



2017 Study Abroad and Exchange Guide

University of Otago New Zealand



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15 of the World's Most Beautiful Universities,
Huffington Post (July 2013)



Dunedin is home to New Zealand's first university, the University of Otago.
One in six residents of Dunedin are Otago students – this is Australasia's true student city.



The University of Otago

- The University of Otago is New Zealand's leading postgraduate research institution*
- Dunedin city's population of 120,000 includes 20,000 University of Otago students.
- In 2016, the University hosted more than 2,590 international students from 100 countries.

International outlook

The University of Otago is strongly committed to international education and has collaborative teaching, research and exchange agreements with major institutions throughout the world (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.

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. The other members of the MNU are Dartmouth College (USA), Durham University (England), Queen's University (Canada), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany), The University of Western Australia and Uppsala Universitet (Sweden).

matarikinetwerk.com

A university in the heart of the city

Education is Dunedin's largest industry, with the University of Otago playing a vital role. 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 characteristic 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 that 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 12.)

* Otago was the only university to be ranked in the top four in all average quality score (AQS) measurements in the Government's 2012 PBRF (Performance-Based Research Fund) evaluation.

STUDENT PROFILE

Kate Smith

New England College
United States of America



American education student Kate Smith wanted to broaden her horizons.

Her professor at New England College in New Hampshire recommended Otago, and Kate became the first student to take up the University's new study abroad teaching practice semester, which includes classroom experience.

"It's gone absolutely amazingly," says Kate. "I would have loved to stay longer."

She wanted to explore somewhere different from the States to see how much she could learn. Otago was a surprise after her small college of some 2,000 students.

"I had to adjust to bigger classes but it was pretty easy and now I like it better."

Kate says her supervisor helped her adjust both to studying

at Otago and teaching on placement.

"At first I experienced culture shock in the classroom because of how different New Zealand's curriculum is from the US. Here the emphasis is on creating global citizens who want to contribute.

"I was very impressed by how well-behaved and hard-working the students were.

"This experience has opened my eyes to how classrooms should work. I thought it would be like home but there's more than one way you can set up a classroom and more than one way you can teach."

Kate saw enough of New Zealand while she was here to tempt her back. "When I graduate next year I'd like to teach abroad, first in Asia, and then here if I can."



STUDENT PROFILE



Hideshi Matsubara

Yokohama National University
Japan

Hideshi Matsubara, who is on exchange from Yokohama National University in Japan, is studying a mix of 200- and 300-level economics papers at Otago, as well as some Mandarin papers "just for fun".

"It's very good quality teaching here and very easy to understand. If I have a problem I can see a professor in office hours. They're very approachable."

Outside of study, Hideshi is enjoying experiencing new things. "I've always wanted to play squash but it's not so popular in Japan. There are no squash courts so I gave up on that. Here there's a club.

"I also go to Unipol gym twice a week. This facility is amazing. In Japan it costs a lot of money. Here I can go for free."

Hideshi has been pleasantly surprised by how easy it has been to meet people at Otago.

"In my first semester I lived in a University flat close to campus with five other people – three Americans, another Japanese student and our Kiwi host, who answered all my questions about the University. At the beginning I didn't know about anything so it was very helpful," he says.

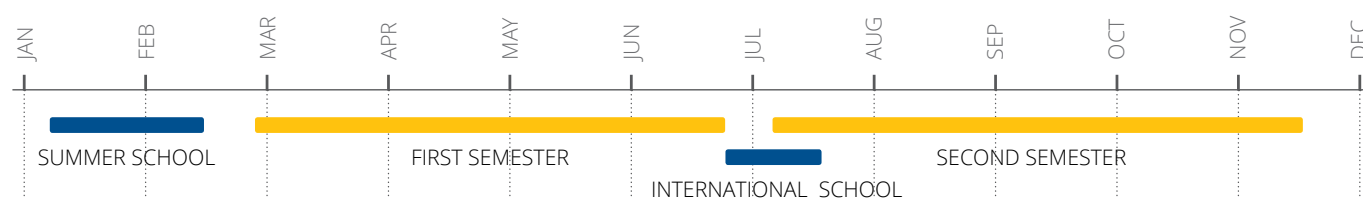
"The University flat was a great way to meet people and to improve my English.

