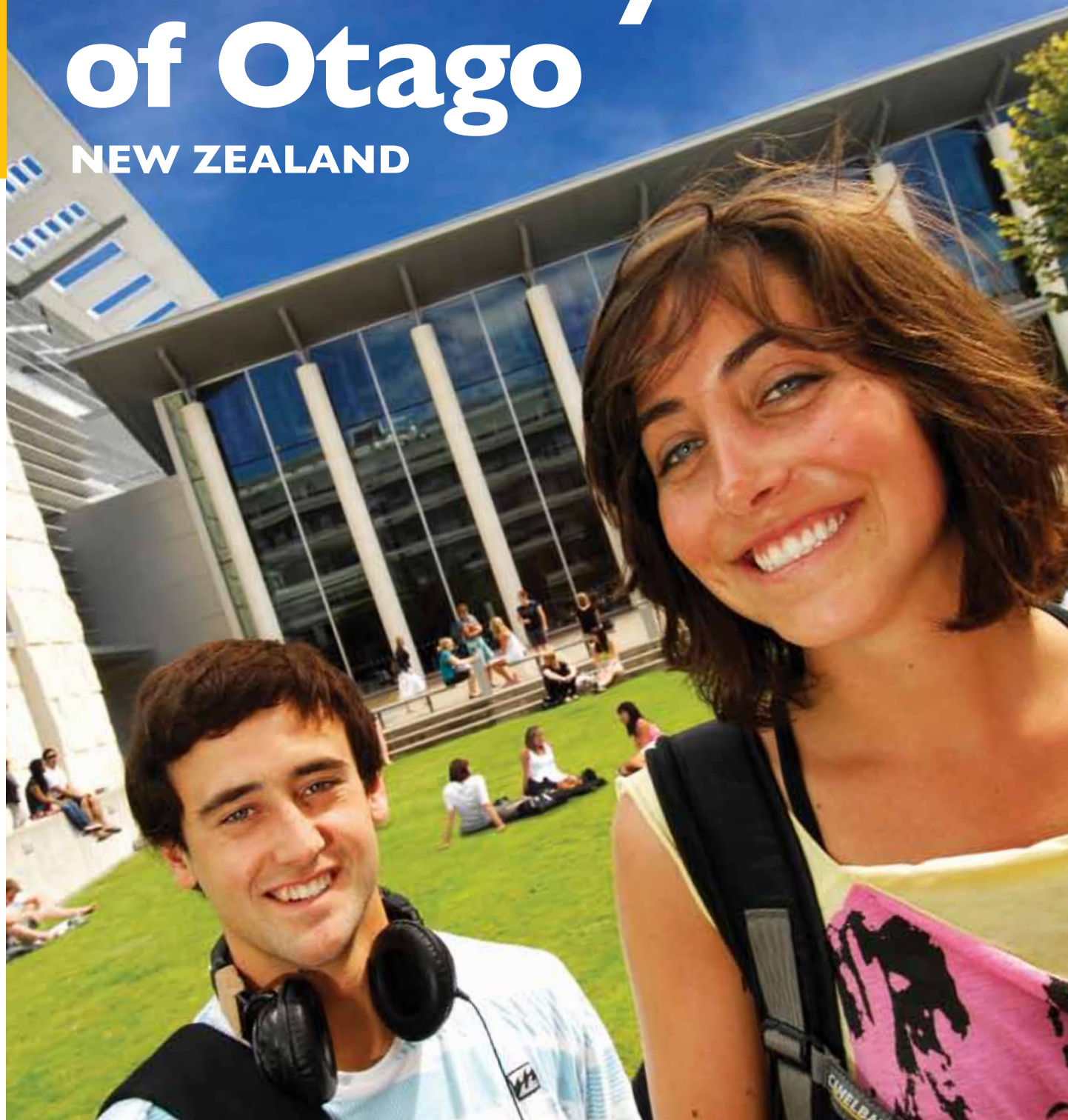




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University of Otago

NEW ZEALAND



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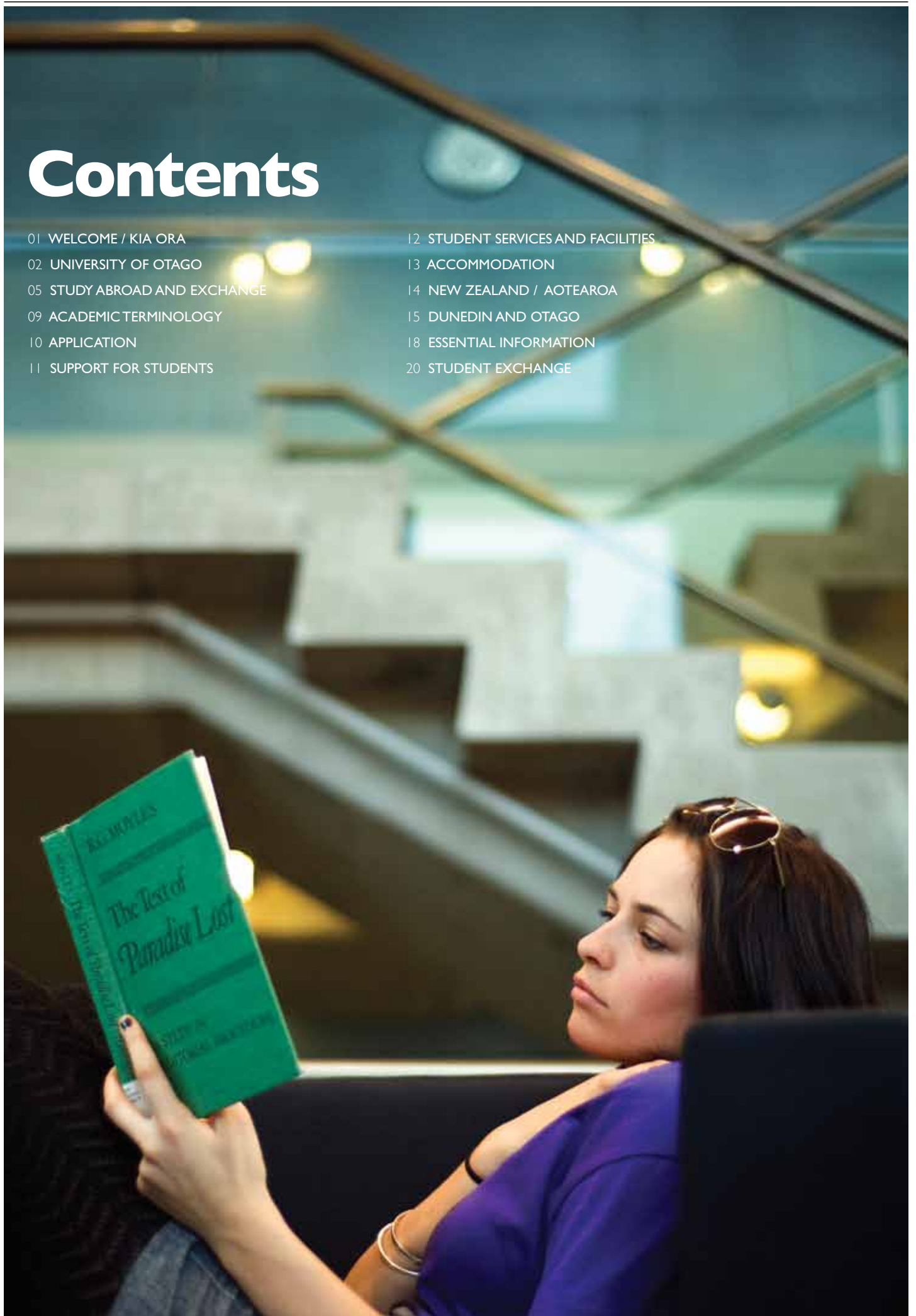
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Welcome / Kia Ora

