Certificate in Foundation Studies
Prospectus
In a world of increasing global opportunity, we want to help you to boost your life and career prospects. A qualification from an internationally renowned university will bring you closer to achieving your goals. According to international rankings, we are New Zealand’s leading university.* Our degrees are respected internationally, and our graduates are highly employable in national and global workplaces.

Whatever your future goals, your time with us will broaden your horizons and help you to become a free thinker. The University of Auckland offers an extremely wide variety of subjects.

Furthermore, we’re continuing to diversify our array of undergraduate programmes by adding four innovative new degrees: the Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) and Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours), new in 2019, and the Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Education (TESOL), new in 2020.

During your time here, you’ll learn from outstanding teachers, many of whom are global leaders in their field. Many of our academics are also energetic entrepreneurs. According to Reuters Top 75, we rank as the most innovative university in New Zealand.** We’ve also been recognised by the MIT Skoltech Initiative as one of the world’s top five emerging leaders in entrepreneurship.

QS World University Rankings also place the University of Auckland at number one in New Zealand for Graduate Employability in 2018. When you leave the University of Auckland, you’ll be equipped for the next step - what that looks like is up to you. Success with us is just the beginning.

We look forward to welcoming you in 2021.

Dawn Freshwater
Vice-Chancellor

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*Nau mai, haere mai
A warm welcome to New Zealand’s highest ranked university

QS World University Rankings 2020
QS Subject Rankings 2020
QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2020
THE Impact Rankings 2020
THE World University Rankings 2020
Study in Auckland

University is about far more than gaining a qualification, and Auckland City shines with opportunity.

New Zealand’s ‘big little city’ is not just a growing Asia-Pacific centre of excellence, it consistently rates as one of the best places in the world to study.

3rd in the world for Quality of living
Mercer Quality of Living Rankings 2019

Top 30 global student-friendly cities
QS World University Rankings 2019

2nd most peaceful country in the world
Global Peace Index 2020

Top city for job opportunities, climate and lifestyle

Commercial and business centre of New Zealand
The University of Auckland

Certificate in Foundation Studies

Prepare to study at university
- Study the content subjects you need for your degree programme, in English
- Upskill in academic English
- Understand lectures clearly
- Write stronger essays
- Read written content more effectively
- Take useful notes
- Improve pronunciation and confidence when speaking/presenting
- Develop critical thinking skills
- Learn independent study skills.

Subjects
- Core
  - English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- Elective (Choose four)
  - Accounting
  - Art History
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Design
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - Mathematics – Calculus
  - Mathematics – Modelling
  - Photography
  - Physics
  - Statistics

Assessment method
- 50% final examinations + 50% internal assessment
- Elective courses pass mark is 50%

A number of courses are increasing the variety of their assessment methods to include one or more of the following:
- Digital assessments
- Collaborative assessments
- Research-based assessments
- Practical assessments
- Assessments that include a presentation (e.g., face-to-face, video)
- Assessments that give students choices
- Assessments that are larger, spread over a longer time, and allow for drafting/checking throughout

Enrol in a Foundation Studies programme and receive:
1. An offer of place for the Foundation Studies programme
2. A conditional offer of place for an undergraduate degree course at the University of Auckland (successfully complete the Foundation Studies programme and receive an unconditional offer)

To enter a University of Auckland undergraduate programme:
- Score the required aggregate mark set by the faculty of your degree choice across four academic subjects in Foundation Studies (see pages 8–9)
- Achieve a B grade or higher in English for Academic Purposes (or IELTS Level 6.0 overall, with a minimum of 5.5 in all bands)

A degree from the University of Auckland

Programme Delivery
Partnered with the leading university in New Zealand, UP Education has been delivering the foundation programme for over 20 years on behalf of the University of Auckland. All teachers are trained and registered with the Teachers Council of New Zealand. Our delivery is based on flipped learning where students will receive and complete assigned ‘pre-learning’ video lessons and tasks before class via Blackboard, then work through them with teachers during class to deepen the knowledge gained during lesson time.

We also place great emphasis on student welfare and ensure a high standard of care. Our caring and dedicated staff are experienced in looking after the educational, practical and social needs of students. Outside the classroom, there are plenty of chances for students to have fun from sports and excursions to photography and cooking classes.

