



UP INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME PROSPECTUS 2024



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA
NEW ZEALAND



TOP 2%
OF WORLD'S
UNIVERSITIES

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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Herenga Waka

Aotearoa New Zealand and Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington are pleased to welcome UP Education students from all over the world to our creative capital city. We are excited to provide you with a world-class education in a safe and liveable environment. The diversity and global outlook our international students bring is a valued part of our thriving culture.

Our University, staff, students, and clubs are excited to welcome you and will support you on your journey to become a member of our highly esteemed community.

Nō reira e ngā mātāwaka o ngā hau e whā - tēnā koutou



*Professor Rawinia Higgins,
Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
Māori and Engagement
Victoria University of Wellington*



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A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY

New Zealand is an unbeatable place to live and study.

New Zealand is a smart choice for students seeking an exceptional international education in a unique and beautiful place. Our education system is one of the best in the world, and we offer a great lifestyle full of unique opportunities and experiences.



Active, healthy lifestyle



Strong ethnic communities



Slower pace of life, creating less stress



Low unemployment, rising wages



#2 safest country in the world¹



Uncrowded and only 5 million people



Natural open living environments



Similar in size to United Kingdom

¹Global Peace Index 2023



- Language**
 English, Māori,
 New Zealand Sign Language
-
- Currency**
 New Zealand dollar
-
- Capital city**
 Wellington
-
- Largest city**
 Auckland
 population 1.6 million
-
- Climate**
 Average 24°C (75°F)
 summer 16°C (60°F) winter
-
- Warmest months**
 January, February
-
- Coldest months**
 July, August
-
- Population**
 Around 5.2 million

Explore while you study

New Zealand is proudly multicultural, and we respect and welcome international students. The New Zealand Government's Code of Practice requires education providers to keep students safe and well during their study, including during their recreational time.

New Zealand has it all – excellent universities, a great lifestyle, diverse communities, vibrant cities, stunning natural scenery and an unbeatable range of outdoor activities, all within a small area. Cities such as Auckland and Wellington offer plenty of cultural activities, while those who love the great outdoors have glaciers, mountains, rainforests and coastlines to explore.



“There was something ‘profoundly different’ about New Zealand compared with the rest of the world, and it was something the world could learn from. It’s a certain sense of duty to each other, that you’re part of the team, that you will sacrifice for each other. That empathy, that love and respect, whatever it is that binds you together – we hope to be as much a part of that as we can be.”

James Cameron

Hollywood Director of Avatar

WELCOME TO WELLINGTON

A great place to study and live.

Surrounded by a stunning harbour and green hills, Wellington often ranks as one of the most liveable cities in the world for good reason.

With a population of 422,000, the Wellington region is well-connected literally and figuratively – located at the bottom of the North Island it's easily accessible and, as a compact city, it's easy to get around.

Being the capital of New Zealand also means we're well-connected in terms of collaboration between education providers, research institutions, the business community and government.

It's a city where people love to live, study and work and that's a fact - Wellingtonians top the charts when it comes to quality of life.

Wellington is compact and convenient, so take advantage of the great shopping, beaches, mountain bike trails, native bush, restaurants, and the best café culture in the country. Visit galleries and museums, get among the vibrant nightlife, and check out the night markets, festivals, theatre shows, and music gigs.



Living costs

Wellington is an affordable study destination, with options to suit every budget.

Cost of living*	Homestay estimated weekly cost in NZ\$
Accommodation	\$360 - \$390
Electricity, water & gas	Included in homestay fee
Mobile phone plan	\$5 - \$15
Public transport	\$0 - \$35
Food	Included in full-board homestay fee
Free time activities	\$50 - \$150

*This table is only applicable to Homestay prices. Costs can vary depending on lifestyle, accommodation, and hobbies and interests. However, for a reasonable standard of living, we think students need about \$20,000- \$27,000 a year.

Additional Costs

- Flights to and from New Zealand
- Tuition fees
- Clothes



CREATIVE

Wellington is New Zealand's most creative city. It has topped the list for the past 20 years. You can find Wētā Workshop, Te Papa national museum, and a lot more here.

(2020 Infometrics Creativity Index)



LIVEABLE

Regularly ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities, Wellington has great public transport and a lively calendar of events.

(Deutsche Bank Quality of Life Survey)



SAFE

Wellington is a safe and friendly place to live. It's ranked among the top 10 safest cities in the world.

(2021 The Economist Safe Cities Index)



HIGH TECH

Wellington is at the forefront of technology and innovation, with many tech companies calling it home. It's named as one of the world's '21 Places of the Future'.