Studying abroad, even for a short time, provides an insight into another way of life, and contributes to greater cultural understanding. The opportunity to expand your horizons, as well as gain an excellent academic experience at the University of Otago, is one I encourage you to take. I was fortunate enough to spend the last year of my high school education on exchange in Japan, and it was an experience that has had a lifelong impact, both personally and professionally.

As well as providing a high quality education, the University of Otago is located in one of the most scenic parts of the world and Dunedin offers a student lifestyle unlike any other city in Australasia. Founded in 1869, the University of Otago is an integral part of the local community, and we value the contribution students from other countries make to the cultural diversity of both the campus and the city.

I challenge you to take up the opportunity to learn more about the internationally renowned “Otago Experience”, and look forward to welcoming you to Dunedin and the University of Otago.



PROFESSOR SARAH TODD
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International)

The University of Otago

An Introduction

Studying abroad provides an opportunity to learn about other cultures and to develop the international perspective essential for graduates today. If you decide to study at the University of Otago you will enjoy a unique educational environment. The University of Otago is New Zealand's most research-intensive university and is this country's top-ranked university for research quality. Otago also enjoys an international reputation for the quality of its teaching and is a world leader in many academic fields. Students from around the world rate Otago's reputation and the quality of its study environment as its strongest attractions.

International Outlook

The University of Otago is strongly committed to international education and has collaborative teaching, research and exchange agreements with major institutions in Asia, South America, the United States, Canada and Europe (see page 20).

Otago offers a rich cultural life, reflecting a diverse international student community and New Zealand's own multicultural population. From its original Scottish foundations, the University now embraces its Pacific heritage. It is engaged in a mutually-beneficial partnership with Māori, particularly with the local iwi (tribe), Ngāi Tahu. Just as it is proactive in meeting the needs of the New Zealand people, the University of Otago welcomes the world. In 2012 the University hosted 2800 international students from more than 90 countries enrolled in a wide range of courses at all levels of study. We have included some of their experiences throughout this guide.

A University in the Heart of the City

Education is Dunedin's largest industry with the University of Otago playing a vital role. Of Dunedin's population of 122,000 twenty per cent are students. The campus is in the centre of the city and, as a result, much of Dunedin's commerce, music, entertainment and sport has evolved around its student culture. Dunedin offers students the best of both worlds. It has the variety of facilities and entertainment of larger cities, but is small enough to be friendly, uncrowded and safe. International students find this city as welcoming as the University itself and appreciate the short time it takes to feel comfortable and at home.

A Unique Study Environment

Located on the edge of the Dunedin Botanic Garden, the Otago campus is very beautiful. The Water of Leith winds its way past the majestic stone Clocktower, a visible reminder of the University's history and tradition of learning, the state-of-the-art Centre for Innovation and the many character villas which house much of Otago's student population.

Almost all Otago students live within walking distance of the University campus and key facilities such as lecture theatres, libraries and computer resource rooms. The majority

of students live in rented flats, which are apartments or houses, usually shared by four or five students.

Flatting is an important part of Otago's unique student lifestyle. It offers students both independence and responsibility. Living so close to campus, students feel a real sense of community and a sense of belonging in a very pleasant and supportive environment. (For more information on accommodation see page 13.)

Matariki Network of Universities

The University of Otago is a founding member of the Matariki Network of Universities (MNU), a select international group of outstanding universities, with each member amongst the oldest and foremost places of learning in its respective country. The MNU has been established to enable the universities to enhance diversity, to share ideas, expertise and international best practice, recognising a shared commitment to an ethos of excellence in research, scholarship and rounded education. Other members of MNU include Dartmouth College (USA), Durham University (England), Queen's University (Canada), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany), The University of Western Australia and Uppsala Universitet (Sweden).

www.matarikinetwerk.com

Ashley Davidson

ALMA COLLEGE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Ask Ashley Davidson to describe her experience as a Study Abroad student at Otago and she will sum it up in two words: "Life changing".

Ashley leapt at the opportunity to take part in a Study Abroad programme to the University of Otago for a number of reasons. As a Sports Medicine student, she was confident about the strong international reputation of the University's Divisions of Sciences and Health Sciences. As an outdoor enthusiast, she was keen on exploring New Zealand's famous natural environment. And finally, as someone with a strong attachment to her Scottish heritage, she was attracted to the city of Dunedin, also known as "the Edinburgh of the South".

What she hadn't expected was how quickly she would feel right at home in her new environment. "There's always the possibility of culture shock when you travel to a new place," she says, "and my culture shock didn't last longer than a day. That was because of how warm and welcoming the people are. I made a lot of friends very quickly and the staff at the University really make time to meet with students."

