and learn how to solve chemical problems.

Career opportunities

In recent years, New Zealand has experienced a shortage of chemistry graduates, yet career opportunities remain vast and varied. Qualified chemists find themselves immersed in industries spanning chemicals, plastics, pharmaceuticals, food, textiles and timber, where they contribute to vital areas such as research and development, quality control, marketing, sales, and management.

Chemists play leading roles in agriculture, horticulture, fisheries, water quality control, and in chemical, biochemical or medical research units. They're also sought after in central and local government agencies, to work on projects such as pollution monitoring, water purification and forensic work solving criminal cases. Chemists play a pivotal role in advancing sustainability by researching, innovating, and developing

future fuels and renewable energy sources, driving the transition towards a more environmentally conscious and sustainable energy landscape.

Chemistry graduates are in continual demand in areas as diverse as finance, law, politics and sales, due to their ability to handle information and deal with complex concepts. And there is ongoing demand for secondary chemistry teachers throughout New Zealand.

Chinese

otago.ac.nz/subjects/chin

Chinese culture is both rich and far-reaching. China is the world's biggest trading nation and an increasingly important business partner for New Zealand.

You'll have the opportunity to learn the Chinese language from introductory level to advanced level. You'll also study the cultures of the Chinese-speaking worlds from regional and global perspectives.

To completely immerse yourself in the Chinese language and culture, you have the option to study at one of our partner universities in China.

Career opportunities

Career paths include tourism, education, trade, banking, mass media, interpretation/translation, as well as in foreign affairs and other government agencies. If you want to teach Chinese at primary or secondary school, you'll need a BA in Chinese and a qualification in teaching.

Christian Thought and History

otago.ac.nz/subjects/chth

Explore the history, beliefs and values of Christianity. You'll delve into the origins and development of Christianity and gain key language and research skills.

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 significant global presence.

Career opportunities

Graduates develop valuable skills in critical thinking, research and communication. They go on to develop careers in a variety of fields, including teaching, social work, journalism, librarianship, administration, aid and development agencies, government department work, and church leadership and ministry.

Classics

(Including Greek and Latin minor subjects)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/clas

The cultures of Greece, Rome and the Mediterranean world lie at the root of many modern traditions and institutions. By studying the Classics, you'll gain an understanding of these ancient civilisations and a deeper insight into the challenges of the 21st century.

You'll develop your awareness of language, your insight into literature and art, your understanding of history and politics, your knowledge of religion and mythology, and your appreciation of ethical and social issues.

You'll also develop valuable transferable skills such as the ability to think through a problem, to see both sides of a question, to analyse, to present an argument, and to express yourself clearly and fluently – just the kind of skills that employers are searching for. The millionaire financier, Sir Robert Jones, is fond of saying that he would far rather employ a Classics graduate than a Commerce one.

Career opportunities

Classics graduates have made careers in school and university teaching, university administration, foreign affairs, trade and industry, social welfare, local government, tourism, computing, insurance, law, librarianship, bookselling, publishing, museums and art galleries, fashion and design, broadcasting, journalism, tourism, and the theatre.

Communication Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/coms

We live in a mediatised world. Our experiences of social reality, personal relationships and public institutions are shaped by media and communication.

You'll explore the relationship between communicative technologies, consumer culture and social power. You'll hone your written and oral communication skills while developing expertise in teamwork, problem-solving and critical analysis.

We foster creative thinking and the ability to lead and contribute to teams – just the kind of skills that employers are looking for. You'll also develop an understanding of cultural diversity and differing perspectives that will serve you well in almost any career.

Career opportunities

Graduates find work in a wide variety of fields, including journalism, education, advertising, administration, media production, archival and curatorial work, media policy analysis, public relations, and tourism.

Community Health Care

otago.ac.nz/subjects/cmhc

The Bachelor of Health Sciences majoring in Community Health Care is a three-year degree for those who want to help shape the future of healthcare and respond to the challenges facing our healthcare system.

Through interactive learning, you'll examine the biological, sociological, cultural, psychological, and developmental perspectives of healthcare. You'll study health and wellbeing, disability, human development, and common health problems, enabling you to deliver compassionate and inclusive care and services to individuals, whānau and communities.

Career opportunities

You'll be well equipped to gain employment in a variety of community roles within primary and secondary healthcare settings, policy and managerial roles, or in health and disability services.

Computational Modelling

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/como

Maybe you've heard that models are used to make decisions and policy in science and society, and wondered if they're right or wrong? Science, commerce and medicine require quantitative skills and modelling. If you enjoy mathematics but want to see how it is used, you need to know about modelling. If you're a scientist and want to make predictions or analyse data, you need to know about modelling.

Otago is one of the few universities where you can learn these skills in a first-year paper. Computational Modelling will change the way you think about science, and the way you think about mathematics.

Computer Science

otago.ac.nz/subjects/cosc

Whether you're interested in artificial intelligence, computer animation, gaming, software design or robotics, studying Computer Science at Otago will give you the expertise to thrive in a constantly evolving sector.

Computing now underpins every element of our society and computer scientists are in hot demand across the world.

In this major, you'll learn how to analyse, design and implement computer algorithms and systems. You'll gain practical programming skills in industry standard

languages, as well as the transferable skills that will enable you to be part of a dynamic tech team.

Love solving problems? Discover the joy in designing and implementing a complex system and then seeing it all work in front of your eyes.

Career opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to work in an exciting range of positions: making CGI movies, developing software for driverless vehicles, writing control software for Formula 1 cars, designing computer games, working as a weapons engineering officer in the Navy, and programming the latest high-performance computers.

Criminology

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/crim

Criminology at Otago focuses on the critical study of crime and victimisation. You'll look at why people commit crime, the community response to crime and what society is doing to reduce offending.



Dance

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/danc

Study for a minor in Dance and immerse yourself in an exciting, creative environment. Through a combination of practical sessions and academic training, you'll develop a critical appreciation of dance and begin to form your own distinct choreographic identity and performance style.

Data Science

otago.ac.nz/subjects/dasc

Almost every industry now accumulates vast quantities of data daily – from mobile devices, the internet, instruments and sensors. But how do we make sense of it all?

That's where data scientists come in. Data Science combines techniques and methods from computer science, information science, and statistics. Through a combination of lectures, tutorials and practical labs, you'll learn how to extract insights from large, complex data sets and communicate this knowledge through effective modelling and visualisation.

You'll have opportunities to dive into areas that interest you, whether that's efficient computation, data storage infrastructure, data analysis or applied machine learning. You'll also gain valuable problem-solving, communication and data visualisation skills, making you a sought-after asset in any organisation.

Career opportunities

Studying Data Science leads to opportunities in fields as diverse as banking and biotechnology, entertainment and education, gaming and government, medicine and manufacturing, retail and research.

Dental Surgery

(Degree – see page 56)

Dental Technology

(Degree – see page 50)

Drugs and Human Health

otago.ac.nz/subjects/drrh

As our knowledge of human health advances, so does the need for new drugs and treatments. In this major, you'll learn about the different types of drugs used to treat disease. You'll explore drug toxicology and drug safety, and the discovery process for translating molecules with therapeutic potential into clinical use.



Ecology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/ecol

Ecology is the scientific study of organisms and their relationships within and across environments. The diversity of Otago's ecosystems and organisms is reflected in the programme's teaching, which is woven through with ideas from te ao Māori. Ecology is taught by staff from across the University (Botany, Marine Science, and Zoology), who teach national and international examples from marine, freshwater and terrestrial systems. All Ecology papers have fieldwork components including residential field camps for upper-year papers. Ecology's teaching emphasises transferable skills and, uniquely, active student research from day one.

Career opportunities

Pressing environmental and ecological issues combined with government and public concerns mean there is a clear need for scientifically trained ecologists. Our graduates work around New Zealand and the world for government institutions (Department of Conservation, Ministry for the Environment, Ministry for Primary Industries), Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research, NIWA, Cawthron, regional and city councils, consultancies, tourism operations, in secondary and tertiary teaching, and for non-governmental organisations.

Economics

otago.ac.nz/subjects/econ

Economic thinking drives decision-making in just about every area of society, from government and business policy to personal decisions. This programme will equip you with the skills to interpret, analyse and question diverse economic theories and policies in a real-life context.

Do you enjoy wrestling with tough questions? Get ready to debate complex issues around unemployment, economic growth, housing, income inequality, international trade, sustainable development and the environment. You'll learn how to analyse ideas and come to your own conclusions – valuable skills for just about any career.

Career opportunities

A degree in Economics opens doors to a range of rewarding careers in the public or private sectors, whether you aspire to work as a policy analyst, a business consultant, an economics researcher, a financial adviser or a diplomat. Our programme equips you with the skills to excel in any field.

Education

otago.ac.nz/subjects/educ

Education is a powerful tool that can transform the lives of children, adults, families and communities. By studying Education, you'll investigate how education changes lives, how learning happens, and how we identify and address patterns of success and failure in education.

You'll study a wide range of topics, including:

- Educational psychology (how children, young people, and adults learn).
- How education systems evolve and how they function.
- The role of education in the lives of families, whānau and communities.

- Mātauranga Māori and education.

- The historical influences that have shaped institutions of childhood and education systems nationally and internationally.

- The cultural, social, and political influences on the school curriculum.

- Gender, disability studies, ICT and research methods also feature in the undergraduate programme.

You'll develop a range of sought-after skills including critical thinking, problem-solving, strong interpersonal skills, and written and verbal communication skills. Education is relevant to any work involving people!

Career opportunities

Education is excellent preparation for teaching and can also be useful for careers in research, policy analysis, social work, the counselling professions and many areas of public service.

Engineering (Intermediate)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/engineering_intermediate

Engineering Intermediate is equivalent to the first year of the University of Canterbury's Bachelor of Engineering with Honours degree.

Your paper selection will depend on the engineering discipline you intend to specialise in at the University of Canterbury in your second year. If you're considering enrolling for Engineering Intermediate, contact a schools' liaison officer for more details.

