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Global Studies

Undergraduate Prospectus 2025



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New Zealand³



Ko Waipapa Taumata Rau mātou, e mihi
nei, e karanga nei ki te marea e hiahia ana
ki te kai i te mātauranga

Nau mai, haere mai, herea mai tōu waka
ki te whare whakairo o Tāne-nui-a-rangi

We are Waipapa Taumata Rau, we greet, we call to the many who desire the sustenance of knowledge.

Welcome, come forth and fasten to the carved meeting house, Tāne-nui-a-rangi.

Nau mai, haere mai

A warm welcome to New Zealand's highest- ranked university

Be different. Make a difference. Go global.

If you seek a world-class education that will stimulate you both intellectually and culturally, then you're in good company.

Our "Global" students, as we affectionately call them, are part of the most exciting transdisciplinary programme at the University. Our mission is simple: to create the next generation of leaders who are placed to shape the intersection of global trends and local issues.

The Bachelor of Global Studies is inspiring to me and I wish it had been available when I was an undergraduate student in the US. My travels have taken me to Switzerland for exchange, Vietnam as a Fulbright awardee, Singapore as a Geography professor, and now I'm working with you in Aotearoa New Zealand. All of this started with the simple desire of wanting to read the daily newspaper with my parents before school when I was a kid to learn more about the world.

Your path through Global Studies will prepare you for a range of career opportunities throughout the world. I look forward to welcoming you on campus and working alongside you to discover and solve the world's prospects and challenges together.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JAMIE GILLEN

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1 *Times Higher Education and QS World Rankings 2023*

2 *QS World Rankings Graduate Employability, number one in NZ and 68th Worldwide in 2022*

3 *The University of Auckland was the first to establish a Global Studies degree programme in New Zealand*



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“I would like to be able to work overseas or in an environment where lots of people from around the world come together. And, I would like to be able to put my Japanese language learning into practice.”

“Global Politics and Human Rights has helped me better understand everything happening in the world around me and global interactions. I chose Asia as my area of study because I am interested in East Asian culture and society and wanted to continue studying Japanese. I love being able to explore a variety of different real-world issues and being able to use skills and concepts I’ve learned from other papers to find solutions to those issues.”

“The campus was close to home, which I love because I am not far from my family while still getting the university experience. There are lots of places to hang out on campus, and a variety of different events at the University. I’ve especially enjoyed watching the student productions from the Drama department, and checking out the student gallery at Elam.”

“Being a student here is so much fun! I’ve met many people with unique interests and areas of study, and there are so many papers available. All the lecturers are knowledgeable and passionate about what they teach, so it’s wonderful receiving lectures from them.”

Kike Ogundipe

Student: Bachelor of Global Studies / Bachelor of Fine Arts conjoint
Major: Global Politics and Human Rights
Area study: Asia
Language: Japanese



Ngā take akoako – Mātai Ao Whānui

Why Global Studies?

The Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt) addresses the growing need for people who understand current global issues and are prepared to tackle them in our complex, fast-changing world.

Choose from four majors

The Bachelor of Global Studies is designed for students who want to make a difference by applying their world knowledge to the big issues in our increasingly globalised society. Gain an in-depth understanding of contemporary global issues and challenge your assumptions about the way the world works. You will have the opportunity to take courses across a broad range of disciplines in one of four diverse majors:

- Global Politics and Human Rights
- Global Environment and Sustainable Development
- International Relations and Business
- Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

Become a global graduate

The Bachelor of Global Studies will deepen your understanding of the links between local experience and global issues. You will gain competency in another language and insights into a region where your chosen language is most commonly spoken. This will cultivate your cross-cultural understanding and communication skills.

Internships, workshops and research projects will help you develop leadership skills and critical thinking. There may be opportunities for you to spend time overseas with one of our 130+ renowned partners during your degree, through short courses, study abroad programmes, internships or virtual exchanges. By the end of your programme, you will have various lenses through which you can examine the world.

Futureproof your career

Through interdisciplinary, global and practical approaches, the Bachelor of Global Studies helps you look at the world in new ways. You'll be encouraged to question, adapt and grow, becoming flexible and resilient for a wide range of career possibilities both in New Zealand and overseas. These include international organisations in the public or private sector, international development, the creative sector, local and national government, NGOs, not-for-profits, foreign affairs, diplomacy, the environmental sector, and international media.

