New Start
University Preparation Courses 2021
A warm welcome from New Start

Thinking of coming to university? Then the University of Auckland is the right choice. New Start is a part-time preparation programme that will bridge you into a range of degrees here. So let us help you take that first step towards joining us!

New Start programmes

New Start is for anyone aged 20 years or older who needs to gain the skills and confidence to begin at university. It’s a realistic introduction to first-year study. The programme includes study skills and is made up of lectures, tutorials, workshops, assignments with feedback, a final test and the Academic Integrity course.

All programme options are part-time. You can complete New Start in one or two semesters. So long as you’ve achieved the necessary grades and fulfilled other eligibility requirements, you can then be enrolled for an undergraduate degree in the following semester.

You need to select the New Start courses that will set up a pathway to your chosen degree programme. Admission to Arts, Business, Education and Social Work, or Law will depend on your final grade from New Start.

Entry requirements

You must be 20 years or older and a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident. You must also have a good standard of English. We welcome everyone with the potential and drive to succeed. Many capable people don’t do very well at school, so please don’t let that hold you back from applying!

New Start enables you to:

- Assess your academic ability and improve your skills
- Study part-time on a day or evening programme
- Discover what university is all about
- Gain an insight into subjects to make an informed choice for further study
- Meet experienced university lecturers and tutors

New Start will open your mind to a range of subjects and help you plan your university study. We invite you to join us in 2021 and begin your exciting journey as a successful adult learner.

To apply for admission, visit the University of Auckland website.
www.apply.auckland.ac.nz

You’re welcome to contact our office for further advice. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

The New Start Team

The New Start programme and courses

New Start General NSGEN 47 will prepare you for an undergraduate degree in Arts, Business, Education and Social Work, or Law. This is the compulsory core programme. It is a qualification in itself.

Mathematics Fundamentals NSMAT 10 is a short, intensive summer course taught on Saturdays in a workshop environment. This course is a great way to build your skills and confidence.

Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14 will explore a variety of topics of everyday interest, with the aim of clarifying the underlying mathematics and statistics. This course is designed as a pathway into Stage I MATHS 102.

NSMAT 14 is compulsory (together with NSGEN 47) if you plan to apply for an undergraduate degree in Commerce or Property at the University of Auckland’s Business School.

Before you’re enrolled in NSMAT 10 or NSMAT 14, you’ll sit a 30-minute maths assessment. We’ll appraise your results and recommend the right pathway for you.

For more information, please contact us directly or visit our website.
www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart

In order to make the best choices possible, please seek advice from an undergraduate adviser in the faculty you wish to prepare for. After that, contact a New Start adviser, who will help you decide which course best suits your learning needs.

You can also look online for information about our other preparation programmes.
www.auckland.ac.nz/preparationprogrammes
Making New Start work for you

If you wish to create a pathway to any of the degree programmes below, apply now for New Start General NSGEN 47. Your final grade from NSGEN 47 will determine whether we can offer you a place.

New Start General
NSGEN 47
(compulsory core programme)

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Education (Teaching)
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Social Work

If you plan to apply for a Business School degree programme, you need to enrol in the following courses. Before your enrolment is confirmed, you'll need to sit a maths assessment. We'll use the results to recommend the right pathway for you.

Mathematics Fundamentals
NSMAT 10
(optional introductory)

Mathematics Preparation for
University NSMAT 14
(compulsory for Business School)

New Start General
NSGEN 47
(compulsory core programme)

Your final grades from NSMAT 14 and NSGEN 47 will determine whether the Business School can offer you a place in an undergraduate degree programme in one of the following areas:

- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Property

Please note that on completing New Start, you won’t be eligible to apply for a conjoint programme until you’ve completed one year of your degree.

Planning ahead

It’s important to select the right New Start courses. Every mark you achieve will be used in our assessment of your application for admission to the University of Auckland. Seek advice early from a faculty adviser about your future study plan. Some programmes may have additional entry requirements.
New Start General NSGEN 47

New Start General is designed to prepare you for entry into a range of degrees at the University of Auckland.

As a New Start student, you’ll be introduced to many topics in humanities, social sciences, education and law. Once you’ve worked out your areas of interest and considered the options available, you can make the right decision about your future study.