Progression Support
The Education Counsellor will offer their expertise by exploring various options with you so that you select a course that best meets your goals. Faculty members and current students at the university are regularly invited to share more about the university, courses and their experience. You will also get a glimpse of university life through campus tours and may even be able to partake in actual classes.

Students will receive assistance on their formal applications to the University of Auckland and are encouraged to start conversations with the International Managers of their faculty.

Meet Jingxuan Xu
I learned how to study autonomously in my ‘flipped learning’ Economics class. Content delivered via video gives students more time to ask teachers questions and work on practical exercises. These skills have helped me a lot at university.

Graduate Profile
1. Knowledge and Practice
Graduates demonstrate a coherent understanding of disciplinary foundations through identifying and applying appropriate theories, concepts, principles, models and processes.

2. Critical thinking
Graduates can analyse and prioritise information, question assumptions and develop well-reasoned arguments.

3. Solution seeking
Graduates can apply disciplinary approaches, modes of inquiry and personal initiative to relevant problems and settings and create, interpret and evaluate possible solutions.

4. Communication and engagement
Graduates can communicate effectively in written and oral formats to engage collaboratively with diverse groups.

5. Independence and integrity
Graduates demonstrate resilience, intellectual independence, impartiality and sound ethical judgement.

6. Social and environmental responsibility
Graduates demonstrate an appreciation of the principles underpinning the Treaty of Waitangi and an awareness of their roles as global citizens with a commitment to sustainability and diversity.

95% of students received an offer of place from the University of Auckland in 2019
### Entry requirements for The University of Auckland

Minimum academic and English language requirements for guaranteed entrance into undergraduate study from the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies. Effective for students applying for entry to The University of Auckland in 2022.

Please note that students who do not enter the university with IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 6.0 (or equivalent), or a minimum English grade B+, will be required to study and pass an academic English language course in their first year of study. This course will be included as part of the programme of study.

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<td>Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE (Honours))</td>
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To qualify for the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, students must pass a minimum of four academic subjects (50% is a pass) and achieve a B Grade or higher in EAP or an IELTS level of at least 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5. Entry to The University of Auckland requires the Certificate in Foundation Studies and a minimum aggregate of marks as listed above, and a B Grade or higher in IELTS 6.5 overall with no band below 5.5.

**NOTES:**

1. **Faculties with programmes that specify ‘Selection’ have additional entry requirements such as a portfolio or interview, and entry is subject to faculty approval. The scores listed are alone not sufficient for entry.**
2. **A minimum of one of the following science subjects is required to be passed: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Geography, Physics, and Statistics.**
3. **Students who have completed Year 12 in New Zealand or equivalent will be required to provide a satisfactory police check, safety checks and referees’ reports. Students who have completed Year 12 in other countries will be required to complete a literacy and numeracy assessment.**
4. **Minimum English language requirements for other degree programmes.**
5. **Duration of conjoint programmes varies.**
6. **Students who have completed Year 12 in New Zealand or equivalent will be required to provide a satisfactory police check, safety checks and referees’ reports. Students who have completed Year 12 in other countries will be required to complete a literacy and numeracy assessment.**
7. **Minimum English language requirements for other degree programmes.**

The above information is correct as of February 2021 and is subject to change.
Life on Campus

The University of Auckland’s City Campus, located in the heart of Auckland, is within walking distance of the UP International College campus. The campus itself has a range of amenities for students, including cafés, libraries, a bookshop, bank, campus store, chemist and recreation centre.

To get a feel for what University of Auckland looks like, visit: auckland.up.education/campus

Once you have commenced your degree study at University of Auckland, you qualify for the following:

**AskAuckland Central**
For help or information on paying fees, enrolment, degree planning and online student services.
E. studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz

**Career Development and Employability Services**
Develop contacts with local employers, take part in workshops for CV-writing and interview skills, or do a mentoring programme with a University alumnus – this service is free for up to three years after graduation.

**International Student Support**
A team of trained advisers is available to help with visas, finance, accommodation, learning services and student health.
W. auckland.ac.nz/student-support-and-services

**360 International**
University of Auckland students have the chance to further their international study experience at one of 130+ renowned overseas partner universities. Enhance your skills, academic potential and employability through one of the many immersive international opportunities.
W. auckland.ac.nz/360

**240+ clubs**
Join a club to expand your networks and enrich your study experience.

**English Language Enrichment (ELE) classes**
The University offers free services to help you improve your English language skills while you study. The ELE service is available both face-to-face and online and you can use the resources, get advice about your English, join language-learning groups and find language exchange partners.
W. library.auckland.ac.nz/ele

Student Support on Campus
Accommodation Options

International students may choose to live with their parent(s) or a residential caregiver. To get the most out of experiencing New Zealand life, students are encouraged to live with a homestay family.