Global Studies graduate jobs include:

- Foreign correspondents
- Human rights advocates
- International trade consultants
- Journalists
- Policy analysts
- Cultural attachés

Those are just a few of many career possibilities. As part of the Global Studies programme, you will have many opportunities to develop practical employment skills and "on the job" experience.

Conjoint degrees

Pursue your interests in two different fields by combining a Bachelor of Global Studies with another degree. Conjoint degrees are a great way to increase your versatility and breadth of skills. You can study in two different fields and finish in less time than it would take to complete two separate degrees. Keep in mind that conjoint programmes involve a heavier workload, and you're expected to maintain an average grade of B- or higher.

Study overseas

With global citizenship at its core, completing study or experiential learning overseas should be an integral part of your Global Studies degree. You'll have access to more than 130 partner universities and have the option of studying abroad through our 360 International programme.

These experiential opportunities allow you to gain course credit while enhancing your career opportunities and broadening your mind. You can also consider going overseas to complete your language, major or area study requirement.



Postgraduate study

We offer a Master of Global Studies (MGlobalSt) programme and a Postgraduate Diploma in Global Studies (PGDipGlobalSt). You can engage with contemporary global issues such as human rights, environmental sustainability, global business, Māori, Pacific and Indigenous sovereignty, and cultural industries.

Depending on your major, you could also go on to a postgraduate qualification in relevant areas such as Politics and International Relations, Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Public Policy, and Museums and Cultural Heritage.

**Be different.
Make a difference.
Go global.**

Mātai Ao Whānui

Bachelor of Global Studies

We were the first New Zealand university to offer a Bachelor of Global Studies, recognising the need for a unique programme that draws on knowledge from across the University.

Quick facts – BGlobalSt

Full-time: 3 years
(Part-time study is also available.)

Points per degree: 360
(24 x 15-point courses.)

Taught at: City Campus

Application closing date: 8 December 2024
(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start: 3 March 2025

Highlights

- Embrace a wide perspective with a cross-university programme that brings together courses from the Faculties of Arts, Business, Creative Arts and Industries, Engineering, Law, Science, and Medicine and Health Sciences.
- Deepen your cultural understanding by studying another language and the region in which it is most commonly spoken.
- Develop skills in leadership, teamwork, public speaking, critical thinking, research, and intercultural communication.
- Prepare yourself for workplace contexts through practical learning and engagement with professionals in Auckland and throughout Aotearoa.

Programme structure

You'll choose from one of four majors when you start the programme:

- Global Environment and Sustainable Development
- Global Politics and Human Rights
- International Relations and Business
- Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

You'll supplement your major with core courses in Global Studies, courses in a language, area studies in a region related to your chosen language, elective courses and General Education. All first-year students are required to take a Waipapa Taumata Rau course.

Sample Global Studies programme structure

Below is an example of how you might structure a standalone degree using Global Politics and Human Rights as a major, Chinese as a language and Asia as an area study.

YEAR ONE	SEMESTER ONE	GLOBAL 102 Introduction to Global Studies	POLITICS 106 Global Politics	WTR 100* Waipapa Taumata Rau	CHINESE 100 Beginning Modern Chinese 1
	SEMESTER TWO	HISTORY 103 Global History	PHIL 104 Ethics and Justice	GLOBAL 101 Global Issues, Sustainable Futures	CHINESE 101 Beginning Modern Chinese 2
YEAR TWO	SEMESTER ONE	COMMS 208 Digital Communication	POLITICS 201 Globalisation and International Organisations	HIST 225 Samurai and Scholars: Early Modern China and Japan	CHINESE 200 Intermediate Modern Chinese 1
	SEMESTER TWO	GLOBAL 200 Global Challenges	GENDER 208 Thinking Gender	POLITICS 210 Colonisation, Globalisation and Social Justice	CHINESE 201 Intermediate Modern Chinese 2
YEAR THREE	SEMESTER ONE	GLOBAL 300 Research Project	CRIM 307 Doing Time: Incarceration and Punishment	PSYCH 109G Mind, Brain and Behaviour	ASIAN 204 Asian Diasporas
	SEMESTER TWO	PHIL 310 Political Philosophy 3	LAWPUBL 402 International Law	ASIAN 303 Asian Identities	ANTHRO 329 Music of East Asia: Tradition, Modernity and Globalisation

■ Core Course
 ■ Major
 ■ Language / Area Studies
 ■ General Education Course
 ■ Elective Subjects

* Required course

This information is provisional and subject to change

Programme overview

Learn to better understand and navigate the increasingly complex political, economic, scientific, and cultural issues of our world.

