

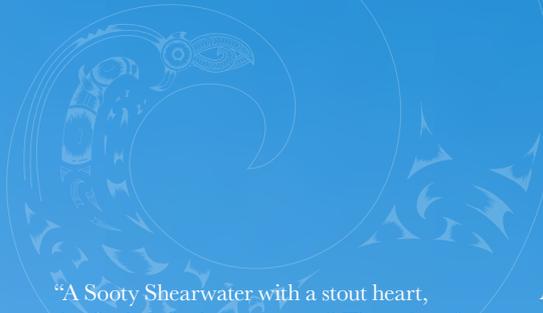


# University of Otago New Zealand

Te Whare Wānanga o Otākou

2022/23 Study Abroad and Exchange Guide





“A Sooty Shearwater with a stout heart,  
the Godwit flock rises as one.” The voice of  
welcome from the University of Otago calls  
out to you, to take rest on this rich fertile  
land, on this coast of knowledge. As the first  
university in New Zealand, the University  
of Otago welcomes you all.

Whatever your dreams or aspirations,  
they can be realised here. Whether  
you want to pursue Humanities, Law,  
Sciences, Medicine or Business, there is a  
place for you here and a qualification to  
suit your specialty.

At the University of Otago we have the  
people to teach, guide and support you to  
fly to the mountain tops and beyond.

Welcome, welcome, welcome.

*Me he manawa tītī, me he kuaka mārangaranga.  
Ko te reo rāhiri, ko te reo pōwhiri e karanga atu  
ana ki a koutou ngā tītī, ngā kuaka, ngā manu  
tawhiti kia whai wāhi ai koutou ki te whenua  
haumako, te ākau mātauranga o Aotearoa,  
a ko te Whare Wānanga o Otāgo. Tēnā,  
karāpinepine mai, whakarauika mai.*

*Ahakoia tō awhero, ahakoia tō wawata he wāhi  
hāneanea mōu, he ara whakamua mōu hei  
whakatutuki i tēnā tāu e hiahia ai. Mēnā ka  
whai tohu koe ki Te Kete Aronui, ki te Ture, ki te  
Pūtaiao, ki te Hauora, ki te Tauhokohoko rānei,  
ahakoia te kaupapa he wāhi mōu, he tohu mōu.*

*Ko te ringa āwhina ka toro atu ki a koutou,  
ko ngā pou taunaki ka whakaakoria, ka  
ārahia, ka tautokona koe ki te rere atu ki ngā  
karamatamata, ki ngā kōtiritihi o te ngaru  
mātauranga nei.*

*Nā reira,*

*Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!*



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## COVID-19 Updates

For the latest University of Otago COVID-19 information, please see:

[otago.ac.nz/coronavirus](https://otago.ac.nz/coronavirus)



## Tena koutou, welcome

The University of Otago welcomes you from wherever in the world you call home. Otago was founded in 1869 by early Scottish settlers. We are now home to staff and students from around 100 countries and we work in close partnership with Ngāi Tahu, the tangata whenua of this land. Approximately 85 per cent of our students come to us from outside of Dunedin and embracing differences and welcoming others to their new home is a fundamental part of who we are.

Otago is the oldest university in New Zealand and our academic staff are dedicated to teaching and are internationally recognised for their research. We pride ourselves on nurturing graduates who understand the value of free speech, who do not shirk from ideas that are different from their own, who have the ability to get comfortable with the uncomfortable and who are not afraid to challenge conventional wisdom. In a world where resilience has become a rare commodity, Otago continues to be a place that fosters resilience.

Our city, Dunedin, is safe, compact, vibrant and student-friendly, with beaches, hills and adventure on its doorstep. The majority of students live within close proximity to campus, either in our residential colleges or shared living arrangements. This unique environment creates unrivalled opportunities for our students to engage in meaningful extra-curricular activities with their peers. These experiences combine to make Otago graduates stand out in the workplace. They graduate not only with a head full of knowledge, but also with the skills and maturity to succeed in their career of choice, and make significant contributions to the intellectual, cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the world around them.

Choosing Otago for this next step in your life journey says a great deal about who you are – this is a place for bright, independent, compassionate people who are not afraid of working hard to achieve their dreams. If this sounds like you, I look forward to welcoming you to the University of Otago.

*Helen Nicholson*

PROFESSOR HELEN NICHOLSON  
BSc(Hons) MB ChB MD  
Vice-Chancellor (Acting)

# NAU MAI, TĀUTI MAI

Welcome to Aotearoa  
New Zealand's first  
university and the  
first choice for more  
than **21,000** students.

We were established in 1869,  
and after more than 150 years

**we're still leading  
the way when it comes  
to world-class teaching  
and a legendary  
student lifestyle.**

These two core elements set the  
University of Otago apart, and are  
the reason students from across the  
country and around the world choose  
us for their tertiary education.

## COLLEGIATE COMMUNITY

Our 15 residential colleges and shared  
accommodation offer a vibrant and  
supportive campus community like no other  
university in New Zealand.



## ADVENTURE

#DINNERSTUNNER

## GLOBAL EMPLOYABILITY

Otago graduates are  
globally employable:

**95% of our  
students**

go directly into work or on to  
further study.

## INDEPENDENCE

We encourage, attract and  
foster independent people:

**85%**

of our students come from  
outside Dunedin.



## FACILITIES

Otago is known for its

**state-of-  
the-art**

lecture theatres, research  
labs and libraries.



Highest possible  
international quality rating



First New Zealand university to  
achieve Fair Trade status and  
to pursue the United Nations'  
Sustainable Development Goals



More than  
195 undergraduate and  
postgraduate programmes



Over 170 student  
clubs and societies



An Otago degree can give you the momentum to get where you want to go in life. And it's not just academic achievement that you'll take with you – **the experiences and friendships forged at Otago can last a lifetime.**



**INDIVIDUALITY**

We believe that everybody is an individual: our style of teaching, support and the services we provide all reflect this.



The beautiful lower South Island offers many exciting recreational activities.