Ashley's main area of academic interest is exercise and sports medicine, a field in which much exciting work is being done at Otago. She describes one of the University's strengths as its teaching staff, who deliver course material in a way that is "engaging and exciting".

"All of my professors are highly enthusiastic, and the lab work is very hands-on and a lot of fun," she says.

Ashley has only one complaint about her Otago experience – six months was not long enough. Fortunately she has found a solution to this problem; she is planning to return for her master's study once her undergraduate degree is complete.



Ferran Cáceres

ESADE
SPAIN



You could be forgiven for thinking that life in New Zealand might seem rather quiet for someone hailing from the bustling metropolis of Barcelona. Think again, says Ferran Cáceres.

"The excitement here never stops!" says the Spanish Business Administration student, who is spending six months on exchange at the University of Otago. "The great thing about Otago is that the whole culture revolves around student life. Everybody lives close to the campus, and there are so many activities on offer."

Ferran had heard about Otago's unique campus atmosphere, and along with the opportunity to perfect his English language skills and spend

time at an internationally recognised, EQUIS-accredited Business School, this convinced him that Dunedin was the ideal location for a student exchange.

He hasn't regretted his decision. "The Business programme here is very strong," he says. "There is a lot of emphasis on doing the kinds of hands-on work that you will be doing in real-world employment situations, and the relationship between staff and students is great, with professors always putting in the extra effort to be there whenever you need them."

And once classes are over for the day, Ferran says there is so much to do and explore that

"there could never be enough time to see it all". He is trying his hardest to do just that, however. As a member of the University of Otago Tramping Club he has seen more of New Zealand's diverse natural environment and unique wildlife in six months than many New Zealanders will see in their lifetime.

He believes that making the most of life at Otago is as simple as getting as involved as possible in the many social and recreational activities on offer. "Otago is not just a cluster of buildings where people attend their classes," he says. "It's so much more than that."



Study Abroad and Exchange

Study Abroad provides the opportunity for students to enrol for the Summer School and/or one or two semesters on an independent basis or as part of a Study Abroad programme organised by the home institution or a sending organisation.

Student Exchange provides the opportunity for students to enrol for the Summer School and/or one or two semesters as part of a bilateral Student Exchange agreement existing between the University of Otago and overseas universities (see the list of exchange partners on page 20).

Study Abroad or Exchange students are able to choose from a broad range of subjects across the areas of Business, Health Sciences, Humanities and Sciences.

Subjects Available

Business

Accounting
Business Law
Business Studies
Economics
Finance
Information Science
Management
Marketing
Tourism

Health Sciences

Anatomy
Biochemistry
Bioethics
Forensic Analytical Science / Biology
Genetics
Health Studies
Human Body Systems
Microbiology
Pathology
Pharmacology
Physiology

Humanities

Anthropology
Art History and Theory
Asian Studies
Biblical Studies
Biological Anthropology
Chinese
Christian Thought and History
Classical Studies
Education
English
European Studies
French
Gender Studies
Geography
German
Greek
Hebrew
History
Japanese
Latin
Law
Linguistics
Māori Studies
Media, Film and Communication
Music
New Zealand Studies

Pacific Islands Studies
Performing Arts Studies
Philosophy
Politics
Portuguese
Psychology
Religious Studies
Sanskrit
Social Work
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre Studies
Theology
Visual Culture

Sciences

Biology
Botany
Chemistry
Clothing and Textile Sciences
Computer Science
Dance Studies
Design
Earth and Ocean Science
Ecology
Electronics
Energy Management

Energy Studies
Environment and Society
Food Science
Geography
Geology
Human Nutrition
Information Science
Marine Science
Mathematics
Nautical Studies
Neuroscience
Physical Education (including Exercise and Sport Science)
Physics
Physiology
Plant Biotechnology
Psychology
Statistics
Surveying
Telecommunications
Zoology

The subject listings above demonstrate the range of course offerings at Otago. As well as continuing study in your major subject, Otago offers the opportunity to undertake focused New Zealand and Pacific studies, specific study to complement pre-professional studies, Summer School, fieldwork and research possibilities.



New Zealand and Pacific Studies

New Zealand-focused study opportunities are available in many subject areas. Otago offers many courses which provide the opportunity to learn about the society and culture, language and history of the indigenous peoples of New Zealand and Polynesia. Enrolment in one or more papers with a New Zealand focus will be an excellent complement to the Study Abroad experience.

EXAMPLES

ANTH 204	Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology
ARTH 217	New Zealand Art in the Twentieth Century
BTNY 223	New Zealand Plant Ecology
ECON 301	Labour Economics
EDUC 251	Education in New Zealand: Policy and Treaty Issues
ENVI 211	Environmental History of New Zealand
GEND 101	Gender
HIST 107	New Zealand in the World 1350 - 2000
HIST 208	Pacific Islands to c.1900
HIST 337	Environmental History of the Pacific
MAOR 102	Māori Society
MAOR 110	Introduction to Conversational Māori
MFCO 216	New Zealand Cinema
MUSI 267	Music in New Zealand
PACI 101	Pacific Societies
POLS 102	New Zealand Politics – Introduction
POLS 213	New Zealand Foreign Policy
SOCI 101	Sociology of New Zealand Society
SOWK 111	Working with People: The New Zealand Context
TOUR 306	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

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

EXAMPLES

BTNY 325	Terrestrial and Marine Ecophysiology
CLTE 306	Project in Clothing and Textile Sciences
EAOS 111	Earth and Ocean Sciences
ECOL 111	Ecology and Conservation of Diversity
ECOL 313	Ecology Field Course
GEOG 112	Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective
GEOG 252	Field Studies and New Zealand Geology
MARI 201	Physical Oceanography
MARI 302	Biology and Behaviour of Marine Vertebrates
NAUT 101	Nautical Studies I
PERF 301	Performance Project
PHSE 327	Adventure Education
PHSE 380	Independent Study (Physical Education)
ZOOL 318	Freshwater Ecology



Summer School

Summer School (January to mid-February) provides an opportunity for students to study one or two papers for credit over a shorter teaching period and outside the standard semester timetable. Although the availability of papers is more limited than for the standard semesters, Summer School can be easily combined with study for the first semester (mid-February – June).

