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Waipapa Taumata Rau

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#1
UNIVERSITY IN
NEW ZEALAND¹

#1
GRADUATE
EMPLOYABILITY²

TOP 50
IN THE WORLD
FOR 5 SUBJECTS³

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

We are excited to welcome you to the newly formed Te Pūtahi Mātauranga, Faculty of Arts and Education. This innovative faculty combines the strengths of Arts, Education, Social Work, and Creative Arts, offering you a unique opportunity to explore, create, and shape the future.

In our rapidly changing world, we need more creative, critical and compassionate thinkers than ever. Our faculty prepares you to become tomorrow's influencers, communicators, educators, artists and leaders.

With us, you'll embark on a journey that expands your understanding of society, cultures, people, community and human expression. You'll develop crucial skills in critical thinking and problem-solving, while nurturing your creativity. Our diverse programmes span humanities, social sciences, education, teaching, and the creative arts.

You'll study subjects you're passionate about, engage with pressing societal issues and learn through hands-on experiences. Working alongside leading practitioners and researchers in state-of-the-art facilities, you'll be equipped to make meaningful contributions to your communities and beyond.

As part of our vibrant community, you'll be challenged to think critically, express your ideas and collaborate across disciplines.

This interdisciplinary approach provides the versatility needed in today's dynamic job market.

Our commitment to excellence ensures you'll receive a world-class education. You'll graduate with the confidence, skills and vision to make a positive impact on the world.

Join us in shaping a better tomorrow through education, creativity and social engagement.

Welcome to Te Pūtahi Mātauranga, Faculty of Arts and Education – where your journey to change the world begins.



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2 QS World Rankings Graduate Employability, number one in NZ and 64th Worldwide in 2024

3 QS World Rankings by subject 2024



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Top: Kato'one Koloamatangi, installation detail from *To Pa*, 2023, Bachelor of Fine Arts



5 subjects in the **top 50** worldwide*

- Education **37**
- Psychology **45**
- Anthropology **48**
- English Language & Literature **48**
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*QS World Rankings by Subject 2024

World-leading academics in

100+ subject areas

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in Oceania and fifth in the world for sustainability*

*QS World University Sustainability Rankings 2024



Strong industry connections

State-of-the-art facilities

Brand-new sports and recreation centre, specialist teaching spaces, studios, labs, workshops, galleries and performance theatres



Go global

Our graduates work in over **100 countries** around the world



TAKE A 360° TOUR OF OUR BUILDING



Why study with us?

Our students are set up for success; with us, they gain an understanding of the world and are ready to join the modern workforce. Find your place in our supportive, collaborative, and inclusive community.

Choose interesting

Study a wide variety of subjects that will ignite your passion and keep you engaged throughout your degree.

World-class teaching and research

We're ranked #1 in New Zealand for Arts, Humanities and Education.¹ We are home to industry-leading academics who are passionate about sharing their knowledge and insight.

Futureproof your career

Gain essential skills for today's fast-changing workplace – such as critical thinking, relationship building, and creative problem solving. You'll develop adaptable skills to launch your career and set yourself up for a lifetime of success.

Join our community

We're an inclusive and engaging teaching and learning community. We welcome a partnership between teachers and students within a trusted learning environment. You'll be taught by inspiring staff who are passionate about their teaching and are active researchers in their field. During your classes, you'll be encouraged to challenge, question and debate, enabling you to develop your ideas and express them clearly.

Make valuable connections

Throughout your study with us, you'll have the chance to meet with industry professionals at career focused events. These networking

opportunities set you up for life post-university and we look forward to you becoming a lifelong member of our alumni community.

Award-winning building

Our brand-new building is a world leader in sustainability. Study in style in the impressive atrium, make connections in the Learning Lounge, and focus in our dedicated, state-of-the-art teaching spaces.

Student support

Engage with our range of clubs, societies and academic services. You'll receive tailored mentoring through our various programmes.

Make an impact

Understand the world and society so you can shape them for the better. Gain the knowledge and skills required to become a transformative leader, educator, and changemaker.

Understand culture and perspectives

Develop cultural competency within the context of Aotearoa New Zealand in the 21st century by engaging with Māori and Pacific worldviews and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Waipapa Taumata Rau (WTR)

A 15-point core course for all undergraduate students in their first year of study. This core course provides a foundational understanding of knowledge systems relevant to our faculty

and the significance of place-based knowledge, including Te Tiriti o Waitangi. It will help you develop essential skills and capabilities including communication and collaborative skills and critical and ethical thinking. The course will ensure success as you transition into university, move through your degree, and enter the workplace.

Flexible study

You can start studying with us full-time or part-time in Semester One or Two. We also offer Summer Start² ahead of Semester One. Our flexibility makes your degree an ideal conjoint pairing with another from within our faculty or across the University.

Engage and experience

Our teaching will help you develop a variety of academic and life skills through individual and group assessments, presentations, practical assignments, reflective journals, essays, and peer review forums.

Scholarships

Each year the University awards scholarships of more than \$85 million to thousands of students. If you are in your final year of school and planning to enrol, you may be eligible for a scholarship – regardless of your background or where you live. Visit us online for information about which scholarships are available and how to apply.

auckland.ac.nz/scholarships

¹ Times Higher Education and QS World Rankings 2024

² Summer Start is a six-week programme for eligible school leavers that will help you make the transition to university with confidence



Career pathways

In a rapidly changing world where the job market is ever evolving, versatile skills such as critical thinking and communication, alongside leadership abilities, are key to successful careers.

Our graduates are sought after across diverse industries, bringing context to the world with their analytical mindset, creativity, and interdisciplinary expertise.





“I help make court information more accessible for victims. This can range from explaining legal and court terms to putting victims in touch with community-based safety support.”

“It’s essential to communicate ideas and complex processes with often tight deadlines, especially with people from all walks of life.”

“During my study, I had the opportunity to debate, present, and work in a team and individually in a safe and supportive environment. This helped me develop key skills like interpersonal communication, analytical thinking, and time management.”

Natasha Sharan

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Criminology, Employment Relations and Organisational Studies
BA (Hons) in Criminology
Master of Arts in Criminology

Court Victim Advisor,
Ministry of Justice

“The most rewarding thing about being a dance teacher is fostering connections with my students. I love witnessing their growth and developing an environment where they feel safe to express themselves and take risks.”

“I want to share the knowledge I have learnt through my career and make dance an enjoyable, accessible and positive experience for every learner, regardless of age, gender or ability.”

“Dance allows you the space to find your creative voice and realise what you can bring to the world.”

Maddy Golightly

Graduate: Bachelor of Dance Studies,
Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary)

Dance Teacher, Massey High School



“I support some truly inspiring individuals and have found a home within high-performance sport. I have also received various opportunities to travel around the country with sports teams.”

“The best part is connecting with athletes from all over New Zealand and the world and hearing about their stories and journeys. Being a small part of that is incredible.”

“I chose a mixed pathway in Sports Coaching and Leadership and Health Science. This stemmed from my interest in understanding positive coaching practice as well as an interest in mental health and wellbeing. In my latter years of studying, I was able to combine the two in assignments, placements and seminars.”

Brock Gunson

Graduate: Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education

High-Performance Support
Coordinator, University of Auckland



Kura Tangata

Arts

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) enables you to articulate and explore your passions. You will develop these passions into career pathways that will inspire you throughout your life.

Quick facts

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

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

Application closing date:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 20 July 2026

Why study with us

- Choose from a diverse range of subjects to follow your interests.
- Graduate with substantial knowledge in two major subjects.
- Develop the essential skills you'll need for success in the modern job market.
- Combine your BA with another degree through the University's conjoint programme. See page 33.
- Take a language as an optional extra with a Diploma or Certificate in Languages.
- Work across multiple industries, and in different countries, with ease.

Programme structure

The BA takes three years to complete if you study full time.

You will choose two BA subjects as your two majors (your "double major"). You will take eight courses (120 points) in each major. These must include at least three courses (45 points) at Stage III, the most advanced undergraduate level, in each major.

As well as your majors, you'll complete courses from at least one other BA subject, these are called electives.

At least half the courses for your degree must be above Stage I.