"I met a lot of different people through my University flat and also through being in the Japanese Society. They're great ways to meet Kiwis."

Academic Terminology

ACADEMIC YEAR

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

Humanities and Social Sciences

Piano, Department of Music, University of Otago

140 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Upon establishment as New Zealand's first university in 1869, the University of Otago's first three Professors began teaching Classics, English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Natural, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Political Economy. Today Otago offers a large range of subjects in the humanities and social sciences that study abroad and exchange students from all majors will find enriches their time in New Zealand.

Subjects available

Anthropology (ANTH)
Archaeology (ARCH)
Art History and Visual Culture (ARTV)
Asian Studies (ASIA)
Biblical Studies (BIBS) and
Pastoral Studies (PAST)
Bioethics (BITC)
Biological Anthropology (BIOA)
Chinese (CHIN)
Christian Thought and History (CHTH)
Classical Studies (CLAS)
Criminology (CRIM)

Economics (ECON)
Education (EDUC, EDSU)
English (ENGL)
Environment and Society (ENVI)
European Studies (EURO)
French (FREN)
Gender Studies (GEND)
Geography (GEOG)
German (GERM)
Greek (GREK)
Hebrew (HEBR)
History (HIST)
Japanese (JAPA)
Latin (LATN)

Law (LAWS)
Linguistics (LING)
Māori Studies (MAOR)
Mathematics (MATH)
Media, Film and Communication (MFCO)
Music (MUSI)
Pacific Islands Studies (PACI)
Performing Arts (PERF)
Philosophy (PHIL)
Politics (POLS)
Psychology (PSYC)
Religious Studies (RELS)
Sanskrit (SANS)

Social Work (SOWK)
Sociology (SOCI)
Spanish (SPAN)
Statistics (STAT)
Theatre Studies (THEA)
Visual Culture (VISC)

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

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

New Zealand and Pacific Studies

EXAMPLES OF PAPERS

ANTH 205	Contemporary Pacific Cultures
ARCH 204	Pacific Archaeology
ENGL 242	New Zealand Literature: Nation and Narration
ENVI 211	Environmental History of New Zealand
HIST 107	New Zealand in the World 1350–2000
MAOR 102	Māori Society
MFCO 216	New Zealand Cinema
PACI 101	Pacific Societies
POLS 102	New Zealand Politics – Introduction
SOCI 101	Sociology of New Zealand Society

New programme for education and teaching students

See profile on page 3.

If you are an education or teaching major wishing to teach in a New Zealand primary (elementary) school or early childhood centre, please ask us about our new education study abroad opportunity. This course of study includes five weeks' teaching practice in local schools.

EDUC 240 Special Topic: Education in Aotearoa / New Zealand

EDPR 240 Special Topic: Engaging in Teaching
Plus an optional elective paper.



Human Health and Biomedical Sciences

Anatomy Museum, Department of Anatomy, University of Otago

NEW ZEALAND'S FIRST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRE-MED STUDENTS

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

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

Subjects available

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

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

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

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

EXAMPLES OF PAPERS

ANAT 250	Functional Anatomy
BIOA 101	Introduction to Biological Anthropology
BIOC 221	Molecular Biology
BITC 201	Bioethics and the Life Sciences
FORS 201	Analytical and Forensic Science
GENE 222	Genes, Chromosomes and Populations
MICR 223	Infection and Immunity
PATH 201	Foundations in Human Pathology
PHAL 211	Introductory Pharmacology
PHSL 231	Neurophysiology
PSYC 211	Brain and Cognition
PUBH 211	Epidemiology of Major Health Problems
STAT 115	Introduction to Biostatistics



Portobello Marine Research Station, Department of Marine Science, University of Otago

OTAGO IS RECOGNISED AS A PREMIER LOCATION FOR SCIENCE STUDY

The Division of Sciences offers a wide range of fundamental and applied sciences. The Division of Sciences' aggregate quality score for research is the highest in New Zealand*, and coupled with excellent scientific equipment, laboratories and teaching space, Otago is at the forefront of scientific endeavour.