EXAMPLES

ARTH 218	Special Topic: Art, Stars and Celebrity Culture
BIOA 201	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
BTNY 111	What Plant is That?
BSNS105	Management and Organisations
CHIN 131	Introductory Chinese I
CLAS 240	The Classical World in the Movies
COMP 113	Social Media and Online Communities
COSC 360	Computer Game Design
FORB 201	Special Topic in Forensic Biology
HUNT 233	Nutrition and Health: Concepts and Controversies
MAOR 110	Introduction to Conversational Māori
MFCO 211	The Vampire on Screen: Myth, Magic and Ideology
MUSI 259	Special Topic: Practical Conducting
NAUT 101	Nautical Studies I
PHSI 170	Sun, Earth and Universe
POLS 331	Special Topic: US Intelligence and National Security
TOUR 214	Introduction to Wine Business
TOUR 306	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development

Opportunities for Pre-Professional Students

The University of Otago recognises the particular needs of students pursuing pre-professional studies for Medicine, Business or Law at their home universities. Study Abroad at Otago offers a selection of courses relevant to intended professional programmes' study.

EXAMPLES

ACCT 211	Financial Accounting and Reporting
ANAT 242	Neurobiology
ANAT 250	Functional Anatomy
BIOC 221	Molecular Biology
BITC 201	Bioethics and the Life Sciences
CHEM 191	The Chemical Basis of Biology and Human Health
FINC 202	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
FORS 201	Analytical and Forensic Science
GENE 221	Molecular and Microbial Genetics
HEAL 192	Foundations of Epidemiology
HEAL 203	Health Policy and Politics
LAWS 101	The Legal System
MICR 221	Microbes to Medicine
PHAL 211	Introductory Pharmacology
PHSL 231	Neurophysiology
PSYC 318	Developmental Psychology

Lysa Morishita

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

CANADA



Lysa Morishita is determined to make every day count while she is studying in New Zealand.

The Canadian Geological Engineering student says that New Zealand's reputation for natural beauty and outdoor recreation were the most important drawcards for her when she was deciding where to study abroad. Now she is experiencing the best of both worlds – studying in a city famous for its student-oriented culture and travelling on weekends and holidays around a country famous for its natural environment.

"I joined the University's kayaking club when I arrived, which opened a lot of doors in terms of being able to get out and see the most

beautiful parts of the South Island," Lysa says. "At the same time, there are so many things to experience in Otago itself. I've been kayaking, tramping, rock-climbing at Long Beach and even spent a night dancing at a rave in a cave."

In addition to her outdoor exploits, Lysa will return home with an intimate knowledge of local culture, having spent a semester studying New Zealand's indigenous Māori society and culture alongside her Geology papers. "This is a great opportunity to study something you can't learn anywhere else in the world," she says.

The University of Otago is the physical, economic and cultural centre of Dunedin,

something that Lysa says had a positive effect on everything from the ease with which she was able to make new friends to the short distance she had to travel to and from the University each day.

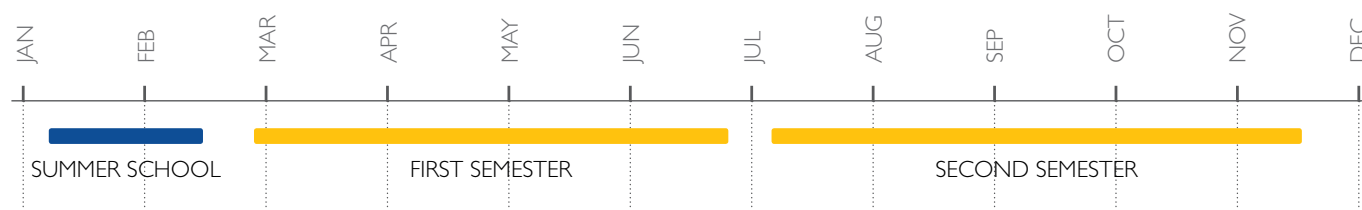
She cites the beauty of the campus itself and the "refreshing" relationship between staff and students as particular strengths of the University. "But the real highlight of the trip has been the people I've met," she says. "New Zealanders are extraordinarily nice and welcoming. I'd recommend the experience to anyone."



Academic Terminology

Academic Year

The University's academic year is divided into two semesters. In addition, the University runs a six-week Summer School.



THE OTAGO DEGREE

New Zealand universities generally follow the British model of three-year undergraduate degrees. The Otago bachelor's degree builds towards a "major" in the third year with an increasing level of specialisation and difficulty. Study Abroad and Exchange students can choose from a wide range of undergraduate subjects.

PAPERS

The building blocks of the degree are called papers. A paper is a fixed course of work in certain aspects of a subject. Introductory papers are called 100-level papers, then you move on in subsequent years or semesters to 200-level and 300-level papers. Most 400-level papers are at the postgraduate level.

POINTS

Most papers are single-semester papers and are worth 18 points.

PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

Most papers beyond 100-level have particular prerequisites. If you have not completed the equivalent of a prerequisite for a certain paper at your home institution you are not permitted to enrol in that paper. Some papers also have what are called corequisites. If you have not already passed the equivalent of the corequisite, you must take it alongside the other paper.

WORKLOAD

A full-time course is generally 54-72 points in any one semester or 108-144 points in any one year. As an approximate guide, you can expect to spend about 12 hours per week per one single-semester paper (18 points). These hours are made up of a combination of lectures, tutorials, laboratories, assignments and reading.

A maximum of two 18-point papers can be enrolled in for Summer School.

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

TEACHING

The basic method of presenting subject information in undergraduate papers is the lecture, although many departments use a variety of flexible approaches. Lectures normally last 50 minutes. Lectures are only a basic means of introducing new knowledge. You must back them up with your own reading. You will also take part in laboratories or tutorials, which are teaching and discussion classes of 12-20 students where more individual attention is available. You will also find you are in regular contact with tutors, other academic staff and other students by email and online discussion groups.

ASSESSMENT

Courses are assessed in a variety of ways. Examination "finals" are usually the most important. Each paper normally has a two- or three-hour final examination. Finals are held at the end of each semester. Most subjects also have shorter tests during the semesters. Written assignments and laboratory work also usually count towards the final grade. Ongoing internal assessment is a feature of most Otago papers.

