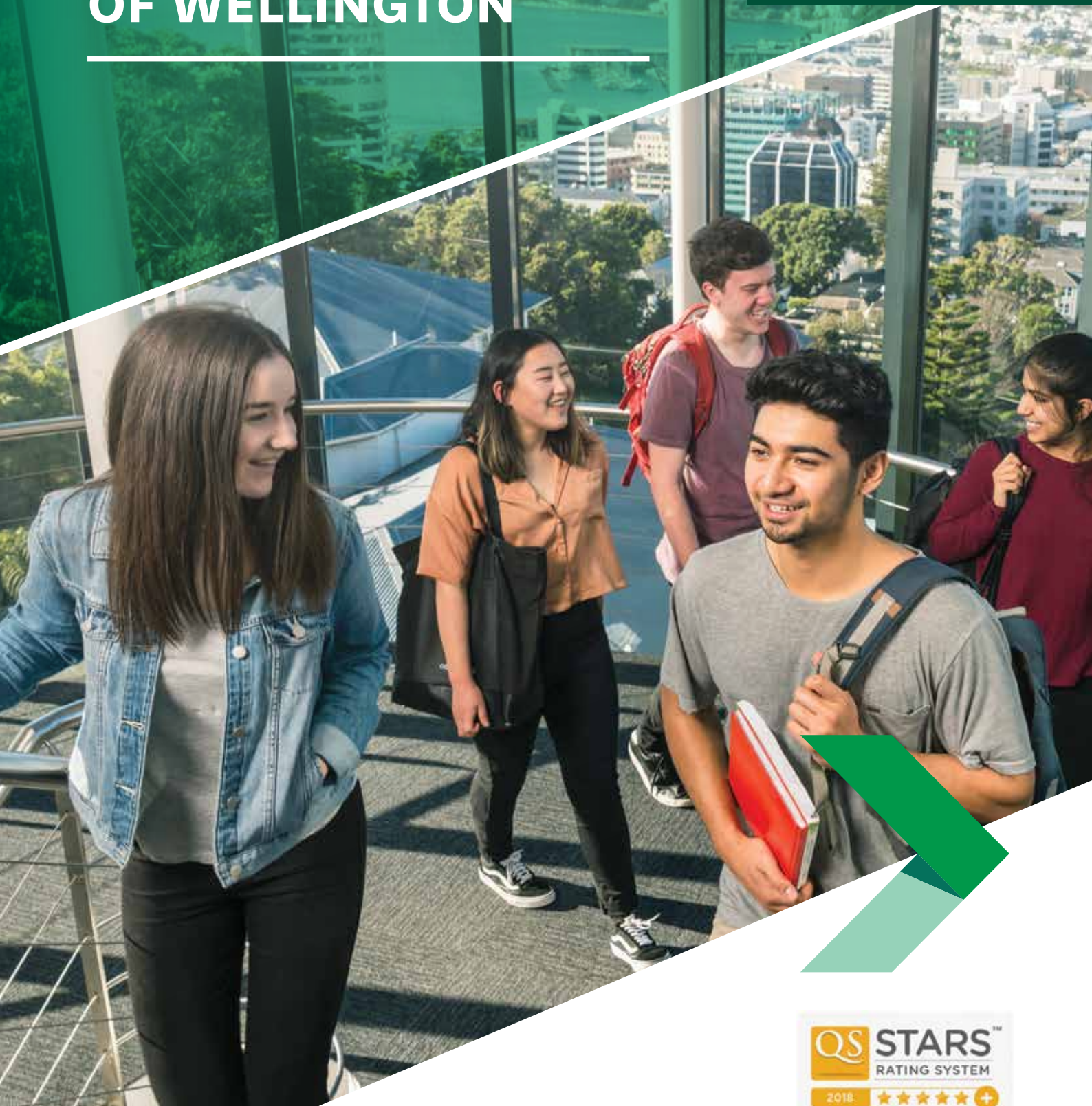


# START YOUR JOURNEY TO VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF  
**WELLINGTON**  
TE HERENGA WAKA  
NEW ZEALAND



**2020**  
PROSPECTUS

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON**  
FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME





# TĒNĀ KOUTOU AND WELCOME.

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Guilford'.

**Professor Grant Guilford**

Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University of Wellington



Victoria University of Wellington  
**Pipitea Campus**







UP International College partners with Victoria University of Wellington to transition international students into undergraduate degrees at the University. Our programmes equip students with the academic content, and English-language and tertiary study skills needed to excel in the university environment.

The Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme is registered as the UP International College Foundation Studies Programme and is taught by UP International College New Zealand.

An aerial photograph of Wellington, New Zealand, showing the city's dense urban landscape, the harbor, and the surrounding hills. The image is used as a background for the lower half of the page.

Victoria University of Wellington  
**Miramar Creative Centre**



Victoria University of Wellington  
**Te Aro Campus**



Victoria University of Wellington  
**Kelburn Campus**



# WHAT MAKES VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON GREAT?

At Victoria University of Wellington, you will benefit from:



## OUTSTANDING RESEARCH QUALITY

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

## KEY PARTNERSHIPS

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



## THREE YEARS OF POST-STUDY WORK RIGHTS

If you graduate with a Bachelor's degree or higher from Victoria University of Wellington you'll automatically receive the right to work in New Zealand for three years after graduation.

## FLEXIBLE STUDY

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



"Other universities are focused on making you study one thing. At Victoria University of Wellington, I can study a double major with a minor in another subject, and I find this flexibility really appealing. I'd like to do Arts and Commerce and I'm really interested in Psychology too."

**Barbara de la Pea Cuevas**

Foundation Studies Fast-track Programme student  
Mexico




**TOP 1%**  
OF THE WORLD'S  
UNIVERSITIES  
IN 19 SUBJECT  
AREAS

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



Victoria University of Wellington is a vibrant, internationally ranked University. You'll study with world-class academics in a supportive learning environment. The University has a strong global outlook and welcomes students from all around the world.

**196**   
**PARTNER UNIVERSITIES  
IN 39 COUNTRIES  
WORLDWIDE**

**50%**   
**OF UNIVERSITY  
STAFF FROM  
OVERSEAS**

**3700**   
**OF 22,000 STUDENTS  
ARE INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS**

**114**   
**COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED  
BY OUR STUDENTS**



# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES



At Victoria University of Wellington, you can choose from 14 undergraduate degrees in more than 100 subjects.

Degrees are taught across eight different faculties: Architecture and Design, Business, Education, Engineering, Health, Humanities and Social Sciences, Law and Science.

## BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES

### Majors

Architecture  
Architecture History and Theory  
Interior Architecture  
Landscape Architecture

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

### Majors

Art History  
Asian Studies  
Chinese  
Classical Studies  
Criminology  
Cultural Anthropology  
Data Science  
Development Studies  
Economics  
Education  
Education and Psychology  
English Literature  
Film  
French  
Geography  
German  
Greek  
History  
International Relations  
Italian  
Japanese  
Latin  
Linguistics  
Māori Resource Management  
Māori Studies  
Mathematics  
Media Studies  
Modern Language Studies  
Music  
Pacific Studies  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Policy

Religious Studies

Samoan Studies/Matā'upu tau Sāmoa

Sociology

Spanish

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

Te Reo Māori

Theatre

## BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

### Majors

Human Genetics

Molecular Pathology

Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry

## BACHELOR OF BUILDING SCIENCE

### Majors

Project Management

Project Management and Sustainable Engineering Systems

Sustainable Engineering Systems

## BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

### Majors

Accounting

Actuarial Science

Commercial Law

Data Science

Economics

Finance

Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations

Information Systems

International Business

Management

Marketing

Public Policy

Taxation

Tourism Management

The Wellington School of Business and Government is in the **top 1%** of business schools that hold the 'Triple Crown' of international accreditations.



**LAW SCHOOLS  
WORLDWIDE\***



**WORLDWIDE FOR ARTS,  
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE\***

## BACHELOR OF COMMUNICATION

### Majors

Intercultural Communication  
Literary and Creative Communication  
Media Studies  
Political Communication  
Science Communication

## BACHELOR OF DESIGN INNOVATION

### Majors

Animation and Visual Effects  
Communication Design  
Design for Social Innovation  
Fashion Design Technology  
Industrial Design  
Interaction Design  
Media Design

## BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (TEACHING) EARLY CHILDHOOD

## BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (HONS)

### Majors

Cybersecurity Engineering  
Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering  
Software Engineering

## BACHELOR OF HEALTH

### Majors

Population Health, Policy and Service Delivery  
Health Promotion  
Health Psychology  
Health Informatics  
Health Software Development

## BACHELOR OF LAWS

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC

### Majors

Classical Performance  
Instrumental/Vocal Composition  
Jazz Performance  
Music Studies  
Sonic Arts and Music Technology

