



UNIVERSITY OF  
AUCKLAND  
Waipapa Taumata Rau  
NEW ZEALAND

# Study Abroad

Auckland | New Zealand 2025



**No.1**  
New Zealand  
University<sup>1</sup>



**No.5**  
Globally for  
Sustainability<sup>2</sup>



**No.1**  
In New Zealand  
for Employability<sup>3</sup>



# Explore Aotearoa

## New Zealand

Studying abroad can be a life-changing experience.

Living away from home in a new country and at the edge of your comfort zone, you will learn a lot – about your academic disciplines, about the world and about yourself. Explore your capabilities and free your curiosity.

Enjoy the unbeatable lifestyle New Zealand offers while immersing yourself in our internationally-renowned education system. Explore our natural wonders and experience a multicultural welcome in our modern cities.

Cover attributions:

<sup>1</sup> Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 and QS World University Rankings 2024

<sup>2</sup> QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024

<sup>3</sup> QS World Rankings Graduate Employability, number one in New Zealand and 68th Worldwide in 2023

## New Zealand

**Māori name:** Aotearoa

**Population:** 5,259,997<sup>4</sup>

**Geography:** Three main islands (North Island, South Island and Stewart Island). Total land area the size of Colorado.

**Largest city:** Auckland

**Capital:** Wellington

**Official languages:** English, Māori, New Zealand Sign Language

**Currency:** New Zealand Dollar

**Exchange rates:**

NZ\$1 = US\$0.60, €0.56 (May 2024)

**Warmest months:** January, February

**Coldest months:** July, August

**Government:** Parliamentary democracy, member of the Commonwealth.

<sup>4</sup> World Population Review, 2024



# Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland

## Auckland

**Māori name:** Tāmaki Makaurau

**Population:** 1,692,770\*

**Nickname:** The City of Sails

**Climate:** Temperatures range from an average of 24°C (75°F) in summer to 16°C (60°F) in winter.

**Landscape:** Two harbours, 50 islands, 48 volcanoes, hundreds of beaches, 35 regional parks, rainforests.

\* World population Review, 2024

**New Zealand is  
the world's 4th  
safest country<sup>†</sup>**

<sup>†</sup>2023 Global Peace Index

Auckland is a great base for exploring further afield.