(2021 Cognizant Center for the Future of Work)



DIVERSE

About 34 percent of people who live in Wellington were born outside of New Zealand, making it a diverse and welcoming city.

(2018 Statistics New Zealand)

"Most liveable capital city"

(The Economist Intelligence Unit's 2021 Global Liveability Index)


NO.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY
CITY IN THE WORLD¹


CAPITAL CITY
OF NEW ZEALAND


7TH SAFEST
CITY IN THE WORLD¹


50,000 HECTARES
OF FOREST AND PARKS


497 KMS
OF COASTLINE



3
CENTRAL
CAMPUSES



16
DEGREES



12
HALLS OF
RESIDENCE



7
SUBJECTS ARE
IN THE TOP 100
QS RANKINGS*

*QS World University Rankings 2023



22,000+
STUDENTS



140+
STUDENT CLUBS



120
SUBJECTS TO
CHOOSE FROM

NEW ZEALAND'S LEADING UNIVERSITY

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

Located in New Zealand's vibrant capital city, Victoria University of Wellington enjoys privileged access to the country's leaders, influencers, and decision makers. This in turn shapes our world-class degrees. When you study in Wellington, you also have access to the city's many museums, archives, libraries, scientific institutes, cultural bodies, financial, legal and business institutions, and political and government agencies.

Outstanding research quality

Victoria University of Wellington is New Zealand's top-ranked university for intensity of high-quality research*, with 177 researchers currently undertaking work that significantly contributes to sustainable development**. At the University, you'll learn from world-class teachers at excellent facilities to explore solutions to social, economic, and environmental issues.

*NZ Government PBRF results 2019

**Work and Study 2023

Key partnerships

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

Three years of post-study work rights

After graduating with a 3- or 4-year bachelor's degree from Victoria University of Wellington you will be eligible to apply for a three-year post study work visa**.

Flexible study

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

**refer to the Immigration New Zealand website for most updated information:
<https://www.immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa/about-visa/post-study-work-visa>



Minel Espeleta

Minel Espeleta made the decision to move to New Zealand to pursue a high-quality education alongside her two younger siblings.

She says the pandemic hit her family hard, but with the support of UP International College New Zealand, she was able to consider degree-level study at Victoria University of Wellington.

As the eldest sibling, Minel leads the way for her family, and proudly graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 2021. Her first job out of university was with the Inland Revenue Department in the Government precinct of Wellington. Minel continues to thrive in her new role as consultant for the Ministry of Justice.

When asked about the value of being educated in New Zealand, she says, everyone deserves the opportunity to pursue a great education — no matter where you come from, or how much money you have in the bank.

DEGREE OPTIONS

Transition to University

Victoria University of Wellington offers a wide range of undergraduate courses for you to choose from for your packaged offer. Our Education Counsellor is available to offer their expertise if you want to learn more about your chosen undergraduate degree. Once you successfully complete your Foundation course, you will be awarded with a completion certificate from the University.

Faculty	Programme
Education	Bachelor of Arts (BA)
	Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood
Humanities and Social Sciences	Bachelor of Arts (BA)
	Bachelor of Music (BMus)
	Bachelor of Communication (BC)
	Bachelor of Global Studies (BGS)
Law	Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
Business and Government	Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)
Architecture and Design Innovation	Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS)
	Bachelor of Building Science (BBSc)
	Bachelor of Design Innovation (BDI)
Health	Bachelor of Health (BHlth)
	Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid)
Engineering	Bachelor of Science (BSc)
	Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE(Hons))
Science	Bachelor of Biomedical Science (BBmedSc)
	Bachelor of Psychology (BPsyc)
	Bachelor of Science (BSc)



MOST IN-DEMAND DEGREES



Bachelor of Commerce

Commerce is one of the world's moving forces, shaping societies and connecting people around the globe.

- Expertise from professionals working at the highest levels of business and government.
- Benefits from being taught from its capital city location amongst the nation's administrative hub.



Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Designing and creating environments that can support the way people and cultures want to live, work, and play.

- Expert lecturers with international reputations in sustainable architecture, urban design, and other creative disciplines.
- Offers four majors: Architecture, Architecture History and Theory, Interior Architecture, and Landscape Architecture.
- World-class facilities, exhibition spaces, and technology, including 3D scanners, printers, a virtual reality studio, and a robotic arm.



Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Gain insights into why people think, act, and feel the way they do. Examine social behaviour, emotions, and personalities.