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

### Majors

Actuarial Science  
Applied Physics  
Biology  
Biotechnology  
Cell and Molecular Bioscience  
Chemistry  
Computer Graphics  
Computer Science  
Data Science  
Development Studies  
Ecology and Biodiversity  
Electronic and Computer Systems  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Geography  
Geology  
Geophysics  
Marine Biology  
Mathematics  
Meteorology  
Physical Geography  
Physics  
Psychology  
Renewable Energy Systems  
Statistics

# STUDENTS LOVE WELLINGTON



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



## #2

**MOST LIVEABLE CITY IN  
THE WORLD**

*Mapping the World's Prices report  
Deutsche Bank Quality  
of Life Survey, 2019*

**NEW ZEALAND'S  
SAFEST CITY  
AND 18TH SAFEST CITY IN  
THE WORLD**

*The Safe Cities Index 2019  
The Economist Intelligence Unit*



**HOME TO KEY  
INTERNATIONAL  
AND GOVERNMENT  
AGENCIES**



**SO COMPACT  
YOU CAN WALK  
ALMOST  
ANYWHERE**



# NEW ZEALAND'S CREATIVE CENTRE

Victoria University of Wellington collaborates with the Miramar Creative Centre to offer students the chance to learn the finer arts of filmmaking, game design, VFX, audio post-production and multimedia design.

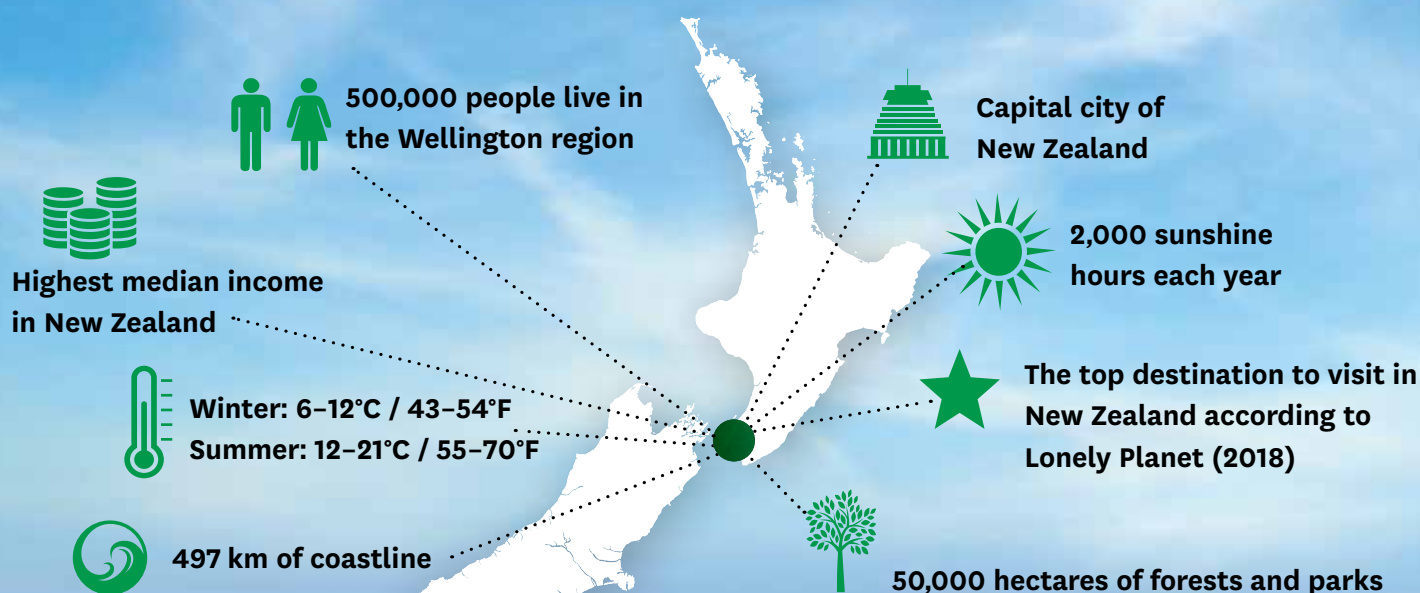


"I really want to study film and media – Wellington is perfect because of the University's well-known Miramar Creative Centre, and it's the capital city."