# WHY OTAGO?

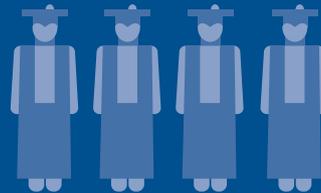
Ranked in the  
**TOP 1%**  
of universities in the world  
*(QS world rankings)*

Rated  
**TOP UNIVERSITY**  
**in New Zealand**

for international student experience  
*(International Student Barometer)*

## FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Many Otago degrees can be tailor-made to suit you, with a mix of subjects that may not usually be put together.



**YOUR DEGREE, YOUR CHOICE.**



Unmatched record in the National Teaching Excellence Awards: **7 Supreme Award Winners**



Our Dunedin campus is recognised as one of the most beautiful in the world



National presence: as well as our main Dunedin campus, we also have campuses in Wellington, Christchurch and Invercargill



New Zealand's top university for educational performance  
*(TEC Educational Performance Indicators)*

# New Zealand Aotearoa

Embracing visitors as whānau (family) underpins every aspect of our identity.



**NEW ZEALAND** is truly unique.

It is a safe and fun destination with friendly people, easy access to the outdoors, immersive experiences and rich culture.

It is also one of the least crowded countries in the world, with a physical size comparable to Japan or Great Britain and a population of only 4.9 million people affectionately known as "Kiwis".

The country is made up of two major islands – the North and South Islands – and a number of smaller islands, including Stewart Island.

Approximately two thirds of the population lives in the North Island. Auckland has more than 1.4 million people, followed by the capital city Wellington and Christchurch (which each have about 400,000). Dunedin's population is around 130,000.

Māori were the first inhabitants of New Zealand Aotearoa across Te Ika a Maui (the North Island) and Te Waipounamu (the South Island).

According to Māori, Kupe ventured from the Polynesian homeland of Hawaiiki to New Zealand on a waka hourua (voyaging canoe) around 1,000 years ago, navigating by the stars and ocean currents. Several waka hourua arrived across the country over hundreds of years, and Māori established themselves as the first inhabitants and caretakers of the land.

Dutch explorer Abel Tasman was the first European to discover New Zealand, in 1642. English navigator James Cook mapped the country in 1769–70. Later, sealers, whalers and traders arrived and the following two centuries saw waves of European settlement.

Today the country is diverse and multicultural, enhanced by the growing number of people from the Pacific and Asia who have made New Zealand their home in recent years.

Kiwis have a reputation for being resourceful and innovative. New Zealand's urban centres are full of cafes, restaurants, arts, industry and fashion. Farming remains the country's major export industry, and there is a growing focus on ecotourism ventures, the wine industry, fashion design and a flourishing film industry that is gaining international recognition.

New Zealand is renowned for its spectacular landscapes – from dramatic mountain ranges and steaming volcanoes, to sandy swimming beaches and wild and rugged coastlines.

The South Island has some of the world's most picturesque scenery. Beaches, glaciers, lakes and fiords, and mountains with world-class ski resorts are all easily accessible from your base in Dunedin.

[studyinnewzealand.govt.nz](https://studyinnewzealand.govt.nz)



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### Dunedin

Known as the gateway to the lower South Island, basing yourself in Dunedin allows for a comparably affordable way for you to access many of New Zealand's world-renowned destinations of great natural beauty, and enjoy adventure activities.



2

### Queenstown, Arrowtown and Wanaka

3.5 hours' drive.

Queenstown, the birthplace of bungee, is known as the adventure sports capital of the world. The stunningly beautiful gorges and lakeside environment provide the perfect setting for skydiving, canyon swinging, jet boating and white-water rafting. This is also the Southern Hemisphere's top ski resort area and has great nightlife once the sun goes down.



3

### Fiordland

4.5 hours' drive.

Fiordland is one of the most dramatic and beautiful parts of New Zealand and has three of New Zealand's "Great Walks" – the Milford, Kepler and Routeburn Tracks.



4

### Aoraki Mount Cook

4 hours' drive.

Aoraki Mount Cook National Park is home to New Zealand's highest mountain and longest glacier. Visitors come here to hike, climb, cycle, paddle among icebergs in glacial lakes and sit and soak up the spectacular views.



5

### The Catlins

1.5 hours' drive.

The Catlins is an area of great contrasts and natural beauty – from magnificent coastal cliffs and long sweeping beaches, to rainforests, hidden waterfalls and rolling farmland.

# Dunedin: New Zealand's student capital



**OUR MORE THAN 21,000 STUDENTS** make up one fifth of Dunedin's population, creating an energy and atmosphere that you'll only find at Otago.

The town and the University campus developed together, so Dunedin is one of just a handful of places worldwide where education is the main activity of the city.

Our campus and residential colleges are located in the heart of town, and all of Dunedin's cafés, music venues, designer boutiques and stores, museums and galleries are never more than a short walk away.

When it comes to sport, Otago takes on the best in the world. The University's facilities are state-of-the-art and Forsyth Barr Stadium, the world's first fully enclosed grassed stadium, hosts top-level sports matches and world-class concerts.

But that's just the beginning. Dunedin is a small city nestled between rural hillsides, the harbour and the ocean – meaning there's plenty to see and do.

Experience the distinctive beauty of each of Dunedin's four seasons. The temperate climate brings warm summers and mild winters with some frost and very occasional snowfalls.

No other city in the country has such a wide range of accessible leisure activities. Ride the waves at some 30 nearby beaches, take on excellent mountain biking tracks, paddle-board, kayak or sail on the harbour, or head to Central Otago for a weekend at New Zealand's top ski fields.

Imagine changing out of your wetsuit then pedalling into the city centre for lunch, or snowboarding all day and getting home in time to catch a gig at your favourite music venue. It's just part of life in Dunedin.

## City and campus

Although Dunedin is surrounded by hills, most of the central city and north and south Dunedin is generally flat and easily accessible. Unlike larger cities, you don't need a car to get around in Dunedin. It's a 10-minute walk from the campus, residential colleges and student flats into the centre of town, and there is a good public transport system covering all of the main suburbs.

[dunedinnz.com/study](https://dunedinnz.com/study)



“When I decided to go to Otago University I showed my friends and family a picture of the Clocktower Building and told them that I was going to study at Hogwarts. So far the magic of this place has been without compare. I am amazed that I can study with the view of evergreen mountains and 20 minutes later be surfing on a beach with sea lions and penguins in the water. The Kiwis are very sweet and caring people and I think that culture is already changing me for the better. I am looking forward to many more adventures here.”