Your study of contemporary global challenges and your intercultural communication skills will enable you to critically challenge assumptions about how the world operates.

In line with best practice in overseas universities, you'll also complete language training and study an area of the world where your chosen language is most commonly spoken.

Waipapa Tamata Rau

Our required Waipapa Taumata Rau course focuses on core knowledge relevant to our faculty, the significance of place-based knowledge, and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. You will develop foundational critical and ethical thinking, communication, and collaborative skills essential for success in your undergraduate study and the workforce.

Planning your first year

In the first year of your standalone BGlobalSt, you'll probably take eight courses. These will be a mix of courses for your chosen major and courses for your chosen language. You will also take a compulsory course, GLOBAL 102, which is an introduction to Global Studies and explores the four major streams. You'll also take one General Education course. Check out our interactive degree planner on the Bachelor of Global Studies webpage.

Conjoint options

You can study a Bachelor of Global Studies alongside a degree from another faculty, such as a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, or Bachelor of Communication. For the full range of conjoint options visit our website:

auckland.ac.nz/conjoints-by-faculty

Our conjoint pages have specialised degree planners for different Global Studies conjoint paths, and we recommend you email us for advice about how to structure your first year.

globalstudies@auckland.ac.nz

*Plan
your degree*



“A Global Studies degree is forward thinking; it aims to solve global challenges, it is internationally focused and diverse in a way that no other degree offers.”

“Learning to be resourceful at university has translated well in my current role. Leveraging the resources available and being able to draw out their maximum potential is something that is valuable in every situation.”

Victor Wei

Graduate: Bachelor of Global Studies /
Bachelor of Science conjoint
Major: International Relations and Business
Area study: Asia
Language: Japanese

Associate at PwC New Zealand

Join our students

Leif Fernandez

Westlake Boys
High School

*Major: International
Relations and Business
Area study: Asia
Language: Chinese*

Marija Miletic

St Peters Cambridge

*Major: International
Relations and Business
Area study: Asia
Language: Japanese*

Keila D'Alia-Reconquista

Whitney M. Young Magnet High,
USA

*Major: Global Environment
and Sustainable Development
Area study: Latin America
Language: Spanish*

Katie Conway

Kingsway School

*Major: Global Politics
and Human Rights
Area study: Europe
Language: German*

Troy Jellyman

Hobsonville Point
Secondary School

*Major: Global Politics
and Human Rights
Area study: Latin America
Language: Spanish*

“What I like about studying International Relations is the broadness of the degree. You get to study economics, international trade and politics courses. So you really develop a wide range of skills.” – Leif

“Initially, I chose Global Environment because I was intimidated to study science, but I’m really enjoying studying the environment from a social perspective.” – Keila



**Hear from our
students**



Global Studies majors

Global Environment and Sustainable Development

Explore the links between global environmental change and human wellbeing. You'll learn about the connections between environmental and developmental challenges. You'll also analyse the cultural practices and the legal and policy structures that shape and respond to these challenges.



Global Politics and Human Rights

Develop a strong understanding of global politics, law, and human security. You'll become familiar with the complex and connected challenges that the world faces today. Through exposure to Politics and International Relations, Law, Economics, and History, you'll be able to assess the global goals and strategies adopted by entities including governments and NGOs.

International Relations and Business

Gain a specialist knowledge of international affairs and global business. You'll develop a knowledge of international politics, analyse the theories and practices of international economic relations, and consider how these relate to global challenges. You'll learn how to respond to these issues within a business or organisational environment.

Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

Discover and analyse cultural expressions of what it means to live in a transnational world. Transnationalism refers to the increasing interconnectedness between people and organisations that transcends national boundaries. You'll be able to choose from a range of arts, including architecture, painting, cinema, literature, music, and dance – or build your own areas of focus.