New Start General offers you:

- A programme of weekly lectures, workshops and tutorials
- A choice of locations – the University of Auckland City Campus, Tai Tokerau Campus (Whangārei), and Tai Tonga Campus (South Auckland)
- Access to online course resources
- Mentoring and peer support
- Part-time study over one semester (13 weeks) in Auckland (The Tai Tokerau programme runs on one Friday and the next seven Saturdays in Summer, or on eight consecutive Saturdays in Semester Two.)
- Assignments to write and a test to sit
- The University’s Academic Integrity course (ACADINT A01)

Orientation Day

The Auckland programme includes a compulsory Orientation Day. We’ll offer you a campus tour and share tips on how to manage your studies. We’ll also provide an overview of coursework expectations, course information and your next steps after New Start.

This Orientation for Auckland students takes place at the City Campus.

Semester One Orientation Day: Saturday 27 February 2021
Semester Two Orientation Day: Saturday 17 July 2021
Lectures
You will attend weekly, two-hour lectures by staff from various disciplines and faculties. The classes will introduce you to a new subject area each week and may include the following:

- Ancient History
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Economics
- Education and Social Work
- History
- Law
- Māori Studies
- Media, Film and Television
- Philosophy
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- Sociology

Note that lecture topics and assignments may vary each semester.

Workshops
During the programme, we run a series of study-focused workshops. These will help you to develop your academic skills and your understanding of what to expect while studying at university. Most workshops run for one or two hours and include the following topics:

- Assessing your language skills
- Essay writing skills
- Life on campus
- Managing your New Start studies
- Memory, revision and exam techniques
- Planning your degree studies
- Reading critically
- Taking notes and reviewing lectures
- Test preparation
- Using information technology
- Using the Library

Tutorials
As well as weekly lectures, you’ll attend one-hour tutorials for selected assessed topics during the programme. Tutorials give you the opportunity to ask questions about lectures or assignments. Tutorials are normally held a day or two after lecture classes.

Assessment
Assessments for the programme include three assignments, the University’s Academic Integrity course (ACADINT A01) and a final test. These will help prepare you for university studies. We’ll use your results to assess your application to the University of Auckland.

Learning outcomes
Having successfully completed the New Start programme, you’ll be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills necessary for undergraduate study
- Write essays in an appropriate academic style
- Demonstrate study skills and self-management
- Demonstrate the ability to critically analyse and evaluate concepts
- Describe and debate important issues within many different disciplines
- Make informed decisions, plan an undergraduate study programme and enrol at the University of Auckland

2021 Summer programme dates
NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland Tai Tokerau Campus, Whangārei
When: 8 sessions, Friday 8 January and Saturdays, 9 January–20 February, 9am–4pm
Closing date for application: 3 January 2021
Final test: University of Auckland Tai Tokerau Campus, Saturday 20 February, 9–11am

2021 Semester One programme dates
NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland Tai Tonga Campus, South Auckland
When: 12 sessions, Mondays and Tuesdays, 1 March–1 June, 6–8pm
Closing date for application: 21 February 2021
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 27 February, 10am–3pm
Final test: University of Auckland City Campus, Wednesday 2 June, 6–8pm

2021 Semester Two programme dates
NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland Tai Tonga Campus, South Auckland
When: 12 sessions, Mondays and Wednesdays, 19 July–20 October, 6–8pm
Closing date for application: 12 July 2021
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 17 July, 10am–3pm
Final test: University of Auckland City Campus, Wednesday 27 October, 6–8pm

NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 12 sessions, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 20 July–21 October, 6–8pm
Closing date for application: 12 July 2021
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 17 July, 10am–3pm
Final test: University of Auckland City Campus, Wednesday 27 October, 6–8pm

NSGEN 47
Where: University of Auckland Tai Tokerau Campus, Whangārei
When: 8 sessions, Saturdays, 11 September–13 November, 9am–4pm
Closing date for application: 4 September 2021
Final test: University of Auckland Tai Tokerau Campus, Saturday 13 November, 9–11am
New Start Mathematics offers you:

- Weekly lectures and a maths tutor
- Access to online course materials
- Mentoring and peer support
- Part-time study over one semester
- Assignments and a test to sit
- The University’s Academic Integrity course (ACADINT A01)

As a New Start student, you’ll explore a variety of topics in maths. Then, having assessed your areas of interest and available options, you can make the right decision about your future study. We’ll provide more detailed information on the Orientation Day.

Mathematics Fundamentals NSMAT 10

This is a short, intensive course taught on Saturdays in a workshop environment. Most of the time you’ll be working collaboratively, either as a whole class or in groups, but sometimes there will be lectures. Mathematics Fundamentals is a great way to build your skills and confidence, to prepare you well for NSMAT 14.