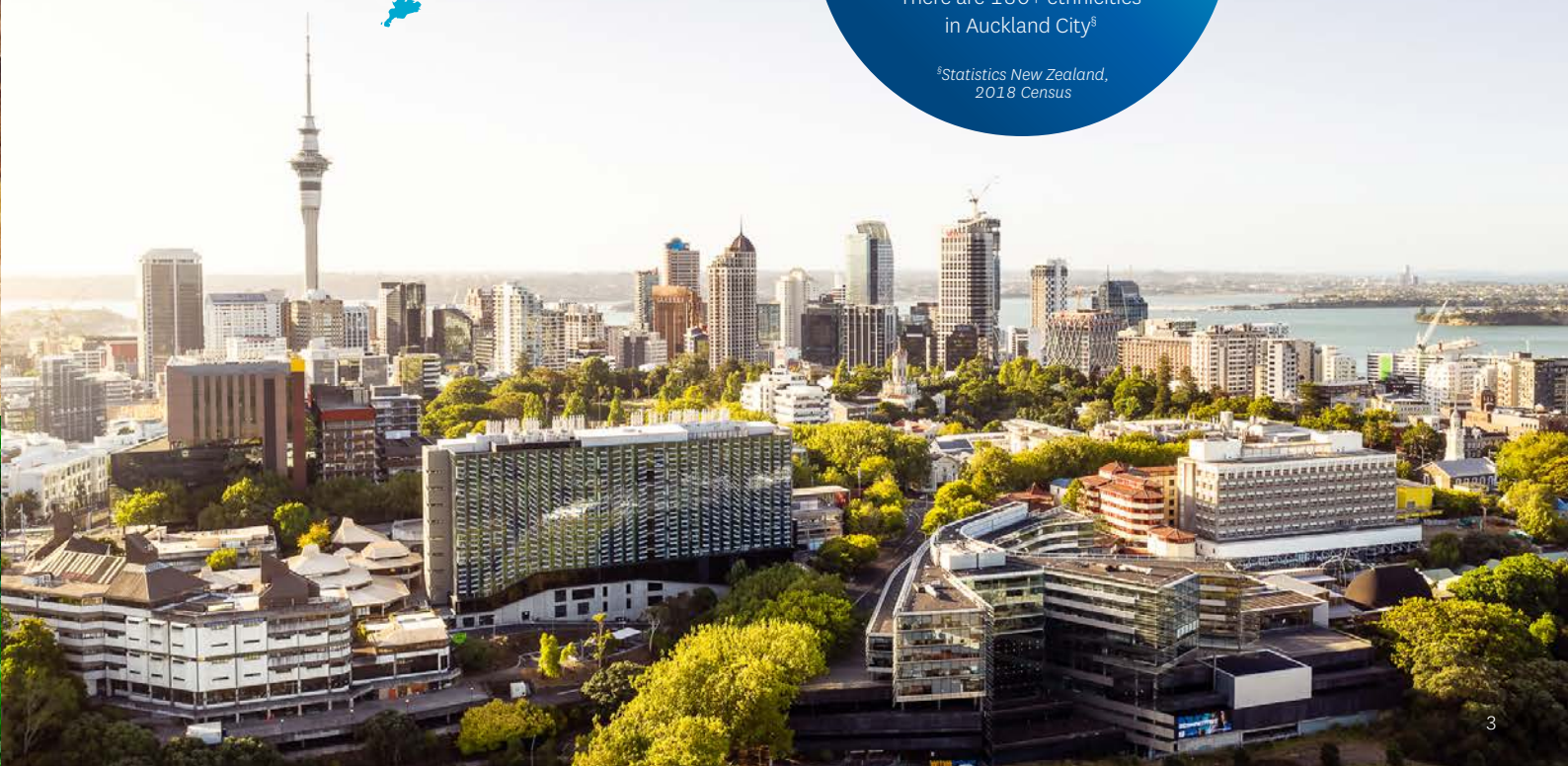
Many of New Zealand's top attractions and most striking landscapes are within a few hours' drive. Our study abroad students often spend weekends exploring the North Island or fly to the stunning South Island during the two-week semester break.

Our campus and accommodation are in the heart of cosmopolitan Auckland. Placed between the Pacific Ocean and the Tasman Sea, Auckland's unique geographical position means you can enjoy living close to stunning beaches, untouched forest and tranquil islands. Add to that Auckland's great urban lifestyle, and it's clear why Auckland has been ranked third for quality of life.

**Auckland  
is NZ's most  
culturally  
diverse city**

There are 180+ ethnicities  
in Auckland City<sup>‡</sup>

<sup>‡</sup>Statistics New Zealand,  
2018 Census



# Essential information

Nomination and Application Deadlines		
	Exchange	Study Abroad
<b>Summer School</b> (Jan to Feb 2025)	1 October 2024	15 October 2024
<b>Semester One</b> (Feb to Jun 2025)	1 October 2024	1 November 2024
<b>Semester Two</b> (Jul to Nov 2025)	1 April 2025	15 April 2025

## Important dates

Summer School 2025	
Orientation	Monday 6 January
Summer School begins	Monday 6 January
Lectures end	Friday 14 February
Summer School exams	Monday 17 February 2025 – Wednesday 19 February 2025
Summer School ends	Wednesday 19 February 2025
Semester One 2025	
Orientation	Monday 24 February 2025
Classes start	Monday 3 March 2025
Mid-semester break	Friday 14 April – Friday 25 April 2025
Exams	Thursday 12 June 2025 – Monday 30 June 2025
Semester One ends	Monday 30 June 2025
Semester Two 2025	
Orientation	Wednesday 16 July 2025
Classes start	Monday 21 July 2025
Mid-semester break	Monday 1 September – Friday 12 September 2025
Exams	Thursday 30 October 2025 – Monday 17 November 2025
Semester Two ends	Monday 17 November

## Entry Requirements

Complete at least one full-time year of university study at the time of application unless you are considered under special admission. You should have a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (B- average) or its equivalent.