The double major

By completing a double major, you will develop in-depth knowledge in two subject areas and build a strong platform for future careers or postgraduate study.

You will need to choose two majors when you apply, but your first year is all about discovering your strengths and passions. If you want to change your majors after you start, you will have the opportunity to do so.

You could choose to take majors that complement each other or a combination with a specific career interest in mind.

Arts Scholars programme

If you're passionate, creative and academically able, you can join Arts Scholars and take your BA to the next level. As part of a tight-knit and engaged whānau of academic staff and students, you will participate in seminars, research projects and experiential learning in topics beyond your majors.

Choose from
over 35 majors



Find out more about
entry requirements and
degree structure here.





“You get out what you put into university. I’m very grateful I decided to push and involve myself as much as I have – the memories are unforgettable.”

“I’ve always found politics a fascinating subject area. Since I was a child, my parents engaged in discussions with me to teach me about the value of democracy and civic engagement.”

“My favourite Communication class is political marketing. I love learning about campaign work at every level of operation. The interactive tutorials are as engaging as they are informative, giving us the chance to engage in dialogue and learn from our peers.”

“When I left school, I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do with the rest of my life, but because these degrees can be as broad as you want, I’ve been able to study incredibly far-reaching subjects to discover my passions.”

“I’m hoping to pursue postgraduate study in either Psychology or Politics and International Relations, however I am still making decisions about my future. I think it’s important to emphasise that you don’t need to have your entire life worked out in your early 20s. University has been an incredible part of my journey thus far and I’m confident I’m prepared to go on and lead a successful life.”

Gabriel Boyd

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Politics and International Relations and Psychology/Bachelor of Communication conjoint

President of Auckland University Student Association (AUSA) 2025

Explore our subjects

History, Literature, Media and Philosophy

Art History

Learn how knowledge and power, self and other, love and death have been transformed into enduring works of art in the great cultural traditions of the world. As well as painting, drawing and sculpture, you can explore photography, video, digital and computer-based art, performance art, cartoons, design, weaving, carving, prints and architecture. Art History builds your visual literacy, helping you to better understand and navigate the complex world of images.



Classical Studies and Ancient History

Study the history, culture and literature of Ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome. You will understand how these ancient civilisations have profoundly influenced our modern world. You can take courses on topics in ancient political, military and social history and culture, as well as studying ancient languages.

Drama

Combine the literary study of drama with practice in performance. As well as learning about the history of theatre, you will develop skills in presentation, acting, staging, and production management. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a public production directed by a professional director.

English

Develop reading and writing skills and gain in-depth knowledge of how imaginative literature works. Study a range of literary forms, from older works that have shaped who we are to inspirational new writing from across the world today. You can also take courses that develop your own creative writing interests and abilities.

History

Explore many dimensions of human experience and understand how the past has formed the present. By developing your understanding of history, you will gain sought-after skills and discover how you can shape your future and our world.



Logic and Computation

The way in which a computer works is closely related to the laws of thought and the structure of language. You can study the symbolic representation of language, thoughts, arguments, and methods of computation. You can also increase your knowledge of human rationality and the design of computer software.

Media and Screen Studies

Explore the significance of media in our everyday lives. Examine texts, contexts, technologies and industries across many forms of media, including film, television, social media, popular music, visual culture, comics, and video games. Our courses promote analytical thinking and skillful storytelling. We combine a passion for genres, such as horror, action, and documentary, with a commitment to vital issues including gender, race, and environmental justice.



Philosophy

Examine fundamental questions about the world and our place in it, including discussions around human nature, knowledge, values, and reality itself. You will approach these kinds of questions through rigorous discussion, considering multiple sides and perspectives. Studying philosophy will help you to develop your reasoning skills and your ability to construct, analyse, and challenge arguments.

Theological and Religious Studies

Religion is complex, always changing, and key to understanding how people think and act – both locally and globally. You can gain insight into particular religions, and develop a broader knowledge of theology as a whole. You can also look at how historical, social, political, and cultural trends are shaped by religion today. Not all students who study religion are religious themselves; all you need is an inquiring mind and a passion to learn more about the impact and significance of religion in the world around us.



"I apply the research skills I developed at University daily, whether it is exploring family histories or examining primary source documents. The analytical skills I developed during my Bachelor of Arts have honed my attention to detail, which is invaluable in my current role."

Sophie Elborough

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts majoring in Art History and English
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Art History

Collection Technician and Research Support at Auckland War Memorial Museum

Choose your career

A Bachelor of Arts provides opportunities to explore your passions and enables you to pursue inspiring career pathways. The BA prepares you with in-demand skills such as critical thinking, communication, cultural awareness, and innovative problem solving. These transferable skills open endless possibilities, and the degree offers a deeper understanding of our world.

If you are interested in a career in government and international relations, the tech industry, media, artificial intelligence, galleries, or charities, a BA equips you with the adaptability to navigate the workforce and lead our future.

Career support and development

Make the most of our career-focused courses, internship opportunities, and industry connections. Prepare for your career while studying something you are passionate about.

Hear more from
BA graduates:



“The flexibility an Arts degree offers meant I was able to develop a broad range of skills, and the kind of thinking and versatility that are vital in today’s job market. The skills and discipline that I learned during my years of study have, I believe, given me the necessary tools to prosper and thrive in the information age.”

Hector Kaiwai

Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngai Tūhoe

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts majoring in Māori Studies/Bachelor of Music conjoint
Master of Arts in Māori Studies

Director of Wai Rangahau/Awa Associates

“I use my qualifications daily through my in-person interactions with customers, studying consumer behaviour on social media, creating campaigns, understanding market trends, or building brand identity and equity.

“My BA broadened my horizons in public dealing, media literacy, and understanding how and why our society operates the way it does – and how to speak for the change you wish to see.”

Haya Khan

Graduate: Bachelor of Arts majoring in Communication/
Bachelor of Laws conjoint

Founder and Director of Masala Bazaar/Masala Scents

Society, Politics and People

Anthropology

Study humans past and present. You can explore human similarities and differences in relation to evolution, history, ecology and society in all its diversity. You can focus on one or more of the anthropological subfields: archaeology, biological anthropology, social anthropology, and ethnomusicology. Crossing the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, you will learn to think critically about what it means to be human in relation to your own and other societies.



Criminology

Focus on both the causes of crime and the different ways in which societies respond to deviance. You can consider topics including restorative justice, cybercrime, penology, gender, policing, prisons, cultural criminology, justice policies, victimology, and Indigenous criminology.

Gender Studies

Discover how gender has been socially constructed and understood in the past, present and potential future. You will consider how we define and interrelate women and femininity, men and masculinity, and trans and non-binary. You will also explore the relationship between genders across a wide range of areas, including sexuality, society, politics, history, the arts, education, religion, and literature.

Politics and International Relations

Examine power, authority, influence, conflict and co-operation. You will study the political structures, processes and relationships that govern our everyday lives, both here in New Zealand and across the globe. You can explore a range of political problems, including questions about multiculturalism, democracy, the role of the media, climate change, human rights, and peace-building.

Sociology

Analyse the society in which we live. You can study how we are affected by society, reflect on our place in it, and consider the ways in which it is changing. In addition to learning traditional sociological theory and methods, you will have the opportunity to develop deeper knowledge of specific areas, such as the environment, ethnicity, family, and public policy.

Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Worlds

Māori Studies

Celebrate the language, history, culture, and performing arts of Te Ao Māori (the Māori world). You can study Māori language from beginner to advanced level, and develop your knowledge of issues affecting Māori and other Indigenous peoples. You can also study: Māori histories, politics, kaitiakitanga (environmental guardianship), mātauranga (traditional knowledge), incarceration, decarceration, kapa haka, Indigenous justice, Māori media, psychologies, policy, and research methodologies.



Pacific Studies

Explore Pacific worldviews and develop your knowledge of the region. The main areas of study include health, wellbeing, identities, spirituality, gender, history, and politics. You can also discover the Samoan and Tongan languages, Indigenous knowledge, music, dance, art, performance, cultural heritage, leadership, innovation, and sustainability.

“The idea of history is huge! It’s mind-blowing to be able to look at everything from ancient civilisations until the present day. I am thankful to have studied subjects which have always fascinated me in such an in-depth way.”

