



OTAGO
POLYTECHNIC
Te Kura Matatini ki Otago



YOUR NEW ZEALAND EXPERIENCE AT OTAGO POLYTECHNIC

Otago Polytechnic welcomes students from all over the world to our beautiful campuses in the city of Dunedin and the region of Central Otago, located on New Zealand's stunning lower South Island. Legendary for its scenic beauty, friendly and welcoming people and a diverse natural environment ready for you to explore – Otago Polytechnic's South Island location is the perfect place for your studies!

International students choose Otago Polytechnic for their New Zealand Study Experience, because of our reputation for providing students with an exceptional and internationally recognised tertiary education. Nationally ranked at the top of our sector, Otago Polytechnic is an acclaimed and highly regarded institute of applied research and technology. *(Based on Performance Based Research Funding (PBRF) Quality Evaluation announced by the New Zealand Government's Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), see www.tec.govt.nz for more information.)*

International students receive all the support they need to study successfully at Otago Polytechnic, with plenty of opportunities to participate in social and recreational activities organised on both campuses. By studying in small classes, with lecturers who know you by name, you'll develop lifelong friendships with both New Zealanders and other international students. Your experience at Otago Polytechnic will be both rewarding and memorable.

As a student at Otago Polytechnic, you'll benefit from an education that emphasises real-world learning with a strong theoretical base. As a graduate, you'll be prepared to succeed and thrive in the global community.

Why Choose Otago Polytechnic?

Qualifications

Otago Polytechnic offers internationally recognised undergraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and post-graduate qualifications in a wide range of subject areas. Otago Polytechnic is academically ranked at the top of our sector in Design, Nursing, Health Studies, Visual Arts and Crafts, Information Technology and Information Services. Your academic experience will reward you with an internationally recognised qualification.

Experience

Internationally, employers want team members who are well educated, adaptable, and ready to contribute to their workplace. All Otago Polytechnic programmes focus on developing these real-life skills, and when combined with work experience, our graduates are ready for career success.

Guidance

Academic staff are experienced in their field, experts in cutting-edge technology, dedicated to research and available to provide students with all the support and guidance they need to reach their academic goals.

Support

Otago Polytechnic will help you make the most of your student experience in New Zealand. Our well-resourced recreational facilities, extensive academic support, assistance with finding accommodation, and extensive international student support services, ensures that your success at Otago Polytechnic is our highest priority.

Unbeatable Lifestyle

New Zealand has a worldwide reputation for being a welcoming and safe destination, with a friendly and honest populace. As a nation of immigrants, New Zealand's cultural diversity means you will always feel welcome to participate in a range of activities. New Zealand benefits from the best of all worlds; from snow-capped mountains to famous surfing beaches, and sophisticated, modern cities.

Visit www.newzealand.com for more information about New Zealand.





Destination Dunedin: The Student Capital of New Zealand

As the country's premier centre of learning, Dunedin is home to a tertiary student population of 25,000, who give the city a special character, contributing to its vibrant and lively atmosphere. Otago Polytechnic's Dunedin campus sits in the heart of Dunedin's tertiary environment, surrounded by green parks, student accommodation, and a vibrant café culture.

Nestled amongst rolling green hills, Dunedin is situated at the end of a beautiful natural harbour and is the gateway to a variety of recreational opportunities available in the Otago region and the nearby world famous adventure capital City of Queenstown.

Enjoying a temperate climate, Dunedin may see the occasional winter snowfall, only to watch it melt away within a few hours. Temperatures in August range from a low of 4°C to an average of 13°C. A Dunedin summer is breezy and warm with February temperatures peaking at the mid to high 20s.

Visit www.dunedin.govt.nz and www.dunedinnz.com for more information about Dunedin.

Central Otago: Your Future Adventures Await

Central Otago is a place unlike any other in the world. Mountains, rivers, lakes and tussock covered hills provide a stunning backdrop for commercial activities like tourism and hospitality, horticulture and viticulture, adventure, sport, farming and small businesses. Otago Polytechnic's Central Otago campuses in Cromwell and Wanaka offer programmes and short courses catering to these activities.

Studying in Central Otago means hands-on learning within the industry, small classes and dedicated tutors. There is also plenty of part-time work available in the region – perfect for students who are looking for a head start in their careers.