If you are from a country that is not recognised with English as a first language, you must provide evidence of meeting the University's English language requirements. The required score for the Exchange and Study Abroad Programme is:

### IELTS (Academic):

Overall score of 6.0 and no bands below 5.5

### Internet-based TOEFL (iBT):

Overall score of 80 and a writing score of 21

The University of Auckland accepts a number of other English language test results and additional evidence of English competency from certain countries. For details, please visit the website.

[auckland.ac.nz/ug-eng-req](http://auckland.ac.nz/ug-eng-req)

## Courses

With more than 100 subjects available, you can explore both subjects that are unique to New Zealand and those that you need to complete for your degree at home. The list of course options is on page 5. You can take courses across different subjects and levels as long as you meet prerequisites for relevant courses.

The standard full-time load at the University of Auckland is four courses (60 points) per semester. Most courses weigh 15 points, which represents 150 hours of study or 10 hours of study per week for 15 weeks.

Courses at the University of Auckland are generally made up of a lecture plus a tutorial or lab component. There will be one lecture stream throughout the week covering the main content of the course. You also choose one tutorial or lab session which fits within your timetables.

- Check the course catalogue for a full list of all University of Auckland courses. You can find brief outline of courses, terms offered and timetables. Note timetables for the next academic year (January to December) are published on 1 November of the previous year.

[auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice](http://auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice)

- View or download a more detailed course description (or syllabus) of a course, including its content, learning outcomes and assessment from the University's Digital Course Outlines.

[courseoutline.auckland.ac.nz/dco](http://courseoutline.auckland.ac.nz/dco)

- Get at least 6 to 8 courses approved by your home faculty in case there are timetable clashes or changes in course offerings.

- Some courses have limited or restricted enrolment for Exchange and Study Abroad students. For a full list, check 'Course options' on the website.

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



# What you can study

There are more than 100 subjects to choose from and the full course options are available on our website: [auckland.ac.nz/studyabroad](https://auckland.ac.nz/studyabroad)

Academic English Studies*	Indigenous Studies Δ
Accounting	Information Management*
Ancient History	Information Systems
<b>Anthropology</b> ◊	Innovation and Entrepreneurship*
<b>Archaeology</b> ◊	International Business
Architecture	Italian
Art History	Japanese
Asian Studies	Korean
Bioinformatics	Language Teaching and Learning
Biological Sciences	Latin
Biomedical Engineering*	Latin American Studies*
Business	Law
Business Analytics*	<b>Linguistics</b> ◊
Chemical and Materials Engineering	Logic and Computation
Chemistry	Management
Chinese	Māori Studies
<b>Civil Engineering</b> ◊	Marine Science
Classical Studies*	<b>Marketing</b> ◊
Commercial Law	Mathematics
Communication	Mechanical Engineering
Comparative Literature	Media, Film and Television
Computer Science	Medical Devices and Technologies Δ
Computer Systems Engineering	Medical Science
Cook Islands Māori*	Museums and Cultural Heritage Δ
Construction Management Δ	Music
Creative Writing Δ	Nursing <sup>1</sup>
Criminology	Operations and Supply Chain Management
Dance	Pacific Studies
Data Science	Pharmacy and Pharmacology
Design*	Philosophy
Development Studies Δ	Physics
Disability Studies*	Politics and International Relations
Disaster Management Δ	Population Health
Drama	Professional Counselling Δ
Earth Sciences (including Geology)	Professional Supervision Δ
Economics	Property
<b>Education</b> ◊	<b>Psychology</b> ◊
Electrical and Electronic Engineering	Public Policy Δ
Energy Δ	Russian*
Engineering (including Engineering Science)	Samoan*
<b>English</b> ◊	Screen Production
Environmental Engineering	Social Work
Environmental Management Δ	Sociology
Environmental Science	Software Engineering
European Studies*	Spanish
Exercise Sciences	Speech Science
Finance	<b>Sport Health and Physical Education</b> ◊
Fine Arts	Statistics
Food Science	Sustainability
Forensic Science Δ	Taxation
French	Teaching
Gender Studies *	Theology and Religious Studies
Geography	Tongan*
Geophysics	Translation Studies Δ
German	Urban Planning
Global Studies	Wine Science
Greek	Yacht Engineering Δ
History	Youth Work
Human Services*	