**Ji Darm (David) Kim**

Foundation Studies Fast-track Programme student  
South Korea

## WELLINGTON AT A GLANCE



# YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE



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. Go on an overseas exchange. Join a free global leadership programme – Wellington International Leadership Programme or Wellington Plus.

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

## STUDENT SUPPORT

New Zealand is the only country in the world with an International Student Wellbeing Strategy, designed to protect our reputation as a safe and welcoming study destination.

**Here are some of the ways that Victoria University of Wellington supports international students:**

### **Wellington University International - Te Kahupapa**

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

student events.

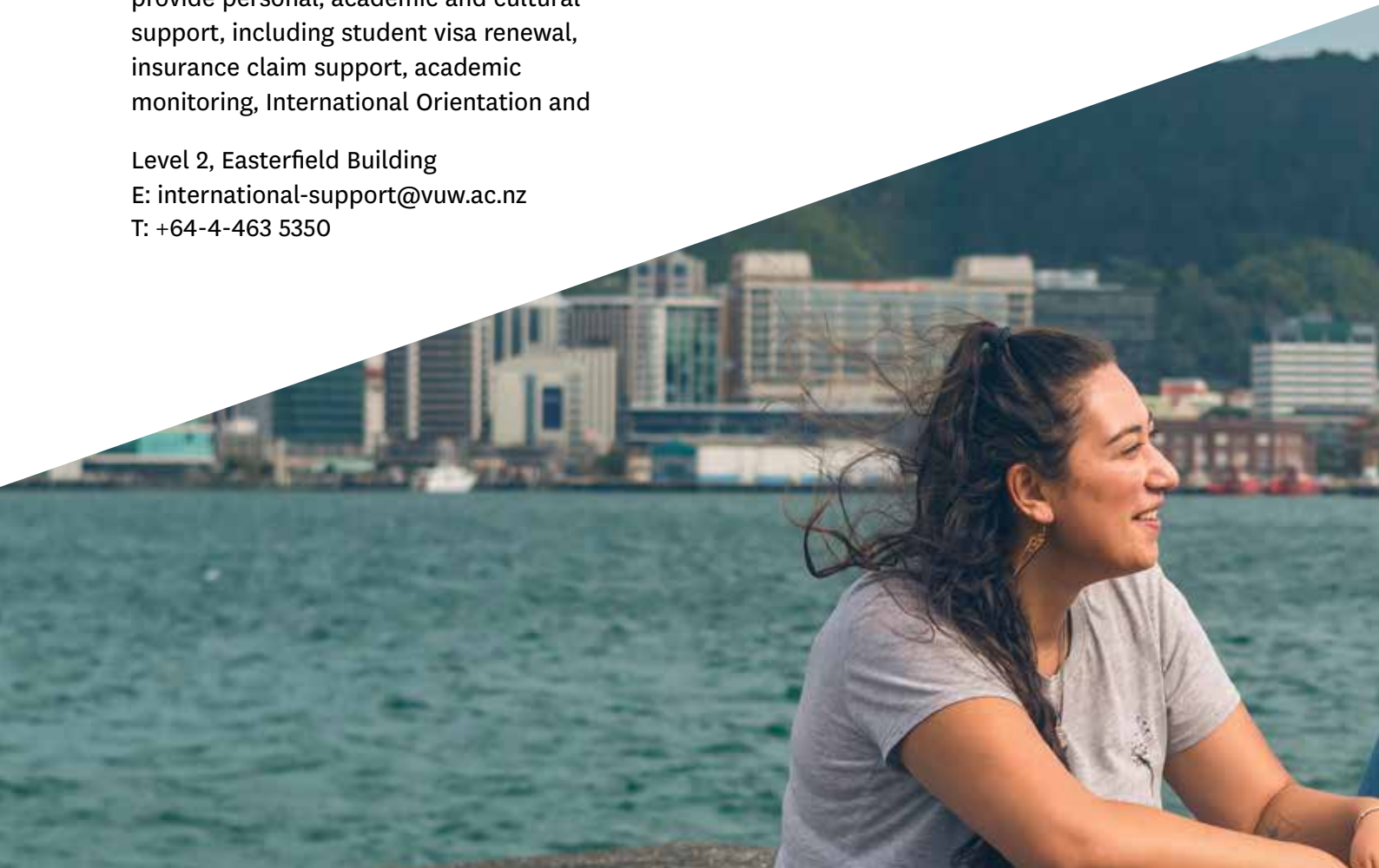
#### **International Orientation**

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

#### **International Buddy Programme**

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

Level 2, Easterfield Building  
E: [international-support@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:international-support@vuw.ac.nz)  
T: +64-4-463 5350





### **Student Wellbeing Awareness Team (SWAT)**

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 university 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

**140+**  
**CLUBS AND  
ASSOCIATIONS**



# HOW FOUNDATION STUDIES HELPS



MEET JINGYAN

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MEET UDITI

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MEET ALAN

“The course gave me simple and constructive solutions to excel in my assignments.”