English

otago.ac.nz/subjects/engl

From the medieval to the modern, we offer an extensive range of papers to suit all tastes. English majors choose from a selection of course offerings including Māori and Pacific literature, literature and psychology, environmental literature, revolutions in poetry, and literary controversies.

Literature creates a space in which writers can explore alternatives to the status quo and rehearse solutions to problems, whether they are social, political or environmental. In a turbulent world, literature offers hope and a place where you can be yourself, while learning about others.

We welcome and support diverse learners from all backgrounds and invite you to experience research-led teaching by leaders in their fields. Our graduates are known for their critical thinking skills, and employers value their abilities to analyse and interpret texts of all descriptions.

Want to be a writer? It all begins with reading. The study of literature promotes empathy and emotional intelligence – the values that make us human. Immerse yourself in literary texts from classic works to the popular. Understand how great writing works by learning to read it closely and attentively.

Career opportunities

Our graduates find work as editors, copywriters and in publishing, as creative writers or journalists, teachers, librarians and educational administrators. English graduates can be found in the public service, as analysts, diplomats, politicians, and policymakers. Others have become ministers of religion, arts administrators, and broadcasters.

English and Linguistics

(See Linguistics)

Entrepreneurship

(Degree – see page 45)

Entrepreneurship

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/entr

The ability to critically evaluate and communicate new ideas is a sought-after skill set in every sector of the economy. From start-ups to existing businesses, non-profits, environmental enterprises, and iwi and Pacific communities, entrepreneurial skills and innovative thinking are in high demand.

Environment and Society

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/envi

Explore the Earth's environmental systems and the impact humans have on our natural systems at global, national and regional scales. Examine environmental hazards and concerns and delve into the ethical, legislative, economic, and political responses to these issues.

Environmental Management

otago.ac.nz/subjects/envm

When it comes to protecting the environment, we need the backing of laws and policies to make an impact. Study Environmental Management and you'll learn how to combine scientific knowledge, management methods and an understanding of environmental legislation to provide solutions to environmental problems.

You'll delve into the science behind environmental systems and problems, learn

about the biological, ecological and socio-economic drivers of environmental change, and gain expertise in environmental legislation.

Want to take your learning outside? You'll enrich your classroom studies with field trips and research projects, giving you experience in collecting field data and using field instruments and techniques.

Career opportunities

Graduates commonly pursue careers in government agencies, environmental consulting firms, agricultural research organisations, academic institutions, food security and export firms.

Exercise and Sport Science

otago.ac.nz/subjects/exss

Exercise and sport science plays an important role in society, from enhancing sports performance for elite athletes to combatting the negative health effects linked to physical inactivity in today's lifestyles.

You'll gain a scientific understanding of the four disciplines that underpin exercise and sport science: biomechanics, motor control/ learning development, physiology and psychology. You'll explore how humans create and control movement, and examine the influence of thoughts, feelings and behaviours on participation and performance in sport.

With a teaching programme aligned with accrediting bodies in New Zealand and Australia, you'll graduate with career-ready skills that will open the door to jobs in many different industries.

Career opportunities

Our graduates build careers as sport scientists, exercise physiologists, mental skills trainers, performance analysts, technique analysts, strength and conditioning trainers and personal trainers. They also find work in research and development.

F

Film and Media Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/fime

Film and media give us a platform for expression and help us make sense of local, national and global cultures. You'll explore a wide range of subjects, including film history, studio production, film festivals, documentary and reality media.

You'll gain practical experience through workshops, collaborative projects and internships, providing you with the opportunity to apply what you learn to real-world scenarios.

By the time you graduate, you'll have had the opportunity to become a confident communicator with the ability to think critically, lead and contribute to teams, and solve problems through effective research methods – skills that are in strong demand by employers.

Career opportunities

Graduates work in a variety of fields, including media production, journalism, education, advertising, administration, archival and curatorial work, media policy analysis, public relations, and tourism.

Finance

otago.ac.nz/subjects/finc

Finance deals with money, markets and valuation. You'll focus on corporate finance, investments, derivatives and international finance.

Since Finance provides a framework for weighing risks and rewards, you'll develop essential problem-solving skills, learning how to systematically analyse information and make and test predictions. You'll also look at how intuition and experience play a role in financial decision-making.

You'll learn how to communicate complex financial information in a clear and concise manner, and gain skills in monitoring and analysing real-time financial data with industry-standard Bloomberg terminals.

Career opportunities

Graduates work in investment and retail banks, brokerage houses, private sector organisations, government departments such as the Treasury and the Reserve Bank, chartered accounting firms, professional organisations, research units, investment consultancies and international agencies. Because a Finance degree is relevant to economic structures worldwide, there are many job opportunities overseas and Otago graduates compete well in international markets.

Food Science

otago.ac.nz/subjects/fosc

Food scientists play an important role in ensuring that the food we eat is safe, comes from sustainable sources, and meets our nutritional and dietary needs.

You'll explore the science behind food processing, food formation, and quality and

safety. You'll examine the sustainability of ingredients and manufactured products, and investigate the effect food has on our health and wellbeing.

Alongside lectures, tutorials and practical laboratories, the programme includes field trips to food manufacturers and research organisations, giving you an insight into the processes and challenges faced by the food industry.

Career opportunities

There are exciting career options in food quality management, product development, sensory analysis, marketing, consumer research and the hospitality industry. Graduates also find work in research institutes, for example, Plant and Food Research, or government agencies such as the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Forensic Analytical Science

otago.ac.nz/subjects/fors

Forensic science is so much more than what you see on TV shows! Come and study with us to find out how forensic scientists use a range of biological, chemical, and genetic techniques to reconstruct crime scenes, identify the dead, find forgeries and fake products, and help understand wildlife and environmental crime.

With a strong emphasis on problem-solving, this programme will give you transferable practical skills in fields such as DNA analysis, spectroscopy and traceability. You'll gain expertise in laboratory analysis and interpreting, evaluating and presenting evidence.

Career opportunities

Graduates work in forensic science, laboratories, government agencies, regulatory bodies tasked with managing natural resources, and research. The techniques you'll learn are fully applicable to criminal forensic work, although openings for criminal forensic scientists in New Zealand are limited and will require further study or employment experience.

French

otago.ac.nz/subjects/fren

In our world of global travel and communication, language graduates are in short supply. French is a major international language, spoken in a total of 47 countries around the world. By studying French, you'll gain an advantage in business, tourism or any organisation with an international marketing strategy.

Career opportunities

Graduates now work as teachers, librarians, consultants, marketing managers and journalists all around the world. The analytical skills, communicative abilities and international perspectives you'll gain by studying French will give you an edge in a wide range of occupations.

Functional Human Biology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/fuhb

Ultimately, human health depends on the correct functioning of the cells, tissues and organ systems of the body. Understanding disease, in turn, rests upon knowledge of the pathological processes on these systems. This major provides an overview of the functional mechanisms of the multiple systems in the human body and explores specific areas in depth with a research-informed focus.



Gender Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/gend

As a hot topic, gender is right at the forefront of political debate – but it has always been part of what it means to be human. Gender Studies looks at the cultural and personal complexities behind the headlines.

In this programme, you'll explore social justice, identity, discrimination and state power over sexuality. You'll learn about gender categories and how they can be fundamental to our own and others' understandings of who we are. You will work with staff and other students as you examine social media, public debate, television, film and subcultures, as well as scholarly reading.

Career opportunities

Graduates work in policy development and analysis, human rights, education, human resources, health and community advocacy, the media and social work.

Genetics

otago.ac.nz/subjects/gene

Genetics is the study of genes and inheritance. It forms a critical component of most biological research and has the potential to help us understand human health and disease, evolution and the diversity of living things.

On this programme, you'll delve into the full diversity of life, from the molecular basis to the study of whole organisms, populations and evolution. In lab classes, you'll create genetically modified bacteria, test for genetically modified organisms in supermarket products and analyse a portion of your own DNA. Computer simulation labs will enable you to study evolutionary genetics.

You'll learn to make informed decisions about controversial topics such as genetic engineering and cloning, and have opportunities to develop strong analytical and project management skills, setting yourself up for a diverse and exciting career.

Career opportunities

You could find work in health, agriculture, biotech, conservation, genomics, government departments or scientific research. Studying Genetics also provides an excellent foundation for the further training required to be a genetic counsellor or forensic scientist.

Geographic Information Systems

otago.ac.nz/subjects/giss

Take a look around you ... notice how every feature has its own unique and precise location. These locations can be fixed by geographical co-ordinates and measured in one, two or three dimensions in space. The process of linking features with geo-referenced co-ordinates creates spatial data, and these data are stored and managed in geographic information systems (GIS).

Many aspects of our everyday lives are connected with GIS in one way or another, from Google Earth and mobile location technologies to mail delivery, electricity supply and weather forecasting.

On this programme, you'll cover topics like mobile GIS and web mapping, remote sensing (including from drones) and GNSS (GPS) positioning. You'll gain skills in project management, cartographic presentation, database design, and basic computer programming.

You'll reinforce your classroom learning through hands-on practical sessions and field trips. Plus, you'll get the chance to see how your degree relates to the workplace, with the opportunity to carry out work experience at the end of your second/third year.

Career opportunities

GIS is a multi-billion dollar industry worldwide and your skills will be in high demand in public

service, local government, and business. You could work in urban and regional planning, kaupapa Māori resource management and consulting, or the delivery of location-based services. Wherever location matters, GIS and spatial science are needed.

Geography

otago.ac.nz/subjects/geog

Geography provides a basis for comprehending and managing many of the issues facing New Zealand and the world – environmental conservation and degradation, social and economic structures, regional development, demographic influences on society, the spatial characteristics and problems of cities and rural areas, atmosphere and management of water, soil, air and biological resources.

Career opportunities

Geography graduates find employment in government departments, state-owned enterprises, private corporations and consultancies. They work in areas such as regional and resource planning, environmental management, natural resources (especially water) analysis, social and economic research, social services and regional development.

Geology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/geol

Studying the Earth beneath our feet is central to our transition to a sustainable future. You'll learn how to interpret Earth's formational history and the evolution of its lifeforms by analysing rocks, minerals, magma, fossils, ice and water.