## Key

\* undergraduate only

Δ postgraduate only

◊ ranked top 50 worldwide<sup>2</sup>

*I wasn't very aware of the differences in architectural styles and values before I got here, and it's been interesting to be introduced into a whole new way of thinking.*

*The fact that I had to focus on other things than what I was used to, particularly tapping into my artistic and conceptual side as opposed to the practical and more technical approach I'm used to from home, made things challenging for sure, but I feel like I've learned a lot and that the experience will make me a better architect in the end.*

*One of my courses is Pacific Architecture, which focuses on the history, culture and architecture of different regions within the Pacific. Coming from the other side of the world, I didn't really know anything about this before I got here. It's been so cool to learn about the built heritage of the different islands and how it can be passed on through new projects. I think this course has also helped me understand Maori culture better and how it connects with the other communities within the Pacific.*

**Maren Lovise Oeby**

**Study Abroad student from Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway**

<sup>1</sup> Only available to undergraduate students coming through special arrangements with our School of Nursing.

<sup>2</sup> QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

# Interesting courses

Make the most of your study abroad experience by choosing subjects and courses that are unique to New Zealand or unavailable at your home institution. These are a few examples of subjects and courses.

## Māori and Pacific Studies

Auckland is well known as the largest Pacific city in the world. Immerse yourself in New Zealand's unique indigenous and diverse culture by taking courses in Māori and Pacific Studies at the University of Auckland. Building an understanding of diverse indigenous perspectives in our changing world will help you developing skills for an international career.

Course code	Course	Typically offered
ANTHRO 234	Popular Musics of the Pacific	Semester Two
ANTHRO 306	Pacific Archaeology	Summer School and Semester Two
MĀORI 101	Introduction to Written Māori	Semester One
MĀORI 103	Introduction to Spoken Māori	Summer School, Semester One and Two
MĀORI 130	Te Ao Māori: The Māori World	Summer School and Semester Two
MĀORI 190	Kapa Haka 1	Semester One
MĀORI 202	Decolonising the Screen In Aotearoa	Semester One
PACIFIC 100	Introduction to Pacific Studies	Semester One
PACIFIC 105	The Contemporary Pacific	Semester Two
PACIFIC 110	Pacific Music and Dance	Semester One

## Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Learn how to test innovative ideas, products or processes, how to finance start-up ventures and how to sell and market new products and services locally and internationally. Develop an innovative mindset and unleash your potential at our business school with triple crown accreditation.

Course code	Course	Typically offered
DESIGN 101	Design Theory and Fundamentals	Semester One
DESIGN 102G	Design for Sustainable Futures	Semester One and Two
INNOVENT 203	The Entrepreneurial Mindset	Semester One and Two
INNOVENT 204	Understanding Entrepreneurial Opportunities	Semester One and Two
INNOVENT 307	Ecosystems for Innovation and Entrepreneurship	Semester One
INNOVENT 308	Advanced Entrepreneurship	Semester Two
INNOVENT 309	Responsible Innovation	Semester Two
INNOVENT 310	Women in Entrepreneurship	Semester One
INTBUS 151	Business across Borders	Summer School and Semester Two
SCISCHOL 201	Introduction to Science and Innovation	Semester One

## Sustainability and Environmental Science

Environmental Science focuses on real-world problems and understanding environmental issues caused by human activity. We are dedicated to protecting and restoring natural heritage, minimising human impact and restoring environmental degradation.