Visit www.centralotagonz.com for more information about Central Otago.





International Student Services: Improving Your Experience

The International Student Services Team are dedicated to assisting you when you are considering your study options and while you are a student. This team works hard to ensure that you get the best information before you arrive and personalised support while you are studying.

The friendly and experienced International Student Services team can help you with everything from your first enquiry through to your application and enrolment. This includes:

- > Advising students on the best course of study.
- > Assessing student applications and, if applicable, providing a student with an 'offer of place' in their chosen programme.
- > Providing advice on accommodation options and organising either home-stay or Residence Hall placements.
- > Providing options for payment all fees.
- > Assisting with New Zealand Student Visa and Permit applications and renewals.
- > Offering social and recreational opportunities.
- > Ensuring a staff member is available as your emergency contact, 24 hours a day.

International Students are well looked after in New Zealand. Otago Polytechnic has agreed to observe and to be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students, published by New Zealand's Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available from the Ministry's website at www.minedu.govt.nz

Your Future Life in New Zealand: Key Facts and Considerations

Cost of Living

Although living in New Zealand is relatively inexpensive, international students still need to think carefully about the amount of money they will require for the duration of their study. Your 'daily cost of living' is in addition to tuition fees and airfare. The following table gives an idea of the approximate yearly cost of living in Dunedin and Central Otago.

Approximate Yearly Costs in New Zealand

Item	Amount in New Zealand Dollars
Accommodation and Food	\$12 000 NZD
Books and Materials	\$2 000 NZD
Transport	\$500 NZD
Entertainment	\$2 000 NZD
Total*	\$16 500 NZD

*Current at time of printing.

Employment, Immigration and Your Work Rights

All international students require a student visa and permit from the New Zealand Immigration Service to enable them to study in New Zealand. International Student Services can assist students with their application.

International students may be granted a Variation of Condition (VOC) on their student permit, so that they can gain employment. Generally, if you are enrolled in a full-time programme, you can apply to work for up to 20 hours per week.

Students can also apply to work over the summer holidays, if they are enrolled in any programme lasting 12 months or more. Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment while studying, and other requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, at www.immigration.govt.nz

Ensuring Your Experience: Health and Travel Insurance

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE: International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES: Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If they receive medical treatment during their visit, they may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, at www.moh.govt.nz.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE: The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but students may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at www.acc.co.nz

Your Pathway to Study: English Language Admission Requirements, Foundation Studies, and Academic Information

English Language Requirements: All courses and programmes at Otago Polytechnic are taught and examined, in English. If English is not your first language, you must provide evidence of a satisfactory level of English language proficiency. All academic programmes require an IELTS or TOEFL score, or equivalent, for admission.

Otago Polytechnic offers a wide range of entry options for Foundation and English Language Studies. These programmes are ideal for students who require English Language Instruction prior to starting their academic programme, or if they do not meet the academic entry criteria for their chosen programme.

For academic entry criteria and secondary school graduate qualification equivalencies, go to www.otagopolytechnic.ac.nz/students/international-students/what-you-need-to-know.html and download our International Students' Handbook.

Otago Polytechnic runs two main semesters, most programmes start in February, and there is a limited intake in July. It is recommended that you apply to Otago Polytechnic by November. To download your Otago Polytechnic international student application, visit www.otagopolytechnic.ac.nz/students/international-students/how-to-apply.html

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New Zealand Study Experience.



Postgraduate Studies.

Art
Design
Computing
Physical Conditioning
Midwifery
Occupational Therapy



Undergraduate Studies.

Art
Design
Computing
Business Management
Social Services
Nursing
Midwifery
Occupational Therapy



Diplomas.

Civil Engineering
Construction Management
Architectural Draughting
Quantity Surveying
Horticulture
Viticulture
Sport
Outdoor Leadership (Adventure)
Travel and Tourism
Hospitality
Management
Social Services



Certificates.

Creative Studies
Fashion
Information Technology
Electrical Technology
Agriculture
Sport Turf Management
Horticulture
Snowsport Instruction
Avalanche Safety and Management
Hospitality
Social Services
Veterinary Nursing



English Language.

Foundation Studies
English and Adventure
English and Creative Studies