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Jingyan chose the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme as a bridge to English-language university study.

**“The course gave me a lot of opportunities to learn more about university. It offered professional courses like Marketing and Accounting, which teach you the basics so you can decide quite early on a major for university. My best course was Introduction to Mathematics – I got a high mark. But I think Microeconomics was my highlight, and our teacher gave us a lot of help. I was honoured to win a scholarship (Victoria University of Wellington Study Award). It’s an encouragement to study in the future.”**

***Jingyan Ji, China***

Jingyan plans to study Tourism Management at Victoria University of Wellington, and ultimately work for a tourist company.

Getting guaranteed entry into Victoria University of Wellington and insights into how the University works was the motivation for Uditi to enrol in the UP International College Foundation Studies Programme. She is finding the course fast-paced and well-structured and the atmosphere comfortable and welcoming.

**“The Foundation Studies course is helping me get familiar with university studies and the university atmosphere. The teachers are amazing and have helped me a lot, and there is a lot of student support – especially Wellbeing Week.”**

***Uditi Banger, India***

Uditi hopes to do a Bachelor of Biomedical Science majoring in Human Genetics and Molecular Pathology at Victoria University of Wellington, and eventually become a pathologist researching cancer and other diseases.

Alan decided on the Foundation Studies Programme to learn the concepts and techniques he knew he’d need to successfully study at undergraduate degree level in New Zealand.

**“The course provided me with simple and constructive solutions to excel in my assignments, but the highlight was definitely the group presentations and practical applications. I love to know about technology and the process of its creation, and for a job I would like to implement technology for business profits.”**

***Alan Nagavkar, India***

Alan is now studying a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Information Systems and Marketing at Victoria University of Wellington.

# UP INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



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

## LOCATION

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

**Level 3, West Wing  
Railway Station Building  
2 Bunny St, Pipitea, Wellington**

## ORIENTATION

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

## TIMETABLE

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

## SCHOLARSHIPS REDUCE YOUR UNIVERSITY FEES!

Each term, Victoria University of Wellington awards a NZD5000 scholarship towards the first year of tuition fees to a student who is an exceptional all-rounder.





# ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



## HOMESTAY

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

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

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

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

## OTHER ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

You could also choose to:

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

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

## HOMESTAY FEES (NZD)

Homestay (Under 18)	305
Homestay (18 and over)	290
Homestay Plus (Under 18)	340
Homestay Plus (18 and over)	325

## ADDITIONAL FEES (NZD)

Accommodation Placement Fee*	350
Under 18 Accommodation Guarantee and Services Fee**	
■ Student living with residential caregiver (per year)	1000
■ Student living with residential caregiver (per term)	250
■ Student living with parent (per year)	600
■ Student living with parent (per term)	150
Change of Homestay Fee (per change)	100
Homestay retainer rate (per week)	100
Airport pickup/transfer (one way, per person)	130
Transfer of additional passenger (subject to approval)	60

\*If UP Education coordinates student accommodation

\*\*Allows for homestays with students under 18 to be checked once per term to ensure Code of Practice requirements are being met

^Charged when student requests a change of homestay for reasons deemed unacceptable, or if student frequently changes homestays (fee charged at discretion of Director of Admissions and Student Services)

^^Charged when student is away and requests room at homestay be held (rate charged after fifth day)

# FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME



Our Foundation Studies Programme provides a path to undergraduate-level study. It delivers the building blocks you need to study at Victoria University of Wellington.

## PREPARE TO STUDY AT UNIVERSITY

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

## ENROL IN FOUNDATION STUDIES AND RECEIVE:

- An Offer of Place for a Foundation Studies Programme
- A *conditional* Offer of Place for an undergraduate degree at Victoria University of Wellington. (When you successfully complete the Foundation Studies Programme you will receive an *unconditional* offer.)