Course code	Course	Typically offered
GLOBAL 101G	Global Issues, Sustainable Futures	Semester One
ENVSCI 101	Environment, Science and Management	Semester One and Two
ENVSCI 303	Environmental Science, Risk and Society	Semester Two
GEOG 102	Geography of the Human Environment	Semester One and Two
GEOG 205	Environment and Society	Summer School and Semester Two
GEOG 260	Climate and Society	Semester One
GEOG 325	The Human Dimension of Disasters	Semester Two
SUSTAIN 100	Sustainability and Us	Semester Two
SUSTAIN 200	The Sustainable Community	Semester One
SUSTAIN 300	A Sustainable World	Semester Two

## Population Health

Our Health Sciences programme provides a multidisciplinary understanding of health, healthcare and its services in New Zealand. It focuses on population health, considering issues such as the socio-economic and behavioural factors affecting health and health provision. It will provide an in-depth understanding of the role governments play in determining health policy, how wealth systems function, and how the biological and social bases of ill-health exist in our communities.

Course code	Course	Typically offered
HLTHPSYC 122	Behaviour, Health and Development	Semester Two
MāoriHTH 201	Introduction to Māori Health	Semester Two
POPLHLTH 111	Population Health	Semester One
POPLHLTH 203	Health Promotion: Philosophy and Practice	Semester One
POPLHLTH 204	Health Care Ethics	Semester One
POPLHLTH 207	Community and Cultural Development	Semester Two
POPLHLTH 210	Equity and Inequalities in Health	Semester One
POPLHLTH 211	Introduction to Environmental Health	Semester Two
POPLHLTH 304	Principles of Applied Epidemiology	Semester One
POPLHLTH 311	Shaping Health Policy	Semester Two



# Unique opportunities

Maximise your study abroad experience through our short-term programmes and unique opportunities.

## Gap Year with the University of Auckland

Spend a year in Auckland, New Zealand's biggest and most diverse city! As the best-connected city in the country, you'll have easy access to all the natural wonders of the country and the rest of the Pacific region. You can explore unique subjects at the University of Auckland while having a genuine Kiwi experience working and travelling around the country for your gap year.

[auckland.ac.nz/study-abroad-gap](https://auckland.ac.nz/study-abroad-gap)

## Practicum Study Abroad in Clinical Exercise Physiology

The University of Auckland's Clinical Exercise Physiology programme is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Obtain practical learning experience in Clinical Exercise Physiology that meets requirements for registration with professional organisations in your home country (including the American College of Sports Medicine).

[auckland.ac.nz/clinical-exercise-physiology](https://auckland.ac.nz/clinical-exercise-physiology)

## Internships (Faculty of Arts)

Our Faculty of Arts gives Communication and Media Studies students the chance to gain work experience through undertaking a project in a real-world workplace. The course is career-focused and gives you the opportunity to develop and showcase a variety of transferable skills of value to the workplace. It is available for students who have completed two years of degree studies and mainly take courses within our Faculty of Arts.

[auckland.ac.nz/arts-interships](https://auckland.ac.nz/arts-interships)

## International Research Programme (Faculty of Arts)

Spend six (or eight) weeks developing multidimensional research skills as you contribute to research projects that tackle complex, global issues. Research topics range from refugee resettlement to political branding and indigenous identity. Students will join a cohort of study abroad research students and work alongside Faculty of Arts academics on a variety of research tasks. Research students will begin the programme with an excursion that introduces students to the cultural context of Aotearoa New Zealand.

[auckland.ac.nz/study-abroad-research](https://auckland.ac.nz/study-abroad-research)

## Field-trip oriented courses (Faculty of Science)

Our Faculty of Science offers a range of courses across multiple disciplines that give students the opportunity to explore New Zealand and learn about the subject in the field. These subjects have courses with field-trip embedded.