You'll study how our planet's interior interacts with the oceans and atmosphere to regulate global change and become a master of critical observation and interpretation, from the molecular to plate tectonic scales.

Geology is a hands-on science. You'll spend time in the laboratory and out in the field, gaining specialist technical and research skills. You'll also develop expertise in data-handling, problem-solving and teamwork.

Career opportunities

Geology graduates can enter careers related to the earth sciences, including natural hazard assessment, environmental protection and sustainability, resource evaluations (including finding the raw materials needed for the global energy transition), oceanographic and Antarctic research, geospatial analysis, and science policy and advocacy.

German

otago.ac.nz/subjects/germ

Knowledge of German language and culture has long been an asset in Europe but it is also a major advantage within New Zealand. Germany is one of the world's largest contributors to research and development, and its well-funded universities are an important destination for scientists and students.

Career opportunities

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

Global Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/glbl

Today's employers are seeking graduates with the ability to look at the big picture and apply it to solve specific problems. Global Studies graduates are ideally qualified to respond to this challenge, as they're trained to analyse issues logically, challenge assumptions, consider different viewpoints, and act with flexibility, adaptability and creativity.

Global Studies gives you the freedom to choose from a wide range of Humanities, Commerce and Science papers. You can combine it with other major subjects as part of the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Arts and Commerce, the Bachelor of Arts and Science, or with other degrees, such as the Bachelor of Laws.

Looking for personal growth and community building? You'll be mentored to build your own individualised course of studies. Guidance is provided via regular course advising and hands-on workshops that include career advice, CV-building, and interview mock-ups.

Learning takes place both in and outside the classroom. In your third year, you'll get the opportunity to complete an internship or an applied research project – either on campus, with a governmental institution or NGO, or in the private sector.

Career opportunities

Communications and creative industries, environmental and human rights organisations, tourism, commerce, foreign affairs, government and public administration are just a few of the career areas open to you.

Greek

(Minor subject only – see Classics)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/grek

Experience the major works of Greek literature, drama, history and philosophy in the original language. Develop your Greek language skills and delve into the artefacts, ideas and deeds of ancient Greece.



Health Sciences First Year

(Entry programme – see page 46)

Health Sciences

(Degree – see page 48)

History

otago.ac.nz/subjects/hist

Studying the past helps us make sense of the present and shape the future, providing a crucial perspective for understanding an increasingly complex world. No discipline is better suited to this task than History.

In this programme, you'll explore a diverse range of topics, encountering political upheaval, cultural transformation, revolution, war and decolonisation across the globe.

Build on your classroom learnings by delving into the excellent history resources in our libraries, Hocken Collections, and museums and galleries of Dunedin. We also offer internships at some of Dunedin's most interesting local institutions, giving you the opportunity to gain relevant work experience before you graduate.

In your second and third years, a wide range of papers let you focus on the events, themes, or historical time periods that intrigue you most. However you shape your degree, you'll develop an invaluable set of skills – creative, critical, and analytical – that will serve you well in almost any career.

Career opportunities

You could find work in areas ranging from journalism, teaching and public affairs to management and finance. Otago History graduates have gone on to work for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Te Papa Tongarewa, Canterbury Museum, AgResearch, and Heritage New Zealand.

Human Nutrition

otago.ac.nz/subjects/hunt

Public and media scrutiny of what we eat has never been greater. In this programme, you'll delve into how nutrition influences health and disease.

Our programme offers a blend of lectures, practical laboratory classes and tutorials. Dive deep into topics like the biological foundations of nutrition, lifecycle nutrition, and strategies to improve the health of diverse communities. You'll also examine cultural and social influences on dietary habits, and master the art of effective communication about nutrition and health.

Ever wondered how your own dietary habits impact your daily life? Through practical projects you'll get to monitor your body's response to different foods, developing strong research and analytical skills along the way.

Career opportunities

A world of opportunity awaits. Graduates pursue fulfilling careers in the health sector, government organisations, research, teaching, high-performance sport, private practice, and the food industry. You could also become a registered nutritionist, opening doors to exciting prospects in the field of nutrition and health.

Human Resource Management

otago.ac.nz/subjects/hurm

People are an organisation's most valuable and often costly resource. This programme will teach you the underlying principles of managing people in organisations, from how to ensure the right talent is in the right place at the right time, to dealing with poor performance and conflict.

Through lectures and opportunities to gain work-related competencies, you'll explore how HRM practice can support and influence the strategic direction of an organisation, and build on your interpersonal, communication and persuasion skills.

Career opportunities

You'll graduate with the skill set to apply for HRM roles in a variety of organisations or enter a graduate recruitment scheme. You could specialise in areas such as employment relations, talent management, learning and development, or recruiting.

Human Services Law

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/husl

Focus on areas of the law such as family law, criminal justice, law and psychiatry, sentencing, and the Treaty of Waitangi.

I

Indigenous Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/inds

On this programme, you'll gain the knowledge to support indigenous cultures here and overseas.

You'll study the cultures of indigenous societies in both historical and contemporary contexts.

You'll explore indigenous perspectives on education, language, healthcare, policy development and resource management, and learn to debate indigenous issues in a culturally appropriate manner.

You'll graduate with a deep understanding of the common issues indigenous peoples face, opening the door to a diverse range of careers.

Career opportunities

You could go on to a career in education, social work, policy and governance, iwi, tribal or political advisement, foreign policy or within community organisations.

Infection and Immunity

otago.ac.nz/subjects/inim

The human immune system defends the body from disease-causing microbial invaders like viruses and bacteria. This major provides in-depth knowledge of the immune system: how it develops, how it functions, its role in health and disease, and what happens when it fails to function.

International Business

otago.ac.nz/subjects/intb

The world has never been more connected. Thanks to technology, we can now conduct business from wherever we are in the world – not just from our home offices. International Business explores strategies for doing business in this global environment. You'll learn how to deal with different cultures, languages, laws, institutions, companies and communities, opening up a world of opportunities.

You'll graduate with the skills to assess and solve business issues at the global level across sectors and industries – from financial markets to management, and trade to marketing. And because you learn a language as part of the degree, your options open up further – French is spoken in 47 countries, and Spanish is the first language for more than 300 million people ... not to mention Japanese and Chinese!

Career opportunities

Career options include foreign economic relations, international trade and investment, international marketing and business strategy, international management consulting, and in government departments such as Foreign Affairs and Trade, tourism and hospitality agencies, multinational companies, and financial institutions, both in New Zealand and overseas.

Irish Studies

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/irst

Irish Studies at Otago is an interdisciplinary study of the literature, history, film and theatre of the island of Ireland over the past two hundred years.

While it focuses on issues such as identity, ethnicity, “nation building”, and the history of their contestation, it also covers Ireland's relationships with New Zealand, Europe and Australia.

J

Japanese

otago.ac.nz/subjects/japa

Japanese culture blends the best of East and West, of cutting-edge modernity and unique tradition, of high-tech innovation and high-cultural style. It's given us award-winning manga and anime, the mysteries of Zen, the delectable tastes of sushi and tempura, and the fun of karaoke – not to mention the world's shortest poems and longest novels!

As one of the world's richest and largest markets, knowledge of Japanese language and culture is highly valued by employers. Our language programme, designed for complete and near-beginners, will help you learn to read, write and communicate effectively. Tutorials in small groups with native speakers will help you gain confidence.

You'll learn about Japanese culture through Japanese film, literature, history and society. With a wide range of papers on offer, you can discover and shape your interests, whether that's anime cartoons and Zen meditation, the novels of Haruki Murakami, or the films of Hayao Miyazaki.

Career opportunities

You could opt for a career in foreign relations, trade, commerce and tourism, or choose an academic path, such as teaching Japanese in schools or going on to MA and PhD degrees. Graduates have spent time in Japan under the Japanese government's JET Programme, working as assistant language teachers at Japanese schools or as co-ordinators for international relations at local government offices.

L

Land Planning and Development

otago.ac.nz/subjects/ldpd

Built environments play a significant role in how societies function. On this programme, you'll examine how land planning and the process of land subdivision and development impact our human and natural landscapes. You'll look at how land decisions have cultural, social, legal, economic and ecosystem implications, and learn how to assess the economic potential of land.

Alongside lectures and tutorials, you'll gain practical skills using computer-aided draughting packages and geographic information systems. You'll undertake engineering labs, infrastructure inspections, site visits and fieldwork, giving you the opportunity to gain relevant experience before you graduate.

This degree differs from other New Zealand planning degrees in that it emphasises engineering design and land administration from both Pākehā and Māori perspectives, as well as covering essential aspects of New Zealand legislation that relate to land development.

Career opportunities

This degree provides an excellent foundation for a career in planning, land development and resource management, especially in relation to the subdivision and administration of land. You could go on to work in local government and private practice with

surveyors, planners, land developers and urban designers. Students wishing to become recognised as fully qualified professional planners have the option to undertake the two-year Master of Planning (MPlan) at Otago, leading to membership of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

Language and Linguistics

(See Linguistics)

Latin

(Minor subject only – see Classics)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/latn

Experience the major works of Roman literature, drama, history and philosophy in the original language. Develop your Latin language skills and delve into the artefacts, ideas and deeds of ancient Rome.

Law

(Degree – see page 59)

Linguistics

(Includes English and Linguistics, and Language and Linguistics)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/ling

Language is an integral part of being human so studying how language works helps us understand ourselves more fully. It's a useful subject for anyone interested in learning a second language or considering teaching.

You'll explore how languages evolve and change over time, why people misunderstand each other, and how languages are taught and learned. You'll develop critical thinking and communication skills and learn how to evaluate and justify linguistic arguments.

Taught by passionate lecturers with wide-ranging research interests, you'll have the opportunity to delve into all sorts of fascinating topics, from phonetics and phonology (the study of speech sounds and systems) to semantics and pragmatics (the study of language meaning and use) and psycholinguistics (the study of language processing in the brain).