Malisa Harford
Salani and Vaisigano (Samoa)

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History, Classical Studies and Ancient History



Languages and Cultures

Academic English Studies and Linguistics

If you speak English as an additional language, you can combine the study of academic English language with the study of linguistics. As well as improving your skills in academic English, you can develop an understanding of how languages work. You will also study the principles of language teaching and learning.

Asian Studies

Discover the diverse cultures of Asia, both past and present. You can acquire a broad and deep knowledge of Asia by studying its media, history, societies, popular cultures, religions, and politics. A knowledge of Asian languages is not required.

Language majors available

Chinese
Korean
Japanese



Communication

The media sell us everything from toothpaste to politicians. Communication technologies, such as television and TikTok, can bring us together or tear us apart. In Communication you can explore ideas and develop skills to navigate our digitally mediated world – and shape its future. Learn how online journalism, surveillance, advertising, games, algorithms, platforms, and persuasive technologies of all kinds are transforming our industries, leisure, politics, identities, and interpersonal relationships.

See page 16 for information about the separate Bachelor of Communication.



European Studies

Immerse yourself in the diverse cultures of Europe. Expand your knowledge of different aspects of Europe and European culture, history, politics, and thought.

Language majors available

French
German
Spanish

Linguistics

Linguistics is the study of language as a human activity. You can explore how we combine words into phrases and sentences, how we convey social information, how language changes, and even how we understand the unspoken.

Majors from other faculties

There are a number of subjects taught by other faculties which are available to study as part of your Bachelor of Arts.



Psychology

Study how people think, feel and behave. You will learn how the brain works, how children develop, and how people interact with their world. You can explore aspects of behaviour and wellbeing, such as mental illness and responses to stressful life events. You can also study human personality and intelligence.



See a full list of all subjects here.

Diploma and Certificate in Languages

If you want to study a language in addition to your degree, you can also enrol in a Diploma (DipLang) or Certificate (CertLang) in Languages. These programmes are completed alongside your study and provide you with an extra qualification when you graduate.

Quick facts

Part-time: The Diploma is equivalent to one year's full-time study; the Certificate is equivalent to one semester of full-time study.

Points: For the Diploma, 120 points (8 x 15-point courses); for the Certificate, 60 points (4 x 15-point courses)

Taught at: City Campus

Application closing date:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 20 July 2026

Programme structure

Because language knowledge is built up in stages over time, you would normally take the Diploma or the Certificate part-time. The time you take to complete will depend on how you structure your enrolment.

Your level of competence will be assessed during enrolment to ensure you begin your study at the right level.

Certificate in Languages

The programme includes courses in one or two languages. Two of your four courses must be above Stage I.

Diploma in Languages

The programme includes courses in one or two languages. At least half your courses will be at advanced levels, including at least two courses at Stage III.

Choose from any of the languages offered in the Bachelor of Arts programme. For a full list see auckland.ac.nz/arts/dip-lang and auckland.ac.nz/arts/cert-lang

Mātai Whakawhitinga

Communication

Communication is more important than ever in today's world. The Bachelor of Communication (BC) helps you get messages across in a clear, persuasive and ethical way. We'll develop your skills as a leader of the future.

Quick facts

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:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 20 July 2026

Why study with us

- Develop an understanding of the wider communications context so you can make a positive difference as a communications leader.
- Establish strong foundations in Māori and Pacific communication principles and practice.
- Grow through our emphasis on whanaungatanga (relationship building) and engagement.

Programme structure

During your BC you will take a combination of courses*. These consist of:

- Core classes
- Elective courses

First year

You will take four core courses (60 points). You will also choose two further Stage I electives (30 points) The remaining 30 points will come from courses of your own choice.

Second year

You will take two core COMMS courses (30 points). You will also take a further two courses (30 points) from a range of other required COMMS courses. The remainder of courses will come from a choice of electives within the programme along with courses of your own choice.

Third year

You will take four courses (60 points) from a list of required COMMS courses. You will take the remaining four courses (60 points) from a range of electives.

Programme overview

Clear, fact-based and ethical communication is vital in an era of social media gossip and often harmful misinformation. The BC prepares you as a future professional with flexible skills who can convey messages in a clear, persuasive and considered way.

The BC is designed to advance your understanding of the significant role that communication plays in our world. You will develop skills and knowledge that can enable and empower you in the communications world and as a future leader.

Our courses explore communication by focusing on technology, social change and leadership.



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.

You can also take Communication as a major in the Bachelor of Arts. See page 10 for more details.

** Subject to regulatory approval*





“I love the variety of topics that are covered in my courses, from social change and research methods to Māori and Pacific worlds; they centred on very different topics but we looked at them from a communications perspective.”

“My family has a history of standing up for our beliefs in historical protests, and I have always wanted my future career to be one that can help make a positive change.”

“I would love to enter the digital communication field for a charity, specifically around women’s rights, disability rights or sustainability. I am also open to working for a non-profit or community organisation as those would be fulfilling careers for me.”

“Beyond classes, there is often something happening on campus. I’ve made friends in lectures, and we go to events hosted by the faculty and different clubs. You can also often find something that’s going on just by wandering around the campus!”

Emily Rose Palmer-Wood

Student: Bachelor of Communication

Choose your career

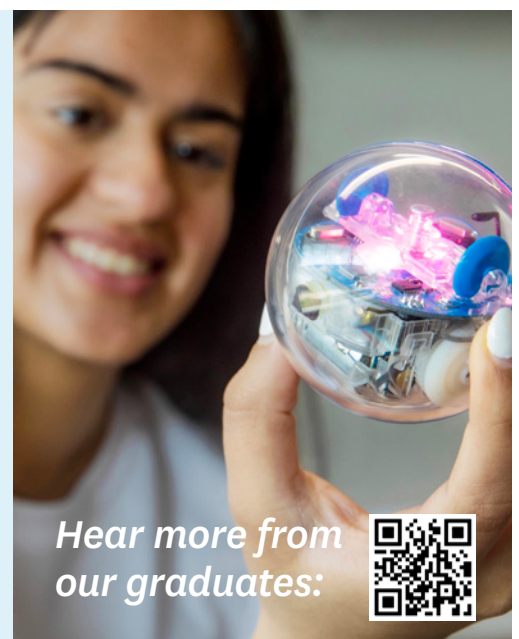
In both the public and private sectors, communications professionals are in demand. They play a key role in helping their organisations achieve their goals. You will acquire and hone specialist skills in writing, public speaking and presentation, critical and creative thinking, project management, writing, research and cultural competency.

These skills are essential for roles in content production, digital media, digital technologies, advertising, public relations, digital communication, internal and corporate communication, broadcast media, and marketing.

The BC prepares you as a highly capable professional who takes your knowledge and skills not only into the communications field but also into leadership roles in many different areas. You could find yourself working anywhere from creative industries to government agencies or in a start-up, including your own business.

Career support and development

Third-year BC students can choose to take an internship course to gain workplace experience, make connections and develop professional skills.



Hear more from our graduates:



Mātai Kanikani

Dance Studies

Dance Studies staff are award-winning teachers, choreographers, artists and academics, who are skilled in developing dance students to their full potential. The Bachelor of Dance Studies (BDanceSt) offers you the opportunity to develop your physical and intellectual prowess. You will gain skills, networks and attitudes that will transform your view of dance and enable you to build a sustainable career. Making friends, building a family spirit, dancing on international stages and establishing career direction could all be part of your experience.

Quick facts

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:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 20 July 2026

Why study with us

- Ngā Akoranga Kanikani Dance Studies Programme is a vibrant multicultural and creative environment.
- We are leading dance teachers and professionals.
- Our approach to dance is holistic, balancing practice and theory.
- We activate our knowledge and skills in community settings.
- You'll flourish through abundant performance opportunities, both in Aotearoa New Zealand and overseas.
- We'll support you to pursue research in a postgraduate degree.

- Dance history and analysis
- Dance vocabulary, theory and practice
- Dance education
- Dance kinesiology
- Kaupapa hōu and kapa haka
- Pacific music and dance

As you progress to graduation, you'll continue to strengthen your personal choreographic style and performance skills. You'll visit different community groups and develop your teaching and leadership abilities. You'll learn more about improvisation, technology and professional practices. You'll develop your business skills and have the chance to research personal areas of interest.