Assessment

You’ll complete two assignments and sit a final test.

Learning outcomes

Having successfully completed the course, you’ll be able to:

- Approach further mathematics courses with increased skills
- Understand the order of operations and factors
- Understand algebra and how it relates to expanding, factorising, fractions and equations
- Confidently manipulate equations and rearrange formulas
- Gain confidence and speed with metric conversions, ratios and percentages
- Change numbers by rounding and converting to standard form
- Understand index laws/powers
- Grasp the basic geometry of rectangles, triangles and circles
- Understand how line equations relate to their graphs

Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14

You’ll explore a variety of topics of everyday interest, with the aim of clarifying the underlying mathematics and statistics. The course is designed as a pathway into Stage I MATHS 102.

Mathematics Preparation for University NSMAT 14 is compulsory (together with the core programme, New Start General NSGEN 47) if you plan to apply for an undergraduate degree in Commerce or Property at the University of Auckland’s Business School.

Assessment

During the course, you’ll complete three assignments and sit a final test.

Learning outcomes

Having successfully completed this course, you’ll be able to:

- Expand and factorise quadratic expressions, as well as solve and graph quadratic equations
- Understand the basic idea of functions and inverses
- Understand and model exponential growth (such as interest) with functions and graphs
- Master basic trigonometry: Pythagoras, angles, simple trig functions and basic trig equations
- Use mathematical and statistical approaches to interpret data
- Analyse statistical data with scatter graphs, bar graphs, stem-and-leaf plots and boxplots
- Understand the terms mean and standard deviation
- Use the normal distribution to make predictions and estimations

2021 Semester One course dates

NSMAT 10

Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 4 sessions, Saturdays, 23 January–20 February, 9am–4pm
Closing date for application: 17 January 2021

NSMAT 14

Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 12 sessions, Thursdays, 4 March–27 May, 6.30–8.30pm
Closing date for application: 21 February 2021
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 27 February, 10am–3pm

2021 Semester Two course dates

NSMAT 10

Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 4 sessions, Saturdays, 19 June–10 July, 9am–4pm
Closing date for application: 13 June 2021

NSMAT 14

Where: University of Auckland City Campus
When: 12 sessions, Thursdays, 22 July–21 October, 6.30–8.30pm
Closing date for application: 12 July 2021
Orientation: University of Auckland City Campus, Saturday 17 July, 10am–3pm
Next steps

Enquire
Web: www.auckland.ac.nz/newstart
Email: newstart@auckland.ac.nz
Phone: +64 9 923 7832

Visit AskAuckland Central
Alfred Nathan House, City Campus, 24 Princes St (Enter through rear of building) or phone 0800 61 62 63

Apply for a place in the New Start programme
Do you have internet access, or can you come onto campus to our help labs?

Yes
- Log on to www.auckland.ac.nz/apply
- Complete the online application for a place in your course(s) of choice by the closing deadline.
- An acknowledgement email will ask you to provide specific supporting documents (and in some cases to complete other requirements) before your application can be assessed. The email will also tell you how to access the University's Student Services Online system to complete the next steps.

Offer
You’ll be required to meet the conditions of your offer and to verify your personal details.

Accept
Accept your offer of a place in the programme.

You’re now a student at the University of Auckland. Congratulations!
General information

What will it cost?
Please contact the New Start office for 2021 fees. Every effort is made to keep fees low so that everyone with potential has the opportunity to come to University. New Start fees are roughly equivalent to one undergraduate course fee.

Once your enrolment is confirmed, please pay your fees before the course begins.

New Start courses are part-time, and so you won’t be eligible to apply to Studylink for a student loan or allowance.

New Start grants
You can also consider other ways of financing your study through the following options.

James LeGallais New Start Award
The main purpose of the Award is to assist men enrolled in the New Start Programme at the University of Auckland.

Margaret Tudor South New Start Award
The main purpose of the Award is to assist women enrolled in the New Start Programme at the University of Auckland.

New Start Fee Assistance Scheme
We offer a fee assistance scheme, which helps a limited number of students to fund their course fees each semester. Students on this scheme may be required to provide administration assistance before and during the semester. You can complete your application for the scheme online when you apply for admission. Alternatively, contact the New Start office for further advice.

University Preparation Award – New Start
New Start offers an award each semester to one New Start student. The award recognises academic excellence and performance during the semester.

www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships