



OTAGO
POLYTECHNIC
Te Kura Matatini ki Otago

Your guide to ESOL and Foundation Studies:

Pathways, entry options and experiences.

Study Pathways:

We'll help you find your way.

Otago Polytechnic, welcomes students from around the world to our campuses in the city of Dunedin and the region of Central Otago. Both of our campuses are located on New Zealand's beautiful South Island. With lots of excellent support facilities for international students, your success is our highest priority – and we look forward to welcoming you and ensuring that you achieve all of your goals.

Our English language programmes are:

- > **Flexible:**
There are different start times throughout the year. You can apply anytime.
- > **Recognised:**
Take your English Language learning across the street and around the world.
- > **Supportive:**
Know you'll be taught by enthusiastic and caring teachers.

Our English language programmes provide students with individual support and assistance so that they can learn English and progress into one of our certificate, diploma or degree programmes.

We cater for individual learning, with paths of study specially designed for each student. This individual attention ensures that each student achieves their study goals, improves their English language skills, and moves into an academic area of study, prepared to learn and achieve.

Key facts about studying English:

- > **Our small classes** mean one-on-one attention.
- > **No English Language test score** is required for entry.
- > **Clear pathways** into academic study, by offering you the chance to combine your ESOL study with specially selected academic courses (see our information on English PLUS).
- > **Progression** into an Otago Polytechnic diploma or degree.
- > **Your student I.D. card** gives you access to all of Otago Polytechnic's facilities and support services, including the library, the recreation centre (Unipol) and the student centre (Maanaki).

Our four levels of English language learning:

- 1. Beginner English (Level 1)**
This is where anyone can start to learn English.
- 2. Pre-Intermediate English (Level 2)**
For students with some English skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- 3. Intermediate English (Level 3)**
For students who can use English in an everyday setting and would like to improve their skills for academic study.
- 4. Advanced English (Level 4)**
For students who can use English accurately in specialised areas, and are preparing for higher level academic study.
Successful completion of Advanced English (Level 4) is equivalent to an IELTS overall band score of 6.0 and can be used as the English language entry criteria for Otago Polytechnic certificate, diploma, and degree programmes.

English for Special Purposes (Level 5)

A high level of English language instruction for students intending to enter specific degree-level programmes, especially in our Health and Wellbeing areas of study.

English Language Examination Preparation (IELTS)

For students who are preparing for their IELTS examination. This programme can be taken separately, or as part of the Advanced English programme.

English PLUS: Get a head start or just enjoy learning.

English PLUS is your chance to combine your English Language Studies with interesting courses from these academic study areas: Sport, Adventure, Creative Studies, Business, Hospitality, Engineering and Information Technology.

English PLUS is an opportunity for students to get ahead in their intended course of academic study, or just to enjoy learning English and something new, while experiencing beautiful New Zealand.

Key facts about English PLUS:

- > **Gain academic credits** for English PLUS courses.
- > **Supported learning** – with English Language courses designed to support academic study.
- > **Great experience** – even for a short time, students can enjoy learning a new skill, while improving their English Language competency.

English for Groups

Our English for Groups programme is designed to provide student groups with a combined programme of intensive English, with cultural tours of Dunedin and other trips to beautiful places in New Zealand.

Our flexibility and expertise work for you: Special focus areas include English and Environmental Studies, Media Studies or Business.

Key facts about English for Groups:

- > **Specially designed** – each experience is special and customised.
- > **Well-organised**, with a dedicated English for Groups coordinator.
- > **Welcoming homestay families** are specially selected and well-prepared to host and take care of international students.

An experience to last a lifetime: Students who have participated in our English for Groups programme, return home with wonderful memories of New Zealand and improved English Language skills.

Programme Options

FOUNDATION STUDIES (ESOL)	DESCRIPTION	DURATION	LOCATION	ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS	FEE (APPROX) NZD
ESOL (Levels 1-5)	To prepare for further academic study in English.	Varies/ flexible	Dunedin	Not required – students sit an internal placement test.	\$385 per week OR \$6695 per semester
English PLUS - Sport - Adventure - Creative - Business - Hospitality - Engineering - Information Technology	Combine ESOL study with selected academic courses, or experience New Zealand while improving your English.	Varies/ flexible	Dunedin	IELTS overall bandscore of 5.5 or equivalent.	\$385 per week OR \$6695 per semester
English Language Examination Preparation (IELTS or TOEFL)	To prepare students for their IELTS, TOEFL English language examination.	Varies/ flexible	Dunedin	Completion of the equivalent of Level 4 or 5 ESOL.	\$385 per week OR \$6695 per semester
English for Groups	To provide an organised student group with the opportunity to learn English in a New Zealand setting.	Varies/ flexible	Dunedin, Central Otago	Not required – each programme is designed to meet the groups' English language requirements.	\$385 per week OR \$6695 per semester

Certificate Studies

Missing the academic entry criteria for the programme you want? Need one year of tertiary study before you enter into degree level studies? Our range of subject-specific one year certificate courses will bridge the gap, and assist you in entering your chosen certificate, diploma or degree.

Certificate in Foundation Studies

In this one-year full time programme you will prepare for study at degree level with an individualised study pathway.

Certificate in International Education Abroad

A customised programme that allows individuals or groups of students the opportunity to select different courses across a range of programmes. We can design a programme to meet your goals or interests and help to ensure that the courses taken cross-credit back to your home institution. Perfect for your study abroad.

Certificate in Health

In this one-year full time programme you will prepare for study in Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Social Services or Applied Science.

Certificate in Creative Studies

Your pathway to study in Design and Art.

Certificate in Information Technology

Your pathway to study in Information Technology.

Certificate in Business Administration

Your pathway to study in Business.

Certificate in Cookery

Your pathway to study in Hospitality.

Certificate in Professional Restaurant, Bar and Wine

Your pathway to study in Hospitality.

Certificate in Horticulture

Your pathway to study in Horticulture.

Talk to us – we are flexible and accommodating for individuals and groups and can use the expertise found in our academic areas to design a special programme just for you or your group.





Student: Willy Jantapanya **Programme:** ESOL **Country:** Thailand

From Thailand to Kiwiland

From balmy summers in Thailand, to the land of the long white cloud, Willy Jantapanya has come a long way.

Having recently moved to Dunedin to study English in the School of Foundation Learning, at Otago Polytechnic, the Thai national relocated to New Zealand in 2007.

“When I first came to New Zealand I hardly spoke any English,” says Willy. “It took around a year and a half to feel comfortable.”

Willy attended Dunstan High School in the small Central Otago town of Alexandra, before transitioning to Otago Polytechnic at the end of Year 12, to study English.

“The English as a Second Language programme has been great for improving my reading and writing skills. It also gives me the opportunity to upgrade to another study programme within the Polytechnic.”

“My teacher is from Thailand which I find comforting. Other students in my class are from India, Hong Kong, Korea, China and Germany.”

In-between studying, Willy has discovered a love for New Zealand’s fantastic outdoors.

“I took up hiking and snowboarding and I’m really enjoying it. I plan on going boarding every weekend in winter. In Dunedin, I’m enjoying skateboarding at the skate park behind the Railway Station.”

When he’s not riding those rails, Willy is weighing up his future study options in Dunedin.

“I want to eventually get into marketing and sales, but I’m still choosing between business and art for my studies. It’s nice to have so many options.”

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