Career opportunities

Career paths include language teaching, interpreting/translation, editing and writing, computer programming and speech therapy. The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) minor specifically equips you to teach English abroad and at home in language schools and other non-state institutions.

M

Management

otago.ac.nz/subjects/mant

Great leaders and entrepreneurs all share one thing: exceptional management skills enriched by a diverse understanding of the world.

In this programme, you'll explore core management principles including leadership, effective communication, employment relations, human resource management, organisational dynamics, entrepreneurship, international management, as well as strategy and innovation. Our programme is tailored to cultivate the next generation of leaders ready to face real-world challenges.

Career opportunities

Whether you dream of launching a start-up that changes the game, leading projects that champion sustainability, or driving innovation in technology, arts, or healthcare, Otago's Management programme is your place to go. Gain essential skills and practical experience that will empower you to thrive and secure a competitive edge across a wide range of careers.

Māori Health

otago.ac.nz/subjects/maoh

Māori Health focuses on making a difference for Māori health outcomes. Learn how to provide culturally responsive health practice when working with Māori individuals, whānau, communities, organisations and populations.

You'll explore the historical, social, and cultural contexts to Māori health, and examine strategies for addressing health inequities. You'll learn how to work within Māori communities in a way that reflects te ao Māori, and how to apply and integrate indigenous knowledge and practices in health practice.

Career opportunities

You could take up a role within the Māori health, public health, healthcare, disability and social services sectors.

Māori Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/maor

Māori Studies will provide you with enhanced knowledge and understanding of the Māori

language, Māori customary lore and the Māori world. You'll gain a high level of fluency in te reo, and an understanding of contemporary, historical, cultural, environmental and ethical issues affecting Māori.

A strong knowledge of Māori culture combined with te reo language skills is an enticing package for many New Zealand employers. Add in the valuable transferable skills you'll gain through this programme – in analytical thinking, communication, and multicultural understanding – and you'll graduate with the knowledge to succeed in a variety of careers.

Career opportunities

A degree in Māori Studies can lead to careers in policy and governance, teaching, public health, community organisations and arts institutions like museums.

Marine Science

otago.ac.nz/subjects/mari

New Zealand boasts a vast 15,000km coastline and one of the world's largest exclusive economic zones (EEZ). Despite this, our knowledge of our marine environment remains limited. You have the opportunity to change this.

Studying Marine Science is a hands-on experience. As well as attending lectures and tutorials, you'll have practical labs and field trips at sea. Alongside our research and teaching facilities in Dunedin, we have a major research laboratory on the Otago Peninsula and field stations on Stewart Island and in Doubtful Sound. A fleet of research vessels, including the expedition vessel *RV Polar II*, provides access to local marine habitats.

The ocean is the epicentre of Earth's physical and biological processes, influencing our climate and sustaining life. The University of Otago is in the perfect place to investigate these interconnected processes and their impacts on our world. And when your workspace extends to the seashore and beyond, every day presents fresh challenges.

Career opportunities

Marine scientists are valued, not only in learning institutions, but also by governments and large corporations. Marine research can take you from the poles to the tropics. Antarctica to Fiji, and from regional councils to government agencies, such as the Department of Conservation, NIWA and the Ministry for Primary Industries. You might also work for a private consultancy firm, within the IT industry, for government science policy groups, within the educational system, in community engagement or in the media.

Marketing

otago.ac.nz/subjects/mart

Marketing influences many areas of our lives – what we watch, what we eat, what we listen to, what we wear, who we vote for and the university we choose to study at. Understanding how marketing works, why it works in the way that it does, how it could be done differently and how people respond to it, is the basis of our programme.

You'll develop an understanding of, and core skills in, major areas of marketing, including market research and analysis, marketing strategy, new product development, integrated marketing and the promotion of products, brands, and services. You'll do all this while considering ethical, social, cultural, and environmental perspectives and the ways in which consumer behaviour and business practice can contribute to positive change – business for good.

Alongside lectures and smaller group tutorials, you'll learn through case studies, presentations, group work and from regular guest speakers. You'll also get the opportunity to work with businesses on real-life marketing problems.

Studying Marketing at Otago will help you develop analytical, organisational, critical, and managerial skills that are also directly relevant to many other careers.

Career opportunities

A career in marketing could include sales management, public relations, brand management, designing new products, planning advertising and behaviour change campaigns, export and international marketing, or analysing market trends. Some of our graduates join training programmes with well-known companies. Others work for smaller businesses, not-for-profits, and sports and cultural organisations.

Mathematical Statistics

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/stat

The Mathematical Statistics minor has the same programme requirements as the Statistics minor at 100-level, but differs after 100-level.

Mathematics

otago.ac.nz/subjects/math

Career options in 10 years' time are likely to be very different to today but we know that many of them will involve mathematics. Our 100-level papers are designed for all students, whether you're interested in pursuing a mathematics career or you want to be a

modern scientist, engineer, or innovator. A qualification in Mathematics widens your options and prepares you for change.

Career opportunities

Mathematics graduates follow diverse career paths. In finance, quantitative analysts use mathematical models for market decisions. Data science and artificial intelligence rely on mathematical algorithms for problem-solving. Engineers apply mathematical principles for design and optimisation, and cybersecurity professionals use mathematics for digital security. Our students are in-demand and have secured excellent, interesting jobs. And they're well paid!

Medical Laboratory Science

(Degree – see page 53)

Medicine and Surgery

(Degree – see page 57)

Microbiology and Immunology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/micr

Microorganisms are everywhere – in our bodies, our food, the air, soil, and water. They're used to produce foods such as cheese, wine, and beer, as well as many pharmaceutical, chemical and agricultural products. They're also important for soil fertility and the decomposition of materials.

Study Microbiology and you'll learn the fundamental science of different types of microorganisms, as well as the important biotechnological, industrial, medical, food and agricultural applications.

The harmful effects of some microorganisms link microbiology with immunology. Immunologists investigate how we can protect humans and animals from infectious diseases by using vaccines, and the role of the immune system in non-infectious diseases such as cancer. At Otago, you can study Microbiology as a major for the three-year Bachelor of Science degree. Or, you can study Infection and Immunity as a major for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science degree.

Career opportunities

Recent developments in fields such as biotechnology, aquaculture, molecular biology, microbial genetics, immunology and medicine have increased the demand for Microbiology and Immunology graduates. Along with the traditional areas of teaching and research, you could go on to work in medical or veterinary laboratories, biotechnological and agricultural industries, or in government agencies.

Molecular Basis of Health and Disease

otago.ac.nz/subjects/mbhd

You'll explore a varied range of topics including pathways of cell growth, cell survival and death, protein interactions in cell signalling pathways, dysregulation of metabolism, and the expression of disease phenotypes.

Music

(Degree – see page 60)

Music

otago.ac.nz/subjects/musi

From classical music to contemporary rock and world music, delve into the theory and history of music and hone your skills in performance, composition, and studio production.

Our excellent facilities include a recording studio, performance spaces and practice rooms, all equipped with the latest technology.

Career opportunities

Our graduates have pursued careers in musical performance, the recording industry, opera, teaching, media, theatre, and music theatre.

Music Production

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/musp

Digital technology is shaking up the traditional studio system of music production. On this programme, you'll be exposed to the huge range of opportunities that now exist in the music industry, equipping you with the skills and confidence to achieve your creative goals.

N

Neuroscience

otago.ac.nz/subjects/neur

The brain is a final frontier ... a last great unknown. Neuroscientists are its explorers. They try to understand how the brain functions, how it deals with injury or damage, and how it develops and changes over time.

What they find helps neurologists, psychiatrists and clinical psychologists – and provides important models for high-level information processing and robotics. Knowing how the brain perceives stimuli and controls movement helps those

working on human performance, from sports science to space medicine.

On this programme, you'll study the nervous system from structure to function, development to degeneration, and in health and in disease. You'll take a blend of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Computer Science, Pharmacology, Physiology, Psychology and Zoology papers, with the opportunity to shape your degree to suit your interests and career goals.

Teaching takes place in lectures and laboratory sessions, with the chance to work on group projects in your third year. You'll be taught by internationally recognised neuroscientists with a wide variety of research interests.

Career opportunities

Majoring in Neuroscience prepares you to work as a laboratory technician, research assistant, research manager or policy analyst. It also provides a useful first degree if you later want to specialise in medicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, optometry, audiology or nursing. If you're planning on becoming a neuroscientist, you'll need to go on to postgraduate study.

Nutrition and Metabolism in Human Health

otago.ac.nz/subjects/nmhh

This major focuses on the biochemistry and metabolism of essential nutrients, including carbohydrates, fats, protein, vitamins and minerals, with an emphasis on human health and disease across the lifecycle.

O

Oral Health

(Degree – see page 51)

P

Pacific and Global Health

otago.ac.nz/subjects/pach

Gain a holistic perspective of health and wellbeing, and develop the skills and knowledge needed to serve the health needs of Pacific people and communities in New Zealand and across the Pacific region.

Through this programme, you'll learn how to effectively engage with Pacific peoples and communities to create positive healthcare solutions. You'll explore how the health of Pacific peoples has been impacted by historical and contemporary challenges, and learn how to apply Pacific belief systems, values, principles, and ethical approaches to healthcare.

Through first-hand learning from community and global health leaders, and participation in Pacific cultural practices, you'll graduate with the ability to make a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of Pacific peoples.

Career opportunities

You could find a career in community work, as a health navigator, in international health organisations or in policy change. You might work for organisations like the Ministry of Health or Te Whatu Ora in managerial, adviser, analyst, or engagement co-ordinator roles.

Pacific Islands Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/paci

New Zealand is the world's largest Polynesian country, and excellent employment prospects await graduates with intercultural communication skills in the Pacific context.

You'll have the opportunity to study a range of topics from a Pacific Islands point of view, including education, leadership, history, religion and church history, art history, and film and media studies.

This programme covers the geographical area contained within the Polynesian Triangle defined by Hawai'i, Rapa Nui, and Aotearoa, as well as the islands of Melanesia and Micronesia. These communities exist in a constantly changing environment. You'll learn how to track the effect of these changes and provide insights into how to formulate more inclusive policies and plans for future development.