Most science papers include a laboratory component. Concepts learnt in lectures are applied in the laboratory and field to give study abroad and exchange students a well-rounded academic experience.

Subjects available

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

Physical Education and Sport
 Science (PHSE)
 Physics (PHSI)
 Plant Biotechnology (PLBI)
 Psychology (PSYC)
 Software Engineering (SENG)
 Statistics (STAT)
 Surveying (SURV)
 Zoology (ZOOL)

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

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects

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 OF PAPERS

AQFI 301	Field Methods for Assessment of Fisheries and Aquatic Habitats
BTNY 303	Topics in Field Botany
EAOS 111	Earth and Ocean Sciences
ECOL 212	Ecological Applications
GEOL 252	Field Studies and New Zealand Geology
MARI 302	Biology and Behaviour of Marine Vertebrates
OCEN 301	Practical and Field Oceanography
PHSE 327	Adventure Education
ZOOL 319	Conservation Biology

* New Zealand Government's 2012 PBRF (Performance-Based Research Fund) evaluation.



Lecture, Otago Business School, University of Otago

A LEADING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOL

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

Study Abroad students can take advantage of the range of opportunities available at the School, including the Visiting Executive Programme (VEP). The VEP is designed to bring leading national and international executives to the School to give lunchtime seminars to students. In the past, VEP speakers have included the Hon. Bill English, New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and Tim Gibson, former CEO New Zealand Trade and Enterprise.

Subjects available

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

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

otago.ac.nz/courses/subjects



EXAMPLES OF PAPERS

BSNS 103	Marketing and Consumption
BSNS 105	Management and Organisations
BSNS 111	Business and Society
ECON 201	Microeconomics
ECON 206	The World Economy
ECON 302	International Trade
FINC 202	Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management
FINC 304	Financial Markets and Institutions

MANT 217	International Management
MANT 250	Managing People
MANT 303	Entrepreneurship
MART 112	Marketing Management
MART 207	Sports Marketing
MART 305	Societal Issues in Marketing
TOUR 101	Introduction to Tourism
TOUR 219	Destination Management
TOUR 304	Event and Conventions Management

Summer and International Schools

Photograph by Miles Holden

Summer School (Early January to mid-February)

Summer School 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 to June), or added to the end of a second semester experience.

From 2016 a small number of additional papers will be available as part of a Pre-Christmas Summer School in November – December.

EXAMPLES OF PAPERS

ANTH 326	Special Topic: Sex and Culture
BIOA 201	Biocultural Human Skeletal Biology
BTNY 303	Field Topics in Botany (Pre-Christmas)
COSC 360	Computer Game Design
FORB 201	Forensic Biology
GEOL 252	Field Studies and New Zealand Geology
MANT 358	Special Topic: He Kāhano: Indigenous Innovation and Entrepreneurship
MAOR 110	Introduction to Conversational Māori
MUSI 260	Special Topic: Pop Vocal Performance and Recording
POLS 317	News Media and International Crises
SCOM 209	Communicating Science: An Introduction
THEA 151	Improvisation
TOUR 214	Introduction to Wine Business

International School (Late June to mid-July)

For students who are unable to spend a full semester at the University of Otago, the International School provides students the chance to study with Otago for just three weeks during the summer break in the northern hemisphere to study on-campus and on field trips around the local region. You may choose to take one or two of the following papers (subject to change, please see the website):

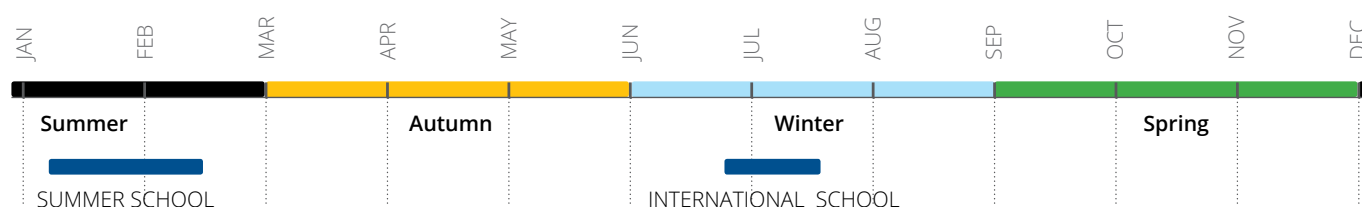
MANT 230	Entrepreneurship: The New Zealand Way
INDV 220	Māori and Pacific Cultures in Aotearoa New Zealand
GEOG 285	Landscape Development and Environmental Change in South Island, New Zealand

These papers are designed to allow students to engage with the cultural and environmental highlights of the Otago region through a big emphasis on fieldwork.

Some pre-reading is required prior to arrival in Dunedin in late June, and after the three-week on-campus experience, final assignments can be completed from anywhere in the world and submitted electronically by the end of August.

Housing, food, insurance and field trips are all included in the International School package, please see the website for further details:

otago.ac.nz/international-school



STUDENT PROFILE

Isilde Cade

Paris School of Business
France



After two years at the Paris School of Business, Isilde Cadé left France to complete her degree at the University of Otago.

"I could have gone somewhere close in Europe for six months but I wanted to learn more about the world and have a really international experience, so I decided to leave for a whole year.

"In Paris I lived with my parents — it's too expensive not to — so I wanted to grow up a bit as well as study.

"The atmosphere in New Zealand is very relaxed and people are very nice."

Isilde enjoys the flexibility of courses at Otago. "Here we can take papers for interest and we have more time to study on our own. Having more liberty teaches us to be responsible."

Apart from core business subjects, Isilde has taken papers in sociology, sustainability and environmental economics.

"I'm interested in sustainable business. One reason I chose Otago is because New Zealand is a very green country and pays attention to nature.

"I've really enjoyed my time here. It's a good place to study and it's a really good place to improve your English.

"When you speak another language you change your mind and your habits to match. It's all part of the international experience. I definitely recommend it."

Ryan Metzler

Occidental College
United States of America



Fulbright scholar Ryan Metzler knew exactly where he wanted to study for his master's — back at Otago where he had enjoyed an undergraduate study abroad experience that created a lasting impression far beyond satisfying his initial desire for greater independence.

Ryan found support from the Media, Film and Communication Department (MFCO) was inspirational.

"The entire MFCO department left quite a mark on me. Dr Davinia Thornley's indigenous cinema course transformed my interests as a scholar and filmmaker."

Coming from a smaller American college, Otago's large student population was a surprise. "The Dunedin atmosphere is very lively and spirited, but most importantly, very inclusive. Students are the very soul of Dunedin."

Ryan made time for South Island travel and rugby — "which

pushed me to my absolute physical limits."

After graduating in the States and winning a Fulbright Award, Ryan returned to Otago for postgraduate study.

"I was very comfortable in Dunedin, especially with the familial bonds I'd established with the University and its staff. While this personal level of comfort was crucial, most importantly, Davinia's research aligned perfectly with my interests."

After two stints at Otago, Ryan has no regrets. "Both went beyond my expectations. I can't say enough how accommodating my professors were to help me fulfil my research goals."

Ryan is currently a videographer/editor and research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania and a freelance editor in New York, about to enrol in Boston University's Master of Fine Arts programme.

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.

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 – B2 or higher in each of the three components of the DAAD language test*
- *Denmark – a minimum GPA of 6 in A-level English or a minimum GPA of 9 in B-level English when graduating from Upper Secondary School*
- *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-session 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:

otago.ac.nz/uolcfy

Academic eligibility

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

- *completed at least one semester of study at an accredited tertiary institution*
- *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.