Nina Nielsen (DENMARK)

**dunedin**  
www.DunedinNZ.com



#dunnerstunner



**Haere mai ki Otepoti.**

Welcome to Dunedin – one of the world’s great small cities and home to New Zealand’s first and still most prestigious university. As well as being a centre of educational excellence, Dunedin offers a range of outstanding recreational, cultural and community facilities and events which are the envy of much bigger cities. Throw in breathtaking natural environments, rare wildlife and a friendly, supportive community and you can start to see why Dunedin residents enjoy such a superb quality of life. Wherever you come from, you’ll find a wonderful and welcoming home in Dunedin.

Aaron Hawkins  
MAYOR OF DUNEDIN

# Explore Ōtepoti Dunedin

**DUNEDIN** is surrounded by fantastic beaches, hills and harbour waters that offer opportunities for a range of activities, from surfing and kayaking to mountain biking and paddleboarding, most within a 10 minute commute.

## Mount Cargill and Signal Hill

Excellent mountain biking and walking tracks are within 10 minutes' drive.

## Golf courses

There are 12 great golf courses in and around Dunedin.

## Wanaka and Queenstown

3.5 hours' drive. Best skiing in the Southern Hemisphere!

## Te Anau and Milford Sound

4.5 hours' drive. Stunning scenery and great walks.



**St Clair Esplanade**  
10 minutes' drive.  
Great surf spot with cafés and restaurants.



**Tunnel Beach**  
20 minutes' drive.  
Spectacular rocky coastline with cliffs, rock arches and caves.



**Otago Harbour**  
5 minutes' drive.  
Enjoy stunning views, nature cruises and a range of water sports, e.g. kayaking, rowing and windsurfing.

**Dunedin Airport**  
30 minutes' drive

**Harbour cycleway**



## Otago Peninsula

A wonderland of wildlife and scenery. At its end, Taiaroa Head (1 hour's drive) has the only mainland breeding colony of northern royal albatross in the world.



Toitū Otago Settlers Museum



George Street  
Dunedin's main thoroughfare,  
with shops, cafés and restaurants.



Dunedin Botanic Garden



The Octagon  
15 minutes' walk.  
City centre with cafés, bars,  
restaurants, shopping and  
entertainment.



Forsyth Barr Stadium  
5 minutes' walk.  
New Zealand's only  
covered sports arena.



University of Otago

Flagstaff



Port Chalmers, Aramoana,  
Orokonui Ecosanctuary



# Accommodation

**FLATTING** is an important part of the university lifestyle; it offers responsibility, freedom, and the chance to live and mix with “Kiwi” students.

## University-managed flats and houses

The majority of study abroad and exchange students stay in rented accommodation which they share with other students. In New Zealand we call this “flatting”. The University Flats are houses or apartments with three to six students that are totally integrated into the local students’ neighbourhoods and all within 10 minutes’ walking distance of campus. This provides a unique opportunity to live the local student lifestyle, and most have a New Zealand “Kiwi Host” student.

The University Flats are fully furnished with shared common spaces. Each student has their own room with desk, chair, drawers, double bed and linen provided. Internet and electricity are included in the rent, however food and cooking are the responsibility of the students in the flat.

[otago.ac.nz/uniflats](http://otago.ac.nz/uniflats)

## Applying for a flat

You can apply for accommodation in a University Flat through eVision. Once in eVision on the right hand side of the “my details” box there is a link “Residential College and UniFlats”. Simply click on this link and follow the instructions, sent via email, to register and complete your application.

You should submit your application by 1 November of the preceding year for a February start, or by 15 May for a July start.

[otago.ac.nz/accommodation/apply-for-accommodation](http://otago.ac.nz/accommodation/apply-for-accommodation)

## Alternative accommodation

University Flats provide the best living experience for study abroad and exchange students, however in some cases students may wish to live with a local family (homestay). If you would like further information about homestays, please contact the University of Otago Language Centre and Foundation Year.

[otago.ac.nz/uolcfy](http://otago.ac.nz/uolcfy)

## Temporary accommodation

If you plan to arrive before your permanent accommodation is available, it is important that you organise temporary accommodation in advance for when you first arrive in Dunedin.

The Student Accommodation Centre provides a list of options including backpackers, “bed and breakfasts” and motels that are close to the University.

[otago.ac.nz/accommodation/short-term/otago-155829](http://otago.ac.nz/accommodation/short-term/otago-155829)

# Student support

OUR TOP-QUALITY EDUCATION AND FACILITIES are matched by our range of student support services, dedicated to helping you get the very best out of your time at Otago.

## Ask Otago

Ask Otago is your one-stop shop for all questions about studying at Otago. You can find answers instantly with our searchable knowledgebase, or call, email or chat with us. If you're on our Dunedin campus, you can also find us at our hub in the Information Services Building.

[ask.otago.ac.nz](http://ask.otago.ac.nz)

## Campus Watch

The Campus Watch teams are out and about 24/7, offering assistance and advice around campus and North Dunedin whenever it is required. Their duties include manning the Safety Patrol, providing "walks home", and a 24-hour control room. Toll free 0800 479 5000.

[otago.ac.nz/campus-watch](http://otago.ac.nz/campus-watch)

## Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre runs workshops, co-ordinates employer presentations and career fairs, has a range of career information for students, and has career advisers available for one-to-one discussions.

[otago.ac.nz/careers](http://otago.ac.nz/careers)

## Chaplains

The University chaplaincy team is available to offer pastoral care and spiritual support to anyone who wants to talk in confidence, whatever their beliefs.

[otago.ac.nz/chaplain](http://otago.ac.nz/chaplain)

## Computer services

Otago provides a range of IT services to students: 24-hour wireless study spaces with printers and computers, student webmail and online Office 365, and a student desktop that's accessible anywhere. Our friendly Student IT support team provide help, advice and training. Student IT offer free, short training sessions while ITS Training provides subsidised longer courses on all the software you'll require for your courses.