Programme structure

We offer a range of exciting courses in your first year. You'll learn to communicate your ideas through dance, choreography and writing.

Your first year with us will encompass:

- Choreography and contemporary dance

Choosing secondary school subjects

There are no specific subject requirements for entry into the BDanceSt degree. However, taking Dance as a secondary school subject will help prepare you for study at university.



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.



Hear more from Dance graduates:



Choose your career

We'll ensure that you understand all the opportunities available to you. We'll support you to make connections as you move into the industry.

Possible roles include:

- Performer
- Choreographer
- Dance teacher
- Dance photographer
- Dance movement therapist
- Producer and backstage manager
- Company director
- Community arts worker
- Fitness and wellness coach (for example, working with the elderly, ill or those with special needs)
- Arts organisation entrepreneur
- Dance studio owner
- Events manager
- Arts administrator
- Dance writer and researcher
- Leader and advocate
- Cinematographer
- Independent practitioner in commercial dance, contemporary dance, hip hop, and cultural groups and collectives



“There were plenty of opportunities outside our classes, like workshops, internships and intensives where we worked closely with people in the industry and learned how to manage our time and commitments.”

“I loved the variety of the degree and the ability to tailor assignments according to my interests and skills. We also learned practical professional skills such as writing funding applications, advocating for ourselves and networking. It provided a great basis to jump into the ‘real world’.”

“I recently produced my own work, Cityscapes, performed by eight dancers on the Auckland Waterfront. I love presenting dance work in non-conventional spaces, sharing and making dance accessible to the public and watching their reactions. It was such a joyous project.”

“Dance Studies is a whānau. The connections you make with your lecturers and classmates become essential in your career, and you’ll make friendships that will last for years. Many of the people I work with in the industry studied with me.”

“Dance can be a catalyst for anything you want to pursue in life.”

Emma Broad

Ngāi Tahu

Graduate: Bachelor of Dance Studies (Hons)

Development Manager at NZ Opera and freelance contemporary dancer and choreographer



“The teaching staff are one of the main highlights – everyone I have met has been extremely helpful, kind and understanding.”

“The lecturers all have incredible life stories and experiences that shape their unique way of teaching. This helped me realise that everyone’s way of teaching and learning is different.”

“It has been interesting to see how my lecturers use te ao Māori and tikanga to enhance our learning. Which is also a great example of how we can do this in our own classrooms as teachers.”

“Studying education has been incredibly rewarding. Seeing the smiles on my students’ faces, seeing them progress in their learning and building those relationships has been an incredible feeling. I can’t imagine anything better than this.”

Kirti Raju

Graduate: Bachelor of Education (Teaching)



Mātauranga / Whakaako

Education / Teaching

Inspire new generations with a love of learning and a passion for making a difference in the world. Teachers and educators are in high demand in Aotearoa New Zealand and overseas. Each of our three hands-on programmes will expose you to national and global issues facing the education sector – and challenge you to explore solutions for change.

Quick facts

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

Points per degree: 360

Application closing date: 31 January 2026
(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:
Semester One: 2 March 2026
Semester Two: 20 July 2026

Why study with us

- We're #1 in New Zealand for Education as a subject* and one of the world's top universities.
- Gain valuable practicum experience with a minimum of 120 days, including 80 days in your final year in a mix of schools. This will help you develop effective techniques, allow you to reflect on your practice and build important relationships with expert teachers.
- Newly built and state-of-the-art specialist teacher education spaces in the sciences, arts and technology.
- We focus strongly on te ao Māori and Pacific cultures to meet the needs of diverse learners in today's classrooms.
- You may qualify for a TeachNZ scholarship, worth up to \$10,000.

Already have a degree?

If you decide that a teaching career in Aotearoa New Zealand is for you, you can gain registration by adding a one-year Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education), (Primary) or (Secondary).

auckland.ac.nz/becomeateacher

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary

Highlights

- Includes in-school practicum experience each year to prepare you for a successful start to your teaching career.
- Freedom to choose courses from other disciplines across the University.
- Develop foundational critical and ethical thinking, communication, and collaborative skills.
- Taught by academics who are experts in their fields and passionate about supporting the next generation of teachers.
- Courses are taught through a range of methods, including face-to-face lectures, tutorials and workshops.
- Hands-on tutorials provide a range of practical ideas and resources you can take onto practicum.

Programme structure

Each year of the programme will include an in-school practicum experience, with at least 120 days over three years. The refreshed and hands-on programme is designed in two parts.

Years 1 and 2, Part One

Introduces you to key disciplinary knowledge and provides some experience in schools. You will choose from courses that will develop a professional knowledge base for teaching.

Year 3, Part Two

Focuses strongly on practice, professional identity, curriculum and pedagogy. You will work on completing a set of compulsory courses that focus on how to teach effectively and assess achievement in diverse settings. You will complete 80 days of practicum, broken into timetabled blocks of sustained teaching experience.



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.



*QS World Rankings by Subject 2024

Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies

Highlights

- Provides you with specialist knowledge and skills relevant to children from birth to eight years old.
- Develop expertise in the complex and vital early years of children's lives.
- Courses cover te ao Māori and diversity, human development, education and society, educational psychology, and curriculum studies.
- Benefit from practical placements in early childhood settings throughout the programme, allowing you to explore areas of interest and prepare yourself for careers in early childhood services.

Programme structure

Across your three years of study, you will spend a total of 24 weeks in a range of educational settings to gain varied practical experience and form professional connections. These placements allow you to explore areas of interest and develop relevant professional skills. You will also complete a range of compulsory courses to build your core knowledge of Aotearoa New Zealand's early childhood context.



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.



Bachelor of Education (TESOL)

Highlights

- Grow skills and experience during your annual practical placement in an Aotearoa New Zealand language-teaching centre.
- Develop skills to teach students of all age groups, and in a range of contexts, based on the best international research and practice.
- Build a strong foundation in curriculum development, teaching methods and assessment.
- Explore related disciplines, including psychology, philosophy, sociology and history.
- Apply the latest digital teaching tools in interactive and collaborative learning.

Programme structure

You'll complete core TESOL courses, introducing you to language teaching, academic writing and Aotearoa New Zealand's bicultural context. This will develop your understanding of teaching, learning and assessment in language education. In Years 2 and 3, you will complete a practical placement and carry out your own inquiry research into a topic relevant to your teaching.



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.

Choose your career

Our graduates are in high demand, both nationally and internationally. Many go on to careers in teaching and education settings. However, your degree can also take you into varied pathways that include policy, curriculum development, leadership roles, support for special needs learners, and specialist work in early years organisations.

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Primary

You will be eligible to apply for registration and provisional certification to teach at primary and intermediate school levels in Aotearoa New Zealand. You may also apply for the secondary or early childhood education teaching programme. Graduates typically go on to teach in schools, kura and early childhood settings such as puna kōhungahunga and kindergartens.



Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies

There is increasing recognition of how critical the early years of a child's life are for long-term wellbeing and development. This means our graduates go on to employment in a wide range of early-years contexts and organisations. Your degree provides a pathway into a graduate teaching qualification, so you can qualify for teacher registration. Alternatively you could progress to postgraduate research.



Bachelor of Education (TESOL)

Your degree will prepare you with a deep understanding of current research, ideas, and practices. You'll have a robust foundation for teaching age groups from young learners to adults. You could use this degree in an educational programme for refugees and migrants, or become a private tutor. To teach in a New Zealand school you will need to complete a further graduate teaching qualification.

Hear more from our graduates:





***“I want to break down the stereotype that early childhood education is only for women. As a Pasifika male, I can bring a unique perspective to the area and be a role model for other people like me who are interested in this career.*”**

“It is a field that requires patience, hard work, and dedication, but it’s also a rewarding career that allows you to positively impact the lives of children and their families.”

“I was drawn to the University of Auckland because of the range of academic programmes and courses offered and I was really impressed by the University’s commitment to providing students with a well-rounded and interdisciplinary education.”