Application

Application Deadlines

You may commence study at the beginning of either the first semester (February-June), the second semester (July-November), or the Summer School (January-February). The deadlines for application are:

First semester	1 December
Second semester	30 April
Summer School	31 October

Early applications are encouraged.

Academic eligibility

To be eligible to apply for Study Abroad or Exchange, you usually must have:

- *completed at least one year of study at an accredited tertiary institution (USA students are expected to be in their junior year)*
- *current enrolment at an accredited tertiary institution*
- *a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 minimum (USA/ Canada), or have "credit", "good", or above average results.*

Study Abroad students who do not meet all of the above criteria, but wish to study for one or two semesters, are welcome to make an application. We will confirm your eligibility for Study Abroad.

If you are participating as part of the Exchange programme, you will require nomination by the Study Abroad/ International Office at your institution which has a formal agreement with the University of Otago.

In addition to the requirements above, if you wish to gain entry to higher level undergraduate classes at Otago, you will need to have completed relevant academic prerequisites at your home institution.

English Language Requirements

All courses at the University of Otago are taught and examined in English. If your first language is not English you must provide evidence of a satisfactory level of English language proficiency. Evidence of English language proficiency may be satisfied by one of the following:

- *IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.0 in the academic module (no individual band below 6.0)*
- *internet-based TOEFL score of 80 (minimum writing score of 20)*
- *Germany – "Good" or higher in Abitur English plus "B" or higher in each of the four components of the DAAD language test*
- *Norway – grade 4 or higher in English (any year) for the Upper Secondary Leaving Certificate.*

If your English proficiency does not meet the required standard you may take pre-sessional courses in English at the University of Otago Language Centre (UOLC). The UOLC offers courses in General English and English for Academic Purposes.

For further information please email the University of Otago Language Centre, uolcfy@otago.ac.nz or browse the website, www.otago.ac.nz/uolcfy

How to Apply

To be considered for placement, you must apply online. Guidelines and links to application are available from the University's website:

www.otago.ac.nz/international

As part of the online application you will be required to upload the following:

- *original or certified copies of all previous tertiary level studies undertaken (a full academic transcript showing all subjects attempted, including failures, marks, or grades)*
- *evidence of English language proficiency (if required).*

All documents should be certified/notarised by an authorised authority such as principal, registrar, notary public, justice of the peace or attorney. The University will also accept documents that have been certified/notarised by staff of Study Abroad/Student Exchange offices.

Selecting Papers

Please note the following when you are choosing suitable papers:

- *54-72 points per semester can be regarded as an average or normal course load. 54 points is the minimum course load to maintain full-time status for one semester. 18 points is the minimum course load to maintain full-time status for the Summer School*
- *papers at 100-level are generally introductory papers; papers at 200-300-levels usually require the fulfilment of academic prerequisites at your home institution*
- *papers numbered above 300-level are normally postgraduate papers; you will need to have an advanced background in relevant subjects to be accepted for these papers*
- *normally, you will not be permitted to take papers from the following degree schedules – Dentistry, Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy*
- *select more papers than you need to take in case you do not meet the prerequisites for some papers, or in case there are timetable clashes; if you are applying for two semesters of study, you will need to select papers for both semesters*
- *a number of papers are listed as full year; you may enrol for these papers only if you intend to study for two semesters beginning in the first semester (February)*
- *normally, there is no restriction on class size for any paper offered for the first or second semesters. However, restricted enrolment may apply for Summer School papers*
- *you can alter your paper selections once you arrive at Otago and after consulting with a course adviser.*

Offer of Place

All applications will be acknowledged and assessed for eligibility. You can expect to hear the result of your application within four weeks of the receipt of application.

Successful applicants will be sent an offer of admission.

The University of Otago

Support for Students



Caring For Our Students

The International Office is a focal point for international students at Otago. The Office provides information, support and advice to future and current international students and to students wishing to study overseas on exchange programmes. It runs on-campus orientation programmes for new international students, operates the student mentor programme and Language Match, and offers a visa renewal service and assistance with insurance.

All enquiries from prospective students about application and admission should be directed to the International Office.

www.otago.ac.nz/international

Enrolment

When you arrive in Dunedin, University staff will guide you through the enrolment process. Course approval sessions are held before the beginning of each semester. Academic advisers will be available at these sessions to help you confirm your course of study.

Accommodation

Accommodation advisers will assist with placement in an appropriate accommodation option and ensure that you are fully informed of all costs and contractual obligations. Further information about accommodation and application is available on page 13.

Student Services and Facilities

As well as the specialised, individual support provided by the International Office, the University offers a comprehensive range of student services.

Student Learning Centre

The Student Learning Centre provides a free and confidential academic support service to all students at all levels of study. Study skills workshops are held regularly throughout the year and individual assistance on any matter relating to study is available.

www.otago.ac.nz/slc

Disability Information and Support

DI&S provides learning support, advice, advocacy and information to students with permanent, recurring or temporary impairments. DI&S offers support to international students. However, as with any other student enrolling at the University, it is important that you check in advance to ensure that the University is able to meet your specific requirements. You need to be sure that the University can provide you with the type and level of support you are used to. As there may be costs associated with some support services, it is important that you are aware of these before you commit to studying at Otago. Please contact us as early as possible if you are planning to study at the University.

www.otago.ac.nz/disabilities

Information Technology Services (ITS)

Computers and web-based service systems are used in most teaching programmes throughout the University, with ITS staff providing the first line of support. All students are automatically given a username and email address on enrolment which gives them access to these services. Computer areas are located around the Dunedin campus and several are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Help and training in the use of IT services for students is provided by the Student IT Services section

of ITS. Wireless internet access is available at selected campus locations, including all libraries on campus.

www.otago.ac.nz/its

Libraries

There are several branches of the University Library, all fully computerised with online search facilities. Five are specialised: the Law, Education, Medical and Dental, Science and Hocken libraries. The Hocken Library houses many of New Zealand's rare historical publications, records, pictures and photographs. The Central Library, which primarily houses Humanities and Commerce material, is in the University's multi-award-winning Information Services Building. Its world-class architecture attracts praise from within New Zealand and internationally. Most importantly, students enjoy spending time there – studying, reading or meeting other students and staff.

www.otago.ac.nz/library

Recreation Services

Sport, recreation and having fun are a big part of the Otago lifestyle. Recreation Services offers a comprehensive range of recreational facilities, activities and services on- and off-campus. At Unipol Recreation Centre you can find out about the many activities, courses and tours available – from crafts and leisure activities to social sports and outdoor pursuits. Sport and recreation equipment is available for hire. Now in a brand new facility, Unipol Recreation Centre also offers weight training and cardio rooms, fitness classes and gym space for basketball, table tennis and more.