How to apply

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

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.

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

The University of Otago flats were developed to specifically cater for study abroad and exchange students staying for just one or two semesters. This accommodation style is very unique to Otago, and only possible due to the large student population in residence in the neighbourhoods surrounding campus. The University Flats are houses or apartments each with three to six students that are totally integrated into the local students’ neighbourhoods and all within 10 minutes’ walk of campus. Study abroad and exchange students get the unique opportunity to live the local student lifestyle, and additionally university staff endeavour to place at least one local student “Kiwi host” in each University Flat.

The University Flats are fully furnished with students sharing common spaces, but having their own room with desk, chair, drawers and double bed with all linen provided. Internet and electricity are included in the rent. Food and cooking are the responsibility of students in the flat, but the University Flats support staff run cooking classes.

University Flats have sports teams you can join, including soccer, rugby, volleyball and basketball. You can also be involved in such things as volunteer days to restore penguin habitats, group dinners and trips to a Māori Marae (meeting house).

otago.ac.nz/uniflats

Applying for a flat

The Student Accommodation Centre manages the applications for University Flats. You should submit your application for University Flats by mid-November of the preceding year for a February start, or by the end of May for a July start.

otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation/application

Alternative accommodation

University Flats provide the best living experience for study abroad and exchange students, however in some cases students may wish to live with a local family (homestay) or in a fully catered residential college. Rooms in residential colleges are only provided in the rare event of a place being available for a single semester student. If you would like further information about homestays and residential colleges, please contact the Student Accommodation Centre.

Temporary accommodation

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

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

otago.ac.nz/accommodation



STUDENT PROFILE

Kimberly Guo Yale University United States of America



Los Angeles born and bred Kimberly Guo was tempted away from Yale to study at Otago for a semester.

"I was attracted by the fascinating papers at Otago, and I loved the idea of living in such a student-oriented community in a region easily accessible to some of the most stunning landscapes."

Kimberly is in the third year of her Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. After her first year she tasted overseas study with a summer school in China.

"It was fantastic, but it was too short, so I was looking at a study abroad semester. Otago was recommended to me as other Yale students had loved coming here."

She won an Education New Zealand Study Abroad Travel Award, and is now enjoying the complete university town experience in Dunedin.

"At Yale you live in residential colleges for all four years, but

Otago is oriented around flats and you build a cool network of friends that's always growing. I'm looking forward to maintaining the friendships I've made here when I'm back in the States.

"Academically, I like Otago's emphasis on science fieldwork classes and practical science. And it's not all science. I love taking interest papers, especially on topics not taught at Yale."

Kimberly has made a conscious effort to take advantage of student activities such as dance classes and the tramping club, which has shown her some of New Zealand's more remote places.

"My horizons have expanded and I've had some great personal interactions with other internationals and Kiwis, including seeing perspectives of America from other places in the world."

"Everyone who studies abroad loves it, and I can see why after coming to Otago."



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.

International Office

The International Office is a focal point for international students.

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 an international friendship network, 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.

otago.ac.nz/international

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.

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.

otago.ac.nz/disabilities

Information Technology Services (ITS)

ITS staff provide support for the computers and internet-based teaching and communication programmes used throughout the University. 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 the student IT resources is provided by the Student IT Services section of ITS.

otago.ac.nz/studentIT

Libraries

There are several branches of the University Library, all fully computerised with online search facilities. Five are specialised: the Law, Education, Health Sciences, Science and Hocken libraries. The Central Library, which primarily houses Humanities and Commerce material, is in the University's multi-award-winning Information Services Building. Most importantly, students enjoy spending time there – studying, reading or meeting other students and staff.

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 OUSA Clubs and Societies Centre, which is home to 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.

otago.ac.nz/recreation
unipol.co.nz
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.

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 they may be experiencing while studying at Otago.