[otago.ac.nz/studentit](http://otago.ac.nz/studentit)

## Disability Information and Support Office (DI&S)

DI&S provides learning support, advice, advocacy and information to international students with disabilities, impairments, medical conditions or injuries that may impact on their study. It is important that you check in advance to ensure that the University is able to meet your specific requirements.

[otago.ac.nz/disabilities](http://otago.ac.nz/disabilities)

## International Office

The International Office provides information, support and advice to future and current international students and to students wishing to study overseas on exchange programmes. It runs on-campus orientation programmes for new international students including a wide variety of events to assist you in adjusting to life at Otago. It operates an international friendship network, offers a student visa renewal service, assistance with insurance, and US Financial Aid. All enquiries from prospective international students about application and admission should be directed to the International Office.

[otago.ac.nz/international](http://otago.ac.nz/international)

## Libraries

The University of Otago libraries offer an outstanding range of information services, quality resources, wi-fi and warm comfortable facilities suitable for individual or group learning. Whether you are studying on or off campus, enjoy access to a wide variety of print, electronic and audio-visual resources. Make the most of readily available expert assistance with sourcing and evaluating library resources and developing your search skills from friendly, knowledgeable staff.

[otago.ac.nz/library](http://otago.ac.nz/library)

## Otago University Students' Association (OUSA)

OUSA is an independent organisation that represents students' interests within the University, in the media, and with local and national government.

OUSA can help you with lost property, tickets to gigs, answering your questions and much more. The Student Support Centre offers a friendly and confidential advisory service to help make your student experience as trouble-free as possible. It's all free, so if you need a bit of help, a mediator, or some friendly advice OUSA can help you.

OUSA also owns Radio One 91FM, Dunedin's finest independent radio station, and student magazine *The Critic*.

[ousa.org.nz](http://ousa.org.nz)

## Student Health Services

Student Health is centrally located on campus in a purpose-built facility. They have approximately 55 staff, comprising nurses, general practitioners, counsellors, psychiatrists and administrative staff.

They endeavour to provide the best health care possible in a manner that is competent, compassionate, confidential, timely and in an atmosphere of mutual responsibility and respect.

They provide daily urgent and routine appointments to all international students. Different consultation fees may apply for international students and most international students are not entitled to publicly-funded health services while in New Zealand. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health.

[otago.ac.nz/studenthealth/health.govt.nz](http://otago.ac.nz/studenthealth/health.govt.nz)

## Student Learning Development

Student Learning Development offers a free service for enrolled students. Assistance includes interactive workshops, individual consultations with learning advisers, and peer learning and support programmes. The Peer Leadership Programme offers students opportunities to develop leadership skills through a range of workshops, activities and online study resources.

[otago.ac.nz/sld](http://otago.ac.nz/sld)

# Recreation at Otago

UNIPOL RECREATION SERVICES AND THE OUSA CLUBS AND SOCIETIES TEAM provide a comprehensive programme to ensure students maintain a healthy, balanced and fun lifestyle while studying at Otago. With many recreational opportunities on and off campus there really is something for everyone!

[otago.ac.nz/recreation](http://otago.ac.nz/recreation)

## Unipol

Unipol is a fantastic facility that includes weight training and cardio rooms, and team sports areas where students and their friends can participate in casual sports such as basketball, table tennis and more. Entry is free with a current student ID card.

## Gear for fun

Get active and have fun with Unipol's quality recreation equipment that can be hired at affordable prices, all year round. From the beach to the mountains, they have your outdoor activities covered.

## OUSA Clubs and Societies

The OUSA recreation programme offers over 150 sporting, cultural, political and religious clubs and societies, which are all 100 per cent student-led. The programme includes arts and craft, dance, exercise, health and sport, music and singing, languages, food and beverage, and everything and anything in between.

## Get outdoors: University approved recreation providers

Get in touch with your inner explorer. Venture beyond campus and experience the natural beauty that Dunedin has to offer with a variety of outdoor adventures from local university approved recreation providers. Be sure to use your valid ID card to get student discounts.





# Change you, change your world

**OTAGO OFFERS STUDENTS** many ways to become socially and environmentally responsible global citizens. Getting involved in social projects has many benefits: you'll be contributing to positive change in the community, while at the same time gaining valuable work experience and strengthening your future career prospects. International research shows that these kinds of activities are the best predictors of success following graduation, and many employers now rate voluntary work alongside internships.

## Social Impact Studio

Otago students care about social issues. Our student-led Social Impact Studio provides a range of volunteering opportunities and leadership programmes that allow students to channel their creativity, vision and insight into projects that have maximum social impact. Opportunities include: mentoring young people, helping in the community, contributing to well-being initiatives, empowering young learners through literacy programmes and taking part in global citizenship programmes.

[otago.ac.nz/social-impact-studio](http://otago.ac.nz/social-impact-studio)

## Clubs and societies

Otago students can also focus on social responsibility through clubs and societies such as Rotoract, the youth division of Rotary International; O-Red, the student group associated with Red Cross; and the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital Students' Association.

[ousa.org.nz/recreation](http://ousa.org.nz/recreation)

## Ignite Consultants

Ignite Consultants help connect students with charities and socially conscious organisations.

[igniteconsultants.co.nz](http://igniteconsultants.co.nz)

## Study options

Otago offers degrees in environmental science, social science and sustainable business. The flexibility of an Otago qualification means that most students can also complement their degrees with elective papers in areas of environmental or social interest in order to learn more about their place in the world.

## Research

The University of Otago has a number of highly regarded interdisciplinary and cross disciplinary research groups, centres and clusters concerned with the environment and sustainability issues. Topics vary from the fields of agriculture, climate science and planning, to urban design and law.

## University of Otago Centre for Sustainability

The Centre for Sustainability is an interdisciplinary research centre working on local and global sustainability challenges.

“Doing good looks different these days. I believe that our student community is a powerhouse of vision, energy and creativity. I say we get out of their way and let them get stuck into being the difference they want to see in their world.”

Sze-En Watts  
SOCIAL IMPACT STUDIO MANAGER





# University terminology

## Bachelor's degrees

New Zealand universities generally offer a three-year undergraduate bachelor's degree – the subject you choose to specialise in is called your major. The major subject is generally studied in every year of the course, with the third year increasing in difficulty and specialisation.