In addition, the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) runs the Clubs and Societies Centre, which includes over 100 different cultural, sporting, political and religious interests. OUSA also owns a yacht

club, squash courts and an Aquatic Centre for University rowers, windsurfers and kayakers. Most of the facilities and clubs are free to hire or join so get in touch to see what you would like to do while you are having a study break.

www.otago.ac.nz/recreation

www.unipol.co.nz

www.ousa.org.nz

Student Health Services

Student Health Services is situated on campus and provides medical, nursing, counselling and psychiatric advice and treatment for all international students enrolled at the University of Otago.

www.otago.ac.nz/studenthealth

Students' Association

The Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) runs an orientation programme at the start of the academic year. It also organises many social and sporting events, produces a weekly student newspaper (Critic) and operates a radio station (Radio One 91fm). The association also offers services to students needing friendly advice, assistance and/or representation concerning academic issues or, in fact, any problems you may be experiencing while you're studying at Otago. Currently, every student automatically becomes a member of the association.

www.ousa.org.nz

International Students' Representative

Students elect an International Students' Representative each year. Their role is to act as a link between international students, the University and OUSA.

Accommodation



Flatting

The majority of Study Abroad and Exchange students stay in rented accommodation, which they share with other students. In New Zealand we call this “flatting”. Flats in Dunedin are plentiful and most are within walking distance of both the University campus and the city centre. Flatting is an important part of the University lifestyle; it offers responsibility, freedom and also the chance to live and mix with “Kiwi” students.

University of Otago Flats

University of Otago flats are ideal for students staying for one semester. These flats normally have a New Zealand host student. The flats are fully-furnished and close to the campus. Electricity, telephone and food costs are shared by the residents. There are also some flats that have been modified for students with disabilities. Residential contracts are usually for 24 weeks for each semester of study. While the University endeavours to place you in a flat with at least one New Zealand “kiwi host”, most of your flatmates will be international students.

www.otago.ac.nz/uniflats

Booking Accommodation

Places in all of the University-managed accommodation options require a completed application form. We recommend that this is completed online through the University website www.otago.ac.nz. Admission to University-managed accommodation is usually restricted to applicants undertaking full-time study at the University of Otago.

Temporary Accommodation

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

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

Accommodation Office Services

- *list of flats and houses, vacant rooms in flats*
- *list of temporary accommodation*
- *sample budgets for flat living*
- *free maps of campus and Dunedin areas*
- *checklists for flat finders*
- *flatting agreements*
- *assistance in finding family accommodation*
- *advice on your rights and responsibilities as a tenant*
- *advice on standards and prices.*

For further information please refer to the Accommodation Office website.

www.otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation

Residential Colleges

In special circumstances some of our Residential Colleges do consider single-semester student applications if they have places available. If you have any questions about this, please contact the Accommodation Office.

international.accommodation@otago.ac.nz



New Zealand is a land of great natural beauty, and it is also one of the world's most exciting adventure playgrounds.

New Zealand / Aotearoa

Comparable in physical size to Japan or Great Britain, New Zealand has a population of over four million people, making it one of the least crowded countries in the world. It is a land of great natural beauty, and it is also one of the world's most exciting adventure playgrounds.

New Zealand / Aotearoa was originally settled by the Māori about 1,000 years ago, followed by waves of European immigration during the past two centuries. Today the country maintains a diverse and dynamic multicultural emphasis, enhanced by the growing number of people from the Pacific Islands and Asia who have also made New Zealand their home in recent years.

New Zealanders are friendly people who, in spite of (or perhaps because of) the country's geographical location and relatively small population, have earned a reputation for being both enterprising and innovative. They welcome international visitors and have a wide range of interests, from the arts to outdoor and sporting pursuits. New Zealanders love their sport and are good at it. Swimming, walking, biking, hiking, boating and fishing are all easily accessible as are many sporting codes such

as rugby, soccer, tennis, netball, basketball, golf, squash and hockey. Those who are more adventurous enjoy surfing, white-water rafting, jet boating and bungee jumping, while in the winter months the country's many ski fields attract skiers and snowboarders from across New Zealand and from afar.

The New Zealand economy is broadly-based. It is a major exporter of primary products with manufacturing, information technology, biological and medical research, education and tourism also playing vital economic roles. There is a growing focus on ecotourism ventures, the wine industry, fashion design and a flourishing film industry that is gaining wide international recognition. The New Zealand dollar is a stable currency offering visitors a favourable exchange rate. All goods and services are subject to a 15 per cent goods and services tax (included in the display price) and all major credit cards can be used.



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Dunedin and Otago



The southernmost of New Zealand's main centres and the largest city in the province of Otago, Dunedin holds a special place in the hearts of many, and not just those who live here.

Although relatively small, it boasts many natural attractions as well as the facilities usually offered only by cities many times its size.

Settled by the Scottish in 1848, Dunedin grew rapidly with the discovery of gold in the Otago hinterland and became, for a while, the commercial centre of New Zealand. During this time, many of New Zealand's most beautiful buildings were constructed here and, with the establishment of the University of Otago in 1869, the foundations were laid for a strong tradition in education.

This commitment to education continues to be one of the city's most impressive qualities. The many early childhood education centres, primary and secondary schools enjoy an established reputation for excellence, and tertiary institutions attract students from throughout New Zealand and the world.

Dunedin is New Zealand's only true student city and the relatively large student population contributes greatly to the city's colourful and dynamic atmosphere.

The central city streets are lined with restaurants, bars and cafes. Modern shopping malls trade alongside boutiques, galleries, and weekly craft and farmers' markets. The fashion industry is particularly vibrant with several of New Zealand's leading designers based in the city. The Dunedin Public Art Gallery, museums and libraries are among the finest in the country and professional theatre and the Dunedin Sinfonia enjoy a high profile.