Knowledge of Pacific Island cultures has its place in every aspect of society and complements many fields of study including climate change, environmental sustainability, resource management, agriculture, policy development, education, language revitalisation, primary healthcare and preventative medicine, economic wellbeing and independence, community development and religion.

Career opportunities

A major in Pacific Islands Studies can lead to a career in national and regional organisations, the diplomatic corps, social work, teaching, religion or non-government organisations.

Pastoral Studies

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/past

Pastoral Theology is particularly designed for students entering some form of church ministry. Papers in Pastoral Theology offer a multidisciplinary study of church life, offering students the opportunity to reflect on the practice of Christian ministry.

Pathology

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/path

Pathology is the study of disease at the molecular, cellular, organ and whole body levels. It looks at genetic and infectious diseases, as well as disease caused by immunological and environmental injury.

Pathology underpins all aspects of patient care, providing behind-the-scenes information that impacts critical medical decisions. From analysing medical samples, diagnosing disease, monitoring treatments and disease progression, to researching genetic links and cures, studying Pathology will give you the scientific knowledge and clinical skills to respond to global health challenges.

Performing Arts

(Degree – see page 61)

Pharmaceutical Science

(Degree – see page 49)

Pharmacology and Toxicology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/phal

Pharmacologists study the effects of drugs on biological systems and their use in medicines to treat disease. As new diseases emerge and older medicines fail to work, pharmacology can help us develop better and safer drugs.

By studying Pharmacology, you'll explore a variety of sciences, such as biochemistry, chemistry, physiology, microbiology and genetics. You'll look at how drugs produce their effects on the body and the effect of the body on the drug. You'll also delve into Toxicology and examine the harmful effects of chemicals on the human body. Alongside lectures and tutorials, you'll gain essential practical skills through laboratory sessions and clinical trials.

Career opportunities

A good knowledge of pharmacology and toxicology is an important part of the training for medical doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses and physiotherapists.

Scientists such as physiologists, biochemists, zoologists and psychologists also find pharmacology useful. Graduates go on to a wide range of careers in research, governmental, administration, and advisory positions. Major employers include the National Poisons Centre, MedSafe, Pharmac, the Ministry of Health, Crown Research Institutes, universities, and pharmaceutical companies.

Pharmacy

(Degree – see page 54)

Philosophy

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/phil](#)

Philosophy provides a toolkit to critically engage with difficult and important questions. Are scientific claims certain? What is meaning? Is the future less real than the past? In grappling with these issues, philosophers seek to build a well-grounded picture of the world and of human life.

On this programme, you'll develop the philosophical tools to deal with practical problems, such as whether an unpopular theory should be accepted, or to what extent we can appeal to common sense when arguing about a radical claim.

Philosophy focuses less on what you believe and more on the quality of your reasons for believing it, so studying Philosophy is an invaluable skill in a wide range of occupations. You'll develop the ability to construct and dissect arguments and express yourself more clearly.

Outside of lectures and tutorials, you'll have opportunities to further develop your philosophical reasoning through regular social events. Our weekly seminar programme is attended by leading philosophers and our undergraduate Philosophy Club meets monthly for pizza and philosophical discussion.

Career opportunities

You'll graduate with a unique mix of analytical and literary skills, making you attractive to employers in a wide range of industries, including computing, e-commerce, economics, journalism, marketing, politics, social services, and dispute resolution.

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/phpe](#)

Combine the analytical reasoning of philosophy, the social insight of political studies, and the analytical rigour of

economics. By studying PPE, you'll complete a challenging course of study in logic, ethics, collective action, human behaviour, political theory, economics and the history of ideas.

Picture yourself dissecting the profound questions of existence in philosophy, unravelling the intricacies of political systems and decoding the mysteries of economic forces. This interdisciplinary programme isn't just an academic journey; it's a toolkit for understanding the world's complexities.

Gain critical thinking superpowers, develop analytical finesse and emerge as a well-rounded thinker ready to tackle real-world challenges. With PPE, you're not just earning a degree; you're investing in a versatile skill set that opens doors to diverse career paths and positions you at the forefront of global issues. Join us and help shape a world in which your ideas matter.

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, entrepreneurs and CEOs.

Physical Education, Activity and Health

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/peah](#)

Do you want to make a positive difference to the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities through physical education and physical activity? This programme is designed to empower you with the knowledge and skills needed to make a positive impact in the world of physical activity, health, and wellbeing.

We're committed to nurturing knowledgeable, adaptable, ethical, and reflective practitioners with the leadership skills, passion, and cultural understanding to enrich the lives of people and communities.

You'll learn about the intricacies of human physiology and how it's enhanced by physical activity, how our psychology can help and hinder participation, how to structure socially and culturally appropriate environments that support people of all ages to be physically active, and the role that the physical environment plays in physical activity and health.

The major has a focus on Māori physical education and health, emphasising the important roles of hauora, Te Tiriti o Waitangi and te ao Māori in supporting health and wellbeing.

Our programme incorporates practical learning, providing exciting opportunities for you to apply your knowledge in real-world settings. Whether through walking labs, placements, practicums, or community outreach initiatives, you'll gain valuable hands-on experience while making a positive impact on the lives of others.

Join us in shaping a healthier, more active world. Discover your potential and make a difference with a degree in Physical Education, Activity and Health.

Career opportunities

A degree in Physical Education, Activity and Health opens doors to a wide range of careers in education and health settings. Specific roles could include a health coach, exercise programme adviser, sports coach, or a health and fitness professional in a gym setting.

Interested in shaping the minds of future generations? Or passionate about using exercise as medicine? This degree is also a pathway into the Master of Teaching and Learning to become a physical education and health teacher, or a postgraduate degree in clinical exercise physiology to become an accredited clinical exercise physiologist.

Physics

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/physi](#)

Physics has applications in virtually every sphere of human activity, from medicine to sustainable energy production. It has been central to the development of modern technologies such as cell phones, GPS positioning, and MRI scanners that we benefit from in everyday life. As a physicist, you'll be equipped with highly transferable skills in problem solving and critical thinking, as well as technical and experimental capabilities.

Career opportunities

The numeric and problem-solving skills gained through your studies are highly sought after by employers from both the public and private sectors. Our graduates' job titles include analyst, numerical modeller, research scientist, consultant, financial banker, software developer, data scientist, and laser engineer.

Physiology

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/phsl](#)

Physiology is the study of how our bodies work at the molecular, cellular, and organ systems levels. Understanding human physiology is a key part of knowing ourselves. And of course, knowing what's normal is

crucial to understanding the abnormalities that lead to disease, and enabling the development of effective treatments.

Otago offers Physiology as a major for the Bachelor of Science. You'll study human body systems, biochemistry, biology and/or biological physics, gaining a high-level of knowledge of all human body systems, including the brain and nervous system, heart, blood circulation, lungs and breathing, and the movement of substances in and out of the body and cells through the digestive system and kidneys.

Learning takes place in lectures, group tutorials and hands-on laboratory sessions. From using specialist equipment and testing for disease or disorders, to measuring and analysing organ function – you'll graduate with the scientific knowledge and clinical skills to respond to global health challenges and set yourself up for a challenging and rewarding career.

Career opportunities

Physiologists work in a variety of industries, including public and private hospitals, health clinics, allied health professions (e.g. optometry and audiology) and rehabilitation centres. Alternatively, you could pursue opportunities in aviation and space industries, education, sport or research institutes, government agencies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, or the defence forces.

Physiotherapy

(Degree – see page 55)

Plant Biotechnology

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/plbi](#)

Plant biotechnology has revolutionised agriculture to address global challenges. Using techniques like genetic engineering and selective breeding, scientists manipulate the genetic makeup of plants to increase crop yields, improve their resistance to pests and diseases, and improve their nutritional content.

This dynamic field, encompassing plant physiology, biochemistry and molecular biology, plays a vital role in sustainable food production, environmental conservation, and the creation of resilient crops to meet the demands of a growing world population.

Career opportunities

Graduates will find opportunities in at least three of the Crown Research Institutes (dealing with horticultural, arable, pastoral and forestry products), private sector companies, university research groups, and in secondary and tertiary teaching.

Politics

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/pols](#)

Explore people and power, conflict and co-operation. Learn how power is organised and used, and the effect power relations have on every aspect of our lives – what we think, say and do. You'll gain an analytical and insightful understanding of the world and learn to see beyond topics that are sensationalised by the media.

Politics involves amending and creating rules for the running of society. Disagreement is a central aspect of politics, and generally stems from those in power holding different viewpoints regarding the distribution of resources, opportunities and privileges in society.

At Otago, you'll be taught to focus on causation in politics – what happened, how did it happen, and most importantly why? You'll learn to logically analyse issues, challenge assumptions, and consider different options and viewpoints. You'll also gain the insight and skills to better understand power dynamics and take part in responsible decision-making for the betterment of yourself, society and the world.

Career opportunities

Graduates have gone on to work as policy analysts, diplomats, journalists, business leaders, lawyers, public servants, consultants and politicians. Others work in immigration and with refugees, for NGOs and the not-for-profit sector, education and the media. Many students progress into postgraduate study.

Popular Music

(Minor subject only)

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/popm](#)

Are you interested in the diverse popular music of the world and its cultural contexts? Through this minor, you'll learn how to critically evaluate the function of popular music in the world around you.

Psychology

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/psyc](#)

Psychology examines the behavioural, perceptual, mental and emotional processes taking place in our brains. Studying Psychology will give you the skills to understand, explain and predict human behaviour, making you a great choice for employers in a diverse range of careers.

You'll examine how our abilities change with age, and what might underlie abnormal behaviour. You'll investigate how we process and store information using our

senses and memory, and learn how our experiences shape our behaviour.

You'll also learn how behaviour relates to the functioning of the brain, and why things such as drugs, hormone levels and lack of sleep can influence the way we behave.

The Department of Psychology is one of the most popular at Otago and has won numerous awards for excellence in teaching and research.