## Papers

The building blocks of the degree are called papers. A paper is a fixed amount of work in certain aspects of a subject at a particular level. Choosing the right papers is generally done in conjunction with a Study Abroad/Exchange adviser from your home university.

Introductory papers are called 100-level papers, and you move on in subsequent years or semesters to 200-level and 300-level papers. Usually students take a mixture of 100, 200 and 300-level papers in their semester at Otago. Papers beyond 300-level are normally postgraduate papers and require an advanced background.

Otago offers a range of papers with a uniquely New Zealand or Pacific focus. This is a great way to incorporate formal learning about the culture, society, natural and physical environment of New Zealand into the Study Abroad/Exchange experience.

## Prerequisites and corequisites

Most papers beyond 100-level have prerequisites, however if you have the equivalent background you may be permitted to enrol subject to departmental approval.

## Workload

Most papers are single semester papers and are worth 18 points. A full-time course is generally 54-72 points in any one semester (three to four papers). As an approximate guide, you can expect to spend about 12 hours per week for each single-semester paper (18 points). These hours are made up of a combination of lectures, tutorials, laboratories, assignments and reading.

18 Otago points are worth approximately 9 ECTS and 3-5 US credits.

## Teaching

The basic method of presenting subject information at university is the lecture, although many departments use a variety of other approaches. Lectures normally last 50 minutes and are a straightforward means of introducing new knowledge. You must back lectures up with your own wide reading. You will have essays and assignments, and may take part in laboratories or tutorials where more individual attention is available. You may also find you are in regular contact with tutors, other academic staff and other students.

## Assessment

Papers are assessed in a variety of ways. Examinations (finals) are usually the most important and most papers have a three-hour examination at the end of each semester. Many subjects also have shorter tests during the year, and written assignments and laboratory work often count towards your final grade.

## Semesters

The University operates two semesters per year. Some papers are completed in a single semester (i.e. a half year, either first or second semester), while others run for the whole year. Some single-semester papers are offered in each semester, while others occur only once a year.

## Summer School

The University offers a Summer School from early January to mid-February each year. This gives students the opportunity to study one or two papers for credit over a shorter teaching period and outside the standard semester timetable.

[otago.ac.nz/summerschool](https://otago.ac.nz/summerschool)

# Discover Aotearoa and the Pacific

MANY OF THE EXCITING AND REWARDING experiences you will have while studying and living overseas will come from engaging with people from other cultures, and seeing environments that are unlike your own.

At Otago we want you to make the most of your time with us and we offer a range of papers that allow you to fully immerse yourself in all that is New Zealand.

We believe that learning not only happens in our lecture theatres and laboratories, but also in real time, in the real world. This 'hands-on' style of learning will take you outside the classroom and into our beautiful country.

We offer field trips to remote areas where you can explore the geological features and processes that shaped Aotearoa New Zealand, learn about the creatures that inhabit our shores, and step aboard our *RV Polaris II* research ship for a no-holds-barred experience in oceanographic research examining the depths of the Pacific Ocean and the ecology of its marine life and ecosystems.

Discover what makes Central Otago wine so appealing with a paper dedicated to New Zealand's wine industry, or gain valuable cultural and social insights from papers on New Zealand literature and film.

You will also have a unique opportunity to develop an appreciation of the richness of the indigenous peoples and cultures of the Pacific, through papers on te ao Māori (the Māori world) and traditional and contemporary Pacific societies.

## Examples of papers

ANTH 204	Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology
ECOL 111	Ecology and Conservation of Diversity
ENGL 242	New Zealand Literature: Connecting Worlds
GEOL 112	Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective
GEOL 252	Field Studies and New Zealand Geology
MAOR 102	Māori Society
MAOR 202	Māori and Tikanga
MARI 202	Marine Invertebrate Ecology and Biology
MFCO 216	New Zealand Cinema
NAUT 101	Nautical Studies 1
OCEN 301	Practical and Field Oceanography
PACI 101	Pacific Societies
TOUR 214	Introduction to Wine Business
TOUR 301	Cultural and Heritage Tourism





# Humanities and Social Sciences

## 140 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Otago offers a wide range of subjects in the humanities and social sciences that study abroad and exchange students from all majors will find enriches their experience in Aotearoa / New Zealand giving intellectually curious students who are interested in people and cultures opportunities to gain a global perspective.

### Subjects available

Anthropology  
Archaeology  
Asian Studies  
Biblical Studies  
Buddhist Studies  
Chinese  
Christian Thought and History  
Classics  
Communication Studies  
Computer Science  
Criminology  
Dance  
Economics  
Education  
English  
European Studies  
Film and Media Studies  
French  
Gender Studies  
Geography  
German  
Greek  
History  
Human Services Law  
Indigenous Development/He Kura Matanui  
Information Science  
Irish Studies  
Japanese  
Language and Linguistics

Law  
Linguistics  
Māori Studies  
Mathematics  
Music  
Pacific Islands Studies  
Philosophy  
Philosophy, Politics and Economics  
Politics  
Popular Music  
Psychology  
Religious Studies  
Science Communication  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Statistics  
Theatre Studies  
Theology  
Tourism, Languages and Cultures  
Writing

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "POLS", to find all Politics papers here:

[otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects)

Eight Humanities subject areas are ranked in the top 100 internationally.

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS (2021)



Humanities' leading position in research excellence in New Zealand is confirmed by the Government's research quality assessment.

PBRF RANKINGS

Otago Humanities lecturers are regular recipients of National Teaching Awards.



# Human Health and Biomedical Sciences

## NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Otago has a strong reputation for excellence in the areas of human health and medical science, stemming from the establishment of New Zealand's first school of medicine in 1877.

### Opportunities for pre-med students

The University of Otago is the only New Zealand university to offer programmes in Dentistry, and one of only two to offer degrees in Pharmacy and Medicine.

The University of Otago recognises the particular needs of students pursuing pre-professional studies for Medicine at their home universities. Otago offers a selection of papers that will add an international perspective to complement pre-professional education.