## TO GAIN ENTRY TO A VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE:

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

## APPLICATION CRITERIA

To apply, you must:

- Be at least 16 years old
- Have completed:
  - New Zealand secondary school Year 12 (NCEA Level 2), or
  - Grade 11/12 (Asia), or
  - second/third year of senior high school, or equivalent

## SUBJECTS

CORE
English for Tertiary Study (I and II, 40 credits)
Introductory Mathematics (10 credits)
New Zealand Culture and Society (10 credits)
OPTIONAL (10 CREDITS EACH)
Calculus
Design and Society (I and II)
Environmental Science
Health Studies
Introduction to Accounting
Macroeconomics
Management Studies
Marketing
Media Studies (I and II)
Microeconomics
Physics (I and II)
Psychology
Quantitative Methods
Statistics
Tourism (I and II)

(Not all subjects offered each term)



“English for Tertiary Study is a really useful subject. We are learning research skills for university like how to do APA referencing for written assignments.”

**Mahin Khan**

Foundation Studies Fast-track Programme student  
Pakistan



# PROGRAMME OPTIONS



Select a programme that matches your academic level and English language ability. If you don't meet the English language requirements of your Foundation Studies programme, enrol first in a Campbell Institute General English course at the same campus (courses start each week, all year).

	TUITION FEE (NZD)	RESOURCES FEE* (NZD)	ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS	START DATES (INCL. ORIENTATION)
<b>FAST-TRACK</b> 6 MONTHS, 2 TERMS	18,000	800	IELTS Level 6.0 (min. 5.0 in all bands), or Campbell Direct – Foundation Stream Level 3, or agreed equivalent	27 January 20 April 13 July 5 October
<b>STANDARD</b> 8–9 MONTHS, 3 TERMS	21,000	800	IELTS Level 5.5 (min. 5.0 in all bands), or Campbell Direct – Foundation Stream Level 2, or agreed equivalent	27 January 20 April 13 July 5 October
<b>STANDARD PLUS</b> 12 MONTHS, 4 TERMS	28,000	800	IELTS Level 5.0 (min. 4.5 in all bands), or Campbell Direct – Foundation Stream Level 1, or equivalent	27 January 20 April 13 July 5 October
<b>EXTENDED</b> 18 MONTHS, 6 TERMS	42,750	1200	IELTS Level 4.5 (min. 4.0 in all bands), or agreed equivalent	27 January 13 July

## ADDITIONAL FEES (NZD)

Registration fee	400
Medical and travel insurance^ (12 months)	633
Foundation Studies examination fee	350
IELTS examination fee (for degrees requiring IELTS)	385
Examination resit fee	50

\*Covers all standard learning resources, including textbooks (paper-based and online), exercise books and access to Blackboard Learning Management System learning resources (past exams and assessments).

^International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while in New Zealand. The UP International College Southern Cross Healthcare policy covers students for the duration of the student visa.

## SAMPLE COURSE PROGRESSION

	2020												2021											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
VUW TRIMESTERS				1			2			3			1			2			3					
Fast-track (6 months)																								
Standard (8–9 months)																								
Standard Plus (12 months)																								
Extended (18 months)																								

# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



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

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

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

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

## 2020 Academic Year

Trimester 1	2 March–5 June
Trimester 2	6 July–9 October
Trimester 3	9 November–12 February 2021

### Academic Year

The University's study year is made up of three trimesters. Most courses are taught in Trimester 1 and Trimester 2.

Note that students are required to attend Orientation the week before start dates.



# HOW TO APPLY

## STEP 1 – APPLICATION

**Student** Submit completed application form (with copy of passport, qualifications, recent school report, evidence of English language proficiency)

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**UP Education** Review application and email offer of place and schedule of fees



## STEP 2 – ENROLMENT

**Student** Pay all fees (registration, tuition, accommodation, insurance and transfer)

Submit completed Enrolment Acceptance form

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**UP Education** Issue receipt and confirmation letter

Issue Code of Practice-compliant accommodation confirmation (to students under 18 for visa application)

*Note there may be country-specific requirements in some regions.*



## STEP 2 – COMPLETION

**Student** Apply for student visa

Inform UP Education of arrival details

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**UP Education** Arrange accommodation and send details (if requested)

Organise airport pickup/transfer (if requested)

*Note there may be country-specific requirements in some regions.*

## Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

UP Education, and its schools, is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 (the Code). Published by the New Zealand Ministry of Education and administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), the Code is designed to ensure international students are well informed, safe and properly cared for.  
Visit: [nzqa.govt.nz/the-code](http://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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**W** [partnerships.up.education/wellington](http://partnerships.up.education/wellington)