“I was also excited about being part of a vibrant and dynamic academic community. Our lecturers and tutors are knowledgeable and passionate about early childhood education and are always willing to help us with any questions or concerns.”

“The University of Auckland has helped me grow and develop as a student and a person, and I’m excited to see where this journey takes me.”

Uasinitone (Uasi) Auvele

**Falealili Sapunaoa and Sa’anapu Safata
(Samoa)**

**Graduate: Bachelor of Early Childhood
Studies**

Toi Tōrire

Fine Arts

Artists are storytellers, change-makers, disruptors and creators who shape our culture and enrich our society. In your Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), you'll develop skills in creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and entrepreneurship. These will prepare you to make an impact in the creative industries, businesses and the wider community. You'll have access to fabrication workshops, digital facilities, studios and galleries. At Te Waka Tūhura Elam School of Fine Arts, our specialist teachers and technicians will support and guide your making, allowing you to refine your skills and produce artworks of high calibre.

Quick facts

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:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

Why study with us

- You'll have opportunities to work with leading artists and researchers.
- Our flexible degree structure allows personalised learning.
- Workshops, labs and equipment will support your making across a range of practices.
- At Te Waka Tūhura Elam Galleries we present a wide programme of exhibitions by our students. Be one of them!
- We offer exciting opportunities for overseas study, internships and experiential learning.

Programme structure

The BFA is flexible, so you'll build a pathway of study that feels right for you. But whatever you choose, you'll learn in three key areas:

- Creative artistic practices
- Research themes
- Creative careers

Study in these three areas makes up your artist's toolkit and sets you up for a lifetime of creative thinking and making.

You'll work in shared open-plan studios. In regular critique sessions, you'll learn more about your artistic practice, yourself and your peers.

A hands-on technologies course will introduce, and support you in working with, the specialist tools, equipment, workshops and labs available at Elam.

While studying, you'll have opportunities to explore a range of practices and media, including:

- Art writing and criticism
- Ceramics
- Curatorial practices
- Digital media
- Drawing
- Installation
- Moving image
- Ngā toi taketake
- Painting
- Performance art
- Photography
- Printed matter
- Sculpture
- Social and public practice

A range of elective courses will support you as you explore ideas and technologies along with your studio practice. Through group learning, you'll gain both practical and theoretical understanding of your artworks.



Choosing secondary school subjects

You may need to take specific subjects at school if you want to enter a Fine Arts conjoint degree programme. There are no specific subject requirements for entry into the BFA degree. However, the secondary school subjects listed below can help prepare you for Fine Arts at university.

- Art and equivalent subjects such as Art and Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture
- Technology subjects such as Design and Technology, Design and Visual Communication, Digital Technologies, Hard Materials



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.



Every November, Elam students showcase their work and research in our annual graduate exhibition, the Elam Artists Graduate Show.

Check it out! elamartists.ac.nz

Artwork: Olivia Asher, installation view from ipu uku, 2023, Bachelor of Fine Arts



“The curriculum at Elam embraced my need to try everything. I was introduced to various mediums that I had never been able to experience – performance art and sculpture, most importantly. I learned the value of play, experimentation and asking questions.”

“What I learned most at Elam is how to apply critical thinking to my art practice. Learning the skills to harness my intention allowed me to explore topics I care about, such as identity, mental health, queerness, body image, existentialism, and feminism. I have been able to recognise what I would like to create. I make illustrations that create a safe space for tough conversations while being light-hearted and approachable in everyday life.”

“Coming from a chronic overthinker, the best advice I have is to keep it simple when deciding where you would like to continue your career path. Are you a creative person who wants to learn more, connect with like-minded creatives and work with mediums you've never tried? Then come study at Elam.”

Sara Moana

Ngāti Tamaoho, Tainui

Graduate: Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons),
Master of Fine Arts

Illustrator

Choose your career

Your studies in a BFA or conjoint programme will provide you with the platform to shape your creative career. As an Elam graduate, you'll be ready to adapt to change, make an impact and become a changemaker yourself. You will challenge the way we do things and propose a new way forward.

Elam graduates have found employment in diverse roles, including:

- Artist
- Teacher
- Film and video maker
- Cinematographer
- Set and props designer
- Designer
- Illustrator
- Fashion designer
- Stylist
- Photographer
- Artistic director
- Advertising professional
- Arts administrator
- Critic
- Journalist
- Curator
- Art auction specialist
- Gallery manager
- Community worker
- Entrepreneurial creative

Artwork: Georgia Arnold, installation view from *Dizziness & Drawing Breath*. 2023, Master of Fine Arts



Hear more from
BFA graduates:



Mātai Ao Whānui

Global Studies

The Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt) prepares you to be an informed global citizen who can grapple with real-world problems. You'll learn how to navigate complex political, economic and environmental issues. We will prepare you for careers in international organisations or Aotearoa New Zealand enterprises with a global focus.

Quick facts

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:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Why study with us

- A cross-university programme that brings together courses from the Faculties of Arts and Education, Business, Engineering and Design, Law, Science, and Medical and Health Sciences.
- Deepen your cultural understanding by studying a 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 the workplace with practical learning and by engaging with professionals.

Programme structure

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

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, and elective courses.

Planning your first year

In your first year, 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 core Global Studies course.

Choose your major

Global Environment and Sustainable Development

Explore the links between environmental change and human wellbeing. You'll learn about the connections between ecological 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 politics, law, and human security. You'll become familiar with the complex and connected challenges the world faces. Through exposure to Politics and International Relations, Law, Economics, and History, you'll be able to assess the goals and strategies adopted by global entities.



International Relations and Business

Gain specialist knowledge of international affairs and business. You'll develop your 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

Analyse creative culture to discover elements that reflect life 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.

Area Studies and Language

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

Depending on your prior experience, you could begin at introductory level or enrol in a more advanced class. If you speak English as an additional language, you can also take courses to develop your academic English.

Asia – Chinese, Japanese, Korean

Europe – French, German, Italian, Spanish

Latin America – Spanish

The Pacific – Māori, Samoan, Tongan

Aotearoa New Zealand – Māori

Core courses

First year, Semester One*

GLOBAL 102: Introduction to Global Studies

An introduction to the field of Global Studies and an exploration of the four majors available.

Second year, Semester Two**

GLOBAL 200: Global Challenges

You'll learn to understand research methods and work in a team to develop a research response to a real-world challenge.

Third year, Semester Two**

GLOBAL 300: Going Global

You'll draw on your reservoir of global knowledge and put it into action through exercises and projects to prepare yourself for the professional world.

*In addition to GLOBAL 102, you will take WTR 100 in Semester One or Two.

**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.



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.



“I chose International Relations as my major because of its breadth. You will study economics, international trade and politics courses, so you develop a wide range of skills. I had a keen interest in trade, and I thought it would be a great combination with my specialisation in Chinese.”

“When I graduate, I would like to work in the public sector as a financial adviser or in a non-governmental organisation.”

“The best part of being a Global Studies student is being part of a community where everyone is included and accepted. The people you meet along the way are really kind and sweet, so you develop long-lasting friendships.”

Leif Fernandez

Student: Bachelor of Global Studies/
Bachelor of Commerce conjoint

Major: International Relations
and Business

Area study: Asia **Language:** Chinese

**President of the Auckland University
Global Studies Society (AUGSS)**

Choose your career

A Bachelor of Global Studies prepares you for a range of career opportunities throughout the world. With a comprehensive understanding of global systems, cultures, and pressing international issues, graduates follow their passions and work in foreign affairs, advocacy, policy analysis, NGOs, international businesses, human rights, and the environmental sector.

Our graduates are equipped with practical expertise, bringing creative thinking, innovative problem-solving, cross-cultural communication and collaboration skills into the workplace. You will find yourself making a meaningful impact and leading the way, globally.

**Hear from Global
Studies graduates:**



Mātai Puoro

Music

Music is the soundtrack to our lives. It tells our stories. It inspires, moves and unites us. Studying a Bachelor of Music (BMus) will support the growth of your skills and your understanding of Composition, Jazz, Music Education and Conducting, Musicology, Performance, or Songcraft and Production. You'll be taught by some of the leading music scholars in the country, ensuring you graduate with the skills you need to kickstart your journey in the creative industries and beyond.