Core courses

GLOBAL 102 Introduction to Global Studies

In Semester One of your first year, you will take GLOBAL 102. This is an introduction to the field of Global Studies and an exploration of the four majors available. You'll learn to locate yourself and your interests within Global Studies. This will also be a chance to meet your fellow students.

GLOBAL 200 Global Challenges

In Semester Two of your second year*, you'll take GLOBAL 200. By this time, you'll have developed your language skills, gained an understanding of your chosen region and progressed your major. You'll learn to understand research methods in Global Studies and work in a team to develop a research response to a real-world challenge.

GLOBAL 300 Research Project

In Semester Two of your third year*, you'll complete GLOBAL 300, where you'll draw on your reservoir of global knowledge and put it into action through exercises and projects that prepare you for the professional world.

**For students taking Global Studies as a standalone degree. Conjoint students take GLOBAL 200 in their penultimate year of study and GLOBAL 300 in their final year.*



Languages and Area Studies

Expand your worldview, remove barriers to communication and open yourself up to endless new possibilities.

Learning an additional language, and studying a region where your chosen language is spoken are essential components of the Bachelor of Global Studies.

You can choose to study a language you have not studied before or, if you have prior knowledge of a language, you may be placed in a more advanced class. If you speak English as an additional language, you can also take courses to develop your academic English.



Asia

From the ancient origins of Chinese civilisation through to K-pop and the latest Japanese robots, Asia is a richly diverse continent with powerful histories and compelling modern cultures.

Asian nations comprise some of the world's fastest-growing and most powerful economies. Japan, China and South Korea are becoming increasingly important trading partners of New Zealand. Alongside this comes a demand for people with proficiency in the region's languages and an understanding of the cultures.

Chinese
Japanese
Korean



Europe

Europe is home to 740 million people in more than 40 different countries. It is the birthplace of Western civilisation – having produced the ancient civilisations of Greece and Rome, the Renaissance, and the Industrial Revolution.

The European Union is the world's largest economic entity and New Zealand's third-largest trading partner. French and Spanish are also official languages of the United Nations. Discover new cultures, enrich your understanding of other subjects, connect with the continent's rich heritage, and enhance your understanding of modern Europe.

French
German
Italian
Spanish



“I chose to major in sustainability because it’s a huge global issue right now. I enjoy the diversity of perspectives on sustainability and the programme gave me a lot of study options.”

Cory Tuhoro

Ngāti Maniapoto

Student: Bachelor of Global Studies / Bachelor of Science

Major: Global Environment and Sustainable Development

Area study: Māori New Zealand

Language: Māori



Latin America

Latin America is a culturally rich region with substantial economic and political influence on the international stage.

The region has been shaped by a long history of social movements, some of the planet's most diverse and valuable ecosystems, and a shared heritage from indigenous, European, African, and Asian peoples.

Study influential writers, artists, and intellectuals, and learn about Latin America's vital role in world trade and culture.

Spanish

The Pacific

From history and culture to art, performance, politics and sustainability – explore the many sides of Pacific life and develop your knowledge of the region. Studying Aotearoa New Zealand and its neighbours can enable you to make sense of our changing cultures, and our place in a globalised world.

Cook Islands Māori
Māori
Samoa
Tongan

Māori New Zealand

Māoritanga (Māori culture) is an integral part of life in Aotearoa New Zealand. A knowledge of te reo Māori will give you a deeper understanding of tangata whenua and a connection to the Indigenous culture. Māori language speakers are sought after in the fields of research, public policy, education, and licensed translation. You can study the language, history, culture, performance, and arts of the Māori world and also look into contemporary issues.

Māori

If you would like to study two European, Asian or Pacific languages as a part of your Global Studies degree, contact a Programme Adviser to discuss your options.

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“In a world that is increasingly fast paced, dynamic and growing, a Global Studies degree equips you to play a valuable and important role in the conversation.”

“I had a deep desire to know everything about how the world worked, why it worked the way it did, and our part in it. My studies became my vehicle to learning more about topics I was deeply passionate about.”