- A combination of Psychology with Humanities and Arts subjects such as Criminology, Education, and Sociology.
- Learn about perception—how our brains can tell red from blue or hot from cold - and discover the way we store and retrieve memories.
- Learn about how we define ourselves and become the people we are—look at the roles of culture, experiences, and thinking processes.



Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science

Actuaries predict and analyse financial risks and solve business problems, and can contribute to policy work on several aspects.

- Victoria University of Wellington is accredited by the Actuaries Institute of Australia.
- Actuarial science applies the mathematics of probability and statistics to define, analyse, and solve the financial implications of uncertain future events
- You'll learn in world-class facilities, from staff who are world leaders in their fields, in the heart of the science capital of New Zealand.



Bachelor of Laws

Study at the centre of New Zealand's vibrant legal and political district, and be guided by the country's best legal minds.

- Ranked first in New Zealand for the quality of our research, and in the world's top 40 universities for law.
- Study the legal framework that supports society, culture, the economy, family ties, and international relations.
- Located opposite Parliament and close to the courts, research libraries, and the central business district.

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME*

Who is this programme for?

- New Zealand secondary school Year 12 (NCEA Level 2), or
- Grade 11/12 (Asia), or
- Second/third year of senior high school, or equivalent
- For students who do not meet the requirements above, there is a Foundation Connect option.

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

- Successfully complete 120 credits in the Foundation Studies Programme
- Achieve a minimum of 55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB and 50% in two other core subjects, equal to 60 credits
- Achieve 50% or higher in six optional subjects equal to 60 credits (300 marks out of a possible 600)

Scholarships

Victoria University of Wellington offers a range of scholarship opportunities, including the Foundation Connect Progression Scholarship, International Excellence Scholarships and the High Achiever Award. The Scholarships are available for student along varying deadlines.

Note: For Scholarship details please refer to insert.

Subjects**

- **Core**
 - English (I, IIA, IIB - 40 credits)
 - Introductory Mathematics (10 credits)
 - New Zealand Culture and Society (10 credits)
- **Optional (10 Credits each)****
 - **Mathematics:** Quantitative Methods, Algebra, Statistics
 - **Sciences:** Biology, Physics
 - **Arts:** Media Studies, Art & Design, Design & Society, History,
 - **Commerce:** Accounting, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Marketing, Management Studies
 - Other subjects coming soon: Environmental Science, Tourism, Health Studies

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**Availability of subjects might change each term



Designing your study

Students have two ways of choosing their subjects

Option 1: Choose your subjects at your own interests

Enrolled students will get a range of choices ready, before or at orientation.

Option 2: Choose a pathway towards your degree

A student can choose a pathway to support their degree choice: Science & Maths, Commerce, Media & Design.

Media and Design Pathway

Media Studies 1
Media Studies 2
Design & Society 1
Design & Society 2
Marketing



Science and Maths Pathway

Environmental Science 1
Environmental Science 2
Psychology
Health Studies
Physical Science
Statistics
Quantitative Methods



Commerce Pathway

Accounting 1
Accounting 2
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Management Studies



Sample course progression

Programme option	English requirement*	2024												2025											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Accelerated (6 months)	IELTS 6.0 (min. 5.0 in all bands) or equivalent	Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											
Fast-track (8-9 months)	IELTS 5.5 (min. 5.0 in all bands) or equivalent	Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											
Standard (12 months)	IELTS 5.0 (min. 4.5 in all bands) or equivalent	Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											
		Degree												Degree											

Foundation Connect**

Delivered by UP Education, Foundation Connect provides a comprehensive, English-rich curriculum to prepare students for the *Victoria University of Wellington Certificate in Foundation Studies. This six-month extension programme allows students to develop their English skills, confidence and apply these English skills in an academic setting. Foundation Connect includes engagement in Mathematics and academic courses to give students a broader foundation for future learning. Successfully complete this course and you can proceed to the *Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme (Standard).

Pathways Link***

The Pathways Link Programme is a one-year programme designed specifically for international students aged 14-16 who have recently finished their junior high school education and aspire to study abroad. This programme aims to equip students with essential foundational knowledge, skills, and the confidence necessary to excel in the future Foundation studies.

Refer to the website for academic and other relevant information. wgn.up.education/pathways-link/
Foundation Connect and Pathways Link programmes are only taught in Auckland Campus



** Foundation Connect is registered as Intensive English programme at NZQA.
*** Pathways Link is registered as Pathways Link - L1A and L1B (Level 1)(Training Scheme) at NZQA.

