

Tertiary Foundation Certificate 2019



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Welcome

We aim to prepare you for university study. You'll have opportunities to gain the confidence and skills to enter the University of Auckland and succeed at your chosen degree programme. The Tertiary Foundation Certificate (TFC) is a full-time, one-year study programme. We offer you a variety of pathways. Each pathway leads into a different degree or degrees – and involves a specific combination of courses suited to those degrees.



Who is the programme for?

The TFC will suit you if you wish to study at university but have left school with few or no qualifications. It's also an entry pathway if you've gained your University Entrance (UE) qualification but not attained the required rank score for admission to the University of Auckland.

Perhaps you have UE but not in the subject area that you wish to pursue at University. The TFC is a great option if you're looking for a change of direction and to explore new opportunities.

You'll be given preference if you're from a group that's under-represented in tertiary education.

For example:

- Māori people
- Pacific people
- People with disabilities
- People from a refugee background
- People from a low socio-economic background
- Mature people wanting a change of direction

The success of your application will also depend on:

- Your results from the Tertiary Foundation Certificate diagnostic tests in English and mathematics
- Your academic merit
- Your general attitude

To be eligible for the programme, you must be a New Zealand citizen or hold permanent residency status.



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TFC pathways and programme details

Arts

The Arts pathway prepares students to enter their first year of a degree in either the Faculty of Arts or Creative Arts and Industries. Once you've completed your TFC, you'll be able to enrol in a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Global Studies or a programme offered by the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries. You could select a major* from the Humanities, Creative or Performing Arts, Indigenous Studies, Languages, or Social Sciences.

Commerce

The Commerce pathway prepares students to enrol in a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom). The first year of a BCom consists of core courses, which everyone must complete. From second year onwards, you'll be free to pursue your chosen single or double major.

Education and Social Work

The Education and Social Work pathway prepares students to enter their first year of a degree in the Faculty of Education and Social Work. Once you complete your TFC you'll be able to select a major from Education, Social Work, or Sport, Health and Physical Education.

Engineering

After a successful year on the TFC Engineering pathway, you'll qualify to enter Part 1 of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours). During Part 1, you'll gain experience in each of the nine available Engineering specialisations. From Part 2 onwards, you'll focus on a single specialisation.

Science

The Science pathway prepares students to enter their first year of a Bachelor of Science. Once enrolled in the Bachelor of Science, you'll study at least three subjects. You'll eventually complete a single or double major, or else a single specialisation**. If you achieve the required TFC grades, you could also enrol in a Bachelor of Health Sciences or a Bachelor of Science majoring in Biomedical Science.

*Your major is the main subject you will study for your degree. You will study other subjects as well, but take fewer courses in those.

**A specialisation is similar to a major but involves more courses.

Other options

If haven't yet decided which degree to pursue, you could enrol in our General pathway. This option involves a combination of TFC courses. If you achieve the required grades, you could then enrol in a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Commerce.

TFC also has a Plus pathway. If you gain a GPA of 7 in Semester One of the TFC, you'll have the opportunity to enrol in a Stage 1 bachelors course as part of your Semester Two TFC programme. This course will be credited to both the TFC and your degree. You will select this Stage 1 course from the degree programme your pathway leads to.

Diagnostic tests

You must sit a two-hour diagnostic test to demonstrate your English and mathematics capabilities. The English test consists of multi-choice grammar and vocabulary questions and a writing task. The mathematics test is set at the level of New Zealand School Years 11–12.

The academic year

The programme begins in late February with an Orientation morning and ends with an evening graduation ceremony in late November or early December.

The programme is divided into the two semesters of the University of Auckland academic year. Mid-semester breaks occur in April and September, and an inter-semester break occurs in July. Official University of Auckland examinations, including those for TFC, are held at the end of Semesters One and Two.

Your course load

You'll enrol in four courses each semester. You must include at least one English course and one Mathematics course in your TFC.

Each pathway is made up of specific courses that aim to prepare you for your destination degree. The courses available across the two semesters are: Academic Literacy, Academic English, Arts General (Semester Two only), Biology, Business Studies (Semester Two only), Child Development and Learning, Creative Arts (Semester Two only), Chemistry, Geography, History, Introduction to Computing, Introduction to the New Zealand Education System, Mathematics for Education, Mathematics for Teaching Science and Technology, Pacific Studies (Semester One only), Physics, Sociology, Statistics (Semester Two only), Te Pū (Maori language course). Please note that this is a full

list of all our courses. You'll be enrolled in a specific selection, depending on which pathway you choose.

Your weekly timetable will consist of lectures, tutorials and laboratories. You'll also need to study in your own time. Attendance hours are generally 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday. That's approximately 20 hours class time and 20 hours on research and assignments each week. Paid work during the programme isn't recommended. If you do choose to work, you should minimise your employment commitments.

Access to facilities and services

As a University of Auckland student, you'll be entitled to apply for a University ID card. This will allow you to access:

- All the campus library facilities
- Pay photocopying facilities
- Subsidised medical and welfare services
- Creche facilities (Fees will apply, and early application is recommended.)
- The University Recreation Centre and other sports clubs and facilities (Recreation Centre and some other fees apply.)

Graduation from the programme

You must pass all eight courses to receive your University of Auckland Tertiary Foundation Certificate.

Costs

In 2018, the tuition fees were \$730.80 for the eight required courses (\$91.35 per course). Some students will be eligible for free fees. For 2019 fees, please check the website:

www.askauckland.ac.nz

or email: **studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz**

You can pay annual tuition fees in full at the start of Semester One or make part payments at the start of each semester. If using Studylink or WINZ financial support, please be aware that the TFC year counts towards borrowing for study.

Note also that some courses may have additional charges for course materials.

Programme updates

For up-to-date information about this programme, visit the website or send an email.

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Apply online

- Go to www.auckland.ac.nz/applyonline
- Click on Start your Application for Admission.
- Complete the online application for a place in your programme(s) of choice.
- You'll receive an acknowledgement email asking 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.
- You'll be contacted by email with information regarding the need to sit diagnostic tests in English and mathematics. Dates for these tests will be available on our website.
- After you sit the tests, we'll assess the results. You may then be offered a personal interview. After that, we'll soon notify you about the outcome of your application.
- If you've been successful, we'll invite you to accept your offer of a place in the programme.



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