Quick facts

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:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 20 July 2026



Why study with us

- We're a committed team of professionally active staff, offering tuition of the highest quality.
- You'll access collaborative performance opportunities across an exciting variety of chamber music groups, jazz combos and contemporary bands, as well as larger jazz, choral and orchestral ensembles.
- We maintain strong links with the Auckland Philharmonia, Chamber Music New Zealand, NZTrio, CJC Creative Jazz Club Aotearoa and an expanding network of professional and community music organisations.
- Our global partnerships open rich opportunities to learn from internationally renowned composers, performers and music scholars.

- We house the largest collection of historically significant keyboard instruments in the Southern Hemisphere, from 17th century keyboards through to rare historic synthesizers.
- Our specialist music resources combine with excellent practice, study and performance facilities to create a holistic learning environment.
- We offer opportunities for overseas study, industry internships and experiential learning.

Programme structure

The BMus programme offers a range of study options, each focused on thinking, making and doing across the focus areas of Composition, Jazz, Music Education, Musicology, Performance, and Songcraft and Production.

You'll learn foundational techniques and skills in music training and understanding in areas such as music phenomena, music theory and analysis, music pedagogy and conducting, historical studies, individual, group and community performance skills, inclusive entrepreneurship and creative studio for all students.

As you progress through the degree you will elect your own pathway to:

- Develop the unique techniques and skills of your discipline
- Broaden your knowledge of history and culture
- Engage in deeper collaborative experiences that prepare you for a sustained practice

Choosing secondary school subjects

You may need to take specific subjects at school if you want to enter a conjoint degree programme. There are no specific subject requirements for entry into the BMus degree. However, taking Music as a secondary school subject will help prepare you for a BMus at university.



The School of Music hosts free performances, open classes and workshops by students, staff and guest artists throughout the year. Keep an eye on our Instagram to find out what's coming up and join us on campus.

@uoaarts



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.



Photo: Andi Crown Photography

“Music is a beautiful, challenging path, but I would not be where I am if I didn’t just dive into the deep end. The people around you, your friends, lecturers, teachers, colleagues and coaches, will be your support structure. I love this career and would have never known that if I had never tried.”

“I chose the University of Auckland to study with Dr Te Oti Rakena. I saw the amazing singers coming out of his studio and wanted to be part of that group.”

“During my study, I was consistently invited to perform in masterclasses for leading industry singers like Simon O’Neill, Jonathan Lemalu, Pene Pati and Amina Edris. They all inspired me and have been crucial to my career trajectory. I loved all the music staff I studied with. It genuinely felt like we were family. The teachers inspired me to open my mind to other aspects of music – rather than just singing my songs.”

“I value the sense of community cultivated at the School of Music. We singers developed together, navigating challenges and great times. Now that many of us are overseas, we look back and are so grateful to have these stories to tell.”

“If you are deciding what to study but love music and don’t see yourself doing anything else, study music!”

Shiddharth (Sid) Chand

Graduate: Bachelor of Music, Master of Music

Operatic tenor studying at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music

Choose your career

Our graduates find employment around the world. Some alumni have achieved international success for their music. Others hold sought-after roles in orchestras, arts organisations, licensing agencies and recording studios. Some are creative entrepreneurs and independent practitioners with successful freelance careers in production, film and video game composition, teaching or sessional playing.

Possible roles include:

- Live performer
- Studio musician
- Recording artist
- Composer
- Songwriter
- Sound designer
- Orchestrator
- Conductor
- Music director
- Music supervisor
- Producer
- Promoter
- Arts manager
- Audio engineer
- Sonic artist
- Events manager
- Educator
- Music journalist
- Music therapist

Hear from BMus graduates:



Hākinakina, Hauora, Akoranga Koiri Sport, Health and Physical Education

Follow your passion for sport, health and wellbeing, and develop the skills to create your dream job. The Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education (BSHPE) allows you to choose courses and create a unique pathway that suits your interests and career goals.

Quick facts

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

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

Application closing date: 27 February 2026
(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 20 July 2026

Why study with us?

- We offer a new, state-of-the-art home for sport and recreation. A gym, sports centre, hangout space – Hiwa, the new Recreation Centre is all these things and more right in the heart of City Campus, providing more opportunities than ever before for students.
- We open doorways to exciting careers: sports coaching, physical education and health promotion are fast-growing, dynamic industries – awaiting motivated and talented graduates.

- We make the most of local industry experience and research to build specialist knowledge, interest and aspiration.
- We focus strongly on cultural responsiveness to all community groups, including young people, Māori and Pacific communities.
- The Bachelor of Commerce conjoint allows you to combine your passions and set yourself up for a career in a thriving industry.



Programme structure

In your first year, you will complete practical and theoretical core courses that introduce the broad disciplines of Sport, Health and Physical Education. To help you decide on your area of focus, you could complete a range of elective courses in an array of subjects.

In subsequent years, you will undertake industry experience to support your learning, while continuing to build your skills and knowledge in the classroom. You could also take courses from across the University in Population Health, Exercise Sciences, Dance Studies or other specialist subjects.

Choose from courses on coaching, alternative sports, sports media, exercise science, nutrition, gender, sexuality, Māori movement, dance, youth health and others.

Prepare to meet your career aspirations by choosing one of five specialised pathways:

- Health education and promotion
- Sport coaching and leadership
- Sport science
- Health and physical education
- Dance

Or there's a sixth option: create a unique pathway to suit your personal goals!



Find out more about entry requirements and degree structure here.





“I enjoy getting to learn in-depth about physiology, anatomy and health. The lecturers and professors are passionate about what they are teaching, and about making sure you understand what you’re being taught.”

“I’m excited about developing more practical skills through hands-on training. Engaging with peers and participating in workshops related to sports and health will benefit me in the long term.”

“For example, the SPORHPE 201: Whakatinanahia course is about cultural interactions through and about movement. It teaches you about dancing and using your whole body to show emotions and express feelings.”

“I’m also looking forward to my own personal growth, along with building relationships, and improving my communication and leadership skills, which I can carry through to my future career. After I graduate, I am strongly considering doing the one-year Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) to become a sport and health teacher.”

“If you’re at all interested in sport, health, and community wellbeing, this degree is definitely for you.”

Randy Mejia

Student: Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education

Choose your career

You will graduate having built the skills and understanding to lead change in communities, to improve health and wellbeing, and to help others enjoy physical activities. This will open up a varied career path, depending on your area of interest. Examples include:

- Coaching, administration and management
- Corporate health and wellbeing
- Sports programme development and coordination in schools
- Community health education, health promotion and advocacy
- Event management
- Teaching
- Health promotion

If you decide that a teaching career in Aotearoa New Zealand is for you, you can gain registration by adding a one-year Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Primary) or (Secondary).
auckland.ac.nz/becomeateacher



Hear more from BSHPE graduates:



“My passion in life has always been sports and physical activity and while at high school I became interested in business and economics. So, when I heard about the conjoint Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education/ Bachelor of Commerce, it was a natural choice for me.”

“Through the programme, it’s clear to see the link between both the sporting and business worlds, and it’s really interesting to see how ideas and practices from both are connected. I’ve also met a variety of young, like-minded people and developed lasting friendships.”

“The sporting and business worlds are more intertwined than ever, and both share similar skill sets. My degree allowed me to identify my passions and the new possibilities that are available within the industry.”

“I believe my studies have set me up to thrive in a modern and progressive setting, where I am able to follow my passion for working in the ever-growing sporting world.”

“The programme allowed me to identify my passions and the possibilities that are available within the industry. My current role is a perfect combination of the skills I developed through my conjoint degree and I’m really enjoying getting to work with young people.”

Kennedy Limpus

Graduate: Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education/Bachelor of Commerce conjoint

**West Auckland Rugby Delivery Lead,
Auckland Rugby**



Conjoint degrees

Thinking about a career that combines your different passions?
Want to get ahead of the game while broadening your skills?
Consider a conjoint degree.

Quick facts

Full-time: 4–6 years depending on the programme (Part-time study also available.)