DEGREE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS



Scan to learn more about degree progression requirements

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

- Achieve a minimum of 55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB and 50% in two other core subjects.
- Achieve 50% or better in a minimum of six optional academic subjects (some degrees require higher marks).

Programmes	Trimester intake February = Trimester 1 July = Trimester 2 November = Trimester 3	Minimum Duration (Years)	Minimum English language proficiency	Notes
Bachelor of Architectural Studies	February	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	Entry into second year is competitive and is based on first year results
Bachelor of Arts	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Building Science	February	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Commerce	February, July, November	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Communication	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Design Innovation	February	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	Entry into second year is competitive and is based on first year results
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood	February	3	IELTS 7.0, with a minimum of 7.0 in each band	Complete 'Teacher Education Programme Form for International Students'; supply police reports
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	February	4	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	Entry into second year is competitive and based on first year results
Bachelor of Global Studies	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Health	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Laws	February	4	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	Entry into second year is competitive and based on first year results; entry to parallel third- and fourth-year Honours programme is by invitation after high achievement in second year
Bachelor of Music	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	Complete 'Application to Audition' form; audition required for Classical Performance and Jazz
Bachelor of Psychology	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	
Bachelor of Science	February, July	3	55% in English I, 60% in English IIA, 65% in English IIB	



"Victoria University of Wellington is all about providing quality educational opportunities to help students transition into study and work.

UP Education and Victoria University of Wellington have a supportive programme of weekly meetings with our students in their final term, so that they have the knowledge, skills and understanding to start their University with confidence and care. Our students meet the Victoria University of Wellington team regularly, so they have their own relationships with University staff before they even start. The three programmes for Victoria University of Wellington at UP Education (Standard, Fast-Track and Accelerated) are tailor-made to meet students where they are at and to provide them with the tools to be successful in their programmes and into the future."

Bryce Pedersen
Head of College
UP International College New Zealand

UP INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE NEW ZEALAND

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

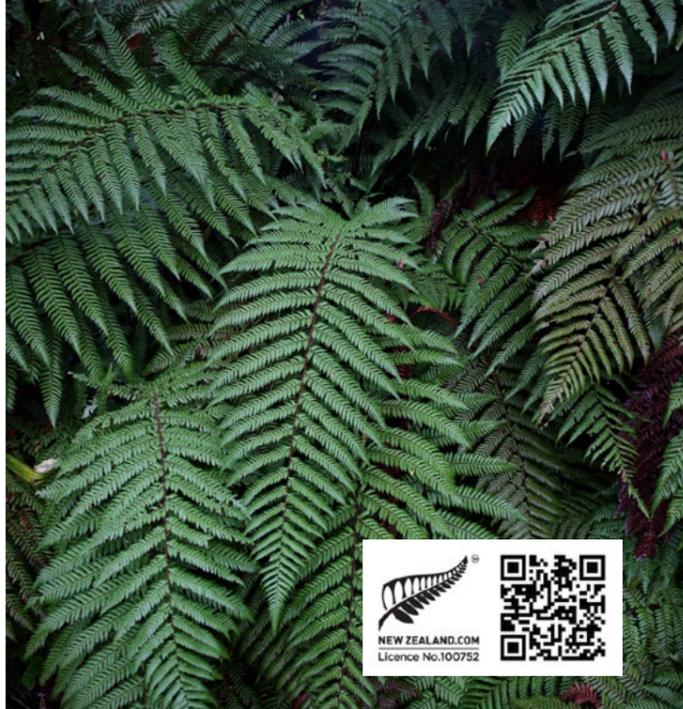
Programme delivery

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

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

Location

Our campus is located in the hub of Wellington CBD.



The Victoria University of Wellington Certificate in Foundation studies, delivered by the UP International College New Zealand is proudly a Licensee of the FernMark Licence Programme, a country of origin trademark programme endorsed and recognised by the New Zealand Government.

The FernMark is used by New Zealand government departments across the world. It represents the story of who we are and where we're from, our New Zealand Story. It's a symbol people recognise and trust - a trademark that embodies our values of kaitiaki, integrity, ingenuity - the values of our New Zealand Story.

History of the Silver Fern

The Silver Fern is one of New Zealand's most recognised, long-standing, and respected national symbols. Since the late 19th Century our fern has been worn with pride by our sports teams, with honour by our soldiers and used to represent our country all over the world. But why is the Silver Fern so special? Māori hunters and warriors would use the silver underside of the fern leaves to find their way. When bent over, the fronds would catch the moonlight and illuminate a path through the forest.