Career opportunities

Graduates often work across community, health, industry, policy and research areas. You might work in industries like marketing, management or HR – all careers where understanding human thought and behaviour is highly beneficial. If you want a career as a clinical psychologist, you'll need to undertake specialised postgraduate training. Clinical psychologists work in health, justice, education, industry and private practice.

Public Health

[otago.ac.nz/subjects/pubh](#)

As society becomes more interconnected, we're facing new health challenges. People are living longer, often with multiple long-term conditions and disabilities. Our healthcare resources are under increasing pressure and we're seeing the effects of environmental change on our health.

This programme will equip you with the skills to address these challenges. With a strong focus on reducing ethnic and socioeconomic inequities, you'll learn how to identify and understand the collaboration needed across sectors and disciplines to prevent and control disease, prolong life, and actively promote good health.

Through classroom and hands-on learning, you'll learn how to question the context of disease, and to consider all the elements that impact health and disease in communities – from policies and pollution to humanitarian crises and personal choices.

Career opportunities

After graduating, you'll have the knowledge and skills to work in the wider health sector, including within government and non-government organisations in areas such as hauora Māori, health policy, and health promotion.

R

Radiation Therapy

(Degree – see page 52)

Religious Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/rels

Religious Studies is a Humanities super-discipline. Using methods from psychology, history, philosophy, law, anthropology, sociology and politics, you'll examine a range of fascinating cases, from the "mystery religions" of ancient Egypt to modern conspiracy theories. Our programme is run by social scientists, not theologians. You'll analyse religion as a global human phenomenon – the product of the desires, questions and passions of our world's diverse cultures.

You'll study the Asian religions of Hinduism and Buddhism, examining Hindu mythology, the teachings of the Buddha, religious disciplines such as yoga and meditation, the expression of religious devotion in art and architecture, and the role of the religions in contemporary political debates. You'll also examine the three Abrahamic faiths – Judaism, Christianity and Islam – their origins, the way in which they evolved and how all three faiths have responded to the challenges of modernity.

More advanced papers examine religion's connections with topics such as science and magic, law and politics, and the human body.

Career opportunities

Religious Studies graduates are valued for their critical thinking and writing skills, their ability to find, analyse and communicate information, and their understanding of what motivates and shapes the behaviour of other people. You could find work in a variety of employment settings, including government, education, journalism, business, non-profit and law.

Reproduction, Genetics and Development

otago.ac.nz/subjects/regd

In this major, you'll examine the biology of reproduction, embryo formation and development, and the genetics underlying these events. You'll also have the opportunity to explore key anatomical and genetic techniques.

S

Science of Religion

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/srel

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 experimental, cross-cultural and survey-based research design and learn how scientific methodologies can help us understand religious beliefs and behaviour.

Social Anthropology

(See Anthropology)

Social Work

(Degree – see page 62)

Sociology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/soci

If you have an interest in people and social relationships, or find habits, mannerisms and everyday life intriguing, then Sociology could be for you.

You'll explore a huge range of subjects focused on different areas of society and seek out the answers to big picture questions – to what extent are our circumstances shaped by society? Does race, gender and social class background affect our life opportunities? What is the role of institutions in society, and do they just work in the interests of those with power?

Sociology will teach you how to think, not what to think. Our teaching style is interactive and engaging – you'll learn how to ask insightful questions about power, human behaviour and social processes; how to deepen your understanding and critically analyse social issues; to develop your own thoughts and theories about the social world, and to propose alternative ideas that promote social justice.

You'll gain an understanding of how political arrangements, economic forces, social order, and historical realities can impact a person's – or group of people's – place in society, rather than assigning individual blame for someone's circumstances or decisions.

Career opportunities

Critical and creative thinking skills, and an in-depth understanding of human behaviour and relationships, make Sociology graduates

extremely sought after in the workplace. Graduates go on to work in local and national politics, government departments, non-profit organisations, trade unions, social services, public health, journalism, social policy development, advertising and marketing, human resources and academia.

Software Engineering

(Proposed new degree for 2026. Awaiting confirmation – see page 67)

Spanish

otago.ac.nz/subjects/span

With over 500 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.

Alongside language papers, you can explore the social values and cultural life of the many countries around the world where Spanish is spoken. Spanish is taught through a communicative approach. You'll have opportunities to improve your speaking and comprehension skills using the latest text, audio, video and internet resources.

Career opportunities

Spanish language and culture skills give graduates an edge in areas such as government, planning and consultancy firms, mass media (e.g. journalism, publishing and advertising), finance and banking, healthcare, tourism and hospitality. With trade links between New Zealand and Latin America growing, the demand in business for Spanish language graduates is increasing.

Sport and Exercise Nutrition

otago.ac.nz/subjects/spnu

The relationship between diet, physical activity, exercise, and athletic performance is increasingly recognised and of growing interest in the fields of sport, nutrition and human health.

In this programme, you'll delve into the theory of human nutrition and sport and exercise science, covering topics like human body systems and biochemistry. You'll also gain practical experience in hands-on labs, practical sessions, tutorials, and workshops.

This is the only programme in New Zealand offering a combined study of nutrition and physical education, meaning you'll graduate with a unique perspective and deeper understanding of how nutrition impacts both health and sporting performance.

Career opportunities

Across the healthcare industry and sports sector, there is a growing demand for graduates with a combined understanding of nutrition, health, and physical activity. With this degree, you could pursue careers in high-performance sport, consultancy, non-governmental organisations, product development, or research.

Sport Development and Management

otago.ac.nz/subjects/spdm

Sport is used as a development tool across many sectors and areas of the community. On this programme, you'll examine the people, institutions and policies that influence the structure, management and experience of sport. You'll focus on three main areas:

- The quality of organisations and societal conditions that support sport participation.
- The psychological variables that help sporting development and performance.
- The impact of sport on community objectives such as wellness, social integration and economic renewal.

At 300-level, you'll have the opportunity to gain hands-on industry experience through working with a school or community sport organisation, or undertaking applied research in the New Zealand Centre for Sport Policy and Politics.

The Sport Development and Management degree is the only programme of its kind in Aotearoa. It's available as a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, so you can adapt your learning to your strengths and interests.

Career opportunities

Careers in this sector include sport development officers, administrators and managers in national/regional sports organisations, community trusts, commercial sports entities, government ministries and local councils. The programme also provides pathways into teaching, coaching, youth work, sports marketing and sports journalism.

Sports Technology

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/spte

Sports technology is an integral part of modern sport. Encompassing the use of advanced analysis tools, hi-tech sportswear, and innovative training equipment and programmes, it offers opportunities for enhancing performance,

preventing injury, and improving our understanding of the human body.

Statistics

otago.ac.nz/subjects/stat

Statisticians find information in data and apply this knowledge to real-life scenarios. Statistical techniques are used in just about every field, from evaluating the environmental effects of pollutants to helping researchers evaluate new drugs and medical procedures.

You'll learn how to design experiments and surveys, analyse data, and extract meaningful information. You'll gain expertise in statistical computing, quantitative reasoning and mathematical modelling – all skills that will make you highly employable.

Your teaching will be enhanced by the varied research interests of our staff, which include ecology, bioinformatics, biostatistics, quantitative genetics and problems such as disease spread and seismic and volcanic hazards.

Career opportunities

Statisticians are in short supply and demand for their skills is growing. Employers include banks and insurance companies, consulting firms, Crown Research Institutes, government departments, and companies such as Fonterra, Meridian Energy, and Spark.

Surveying

(Degree – see page 66)

Surveying Measurement

otago.ac.nz/subjects/surv

The BSc degree in Surveying Measurement focuses on the precise measurement of position applied to land, the sea floor and built structures. This degree may also be used as a basis for becoming an internationally qualified hydrographic surveyor.

Career opportunities

Career opportunities exist wherever there is a need for accurate spatial information or precise position measurement. Graduates may specialise in engineering surveying, including road and building set out, underground mining or tunnelling, and hydrographic surveying. As these skills are internationally generic and may be applied in any country and in a variety of contexts, they are particularly useful for international students who will not be practising surveying in New Zealand.

Sustainable Business

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/subu

With the minor in Sustainable Business, you'll develop a deep understanding of the social, ethical and environmental implications of managing a business and gain the skills to offer sustainable operations and strategy recommendations.

Sustainable Energy Engineering

(Proposed new subject name for 2026 – awaiting confirmation)

otago.ac.nz/sciences

Cutting carbon emissions from fossil fuels is crucial if we want to avoid the worst effects of climate change. The world needs cleaner, more sustainable ways to generate power and this programme will equip you with the knowledge and skills to drive change.

You'll delve into the science behind renewable energy, energy efficiency and carbon reduction. You'll gain a deep understanding of a range of renewable and non-renewable energy resources and develop the key skills required for energy analysis in industrial and commercial settings.

We cover a variety of sustainable energy topics in our courses, meaning you could dive into projects as diverse as energy-efficient housing, heat pump technology, generating energy from waste, identifying energy saving opportunities on campus, designing renewable energy installations, and assessing the potential for solar energy in university flats.

Career opportunities

Our graduates have gone on to work in a diverse range of positions: designing and implementing renewable energy technologies, identifying and implementing energy efficiency and carbon reduction measures at industrial sites and commercial buildings, and developing energy and sustainability plans for government departments.

Sustainable Finance

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/sufi

The traditional investment approach focused solely on financial gain is shifting – investors are increasingly aware of the need to incorporate environmental, social and governance factors into their decision-making. By studying the minor in Sustainable Finance, you'll learn how to align financial goals with societal and environmental wellbeing.

T

Teaching

(Degree – see pages 63)

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/tsol

TESOL is a huge international education industry, and it's only predicted to keep growing. As the most spoken language in the world, the ability to speak English opens doors to travel, study and business opportunities.

The minor in TESOL is taught through the English and Linguistics programme. You'll cover the four domains of language: reading, writing, speaking and listening, gaining an introduction to theoretical and practical teaching methods. Through micro-teaching with your peers – a unique training and development technique – you'll develop strong skills in teaching grammar and vocabulary to students of all competency levels. You'll also gain knowledge and skills in lesson planning, cross-cultural issues, effective teaching practice and classroom management.