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

ousa.org.nz



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:

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:

immigration.govt.nz

Smoke-free campus

The University's Dunedin campus is completely smoke-free. This enhances the outstanding campus experience that the University offers its staff and students and is consistent with its mission statement, which sets out Otago's aim of promoting individuals' development and wellbeing.

Accident insurance

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

acc.co.nz

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:

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 are located on the Otago website:

otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare

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:

otago.ac.nz/international/agents

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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 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 bungy 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, while manufacturing, information technology,

biological and medical research, education and tourism also play 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.

Find out more about New Zealand at:

newzealand.com



1. Dunedin

Dunedin is an excellent base from which to explore some of New Zealand's world-renowned destinations of immense natural beauty.



2. The Catlins

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



Photograph by AJ Hackett Bungee

3. Queenstown

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



Photograph by Vaughan Brookfield

4. Fiordland

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



Photograph by Fraser Gunn

5. Aoraki Mount Cook

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

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, Dunedin 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 cafés. 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 to February) and from 5–13 degrees Celsius in the winter (June to 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:

CityofDunedin.com
DunedinNZ.com

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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 ...

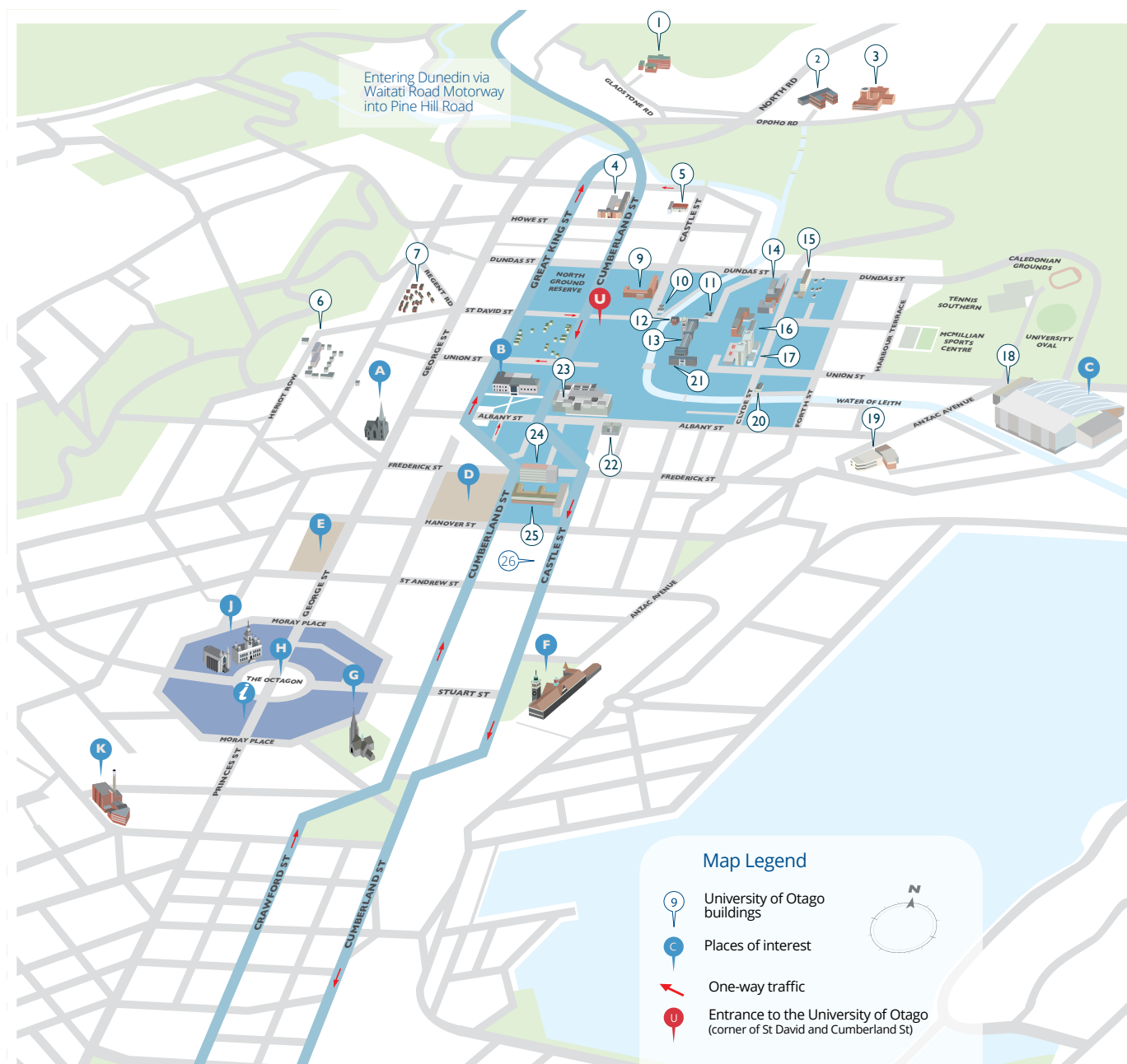
Otago Global Student Exchange

The University of Otago has formal exchange agreements with many institutions worldwide, allowing for the reciprocal exchange of students. Further information is available at: otago.ac.nz/study/studentexchange

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

ARGENTINA	Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina	ICELAND	University of Iceland
AUSTRALIA	University of Western Australia	IRELAND	University College Dublin
AUSTRIA	Vienna University of Economics and Business	ITALY	Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi
BELGIUM	Catholic University of Louvain (Business School)	JAPAN	Hirosaki University Keio University Ochanomizu University Otaru University of Commerce Rissho University University of Tokyo Yokohama National University
BRAZIL	Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV-EAESP) Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro	KOREA	Yonsei University, School of Business