Application closing date:

Semester One: 8 December 2025

Semester Two: 4 July 2026

(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

Classes start:

Semester One: 2 March 2026

Semester Two: 20 July 2026

Highlights

- Choose from one of the largest ranges of conjoint combinations in Aotearoa New Zealand, with many exciting options available.
- Gain two degrees at once.
- Explore different yet complementary fields of expertise.
- Save years of study time and reduce tuition fees as a conjoint takes less time than doing both degrees separately.

Entry requirements

Admission into a conjoint degree programme typically requires meeting the higher entry standards of the two degrees. You'll need to fulfil the subject prerequisites for both, along with any additional requirements specific to each programme.

Conjoint pairings

Bachelor of Arts with:

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Communication
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Global Studies
- Bachelor of Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Communication with:

- Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts with:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Global Studies with:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Music with:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education with:

- Bachelor of Commerce



Find more details for each conjoint option here.

Choose your career

A conjoint degree helps you gain skills in diverse areas, expands your professional network, and opens doors to a range of career opportunities.

Whether you're aiming to become an international development lawyer (Global Studies and Law), a medical journalist (Arts and Science), a sports marketer (Sport, Health and Physical Education and Commerce), or music promoter (Music and Arts), the possibilities are endless.

Begin shaping the future you want today!



“I aim to work in the music industry, in live performance technology or with a creative direction. I am interested in all things entertainment, including film and TV, and I also hope to work in Korea someday.”

“I wanted to study something that I enjoy and that would complement and contribute to my creative industry aspirations. Learning a language is something I've always wanted to do, and it opens many opportunities to work abroad in the future.”

“I added the Fine Arts conjoint after my first year, and it provided me with more hands-on aspects, and combined with my interest in media perfectly.”

Zanoor Penny

Student: Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Korean, Media and Screen Studies / Bachelor of Fine Arts conjoint

Zanoor received the Prime Minister's Group Scholarship to Korea University and the 360 International Exchange Award – Asia

Te ao tauira

Student life

It's a big step starting university, and it can seem a little overwhelming at first – finding your way around, introducing yourself to new people or finding something to do on campus. Here are some great ways to settle in quickly, make new friends and get the most from your university experience.



Join a club

Find your tribe and have fun with 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.

Student associations

Our faculty- and programme-specific student organisations, such as Auckland University Global Studies Society (AUGSS), are committed to establishing a fun, supportive, and equitable environment in which you can meet likeminded peers. They organise a variety of social and educational events throughout the year, cultivating a vibrant and diverse student life. Student associations also advocate for issues relevant to you at the faculty and university-wide levels.

Ngā Tauira Māori (NTM)

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

Rainbow student communities

We provide a platform for LGBTQIA+ student voices across the faculty, where everyone can meet, share ideas and have fun with peers.

Mentoring programmes

Our mentoring communities are here to help you transition into university life, develop academic skills and broaden your network by hosting social events. You may be able to become a mentor later in your degree to experience leadership and give back to other students.

We have mentoring programmes that offer support from all backgrounds and include the following.

Tuākana learning community

The Tuākana programme supports all Māori and Pacific students in a culturally familiar environment, with Tuākana mentors available in most courses. We offer learning in small whānau groups, and wānanga based on the principles of ako, āhua, tikanga and whānau. Our Tuākana are senior Māori or Pacific students who will manaaki and mentor you throughout your degree.

Va'atele Folauga for Success programme

This is a three-day orientation and induction programme for all new Sport, Health and Physical Education students. With sessions on balancing your responsibilities, academic workshops, and fun activities, the induction builds a sense of whakawhanaungatanga and matakāinga between staff and students.

Events

Whether you are interested in arts, sports, or making new friends, we have an array of free events for you to enjoy. Keep an eye on our Instagram to stay up to date with events.

[@uoaarts](#)

Music forums

Join students and staff of Te Whare o ngā Pūkōrero Pūoro School of Music at weekly curriculum-based events and discover a symphony of knowledge and creativity!

Dance Studies performance series

Held in October and November each year, this annual series showcases our students' choreography and highlights the performance aspect of the Dance Studies Programme.

Artists Graduate Show

Held every November, check out the future of contemporary art at this annual exhibition.

**More than
200 clubs and
societies**



Sport and recreation

If you're keen on sport, we have 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. You can stay active and enjoy Hiwa, the University's brand-new, state-of-the-art Recreation Centre.



Career Bites

This is a series of career-focused events held in partnership with our alumni and career support service. Network, discover professional insights, and get a head start on your post-university pathway.



Student publications

Our students have initiated – and now lead – several publications that promote the work of fellow students. We want to inspire you to take your academic passion beyond the classroom and produce thought-provoking work that benefits the community. Global Studies students, for example, publish *Nomad* journal, which features a range of undergraduate research projects.



New recreation centre

A state-of-the-art new home for sport and recreation and social hub for the University community

More than just a gym, more than just a sports centre, more than just a hangout space – Hiwa, our new Recreation Centre, which opened in late 2024, is all these things and more, right in the heart of City Campus. It provides more opportunities than ever before for students, staff and the greater community to get active, support their own wellbeing, make new friends and gather together.

Our new facility was designed in consultation with students, staff and Recreation Centre members. Built specifically with Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education students in mind, the new centre maximises your opportunities to play sport, keep fit and have fun whilst studying or working at the University of Auckland.

The 21,000 square metre facility includes:

- An aquatics hall with an 8-lane swimming pool, dive tank, spa pool and sauna
- A rooftop with panoramic city and harbour views, featuring multi-sport turf as well as track, workout and hangout zones
- A gym with large cardio and weights zones
- Two sports halls, including one with a glass floor and LED markings for easy multi-sport usage
- A bouldering wall
- Squash courts
- Numerous large group-exercise studios
- Specialised group-exercise studios, including a boxing dojo
- Thoughtfully-designed “chill” spaces
- A café and retail outlet
- Indoor and outdoor multi-purpose event spaces

auckland.ac.nz/sportandrec



Student Support and Engagement Team

Offering pastoral and personal support, our faculty's team can also connect you to the right services across the University. You will meet your "support crew" at Orientation and they will be on hand throughout your studies to help with any concerns you may have.

Health and wellbeing

We understand that juggling university life can be stressful, and we are here to help. University Health and Counselling Service (UHCS) provides a free and confidential counselling service to help students with a wide range of issues. The team consists of highly skilled and experienced registered counsellors and clinical psychologists who are specially trained in dealing with student issues. UHCS also offers primary health services including medical, nursing and counselling services at the City and Grafton campuses.



Preparation programmes

If your final school results weren't what you'd hoped, there are still options for study at Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland.

Summer programmes

Summer Start

Kick-off your first year the right way with Summer Start. This programme sets you up for success by helping you learn all the ins and outs of uni life.

auckland.ac.nz/summerstart

Tōia ki Waipapa

This programme for Māori students offers an on-campus experience with culturally appropriate learning support to help you take your studies to the next level.

auckland.ac.nz/tkw

UniBound Summer

Start university strong with UniBound, a programme for Pacific school leavers that will help you achieve your study goals and step into uni with confidence.

auckland.ac.nz/unibound

He Ara Takatū Tertiary Foundation Certificate

He Ara Takatū Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) is a one-year programme that prepares you for undergraduate studies and gives you the chance to meet degree entry requirements. If you aspire to study at the University of Auckland and want to build your knowledge, skills and confidence to reach your academic potential, then TFC is for you.

You'll experience life on campus and have access to all services, facilities and clubs. Depending on your subjects and grades, completing TFC offers a guaranteed path to all direct-entry undergraduate degrees.

TFC students gain access to all the University's student services and may also be eligible to apply for student loans and allowances. Please be aware that your TFC year will count in your Studylink history. Email us for more information.

tfc@auckland.ac.nz

auckland.ac.nz/tfc

He Pūaotanga New Start

Over 20 and thinking of coming to university? He Pūaotanga New Start is a part-time preparation and bridging programme that will help you develop the confidence and skills for studying at university.

It's a realistic introduction to your first year with us. The courses include study skills and are made up of an academic integrity course, lectures, tutorials, workshops, assignments with feedback and a final test.

Please note: New Start students are not eligible for StudyLink funding. If you're experiencing financial hardship, please apply for a New Start award. Email us for more information.

newstart@auckland.ac.nz

auckland.ac.nz/newstart

Foundation programmes for international students

Our foundation programmes offer the best preparation for bachelors degree study to international and other students whose first language is not English.