Please note, the minor in TESOL is not available for students majoring in Linguistics.

Theatre Studies

otago.ac.nz/subjects/thea

Explore human experience and imagination through the dynamic study of theatre. You'll investigate all aspects of theatre – from acting, playwriting and screenwriting to directing, backstage skills and theatre design.

Create your own shows in our unique Lunchtime Theatre programme held in the iconic Allen Hall Theatre. Opportunities to work on professional shows and industry secondments are offered, enabling students to become part of a supportive creative community.

Students often combine their passion for theatre with another subject such as English, Music, Dance, Anthropology, Film and Media, Psychology, or Māori Studies. You can also pair Theatre with degrees in Law, Marketing, or Education, allowing you to blend your creativity with a professional pathway.

Theatre Studies teaches skills highly regarded by employers including creativity, teamwork, big-picture thinking, confidence, and practical research capabilities.

Career opportunities

A Theatre Studies degree can be a foundation for careers in a range of fields such as theatre, film, teaching, arts administration, scriptwriting, journalism, PR, event management, museum curation and more.

Theology

(Degree – see page 64)

Theology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/theo

Theology is about learning to understand life, meaning, beliefs and identity at a deep level. Through in-depth exploration of scripture (biblical writings), the work of past and living theologians, the history of faith, and contemporary religious practices, you'll gain an informed understanding of the Christian faith.

Otago's Theology programme is the only one offered in Aotearoa. Our teaching is divided into three main areas: Biblical Studies (BIBS papers), Christian Thought and History (CHTH papers), and Pastoral Studies (PAST papers). You'll learn and engage with topics from all three areas, while studying one – of your choosing – at a deeper level. Alternatively, these subject areas can be studied as a minor with any degree. Theology papers are also offered by the University's Distance Learning programme.

Career opportunities

Intellectual discovery, creativity, and sound thinking and writing skills make Theology graduates extremely sought after in the workplace. The transferable skills of the degree see graduates working in careers such as teaching, social work, journalism and the media, administration and public services. Others will work in some form of Christian ministry, or complete further study at the postgraduate level.

Tourism

otago.ac.nz/subjects/tour

Tourism is a critical element of the New Zealand economy. It's about unlocking the potential of places, managing natural and built resources, understanding heritage and cultural issues, developing events, and co-creating experiences that leave a lasting impression on locals and visitors alike.

Through hands-on and collaborative learning, you'll learn how to manage tourism at the business, destination or government level – for sustained success. You'll study planning, management, and marketing, and gain solid skills in business alongside knowledge of the societal and environmental implications

of tourism. You'll graduate with strong business acumen and the ability to come up with innovative ideas, opening up a world of employment opportunities.

Career opportunities

Tourism graduates are employed by national and regional tourism organisations (e.g. Tourism New Zealand, Destination Queenstown, Tourism Auckland, Tourism Australia) and government departments (e.g. Department of Conservation).

Private sector employers are numerous, including accommodation, activity, museum/heritage and transport sectors (e.g. Larnach Castle and Shotover Canyon Swing) to the larger domestic companies (e.g. Air New Zealand, Tourism Holdings Ltd, Real Journeys, Rydges, Auckland Airport Ltd) and multinational employers such as Accor, the Hilton Hotel Group and China Travel Service.

Tourism, Languages and Cultures

otago.ac.nz/subjects/tlc

Tourism is a well-established sector, generating billions of dollars around the world, and multilingual graduates are in high demand. With this major – the only one of its kind in New Zealand – you'll open up opportunities for international travel, amazing experiences and exciting career paths.

Our teaching is aligned to the practical demands of the sector. You'll study hospitality, planning, management, and marketing, and gain solid skills in business alongside knowledge of the societal and environmental implications of tourism.

You have the option of studying one or more of the following languages: Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Māori, and Spanish. Language papers are taught using a combination of lectures, tutorials and directed readings, and classes are often small.

There's also the flexibility to shape your study around your areas of interest or career aspirations.

Career opportunities

Graduates are employed by national and regional tourism organisations such as Tourism New Zealand and Destination Queenstown, as well as accommodation, activity, transport and infrastructure operators. Larger domestic companies in New Zealand include Air New Zealand, Tourism Holdings Ltd, Real Journeys, Auckland Airport Ltd, and Ngāi Tahu Tourism, while multinational employers include Accor, the Hilton Hotel Group, and China Travel Service.

W

Writing

(Minor subject only)

otago.ac.nz/subjects/writ

The ability to write clearly, accurately and concisely can open many doors – from boosting your university grades to landing your dream job. Good communication skills become even more essential as you move up the career ladder, with high-level roles in just about any profession requiring advanced writing and communication abilities.

Z

Zoology

otago.ac.nz/subjects/zool

Zoologists work to protect endangered species and wildlife from the pressures of habitat loss, disease, invasive species, and climate change. By studying animals at every level, from their DNA to their role in ecosystems, zoologists help maintain the biodiversity that could be crucial to our own survival.

On this programme, you'll be taught by ecologists, physiologists, developmental biologists, geneticists, evolutionary biologists, mathematicians, and even filmmakers, giving you a breadth of knowledge in a wide range of fields.

Alongside lectures and tutorials, you'll gain valuable hands-on skills through lab work, field trips and research studies. Dunedin's diverse natural surroundings provide an extraordinary range of native wildlife and habitats for study, including marine environments, mountains, grasslands and wetlands.

The first year of your degree will teach you the basics: you'll learn about molecular biology, genetics, bacteria and viruses, and theories of evolution with a strong focus on the wildlife of New Zealand and their conservation challenges. From second year onwards, you'll have the option to tailor your study around your interests or career aspirations.

Career opportunities

A degree in Zoology could take you around the world. You could work for a government department in research, management, pest control or policy development, or in the medical, veterinary and biotechnology fields. Other career paths include eco-tourism, secondary school teaching, and wildlife and fisheries management.

Applying to Otago



Te tono ki Ōtākou

You'll need to meet specific requirements in order to study at Otago. Find out about admission requirements, tuition fees and scholarships.

Application checklist

1. Are you eligible for admission?

To enrol, you'll need to 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.

Studied in New Zealand?

- NCEA Level 3
- Cambridge International examinations
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Other New Zealand secondary school qualifications (e.g. New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education (Level 3) or Christian Education New Zealand (CENZ) Level 3 Certificate)
- Bursary or Scholarship Examination or Unit Standards

Studied in Australia or overseas?

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

Previous tertiary study?

- Completion of a degree at another tertiary institution
- Successful university-level study at another tertiary institution

Other

- Admission from completion of a NZ University Foundation programme
- Discretionary Entrance (not available for international students)
- Special Admission (not available for international students)

Some programmes may have higher standards or additional entrance requirements which must also be met for an offer of enrolment to be made.

otago.ac.nz/entrance

2. What do you want to study?

Otago offers a wide range of study options. Use the study guide contained in this book to help you figure out the best path for you.

3. What are the programme entry requirements?

General bachelors' degrees require that students meet the requirements for University Entrance. Specialised bachelors' degrees (Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Dental Technology, Bachelor of Radiation Therapy, and any of our Teaching degrees) have their own specific entry requirements, restricted choice of papers and admission procedures.

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4. What are the application due dates?

Find and take note of the due date that applies to the programme you're interested in – some programmes will not accept late applications.

2025 application due dates

31 July	Applications encouraged for the Bachelor of Teaching (for first round of interviews)
14 August	Bachelor of Radiation Therapy, Bachelor of Oral Health, and Bachelor of Dental Technology applications
15 August	Most entrance scholarship applications
1 September	Performance Music auditions and Bachelor of Performing Arts (late applications may be considered)
30 September	Residential college applications
15 November	International student applications
30 November	Final applications for Bachelor of Teaching
10 December	Summer School, first semester and full-year papers/programmes for 2026

5. Create your eVision account

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

6. Complete and submit your application

eVision will guide you through the application process. Once submitted, your application will be processed by University staff and/or the department/division responsible for your programme. The University will inform you of the outcome and – if appropriate – make you an offer via eVision.

7. Select your papers

eVision guides you through the process of selecting papers. Your course will be reviewed and you will be informed through eVision whether your paper selection has been approved or if any changes are required.

8. Complete the declaration

To finalise your enrolment, you must complete the online declaration via eVision.

9. Pay your fees

You'll find all the information you need to organise payment in the Finance section of your eVision portal.



Other ways to enrol

If you are or have been enrolled at another university and wish to transfer to Otago, you'll enrol in the same way as a first-year domestic student. You must also provide a copy of your official academic transcript (academic record), including any results from the current year. You may apply to have work completed at another university credited to your degree programme at Otago. You will be able to apply for credit via your eVision portal once you have been offered a place at Otago.

Australian students

Australian students living and studying in New Zealand are classified as domestic students rather than international students. They therefore pay the same fees as New Zealanders but are not necessarily entitled to government student loans, allowances or healthcare.

For information on entrance requirements: [Freephone 1 800 468 246 \(Australia\)](tel:1800468246)

University of Otago English Language Centre

The University of Otago English Language Centre offers comprehensive English language tuition for international students, and a selection of courses. It's also a registered test centre for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and Occupational English Test (OET).

Courses include General English – which provides a non-IELTS progression to University of Otago Pathway programmes –

preparation for IELTS examinations, English for Academic Purposes, New Zealand Studies, and English for Otago, which meets English language requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate study at the University of Otago.

The Language Centre welcomes students from over 20 countries and features small classes of no more than 18 students. Individual attention is given to improve specific skills, and students can partake in a wide range of recreational and social opportunities on offer at Otago to help them make friends and practice their English.

Students have access to University resources including libraries, 24-hour computer suites, Student Health, Unipol Recreation, and OUSA's Clubs and Societies. The English Language Centre also provides access to an independent learning centre with a computer suite for internet and email access.