Today, the Silver Fern is still guiding the way, just as it has for over 150 years. The New Zealand Government and key private businesses have helped grow the FernMark into a recognisable and valuable icon. Tourism New Zealand and New Zealand Trade and Enterprise have also adopted the Silver Fern as the country of origin symbol for New Zealand. And now, the FernMark gives us the opportunity to represent New Zealand on the world stage and bring international students on a journey to our shores through our New Zealand Story.



"It was an amazing experience to study with people from all over the world and get to know about them. Teachers were all very supportive and I had no hesitation to ask any kinds of questions in and out of the classes. They taught me not only the class contexts but also it is okay to ask help when I need them."

Haruka Yanagidani
from Japan

Victoria University of Wellington
Foundation Studies Programme



LIFE ON CAMPUS

UP International College New Zealand



Scan the QR code to take a virtual campus tour

Academic learning is the key to success, but learning outside the classroom is equally valuable. We encourage our students to make friends, have fun and fully embrace all aspects of New Zealand or Australian life.

1000+ students from 50+ countries study at UP Education. Our main New Zealand campus is in the heart of central Auckland, with a second campus in Wellington where the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme is offered.

Student Services

The wellbeing of students is our top priority as it is the key to both academic and personal success.

The tutor system

We encourage you to develop good study habits and we offer personalised support to help you reach your goals. Each student is assigned a tutor to supervise the study and provide individual guidance, meeting regularly to check progress, celebrate success and overcome challenges.

Settling into study

Offering a level of care that sets us apart, UP Education provides help and support to all international students from the moment they contact us, to arriving in New Zealand and throughout their studies. We're here to help ensure life in New Zealand is happy and rewarding.

Orientation

Our Orientation programme helps you settle in when you first arrive. You'll receive an information handbook that includes homestay and accommodation guidelines.

Timetable

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

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

SDS = Self-directed Study

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10:00-11:10	SDS	Biology - Organisms	SDS	Algebra	English 2(A)
11:10-12:20	Tertiary Study Skills	Algebra	English 2(A)	SDS	Biology - Organisms
12:20-13:30	English 2(A)	SDS	Biology - Organisms	SDS	Algebra
13:30-14:40	Biology - Organisms	SDS	Algebra	English 2(A)	SDS
14:40-15:50	Algebra	English 2(A)	Tertiary Study Skills	Biology - Organisms	SDS
15:50-17:00	SDS	Biology - Organisms	SDS	Algebra	English 2(A)

Please note that exact time of each class might be subject to change.

"I won the Study Award at graduation and it was very appreciated that Victoria University of Wellington and UP Education gave me this opportunity to get NZ\$5000 to go towards university fees. During my studies at UP Education, I have been a student mentor which is a place to help other students who have any problems. One of the criteria of this award is that the student has a good grade. I can not say I have a really high grade but I can say I have made progress in every trimester and I am diligent in every subject that I have. I have shown courage, conscientiousness, endurance, resilience, and a commitment to excellence in the application to demonstrate why I should get this award."

Pei-Chen Wu
from Taiwan
Victoria University of Wellington Scholarship winner



Victoria University of Wellington

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

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

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

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

Kelburn campus

At the Kelburn campus, you can access student support services, administrative offices, Te Pātaka Kōrero—The Library, and five Faculties.

Pipitea campus

Located in the heart of Wellington's legal, government, and business district, the Pipitea campus hosts the Wellington School of Business and Government and the Faculty of Law.

Te Aro campus

Located adjacent to bustling Cuba Street, the Te Aro campus hosts the Architecture and Design Innovation programmes.

Facilities and services

The University has a wide range of facilities and student services to help you succeed academically, to support you during your studies, and to help you have the best student experience.

- Four libraries
- Academic and student learning support
- Recreation centre and gym
- Student health and counselling services
- Disability services
- Financial advice
- Religious support
- Student employment services
- Food and retail outlets
- Art gallery



www.wgtn.ac.nz/students/support



SUPPORT ON CAMPUS

UP International College New Zealand

International Student Support

International student support officers help students with accommodation, health, course guidance and pathway options, as well as administration issues such as visa renewals, banking and insurance.

Parent Portal

Our web-based parent portal helps to bridge the communication gap between your home and the College. It provides your parents and caregivers with a single point of reference to all your school related activities, so they are kept up to date with your progress.