- Biological Sciences
- Earth Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Marine Science

[www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice](https://www.auckland.ac.nz/sso-courseadvice)

*“This entire experience was something I would have never thought of doing, but I took the leap and went for it and it has been the best experience of my life. There have also been many experiences I have taken advantage of while being here that were certainly out of my comfort zone, but it has made all the difference.”*

*“The combination of learning about Māori culture and language as well as being surrounded by Native Māori people with strong ties to those aspects of culture and more has made me realize how important it is for Native people to get educated and return to their homelands and make a difference in any way possible. Therefore, I am even more certain that after I complete my studies, I want to return home to Hawai'i and help uplift my people and make Hawai'i a better place for Hawaiians for generations to come.”*

## Teani De Fries

Study Abroad student from Dartmouth College, USA



**No.1 in  
New Zealand  
and Top 100  
worldwide for  
graduate  
employability**

QS Graduate Employability  
Rankings 2023

# Co-curricular programmes

Make the most of these opportunities outside of class to meet your fellow students and get to know New Zealand!

## Waipapa Noho Marae

The Waipapa Noho Marae programme for Exchange and Study Abroad students takes place at the beginning of each semester, just before Orientation. Come together with fellow students from all over the world, and experience an overnight stay at the beautiful Waipapa Marae, located right on our City Campus. Get to know one another, learn 'NZ culture' from our welcoming and knowledgeable Māori student leaders.

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

## Generation Changemaker

Generation Changemaker is an exciting extra-curricular programme for Study Abroad and Exchange students who are passionate about innovation and entrepreneurship. If you get excited about exploring creative solutions to global problems and working with your peers to take meaningful action, while immersing yourself in a new culture and country, then Generation Changemaker is for you!

[auckland.ac.nz/changemaker](http://auckland.ac.nz/changemaker)

## Instagram Ambassadors

Do you love taking photos or have a passion for social media? Join Study Abroad Instagram

Ambassadors and share your amazing experiences around Auckland and New Zealand. You'll receive the chance to participate in some unique Auckland events and a recognition at the end of semester to add to your CV.

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

## Rugby Programme

New Zealand is famous for our rugby culture! Join in on the fun and develop your sports skills by adding a rugby training programme with NZIRA to your schedule. You will take three courses with the University of Auckland and engage in a mixture of morning and afternoon specialised training sessions with a game of rugby each weekend.

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

## Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Unleash Space (Kura Matahuna) is our vibrant innovation and entrepreneurship hub, with a state-of-the-art maker space. It is open and free for all students and we provide workshops, bookable meeting rooms, brainstorming spaces, experts and inspiration for your projects and ventures. For those interested in exploring the world of innovation and entrepreneurship, join a one-day workshop or enter a part-time programme in the holidays. We have a range of interactive programmes for everyone. Unleash your potential, wherever you are on your journey.

[cie.auckland.ac.nz](http://cie.auckland.ac.nz)



*"The University of Auckland is situated right in the heart of the city, so it was appealing to experience New Zealand's largest urban area with such intimacy. Additionally, UoA offers an incredibly diverse array of academic programmes. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to study topics closely intertwined with New Zealand and the Pacific as a whole."*

*I enjoy the excitement and accessibility of Auckland. Like any large city, there is no shortage of entertainment while here. You can visit massive volcanic craters, have fun island adventures, or find a favourite dinner spot with some friends just down the street. It's an incredible city that combines an urban lifestyle with the opportunity to escape into nature.*

## Carson Davis

Study Abroad student from George Washington University, USA





# Guaranteed accommodation

We commit to offering on-campus accommodation to every study abroad or exchange student who applies to the University by the deadline.

The sooner you apply, the sooner your accommodation will be reserved for you. Accommodation is only guaranteed for students who submit applications before the application deadlines.\*

We encourage you to apply for accommodation as soon as applications open, even if you have not yet completed your application to study at the University of Auckland. This will help to ensure you have a place at a University residence hall.

At the time you accept your residential agreement, you are required to pay \$950 to secure your place (\$650 accommodation deposit and \$300 administration fee). The \$650 deposit forms part of your overall accommodation fee.

Confidential references and visa document are not required for Study Abroad and Exchange students to apply for accommodation.

## Accommodation application dates

### Semester One (February to June 2025):

Open on 1 August 2024  
Close 15 October 2024

### Semester Two 2025 (July to November 2025):

Open on 1 April 2025  
Close on 1 May 2025

The University's Accommodation Solutions team will attempt to place a student in on-campus accommodation even after deadlines have passed.