Student advisers provide assistance with any issues – including maintaining good health and wellbeing – and Otago's Homestay Office helps match students with suitable host families in quality accommodation.

otago.ac.nz/uolcfy

University of Otago Pathway Te Huarahi

University of Otago Pathway | Te Huarahi is a department in the Academic Division of the University of Otago that prepares domestic and international students for successful undergraduate study.

Pathway teaches three academic programmes:

- Bridging Programme
- Foundation Studies Certificate
- Undergraduate diplomas in Arts, Commerce and Science.

The UO Foundation Studies Certificate is a NZQCF Level 4 university entrance certificate. There are four academic streams designed to help students prepare for and gain the academic skills and knowledge they will need for successful undergraduate study.

The four streams are: Arts/Humanities, Commerce, Health Sciences and Sciences.

For mature students, it is an opportunity to explore options for further study, particularly if students require an introduction to the skills needed for academic study at university level.

A six-week Bridging Programme, immediately prior to these intakes, is available for selected students to increase their chances of success in the Foundation Studies Certificate programme.

Students are taught in lecture theatres and laboratories right on campus ensuring they feel confident and familiar with the University environment. Students will learn how to work and study independently and in small groups, and will develop communication, time-management and problem-solving skills. One-on-one consultation times are offered with assistance from teachers regarding learning new information and study skills.

All Pathway students are issued with an ID card for access to University of Otago resources, including libraries, 24-hour computer suites, Student Health, Unipol, OUSA's Clubs and Societies, and discounts on shopping, entertainment and travel. Professional student advisers provide assistance with any issues and are readily available to answer student questions.

Students who are awarded the Foundation Studies Certificate are guaranteed entry to their chosen University of Otago first year course (excepting specialised qualifications).

The UO Pathway Foundation Certificate has three intakes per year: February, June and October.

otago.ac.nz/uolcfy/pathway

Diplomas in Arts, Commerce and Science are administered by Pathway | Te Huarahi for students who have either just missed achieving University Entrance, would appreciate additional learning support, or may be returning to study. The Diplomas enable students to begin or, in some cases, continue their study at Otago in an environment that will directly grow their confidence, knowledge, skills, and attitudes for university success.

Diplomas in Arts, Commerce and Science

- are the first year of Bachelor's degree study
- are taught at NZQCF Level 5, and include papers from Pathway alongside University of Otago departmental subject papers

- have an annual intake in February only
- follow the University academic year
- incorporate mātauranga Māori and Pacific perspectives across all papers
- support students to transition into university study in a more structured way
- create a distinct learning community where students can work with their peers during their first year.

Successful completion leads to the second year of a Bachelor's degree. Academic advice on future study pathways and career planning is also offered in addition to full student support services and a comprehensive introduction to studying and living in Dunedin, including a homestay placement service.

otago.ac.nz/uolcfy/diplomas

International students

We warmly welcome all international student applications. You can apply for most degree programmes, although some have limitations on enrolment.

You will be supported by a dedicated team of on-campus international student advisers, ensuring that you get the very best out of your time here. International student advisers can provide advice about insurance, study, and social and personal matters. The Student Visa Services team can provide information on student visa application processing, requirements and conditions.

International students currently studying in a New Zealand secondary school should apply for study, scholarships and accommodation following the same key deadlines as domestic students. International students who are currently offshore (not studying in a New Zealand secondary school) should apply by 15 November for study commencing in semester 1 (February) the following year.

Application links can be found on the programme information pages on the University's website.

Under New Zealand Government law, the University of Otago is required to ensure that all international students hold a visa valid for study and a compliant insurance policy while they are studying in New Zealand.

otago.ac.nz/international

international-connect@otago.ac.nz

Note: If you are a New Zealand citizen or resident visa holder of New Zealand (living and studying in New Zealand), or an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia (living and studying in New Zealand), you are classified as a domestic student.

Tuition fees

Fees

Details of University of Otago domestic fees for 2026 will be available in November/December 2025. The 2025 tuition fee and student services fee bands on this page give students an idea of what they might expect to pay but these figures may change for 2026.

Note: These figures are the fees payable for an average one-year course of study (1.0 EFTS) in the specified subject categories. The fee bands are GST inclusive and apply to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents. (Please note: Permanent residents must be resident in New Zealand for the duration of their course to be eligible to pay the domestic fee rate.) Your annual fee will depend on what papers you take and the fee band to which they belong.

Tuition fees information for international students is available online:

otago.ac.nz/tuition-fees

Loans and allowances

StudyLink processes student loans and allowances on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development. Contact StudyLink for information and application material.

studylink.govt.nz

Fees-free study

Most domestic students who are new to tertiary education in 2026 will be eligible for one year of fees-free study in their final year at Otago. If you're eligible for the final year fees-free scheme, you will need to arrange payment to the University of Otago and apply for your entitlement through IRD on completion of your studies.

otago.ac.nz/fees-free

2025 undergraduate domestic tuition fee bands for subject categories

Subjects	\$ (GST incl)
Arts, Languages, Theology, Mathematics, Education	6,938
Commerce, Teaching	6,625
Law	7,740
Computer Science, Geography, Information Science, Music, Science	8,291
Health Sciences (1.0 EFTS), Pharmacy, Surveying	9,584
Physical Education	8,291-9,584
Physiotherapy – Years 2 to 3 inclusive	8,291
Physiotherapy – Year 4	9,676
Medicine, Dentistry – Year 2 onwards	18,432

Student services fee (based on 2025)

Service	\$ (GST incl)
Advocacy and legal	84.80
Careers information, advice and guidance	78.33
Student Health	484.19
Media	21.20
Financial support and assistance	12.33
Sports and recreation facilities	471.15
TOTAL	1,152.00

Some services are provided by the University, and others are purchased from contracted third parties which include OUSA.

Scholarships

Fund your study with a scholarship, so you can focus on what matters.

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 for 2026 open 1 July 2025 and close 15 August 2025.

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

Scholarship	NZ\$ (one- to three-year tenure)	Eligibility
Academic Excellence	Typically around \$40,000 (over three years)	Students who have outstanding previous academic performance. Leadership qualities and community involvement also considered.
150th	Standard value \$16,000 (over two years)	Academically strong students with financial or life circumstances that make attending university difficult.
Māori	Standard value \$16,000 (over two years)	Māori students with academic ability and involvement in their communities.
Pacific Peoples'	Standard value \$16,000 (over two years)	Indigenous Pacific students with academic ability and involvement in their communities.
Leaders of Tomorrow	Standard value \$7,000* (one year)	Students with excellent academic results and outstanding leadership.
Performance	Standard value \$7,000* (over three years)	Students with excellent academic results who have performed in sport or cultural activities at an elite level.
Donna-Rose McKay	Standard value \$16,000* (over two years)	Students who have a disability, good academic ability, and financial or life circumstances that make attending university difficult.
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 2026)	up to \$4,000	Recipients do not have another University of Otago entrance scholarship and have gained overall Excellence endorsement at NCEA Level Two and/or Three (or IB or CIE equivalent). Recipients must not be studying HSFY or Engineering Intermediate.

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

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.

Important dates

2025

1 May

Bachelor of Teaching applications open

4–5 May

Otago Open Days on Dunedin campus
(main event day: Monday 5 May)

1 July

Applications open for most entrance
scholarships

31 July

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

1 August

Applications open for residential colleges

14 August

Applications close for
Bachelor of Radiation Therapy,
Bachelor of Oral Health, and
Bachelor of Dental Technology

15 August

Applications close for most entrance
scholarships

1 September

Applications close for
Performance Music auditions
(late applications may be accepted)

30 September

Applications close for residential colleges

15 November

Applications close for International students

30 November

Final application deadline for the
Bachelor of Teaching

10 December

Applications close for the following courses:
BA, BACom, BASc, BBiomedSc, BCom, BComSc,
BEntr, MusB, BPharmSc, BSc, BSW (first year),
BTheol, LLB (first year), HSFY, BSurv (first year),
BPA, BHealSc

2026

5 January

Summer School begins

15 January

Due date for submission of papers for
course approval by students taking
semester 1 and full-year papers

14 February

Summer School examinations begin

16 February

Orientation week begins

19 February

Summer School examinations end

23 February

Semester 1 begins

3 April

Mid-semester break begins

13 April

Semester 1 resumes

3 June

Semester 1 examinations begin

17 June

Semester 1 examinations end

25 June

Applications due from students taking
only semester 2 papers or courses

13 July

Semester 2 begins

29 August

Mid-semester break begins

7 September

Semester 2 resumes

19 October

End-of-year examinations begin

7 November

End-of-year examinations end

Contact us

Otago's Schools' Liaison Officers may be your first contact with us. They can provide information and advice about courses and life at Otago. The team visits secondary schools in New Zealand during the first and second terms each year to let senior students know about the opportunities for living and learning at Otago, and they return in the third and fourth terms to offer course advice and help you plan your studies. Look out for them at your school and careers events, or contact them at their offices.

Dunedin

Sandra Spence and Greg Heller are on
campus in Dunedin and visit schools south of
Christchurch.

03 479 8247

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Auckland

Alysha Bentley, Amber Russell, Mere Mansell
(Māori Liaison Officer), and Neomai Maka
(Pacific Liaison Officer) visit central and upper
North Island schools.

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Wellington

Cheryl Caldwell and Kathy Wiltshire visit
schools in the lower North Island, upper
South Island, West Coast, North Canterbury
and Christchurch.

04 460 9805

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Kaitakawaeka Māori

Tama Walker is based in Te Huka Mātauraka
/ Māori Centre on campus in Dunedin. He
can provide information on scholarships and
advise tauira Māori and their whānau on
courses of study.

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Pacific Outreach Programmes and Community Liaison

Our Pacific Outreach Programmes and
Community Liaison Officer is based at
the Pacific Islands Centre on the Dunedin
campus and visits Auckland, Wellington
and Christchurch to meet with the Pacific
community, church groups, secondary
students and their families.

Pacific Students' Transition Officers

Scotty Opetaiā and Tameti Teweti provide
support and guidance to all new and first-
year Pacific Island students.

03 479 8278

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