**Homestay**

Homestay accommodation includes a room for the student with a bed, desk, adequate heating and internet access. Meals include breakfast and dinner on weekdays, and three meals a day on weekends and public/school holidays. Laundry is also included. Minimum homestay period is eight weeks.

Homestay Plus families accommodate no more than two international students of any one nationality in the home at a time. The bathroom will be for the students’ exclusive use (either private bathroom or share with one other student). Please note the Homestay Plus is subject to availability.

- A 24/7 number is provided in case of emergency
- All accommodation is thoroughly checked – each homestay family is interviewed and the home inspected before a student is placed
- All homestay providers sign a contract agreeing to specific rules and standards and undergo a vetting procedure by New Zealand Police
- All students under 18 are visited in their accommodation by our accommodation agency quarterly until students turn 18
- All payments are made to the homestay provider via the UP Education Student Fees Trust
- Minimum homestay period is eight weeks.

**Student apartments**

Students over 18 may wish to live in student apartment accommodation. Note this is the responsibility of the student/parent(s)/agent to arrange (UP Education can supply a list of providers in Auckland and Wellington).

Meet Abhisek Mohanty

Currently a Director at PwC (Management Consulting)

Based out of the New York City practice, Abhisek completed the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies programme with us in 2011. In addition to gaining entry to his desired undergraduate course, the programme helped him adapt to the culture in New Zealand and set up a strong network of international students. UP Education’s focus on instilling discipline and structure into the day-to-day activities of students was critical to his professional and personal maturity.

Completing the Foundation Studies programme was just the beginning for Abhisek as he progressed on to achieving his bachelor’s and postgraduate degrees from the University of Auckland. He then began his career at award-winning startup, Plexure, before exploring various business and data roles at marketing agency, Digitas Affinity ID, and technology giant, Hewlett-Packard (HP). Over the last six years, he has been working at PwC in the Management Consulting team across New Zealand and Australia, and has spent the last three years in New York City working with various global retail, consumer goods, and private equity clients.

Now, as the Director of a Management Consulting team at a prestigious multinational firm, Abhisek is living proof of where the Foundation Studies programme can lead.
Student Wellbeing

Learning to live in a new city can be hard at first.

The Māori concept of manaakitanga is heavily integrated into New Zealand culture and the University applies this concept of care equally to all international students.

New Zealand is also the only country in the world with a Student Wellbeing Strategy, underlining the value placed on student welfare.

Taking care of our students

Personal wellbeing is essential for academic and personal achievement, especially when studying in a new country.

At UP Education we do everything we can to support and care for our international students.

Coping with a new culture

Adjusting to a new culture takes time. Our homestay families, tutors, welfare and pastoral care staff are always on hand to offer guidance and support. Students can also choose from a range of social, sporting, cultural and religious groups, which may help with emotional and spiritual health.

Personalised care and attention

We create a link between personal wellbeing and academic studies, supporting students to achieve their full learning potential.

Our International Centre assists students with practical and personal challenges, as well as immigration matters, visas, insurance, accommodation, and banking. It’s a great place for students to access information about living and studying in New Zealand.

Sonder Student Safety app

We have partnered with Sonder, a 24/7 personal safety and wellbeing service, to support all our international students. The Sonder app is for personal devices and has a number of features, like “Track My Journey” and “Check On Me”, that will help students live and study in New Zealand with confidence – if you are walking alone at night, going on a first date, or meeting up with a stranger.

Additionally, if you are feeling stressed, anxious, lonely or simply don’t know who to turn to, you can speak to Sonder’s multilingual support team anytime via live chat or phone, and they can even send in-person assistance if you need it.
Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students

UP Education, and its schools, is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of International Students) Code of Practice 2016 (the Code). Published by the New Zealand Ministry of Education and administered by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), the Code is designed to ensure international students are well informed, safe and properly cared for. Visit: nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

UP Education partners with leading universities in New Zealand and Australia to provide learning pathways to international students, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to excel at English-language universities.

Every effort was made to present accurate information in this publication at the time of printing.

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