### Subjects available

Anatomy (ANAT)  
 Biochemistry (BIOC)  
 Bioethics (BITC)  
 Biological Anthropology (BIOA)  
 Cell and Molecular Biology (CELS)  
 Forensic Analytical Science (FORS)/  
 Biology (FORB)  
 Genetics (GENE)  
 Public Health (PUBH)  
 Human Body Systems (HUBS)  
 Human Nutrition (HUNT)

Microbiology (MICR)  
 Neuroscience (NEUR)  
 Pathology (PATH)  
 Pharmacology (PHAL)  
 Physiology (PHSL)

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "MICR", to find all Microbiology papers here:

[otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects](http://otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects)

### Examples of papers

- ANAT 101 Anatomy for Sport and Exercise
- BIOA 101 Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- BIOC 221 Molecular Biology
- BITC 201 Bioethics and the Life Sciences
- FORS 201 Analytical and Forensic Science
- GENE 222 Genes, Chromosomes and Populations
- MICR 223 Infection and Immunity
- PATH 201 Foundations in Human Pathology
- PHAL 211 Introductory Pharmacology
- PHSL 231 Neurophysiology
- PSYC 211 Brain and Cognition
- PUBH 211 Epidemiology of Global Health Conditions
- STAT 115 Introduction to Biostatistics



**Dr Aniruddha Chatterjee**  
 Senior Research Fellow  
 Division of Health Sciences

"The environment is caring yet competitive and utilises the latest tools and teaching methods that set Otago apart."



# Sciences

## OTAGO IS RECOGNISED AS A PREMIER LOCATION FOR SCIENCE STUDY

The Division of Sciences has research and teaching strengths in fundamental and applied sciences, in human performance and health, and in environmental science. We offer a number of disciplines that are unique to Otago. Studying science at Otago gives you the opportunity to participate and learn in an environment where cutting-edge research projects are underway all the time. It's an environment that has earned us our international reputation.

We have world-leading researchers and teachers, as well as unique field sites for environmental sciences. Our research and teaching facilities are state-of-the-art, but you can't beat having the deep ocean as your lab, or classes taught under the trees of one of the world's most beautiful campuses.

### Subjects available

Aquaculture and Fisheries (AQFI)  
 Biology (BIOL)  
 Botany (BTNY)  
 Cell and Molecular Biology (CELS)  
 Chemistry (CHEM)  
 Clothing and Textile Sciences (CLTE)  
 Computational Modelling (COMO)  
 Computer Science (COMP, COSC)  
 Earth and Ocean Science (EAOS)  
 Ecology (ECOL)  
 Electronics (ELEC)  
 Energy Management (EMAN)  
 Environment and Society (ENVI)  
 Food Science (FOSC)  
 Geography (GEOG)  
 Geology (GEOL)  
 Human Nutrition (HUNT)  
 Information Science (INFO)  
 Marine Science (MARI)

Mathematics (MATH)  
 Nautical Studies (NAUT)  
 Neuroscience (NEUR)  
 Oceanography (OCEN)  
 Physical Education Sport and Exercise Sciences (SPEX)  
 Physics (PHSI)  
 Plant Biotechnology (PLBI)  
 Psychology (PSYC)  
 Software Engineering (SENG)  
 Statistics (STAT)  
 Surveying (SURV)  
 Zoology (ZOOZ)

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "PHSI", to find all Physics papers here:

[otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects](http://otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects)

### Fieldwork opportunities

Otago's southern New Zealand location, in close proximity to wildlife, marine and geological areas of research interest, enables University departments to make the most of the natural laboratory on their doorstep. New Zealand-specific content and exploratory field trips are common components to many science courses in, for example, Botany, Ecology, Geography, Geology and Marine Science.

### Examples of papers

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|----------|--|
| AQFI 301 | Field Methods for Assessment of Fisheries and Aquatic Habitats |
| BTNY 303 | Topics in Field Botany   |
| EAOS 111 | Earth and Ocean Science  |
| ECOL 212 | Ecological Applications  |
| GEOL 252 | Field Studies and New Zealand Geology                          |
| MARI 302 | Biology and Behaviour of Marine Vertebrates                    |
| OCEN 301 | Practical and Field Oceanography                               |
| SPEX 101 | Sport, Science and Society                                     |
| SPEX 315 | Sport Media  |
| ZOOZ 319 | Conservation Biology   |



# Business

## A LEADING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL

The Otago Business School has an extensive subject range, expert teachers, a recently completed \$18 million redevelopment of facilities, and excellent student services. The School holds accreditation from both the US-based Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

Study Abroad students can take advantage of the range of opportunities available at the School, including the Visiting Executive in Residence Programme (VEP). The VEP provides for a top industry leader in either Accounting or Finance to spend a week presenting seminars and meeting with students and staff. IRD, ANZ, ACC, NZX and directors of multiple companies have attended.

### Subjects available

Accounting (ACCT, ACFI, ACTP)  
 Business Law (BLAW)  
 Business Studies (BSNS)  
 Economics (ECON)  
 Finance (FINC)  
 Information Science (INFO)  
 Management (MANT)  
 Marketing (MART)  
 Tourism (TOUR)

To find all papers from a particular subject area type in the four letter code as shown above, e.g. "MANT", to find all Management papers here:

[otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects](http://otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects)

### Examples of papers

BSNS 111 Business and Society  
 BSNS 112 Interpreting Business Data  
 BSNS 114 Financial Decision Making  
 ECON 201 Microeconomics  
 ECON 206 The World Economy  
 ECON 302 International Trade  
 FINC 202 Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management  
 FINC 304 Financial Markets and Institutions  
 MANT 217 International Management  
 MANT 250 Managing People  
 MANT 303 Entrepreneurship  
 MART 112 Marketing Management  
 MART 207 Sports Marketing  
 MART 305 Societal Issues in Marketing  
 TOUR 101 Introduction to Tourism  
 TOUR 219 Destination Management  
 TOUR 304 Event and Conventions Management



# MBA

Top-ranked MBA programme.

Student exchange partner  
 with 50+ business schools  
 in over 30 countries.



The Department of Tourism hosts a  
 World Leisure Centre of Excellence.

# Exchange

THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO has formal exchange agreements with many institutions worldwide, allowing for the reciprocal exchange of students.