Dunedin is also home to New Zealand's newest, largest and most versatile arena – the Forsyth Barr Stadium at University Plaza. This is the place to go for all major sporting events, concerts and more.

Temperatures range from an average 14 – 24 degrees Celsius in the summer (December – February) and from 5 – 13 degrees Celsius in the winter (June – August), so outdoor activities can be enjoyed year-round. There are more than 150 walking tracks in the Dunedin

environs, four championship golf courses and many other sporting facilities which are all easily accessible. The long natural harbour is favoured for watersports and St Clair beach is considered one of New Zealand's best for surfing.

Dunedin is encircled by a "Town Belt" of native bush and trees and its coastline is home to colonies of yellow-eyed penguins, New Zealand fur seals and the world's only mainland breeding colony of the Royal albatross. Just a few hours' drive out of the city are some of New Zealand's most spectacular natural attractions – rugged mountains, deep fiords, clear blue lakes – including the internationally-known resort towns of Queenstown and Wanaka, famed for their ski fields and burgeoning wine industry.

Find out more about Dunedin at www.CityofDunedin.com
www.DunedinNZ.com





All distances are from the University area where most students reside. All distances are approximate and based on driving.

Dunedin Events

Dunedin offers a full calendar of annual events and festivals including:

- Scottish Week
- Fringe and Heritage Festivals
- ID Dunedin Fashion Week
- Regent 24-hour Book Sale
- University Capping Show
- Dunedin Midwinter Carnival
- International Science Festival
- Cadbury Chocolate Carnival
- International Film Festival.

Things To Do

- Surf at St Clair Beach
- Fish for salmon in the Otago Harbour
- Visit New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle
- Go on a Speight's Brewery Heritage Tour
- Watch rugby at Forsyth Barr Stadium
- Enjoy gourmet foods from the Otago Farmers' Market
- Mountain-bike around the Dunedin hills
- Go skiing in Central Otago
- See yellow-eyed penguins and royal albatross on the Otago Peninsula
- Buy cutting-edge locally-designed clothes
- Walk up the steepest street in the world ...

Essential Information



Code of Practice

The University of Otago has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the code are available on request from this institution or from the Ministry of Education website:

www.minedu.govt.nz

Student Visa

All Study Abroad and Exchange students need to obtain a student visa prior to arrival in New Zealand as a condition of enrolment at Otago. Full details of visa requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying and reporting requirements are available through the New Zealand Immigration Service, and can be viewed on their website:

www.immigration.govt.nz

Accident insurance

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

www.acc.co.nz

Eligibility for Health Services

International students are not normally entitled to publicly-funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit you will be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on its website:

www.moh.govt.nz

Medical and Travel Insurance

International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. Enrolment at Otago is conditional on showing evidence of comprehensive insurance. Current instructions and advice on how to obtain adequate cover is located on the Otago website:

www.otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare.html

Representative Offices

The University has representatives in many countries around the world. These representatives can help you with your application to Otago and provide advice on the general requirements for studying abroad. A full listing of representatives can be obtained from the University's website:

www.otago.ac.nz/international/agents

Michaela Müller

UNIVERSITY OF TÜBINGEN
GERMANY



Michaela Müller wasn't quite sure what to expect when she arrived in Dunedin for her University of Otago student exchange, although it had always been her dream to travel to the opposite corner of the globe.

"From day one, it was all go!" she says. "I arrived right at the beginning of Orientation week, and the atmosphere was amazing."

Otago's famous action-packed week of festivities and events gave Michaela an opportunity to make a lot of new friends and to take part in a number of Otago traditions, such as the famous Selwyn Lindsay battle, in which current Selwyn College residents dress up as gladiators and

nurses and defend their college from former students, and a half-day scenic train trip for international students through the Taieri Gorge.

Once classes began, she was equally impressed by Otago's academic programme. Michaela is studying Theology and says, "the department is fantastic. It offers a wide range of amazing, interesting courses. People are very open-minded and the professors are very friendly, so we could start a lot of interesting discussions."

Studying in a foreign country also gave her a unique perspective on her subject that she couldn't have got anywhere else, Michaela says. "New Zealand's research focus draws on a lot

of interesting sources from the English-speaking world that I hadn't come across in Germany," she says. "It really enriched my understanding of Theology."

Next year, Michaela is travelling to Vienna to study for a year, and she insists that Dunedin holds its own against the major European cities.

"The city is amazing. It is surrounded by beautiful beaches and mountains. The campus is close to the cafes, nightclubs and cinemas, and the city itself is close to the national parks and ski-fields. It's definitely an experience I'd recommend."



Otago Global Student Exchange

The University of Otago has formal exchange agreements with many institutions worldwide.

These agreements provide the opportunity for reciprocal exchange of students. If you are currently studying at one of the institutions listed below, you may be able to apply as an exchange student. Please contact your home institution's international office for further details. If your university does not have an exchange agreement with the University of Otago, you are welcome to apply as a Study Abroad student.

Argentina	Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina	Hungary	Corvinus University of Budapest
Australia	University of Western Australia	Iceland	University of Iceland
Austria	Vienna University of Economics and Business	Ireland	University College Dublin
Belgium	Catholic University of Louvain (Business School)	Italy	Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi
Brazil	Fundação Getulio Vargas, (EAESP) Pontificia Universidade Católica de Rio de Janeiro	Japan	Hirosaki University Kansai University
Canada	Brock University Dalhousie University Mt Allison University Queen's University University of Alberta University of British Columbia University of Toronto University of Western Ontario York University - Schulich School of Business		Keio University Ochanomizu University Otaru University of Commerce Rissho University University of Tokyo Yokohama National University
Chile	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez	Korea	Yonsei University - School of Business
China	Chinese University of Hong Kong Dalian University of Foreign Languages Fudan University Tsinghua University University of Hong Kong	Mexico	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Universidad Veracruzana
Czech Republic	Charles University University of Economics, Prague	The Netherlands	Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University University of Amsterdam
Denmark	Aarhus University Copenhagen School of Business University of Copenhagen	Norway	Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration
England	University College Falmouth University of Bristol University of Durham University of East Anglia University of Essex University of Exeter University of Manchester; Manchester Business School	Poland	Warsaw School of Economics
Finland	Aalto University School of Economics University of Helsinki	Portugal	Universidade Nova de Lisboa
France	Grenoble Ecole de Management Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris 3	Scotland	University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde
Germany	Heidelberg University University of Cologne (Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences) University of Tübingen	Singapore	National University of Singapore
		Spain	ESADE Universidad Autónoma de Madrid Universidad Complutense de Madrid Universidad de Granada
		Sweden	Lund University Stockholm School of Economics Umeå University Uppsala University
		Switzerland	Universität St Gallen
		USA	Boston College University of California University of Hawai'i at Manoa University of Minnesota – Carlson School of Management University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill University of Oregon University of Richmond University of Texas, Austin University of Virginia