“University equipped me with many of the skills that I now use at work. I am able to think critically, conduct research, consider a variety of perspectives, and present evidence-based advice to Aotearoa’s decision makers.”

“I am excited to see where the future takes me, knowing the skills and experience I have gained will support me in my next steps. I hope to one day be in a role helping our cities to become more sustainable and resilient to extreme weather events, and ensuring the voices of diverse communities are heard.”

Shanya Fae Beltran

Graduate: Bachelor of Global Studies / Bachelor of Arts
Major: Global Environment and Sustainable Development
Area study: Latin America
Language: Spanish

**Engagement and Partnerships Adviser,
Ministry for Ethnic Communities**

Student life

When you join the Global Studies programme, you become part of a supportive and unique student cohort. We are part of a diverse and vibrant University community where you can find events, spaces, clubs, and societies so you can study, hang out, and connect.

Join a club

Find your tribe and have fun through our student clubs and societies. Their activities and events will help you make friends and build networks. With more than 200 clubs and societies at the University, you'll be sure to find your community.

Sports and recreation

If you're keen on sport there are a wide range of offerings to suit you – social sports leagues, interfaculty tournaments, marine sports, and elite athlete study support. There is also the opportunity to play for New Zealand's top sporting university at the National Tertiary Championships. The University is currently building a brand-new, state-of-the-art Recreation and Wellness Centre.

Auckland University Global Studies Society (AUGSS)

We are here to support, unify, and help create a network of Global Studies students. We guide students through their studies with a variety of social and academic activities, while fostering a safe and culturally diverse environment.

Nomad journal

Nomad is an annual publication created by Global Studies students to share the faculty's work with a wider community. It features a range of undergraduate research projects, from the political ecology of land occupation to the role of hip hop in social revolution; collecting essays, articles, and creative works around a central theme in every issue.

Ngā Tauira Māori (NTM)

NTM is the University's Māori Students' Association. We offer support and provide services to Māori students through educational, cultural, social and political events that foster Te Ao Māori within the University.

Village Arts Association (VA'A)

Village Arts Association (VA'A) is a student led academic and social club which was created with the purpose of fostering Pacific excellence amongst Pacific students belonging to the Faculty of Arts or Global Studies.



Additional information

Entry requirements

To gain admission to the Bachelor of Global Studies, you need to meet the entry requirements and New Zealand University Entrance (UE) standard.

If you're a New Zealand or Australian citizen or permanent resident, then the standard rank scores for undergraduate entry in 2025 are:

- NCEA Level 3, 180; 16 credits in 3 NCEA approved subjects.
- Cambridge International, 190
- IB, 27

Calculate your rank score online at rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz

Applicants with scores below these may still be considered, provided places are available.

Explore more information about specific entry requirements on our website.

auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements

How to apply

auckland.ac.nz/apply

Scholarships

Each year we award scholarships and prizes worth more than \$70 million to thousands of students like you. Regardless of your background or where you live, you may be eligible. Categories include academic potential, Māori and Pacific academic excellence, and financial hardship.

auckland.ac.nz/scholarships

Mānawa Mai Info Evening and Open Day 2024

Info Evening: Tuesday 25 June
Open Day: Saturday 24 August

Open Day is all about experiencing our University. So haramai! Meet our awesome staff and students, get hands-on with our interactive activities and experience lectures. Open Day is a lot like student life itself. It's also a chance to take a look at all your study options.

There's a lot on. Enjoy loads of entertainment, scout out our City and Grafton campuses – and of course, see what your future might look like.

Nau mai, haere mai! Register at:
manawa-mai.ac.nz



Disclaimer: Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide only and is subject to alteration. All students enrolling at the University of Auckland must consult its official document, the current *Calendar of the University of Auckland*, to ensure they are aware of and comply with all regulations, requirements and policies.

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If you or your whānau would like to speak to someone from our team, drop in or contact one of our Student Hubs.

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General Library, Building 109,
5 Alfred Street, Auckland

Grafton Campus:

Philson Library, Building 503, Level 1,
85 Park Rd, Grafton (Entry via the Atrium)

South Auckland Campus

Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga:

6 Osterley Way, Manukau

Whangārei Campus

Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau:

L Block, 13 Alexander Street, Whangārei

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