[otago.ac.nz/student-exchange](http://otago.ac.nz/student-exchange)

If you are enrolled at an institution listed below, please contact your home institution's international office for further information on selection procedures. If your university does not have an exchange agreement with the University of Otago, you are welcome to apply as a study abroad student.

[otago.ac.nz/study-abroad](http://otago.ac.nz/study-abroad)



## ARGENTINA

Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina

## AUSTRALIA

La Trobe University (Indigenous)  
University of Melbourne  
University of Western Australia

## AUSTRIA

Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien

## BELGIUM

Catholic University of Louvain (Business School)

## BRAZIL

Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV-EAESP)  
Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

## BRUNEI

Universiti Brunei Darassalam

## CANADA

Brock University  
Dalhousie University  
McGill University  
Memorial University of Newfoundland (Indigenous)  
Mt Allison University  
Queen's University  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Toronto  
Western University, Western Law and Richard Ivey School of Business  
York University, Schulich School of Business

## CHILE

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

## CHINA

Chinese University of Hong Kong  
Dalian University of Foreign Languages  
Fudan University  
Ocean University of China  
Sun Yat-sen University, Business School  
Tsinghua University and Tsinghua University School of Economics and Management

## CZECH REPUBLIC

Charles University  
University of Economics, Prague

## DENMARK

Aarhus University and Aarhus University School of Business and Social Sciences  
University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

## ENGLAND

Aston University, Aston Business School  
Durham University  
Falmouth University  
University of Bristol  
University of East Anglia  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Manchester and Alliance Manchester Business School

## FINLAND

Aalto University School of Business  
University of Helsinki

## FRANCE

Grenoble Ecole de Management  
Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3  
Université Sorbonne Nouvelle (Paris 3)

## GERMANY

Universität Heidelberg (Ruprecht-Karls-Universität)  
Universität Leipzig, Social Sciences and Philosophy  
Universität Tübingen  
University of Cologne Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Science

## HONG KONG

Chinese University of Hong Kong and CUHK Faculty of Business

## HUNGARY

University of Hong Kong  
Corvinus University of Budapest

## ICELAND

University of Iceland



INDIA	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	TAIWAN	National Taiwan Normal University
IRELAND	University College Dublin, National University of Ireland and Lochlann Quinn School of Business	THAILAND	Mahidol University, College of Management
ITALY	Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi Università of Bologna	THE NETHERLANDS	Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Management Leiden University University of Amsterdam
JAPAN	Hirosaki University Hokkaido University Keio University Kyoto University Otaru University of Commerce Rissho University University of Tokyo Yokohama National University	TURKEY	Graduate School of Social Sciences, of Middle East Technical University
MEXICO	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Universidad Veracruzana	USA	Boston College Colorado Boulder Duke University, Fuqua School of Business MBA Florida International University Indiana University, Kelley School of Business MBA Texas Tech University University of California (9 campuses) University of Colorado Boulder University of Hawai'i at Manoa University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management and Department of Food Science and Nutrition University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, UNC Kenan-Flagler School of Business and UNC MBA Programme University of Oregon University of Richmond University of Texas and McCombs School of Business University of Virginia Willamette University (Indigenous)
NORWAY	University of Bergen	WALES	Cardiff University
POLAND	Warsaw School of Economics		
PORTUGAL	Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Faculdade de Economia		
SCOTLAND	University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde		
SINGAPORE	National University of Singapore Trinity Theological College		
SPAIN	ESADE Universidad Complutense de Madrid		
SWEDEN	Lund University Stockholm School of Economics Umeå University Uppsala University		
SWITZERLAND	Universität St Gallen		



# Essential information

## Code of Practice

The University of Otago has agreed to observe and be bound by the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016. Copies of the code are available on request from the University of Otago or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website.

[minedu.govt.nz](http://minedu.govt.nz)

## Student visa

You need to be granted a student visa before entering New Zealand and continue to hold a valid student visa throughout your enrolment period at the University of Otago. Full details of student visa requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand. If you are already in New Zealand on a student visa, and you wish to renew it, you may be able to do this on campus through the International Office.

[immigration.govt.nz/study](http://immigration.govt.nz/study)

If you're planning on bringing your spouse/partner and/or children with you to New Zealand, they will need to apply for an appropriate visa based on their circumstances.

[immigration.govt.nz/joinfamily](http://immigration.govt.nz/joinfamily)

## Work rights

Study Abroad and Exchange students may be granted restricted work rights under some conditions. Visit the Immigration New Zealand website for information on visa categories, eligibility criteria and requirements.

[immigration.govt.nz/work](http://immigration.govt.nz/work)

## Medical and travel insurance

All international students are required to have comprehensive health and travel insurance while in New Zealand. The University of Otago's recommended policy is Studentsafe Inbound University. When you enrol you will automatically be covered by Studentsafe, and the insurance premium will be added to your student account. Further details are available on our website including information on using an alternative insurance policy.

[otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare.html](http://otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare.html)

## Accident insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC Website.

[acc.co.nz](http://acc.co.nz)

“The quality of the classes was beyond all my expectations, it really allowed me to awake my curiosity as the environment is dynamic and lively. I would do it all again if I could!”

Clement Rebouillat (FRANCE)

MASTER'S DEGREE STUDENT WHO STUDIED DIGITAL MARKETING AND DATA SCIENCE AT THE OTAGO BUSINESS SCHOOL

# How to apply

## Application deadlines

You can start your study at the beginning of semester 1 (February to June), semester 2 (July to November), or Summer School (January to February).

The deadlines for applications are:	Semester 1:	1 December
	Semester 2:	30 April
	Summer School:	31 October

If you are participating in an Exchange programme you must be nominated by your home institution which must have a formal agreement with the University of Otago.

## Application process

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### CHECK THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Academic Eligibility

To be eligible for Study Abroad or Exchange you usually must:

- Be currently involved and have completed at least one semester of study at an accredited institution.
- Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 minimum on a 4-point scale, or have a “credit”, “good”, or above average results.

Students who do not meet these criteria but wish to study abroad for one or two semesters are welcome to make an application and your individual eligibility will be considered.