Dunedin Map

Residential Colleges

- 5 Abbey College (postgraduate) – 900 Cumberland St
- 1 Aquinas College – 74 Gladstone Rd
- 14 Arana College – 110 Clyde St
- 6 Carrington College – 57 Heriot Row
- 4 City College – 911 Cumberland St
- 25 Cumberland College – 250 Castle St
- 8 Cumberland Court
- 24 Hayward College – 110 Frederick St
- 3 Knox College – Knox St
- 16 St Margaret's College – 333 Leith St
- 2 Salmond College – 19 Knox St
- 9 Selwyn College – 560 Castle St
- 15 Studholme College – 127 Clyde St
- 7 Toroa College – 8 Regent Rd
- 17 University College – 315 Leith Walk





Campus Facilities

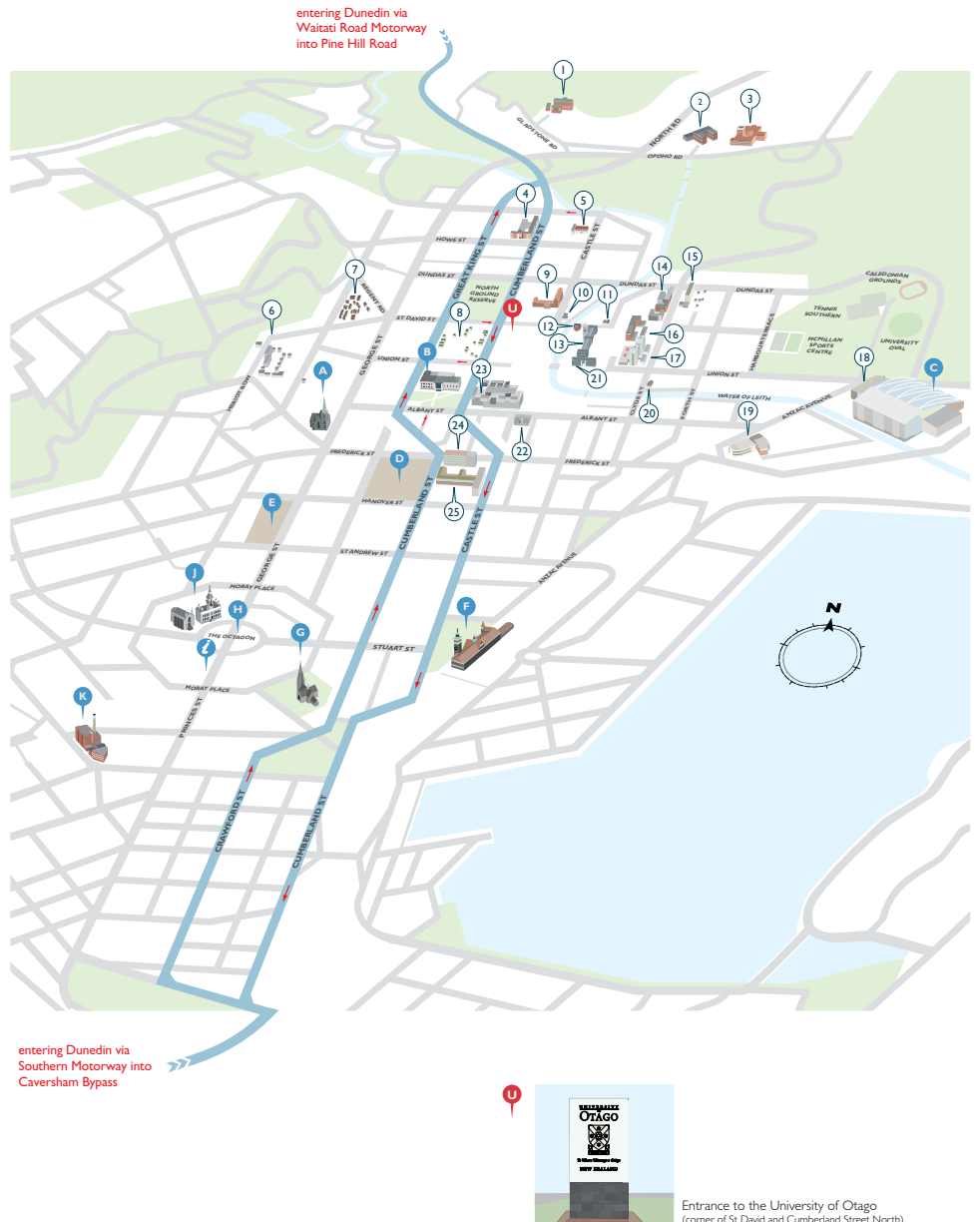
- 11 Accommodation Services
- 13 Clocktower – Registry Building
- 22 Clubs and Societies Centre (OUSA)
- 23 Disability Information and Support
- 19 Hocken Collections
- 23 Information Services Building / Central Library
- 21 International Office – Archway West Building
- 10 Māori Centre – Te Huka Mātauraka
- 20 Pacific Islands Centre
- 12 Schools' Liaison Office – Scott/Shand House
- 18 Unipol Recreation Centre / Language Centre and Foundation Year

Places of Interest

- A Knox Church
- B Otago Museum
- C Forsyth Barr Stadium
- D Hospital
- E Shopping Malls
- F Railway Station
- G First Church
- H Octagon
- I Visitor Information Centre
- J St Paul's Cathedral / Municipal Chambers
- K Speight's Brewery

Map Legend

-  University of Otago Buildings
-  Places of Interest
-  One-way Traffic
-  Entrance to the University of Otago (corner of St David and Cumberland Street North)





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