CANADA	Brock University Dalhousie University McGill University Mt Allison University Queen's University University of Alberta University of British Columbia University of Toronto Western University Western University, Faculty of Law Western University, Richard Ivey School of Business York University, Schulich School of Business	MEXICO	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Universidad Veracruzana
CHILE	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile	THE NETHERLANDS	Leiden University Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University University of Amsterdam
CHINA	Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Business Dalian University of Foreign Languages Fudan University Sun Yat-sen University, Business School Tsinghua University University of Hong Kong	NORWAY	University of Bergen
CZECH REPUBLIC	Charles University University of Economics, Prague	POLAND	Warsaw School of Economics
DENMARK	Aarhus University Aarhus University, School of Business and Social Sciences Copenhagen School of Business University of Copenhagen	PORTUGAL	Universidade Nova de Lisboa
ENGLAND	Aston University, Aston Business School Falmouth University University of Bristol University of Durham University of East Anglia University of Essex University of Exeter University of Manchester	SCOTLAND	University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde
FINLAND	Aalto University School of Business University of Helsinki	SINGAPORE	National University of Singapore Singapore Trinity Theological College
FRANCE	Grenoble Ecole de Management Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 Université Joseph Fourier Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3	SPAIN	ESADE Universidad Complutense de Madrid
GERMANY	Heidelberg University University of Cologne (Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences) University of Tübingen Universitat Leipzig	SWEDEN	Lund University Stockholm School of Economics Umeå University Uppsala University
HUNGARY	Corvinus University of Budapest	SWITZERLAND	Universität St Gallen
		TAIWAN	National Taiwan Normal University
		THAILAND	Mahidol University, College of Management, MBA
		USA	Boston College Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, MBA Florida International University Indiana University, Kelley School of Business University of California University of Hawai'i at Manoa University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill University of North Carolina, Kenan Flagler School of Business University of Oregon University of Richmond University of Texas, Austin University of Texas, McCombs School of Business 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
- 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
- 26 Te Rangi Hiroa College – 192 Castle St
- 7 Toroa College – 8 Regent Rd
- 17 University College – 315 Leith Walk

Campus facilities

- 11 Student Accommodation Centre
- 13 Clocktower – Registry Building
- 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
- 22 OUSA Recreation Centre
- 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



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