Onshore foundation programmes

Foundation programmes in Aotearoa New Zealand are taught by University of Auckland International College. Foundation study usually takes a year, although accelerated 8-month programmes are available to qualified students.

Offshore foundation programmes

International students outside of New Zealand can study a pathway programme at an International Study Centre, managed by our partner NCUK.

auckland.ac.nz/international



Entry requirements

To gain entry to your degree programme, you must meet admission, programme and undergraduate English language requirements. Our friendly team will help you every step of the way!

General admission information

Each degree programme has particular admission requirements. It all depends upon your background and the qualifications you have before you enrol.

auckland.ac.nz/entryrequirements

Minimum age

To be eligible for admission to the University of Auckland, you normally must have reached the age of 16 by 31 December in the year preceding that in which admission is sought.

English language requirements

You must meet certain standards of English language proficiency. University Entrance requirements for New Zealand school leavers are available on our website.

auckland.ac.nz/school-leaver-entry

Undergraduate Targeted Admission Scheme (UTAS)

The University has a range of admission schemes to improve access to higher education for Māori and equity groups. UTAS is the University's Undergraduate Targeted Admission Scheme for eligible Māori and Pacific applicants, applicants from refugee backgrounds, applicants with disabilities, or applicants from constrained economic circumstances. For the purposes of UTAS, constrained economic circumstances applicants are school leavers from a decile 1–3 school. UTAS reserves several places in our undergraduate programmes for such students who have met the University Entrance standard but do not meet the guaranteed entry score for the programme of their choice.

auckland.ac.nz/utas

| Entry requirements | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|----|
| Programme | NCEA (Level 3) | Cambridge International | IB |
| Bachelor of Arts (BA) | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Bachelor of Communication (BC) | 165 | 190 | 27 |
| Bachelor of Dance Studies (BDanceSt)* | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (BECSt)* | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Bachelor of Education (Teaching) BEd(Tchg)* | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Bachelor of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) BEd(TESOL)* | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt) | 180 | 190 | 27 |
| Bachelor of Music (BMus)* | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Bachelor of Sport, Health and Physical Education (BSportHPE) | 150 | 150 | 26 |
| Conjoint programmes | | | |
| The rank score for guaranteed admission into a conjoint programme is higher than that for a single bachelors programme. Find out more about conjoints on page 33 or at auckland.ac.nz/conjoints | | | |
| <i>*Additional entry requirements apply. Use the QR codes on individual programme pages to view a full list of requirements for each programme.</i> | | | |

New Zealand secondary school applicants

For entry based on a New Zealand secondary school qualification, you must first meet the University Entrance (UE) standard – UE is the minimum standard needed to enrol at a New Zealand university. Details of entry requirements for applicants with NCEA, Cambridge International or IB qualifications are available on our website.

auckland.ac.nz/entryrequirements



How to apply

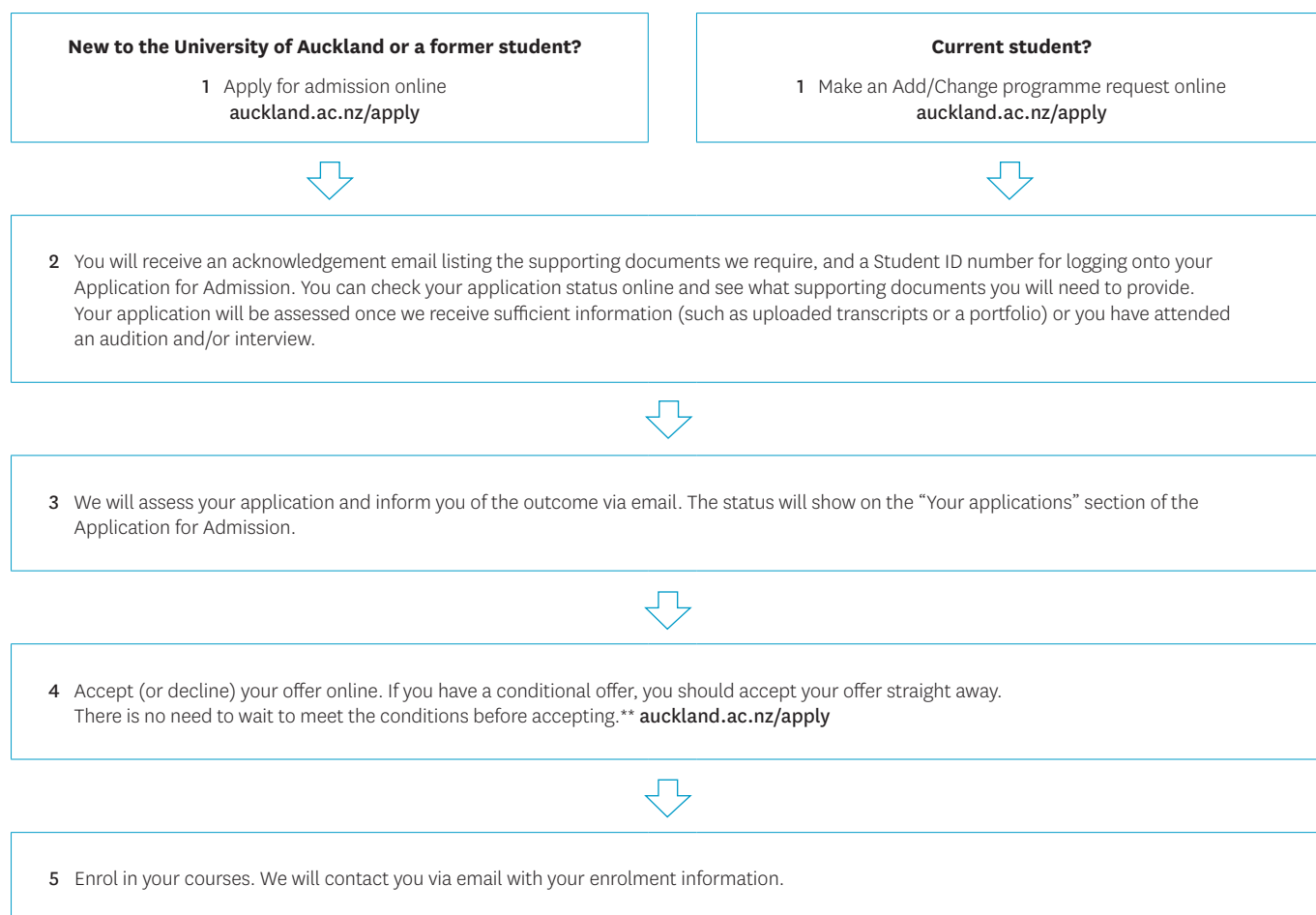
So, you have made your decision on what you want to study, and now it's time to apply. What do you need to do?

Before you apply

- Check the entry requirements (admission, programme and English-language) for your programme.
- Check the application closing date.* We recommend you apply as early as possible. You don't need to wait to meet the requirements before applying – as long as you meet them before the programme begins.
- Follow the step-by-step guide for applications, admission and enrolment. auckland.ac.nz/apply

**Late applications will be considered if places are available.*

The application and enrolment process



Need help applying?

Find answers to frequently asked questions:
askauckland.ac.nz

Email us: studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz

Or phone: 0800 61 62 63

International: +64 9 373 7513

**Conditional offers

Offers are made when your place in a programme is subject to one or more conditions. For example, you may need to supply final results.

When you receive a conditional offer:

1. Accept (or decline) the offer.
2. Meet the conditions.
3. Submit evidence that you have met the conditions.

Mānawa Mai Info Evening and Open Day 2025

Info Evening, Tuesday 10 June

Join us online to learn more about the huge range of programmes we have on offer. You'll hear from our teaching staff about what you can expect in your first year and find out everything you need to know about the application process.

Open Day, Saturday 30 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.

Visit us online for the latest information, including times.

auckland.ac.nz/manawa-mai

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auckland.ac.nz/fees

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For personal assistance, please visit us at your local Student Hub, where students and whānau are welcome to talk with our expert advisers.

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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