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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your first language you must provide evidence of English language proficiency in one of the following:

#### IELTS

6.0 in the academic module (with no individual band below 6.0)

#### Internet-based TOEFL

Score of 80 (minimum writing score of 20)

#### Germany

B2 or higher in each of the three components of the DAAD language test

#### Denmark

Minimum GPA of 6 in A-level English; or a minimum GPA of 9 in B-level English when graduating from Upper Secondary School.

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### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE

Go online to complete an application:

**Exchange** [otago.ac.nz/international/student-exchange/otago614517](https://otago.ac.nz/international/student-exchange/otago614517)

**Study Abroad** [otago.ac.nz/study-abroad](https://otago.ac.nz/study-abroad)

The University operates an online application and enrolment system called eVision that allows you to apply online and supply relevant documentation as part of the process. It is a two-step process with portal set up usually happening within 24-48 hours.

[otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/applying.html](https://otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/applying.html)

#### Documents required

You will be required to supply the following as part of the online application process:

- Copy of passport.
- Original or certified copies of academic transcripts of all previous tertiary level studies undertaken.
- Evidence of English language proficiency if required.

All documents must be certified/notarised by an authorised authority such as a registrar, notary public, justice of the peace, or attorney. The University will also accept documents certified/notarised by staff of Study Abroad and Exchange offices.

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### OFFER OF PLACE

All applications will be acknowledged and assessed for eligibility. You can expect an outcome within four weeks of submitting your application.

[otago.ac.nz/international/internationalprearrivalinfo.html](https://otago.ac.nz/international/internationalprearrivalinfo.html)

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### SELECT YOUR PAPERS

**Once an offer has been made and you have accepted**, papers can be selected online through your student portal.

Please check with your home institution what your workload requirements are. A maximum workload is four papers in one semester at Otago.

You are not normally permitted to take papers from Dentistry, Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy degree schedules.

Check the subjects and papers section of the University website to ensure the papers you wish to take are offered in the semester you plan to study at Otago.

[otago.ac.nz/subjects](https://otago.ac.nz/subjects)

For any papers above 100-level, or that require Otago prerequisites, you will need to apply for Special Permission within eVision.

[otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/SP-DP.html](https://otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/SP-DP.html)

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### APPLY FOR ACCOMMODATION VIA EVISION

In your eVision account, click the “Residential College and UniFlats” link on the right hand side of the “My Details” box.

Follow the instructions and you will be sent an email to register and complete your application. Be sure to check your junk mail for this notification.

In order to help us find the best flat for you, please provide accurate information on your application form.

First semester applications open 1 August  
Second semester applications open 1 April

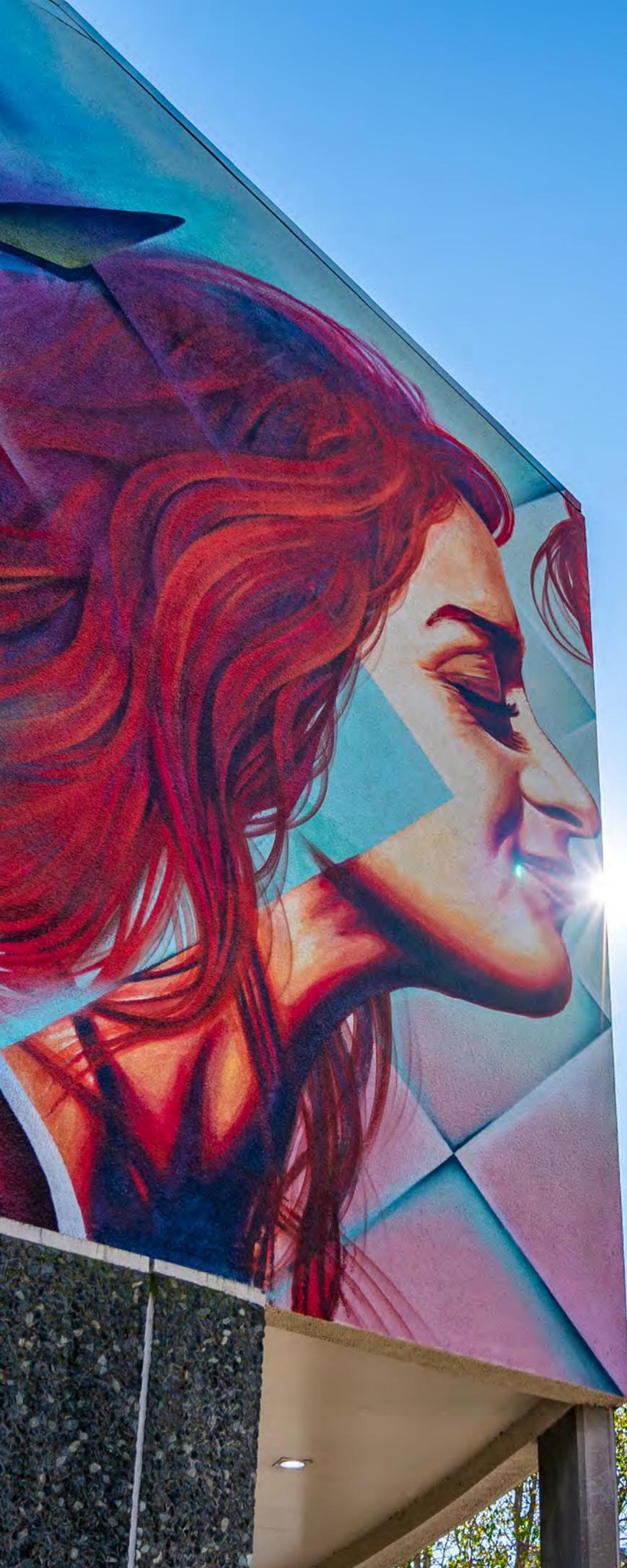
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### PRE-DEPARTURE CHECK LIST

Before you come to Otago have a look at our pre-departure check list, just to make sure you have everything in order.

[otago.ac.nz/international/internationalprearrivalinfo.html](https://otago.ac.nz/international/internationalprearrivalinfo.html)

We look forward to welcoming you soon to the University of Otago!



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The University reserves the right to add, amend or withdraw courses and facilities, to restrict student numbers and to make any other alterations, as it may deem necessary.

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