Learning Support

Studying overseas is exciting and rewarding – but sometimes it can also be challenging. We are here to provide all the support and care students need to achieve their goals. The role of the Deans is to support the tutors and teaching staff by monitoring attendance and academic progress, and carrying out disciplinary measures where required. If a teacher has a concern about a student, they talk to their tutor first, followed by the dean if necessary. Our teachers, tutors and deans work together closely to ensure students are happy and thriving.

Caring for your health & wellbeing

We have staff trained and registered with Red Cross for minor health and wellbeing issues at the International College. If students need further medical treatment, a doctor is available by appointment.

Studentsafe insurance for international students

The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 requires all international students studying in New Zealand to have appropriate health and travel insurance during their period of study and covering the duration of their visa.

Scan to learn more about student wellbeing



The International Student Support Team is here to help students with any queries relating to their studies, such as accommodation, health, course guidance, complaints, withdrawals and refunds, as well as administrative issues such as visa renewals, claiming from insurance and organising students activities, such as Orientation, Graduation and more.

We aim to provide all students with a superior study experience at UP International College New Zealand and therefore work closely with all internal and external stakeholders (which includes students, sales support, and the academic teams across all campuses) to ensure queries are resolved quickly and effectively.

Katie Gao
Student Service and Support Team Lead
UP International College New Zealand

Victoria University of Wellington

Student Wellbeing Awareness Team

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

Student Learning

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

Other Victoria University of Wellington Support

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

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

Student Support

New Zealand is the only country in the world with an International Student Wellbeing Strategy, designed to protect our reputation as a safe and welcoming study destination. International students at Victoria University of Wellington receive support from Wellington University International—Te Kahupapa. Wellington University International provides international students with personal, academic and cultural support, including insurance claim support, academic monitoring, International Orientation and student events.

International Orientation

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

International Buddy Programme

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



"Getting a foundation in English, media and design studies will aid me in my university studies. I have always been interested in film and the arts from a young age. I chose to study in Wellington because it has always been a top travel destination for me, seeing photos of the scenery and hearing about the work culture has always enticed me."

Istavrino Manuel Yu Jun Jian

from Singapore

Student, Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme (Fast-track)



Scan to watch Istavrino's interview

ACCOMMODATION

Homestay

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

You will have your own room with a bed, desk, lamp and Wi-Fi, and all meals are included for full-board homestay option. Laundry is also included.

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

Other accommodation options

You could also choose to:

- Live with your parents
- Live with a designated caregiver (relative or family friend)
- Live in the student apartments (for students 18 and over only - this is the responsibility of the student or their parent/guardian or agent to arrange).
- Live in Victoria University of Wellington Halls of Residence accommodation. Please note that this only applies to student who are over 18 years old and that you must book independently through the website stating that you are a Foundation Studies Programme student: <https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation/halls>. You should also do so as early as possible as capacity is limited.

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



APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, PAYMENT AND ENROLMENT

APPLY NOW



STEP 1

APPLICATION

Visit Enroller, our online enrolment portal, where you will be able to set up your account and manage the entire enrolment process from application through to arrival.
enroller.app/up-education-university-partnerships/enrolment-application

STEP 2

ACCEPTANCE

- Open the unconditional offer that you received from admissions@up.education.
- Read through the electronic Confirmation of Enrolment (eCoE) Enrolment Acceptance Form and Summary of Terms Implied by Statute Sign and initial at the requested sessions on the offer and send them back to admissions@up.education.

STEP 3

PAYMENT

- Open browser on your computer/laptop/mobile/tablet and go to upic.flywire.com.
- Change the language if you need by clicking the globe icon on the up-left side of the page.
- Choose the country that you are paying from and type in the NZD amount shown in the invoice on your unconditional offer.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

STEP 4

VISA APPLICATION

Apply for your student visa online with Immigration New Zealand at immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/apply-for-a-visa

STEP 5

ENROLMENT

- Once your payment is received, you will receive an email from admissions@up.education with your receipt.
- Please keep an eye in your email inbox, including spam and trash box, for emails from studentsupport@up.education as they include important information such as orientation schedules, subject selection links and deadlines. Read the emails carefully and reply to their emails with requested information to complete your enrolment process.

If you have any questions about the application process, contact the admissions team at admissions@up.education

Scan the QR code to learn more about programme options and fees



PROGRAMME OPTIONS AND FEES

Programme options	Tuition fees (NZD)	Resource fees (NZD)	Intake dates (including On Campus Orientation)
Foundation Connect (6 months)*	\$16,750	\$450	7 Feb, 22 Apr, 16 Jul, 8 Oct
Accelerated (6 months)	\$19,500	\$900	7 Feb, 22 Apr, 16 Jul, 8 Oct
Fast-track (8-9 months)	\$24,250	\$900	7 Feb, 22 Apr, 16 Jul, 8 Oct
Standard (12 months)	\$31,250	\$900	7 Feb, 22 Apr, 16 Jul, 8 Oct
Pathways Link (12 months)*	\$32,000	\$2,000	7 Feb, 16 Jul
Additional fees (if applicable)			NZD
Enrolment fee			\$450
Exam fee			\$400
Assessment re-sit fee			\$50

*Students starting with Foundation Connect / Pathways Link Programme will pay the Enrolment and Exam fees once and will not be charged again upon progression to Foundation.

Powered by UP Education, Foundation Connect is a comprehensive six-month extension programme that provides targeted preparation for Foundation. Students at the end of the 6-month Foundation Connect programme will be individually appraised to check that they have achieved the set criteria of entry into Standard Foundation.

Pathways Link programme is a one-year programme will offer successful students entry into Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies programmes. There are two intakes in 2024 - February and July.



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Scan the QR code to learn more about Pathways Link Programme



SCHOLARSHIPS



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PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Foundation Connect progression scholarship

Student who successfully progressed from Foundation Connect programme to Standard Foundation programme will be awarded a scholarship if they achieved top results. The scholarship will be awarded at three levels depending on their final grades:

- \$5,000
- \$2,500
- \$1,000

International Excellence Scholarships

Scholarships of up to NZ\$5,000 are available for the Foundation programme. These scholarships are competitively assessed and only awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic performance in their previous studies. If you are interested in applying, please enquire with your agent or Regional Representative about the next steps.

PATHWAYS LINK SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship is valued at \$5,000 NZD of the tuition fee for the students who apply and are accepted into the Victoria University of Wellington Pathways Link programme in the February intake of 2024.

PROGRESSION SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are exclusive to UP Foundation Studies students. They are awarded towards the tuition fees of the first year of undergraduate degree study at Victoria University of Wellington. Students will be assessed for these scholarships upon their completion of the programme, and each student can only receive one of the awards.

- NZ\$5,000 for a student with good academic grades who is involved in the extracurricular and community activities on offer by UP Education
- NZ\$3,000 for the top student academically



ACCOMMODATION

Homestay	NZD
Homestay Placement fee (<i>one-off</i>)*	\$350
Homestay replacement fee (<i>one-off</i> **)	\$250
Standard Homestay - Half board (<i>Not available for U18</i>)***	\$360/week
Standard Homestay - Full board****	\$390/week
Designated caregiver (DCG) - Under 18 only	NZD
DCG reassessment fee	\$350
DCG reassessment fee (<i>change DCG</i>)+	\$250
Under 18 accommodation guarantee and services fee^	NZD
Per year	\$1,000
Per term	\$250
Additional fees	NZD
Urgent Booking fee – Full board (<i>one off</i>) applicable for bookings received within 7 days of arrival	\$390
Urgent Booking fee – Half board (<i>one off</i>) applicable for bookings received within 7 days of arrival	\$360
Homestay Plus – Full board^^	\$420/week
Homestay Plus – Half board^^	\$390/week
Short-stay (<i>less than 1 week</i>) / Emergency homestay - Full board	\$130/night
Homestay Retainer^^^	\$250/week
Holiday Surcharge – Half board only	\$30/week
Airport pick-up	NZD
Airport transfer (<i>Pick-up/drop-off</i>) (<i>One way per person</i>)	\$130
Transfer of additional passenger	\$90
Airport check-in assistance and transfer for U18 learners	\$85

INSURANCE

Studentsafe Inbound learners	NZD
Medical and travel insurance (12 months)#	\$789

Please note: Accommodation Placement Fee, Designated Caregiver Assessment Fee or Airport pick up fee are non-refundable once the arrangement is confirmed.

*If UP Education coordinates student accommodation.

**Fee charged when student requests a change of homestay for reasons deemed unacceptable, or if student frequently changes homestays (fee charged at discretion of the Accommodation team).

***Half-board – only Breakfast and Dinner is provided for school days.

****Full-board – 3 meals a day are provided

+Fee charged when change to a new Designated Caregiver

^ Allows for homestays for students under 18 to be checked once per term to ensure the Education Code of Practice requirements are being met.

^^Limited spaces available for Homestay plus options

^^^Fee applies when students go away for more than seven days (6 nights) and want to keep the Homestay room.

International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand. Enrolled international students will be charged Allianz's Studentsafe Inbound Learners insurance premium when enrolment is completed. The final cost of insurance will depend on the length of requested insurance cover period.

ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



Scan to learn more about accepted IELTS equivalents and academic entry requirements and country specific academic entry requirements

International Qualifications	Qualification	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
Global Assessment Certificate - GAC	Level 2	2.6	2.6	3
International Baccalaureate - IB **	First year of IB diploma	Grade 4 in 2 relevant subjects	Grade 4 in 3 relevant subjects	Grade 4 in 4 relevant subjects
Cambridge International Examinations O level/IGCSE/GCSE ** (forecast / prelim can also be accepted)		1 C grades and 3 D grades in four CIE official subjects.	2C and 2Ds in four CIE official subjects.	1B and 3Cs in four CIE official subjects
Cambridge International Examinations A level **		40 UCAS points. Local language in AS Level is not accepted.	40 UCAS points. Local language in AS Level is not accepted.	48 UCAS points. Local language in AS Level is not accepted.
Country specific qualifications	Qualification	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
<small>(Scan the QR code to find out more other countries)</small>				
China Note that GPA will be based on the average of all subjects for the study period of high school	Senior High School and Vocational - Year 2	60%	65%	70%
	Senior High School and Vocational - Year 3		60%	65%
New Zealand **	NCEA	30 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above. With no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects)	30 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above. With no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects)	34 credits at NCEA from mixed of level 2 or above. With no fewer than 6 credits in each of subjects (combined credits from related subjects)
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South Korea	High school certificate Year 2	55% or Rank 8	60% or rank 7	65% or Rank 7.0
	Korean High school graduation equivalency exam (GED)			60%
Thailand	Matayom 5	2.2	2.25	2.5
Vietnam	Year 11	6.5	7	7.5
UP Education	Qualification	Standard (12 months)	Fast-track (8-9 months)	Accelerated (6 months)
UP Education FPP Programme		GPA - 3 academic subjects >50 percent Pass TSS	GPA - 3 academic subjects >65 percent Pass TSS	GPA - 3 academic subjects >70 percent Pass TSS

**Teachers' comments and attendance rate are considered to determine entry. An interview is applicable if studied in New Zealand.

This information is to be used as a guide only to determine entrance. UP Education reserves the right to change the requirements at any time without prior notice.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Programme option	IELTS (academic)
Accelerated	6.0 and no band less than 5.0
Fast-track	5.5 and no band less than 5.0
Standard	5.0 and no band less than 4.5
Foundation Connect	4.5 and no band less than 4.0
Pathways Link	4.5 and no band less than 4.0

All students need to provide evidence of their English proficiency upon application.

- If you are an international applicant and your first language is not English, you will need to provide satisfactory evidence of your English proficiency.
- English is considered the first language of citizens of Canada, Ireland, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
- If you are a domestic applicant and your first language is not English, you will be asked to provide evidence of your competence in written and spoken English.

UP ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST



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The UP English Language Test (UPELT) has been developed to provide prospective students with an opportunity to quickly obtain an English language score prior to enrolment into a programme of their choice.

The test is facilitated online by highly qualified and experienced staff. It consists of computer-based, hand-written, and examiner-led tasks. Test description and instructions for test preparation are made available to all prospective candidates in advance, and a practice test is provided. Measures are taken to ensure the integrity of the test.

The UPELT is facilitated every Wednesday afternoon (1pm NZ Standard Time). Bookings can be arranged through the UP Admissions Team, admissions@up.education.

UP English Lanaguage Test Summary

Part	Tasks	Time (Online)
Reading	3 short passages (approx. 300-400 words each) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a textbook chapter or report • an academic article or essay • an academic abstract 	45 minutes
Listening	2 tracks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a conversation in an academic setting • a part of a lecture 	20 minutes (Plus time to record answers)
Writing	1 essay, 220-250 words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • problem and solution • cause and effect • advantage and disadvantages 	40 minutes (Plus time to upload the essay)
Speaking	2 tasks led by an examiner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a conversation on familiar topics • a discussion of a topical issue 	10 minutes (Plus time for preparation)

One day before the test, candidates will be sent:

- information about the UPELT and technical requirements
- the test security procedure
- instructions on how to set up the room and desk for the test
- demonstration of how to use two devices with cameras during the test
- login instructions
- a practice test
- a Microsoft Teams link for joining the test

Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

UP Education, and its schools, is a signatory to The Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021. Published by the New Zealand Ministry of Education and administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), the Code is designed to ensure international students are well informed, safe and properly cared for.
Visit: nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

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

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