If your home university or provider arranges university housing for you, you do not have to apply individually. Please check with them first. A family room or couple room is excluded from guaranteed housing due to our capacity.

Accommodation is a semester contract of 21 weeks. You can move in and out within the contract dates. The tentative dates of contract in 2025 are:

Semester One: Saturday, 22 February 2025 to Monday, 7 July 2025

Semester Two: Wednesday, 9 July 2025 to Friday, 21 November 2025

**Apply online at:**  
[accommodation.auckland.ac.nz](https://accommodation.auckland.ac.nz)

	Room configurations	Mobility impairment access	Bathroom configurations	Catering	2024 residence semester fees – NZ\$	Recreation, sport and academic facilities	Walking distance to City Campus
<b>Carlaw Park – Nicholls</b>	Single room in shared apartment	✓	Shared	Self-catered	\$7,710.00	BBQ, Games Room, Lounge, Basketball hoop, volleyball court, Study Room	15 mins
<b>Carlaw Park – Stuart McCutcheon House</b>	Single room in shared apartment	✓	Shared	Self-catered	\$7,920.00	BBQ, Games Room, Lounge, Basketball, Study Room	15 mins
<b>Te Tirohanga o te Tōangaroa</b>	Single room in shared dormitory	✓	Shared	Self-catered	\$7,185.00	Sky deck, BBQ, Social/Games Room, Music Room, Study Room	5 mins
<b>55 Symonds</b>	Studio Deluxe	✓	Private	Self-catered	\$9,915.00	Study Room, TV room, bbq, lounge, Games Room	10 mins

*\*The fees for 2025 have yet to be finalised at the time of publication but will be available on the Accommodation website in July 2024. Accommodation fees quoted are in NZ\$ for a 21 week contract in 2024, including application fee and one-time residential service fee.*





# Student life

## Clubs, societies and associations

If you want to make great friends, try something new, and explore off the beaten track, check out the Clubs Expo in the first week of semester. There are more than 250 student clubs and sports teams on campus. Whatever you're into, there's a club for you. The Study Abroad Students' Society (also known as SASS) creates an inclusive community for returned, outgoing, and incoming study abroad students through fun events, trips and social mixers.

### Go on an adventure:

- Rock and Alpine Club (climbing)
- Auckland University Underwater Club
- UoA Snowsports Club
- Auckland University Tramping Club (hiking)

### Make a difference:

- Generation Zero
- UoA Volunteers Club
- Project Wellbeing
- Equal Justice Project

To see information about all our clubs, visit [www.auckland.ac.nz/clubs](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/clubs)

## Events

Our City Campus is right in the heart of Auckland and students can discover the range of entertainment and events that the University and Auckland as a city have to offer.

- Waipapa noho marae
- Alfred's Street Party
- Get Into Nature
- Rugby Have a Go
- Auckland Arts Festival
- Round the Bays
- Pasifika Festival Auckland
- NZ International Comedy Festival

## Student support

The University provides extensive support for Study Abroad and Exchange students:

- Dedicated study abroad team
- Campus Security with 24 hour emergency hot line
- Libraries and Learning Services
- English language support
- University Health and Counselling service
- Student Disability Services
- Spiritual and religious support
- Support for LGBTQI+ students
- Free airport pick-up

If you need special academic accommodation, submit a letter explaining details of learning disabilities and the services you receive from your home university before the semester starts.

[auckland.ac.nz/disabilities-support](http://auckland.ac.nz/disabilities-support)

## Sport and Recreation

Play sport, get fit and have fun. If you're keen on playing sport, whether social or competitive, we have a wide range of offerings to suit you including social sports leagues, inter-faculty tournaments, and our National Tertiary Championships.

The University's Recreation and Wellbeing Centre gives you an opportunity to keep fit and healthy with great facilities and equipment from swimming pool to squash courts and rooftop sport tracks with amazing city view. Being in Auckland, you can get involved in one of the many sport programmes unique in New Zealand such as:

- Waka Ama
- Sailing
- Rugby

