

VICTORIA
UNIVERSITY
WELLINGTON

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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

PROSPECTUS

2017



Capital thinking. Globally minded.



Welcome to Victoria

I am very pleased you are considering study at Victoria University of Wellington. By choosing Victoria, you can achieve academic excellence at a globally ranked capital city university with award-winning facilities. Wellington is a great city for students, with its scenic hills, large harbour and a reputation for being affordable, safe and sophisticated.

Victoria's teaching and research is built on a proud tradition of academic excellence stretching over more than 100 years. This excellence naturally transfers to, and enriches, the teaching and learning we offer, and illustrates the calibre of discovery and the cutting-edge knowledge of our staff. Victoria ranks first among New Zealand universities for research quality.

Overall, we are ranked within the top 2 percent of the world's 16,000 universities and are in the top 1 percent in a number of subject areas. Victoria Business School is among an elite global group of around 70 institutions that have the triple crown of international commerce accreditations.

We consistently produce high quality graduates who are well equipped for the international workforce. They follow in the footsteps of the many international alumni who have become scholars, inventors, entrepreneurs and civic leaders.

The Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme is taught exclusively through ACG. The programme has been designed to prepare international students for entry into Victoria's degree programmes by equipping each student with specialised subject knowledge, English language skills for tertiary study, and knowledge about New Zealand culture and society. Victoria guarantees undergraduate entry to students who successfully qualify for the Foundation Studies Certificate.

At Victoria, you will join a warm, open and diverse community of students from over 100 countries. Excellent support networks, such as our International Buddy Programme, combined with initiatives like our unique Victoria International Leadership Programme, produce globally aware graduates who are ready for a rapidly changing world.

On behalf of Victoria University of Wellington, welcome to our Foundation Studies Programme. I also look forward to welcoming you to the University upon the successful completion of your studies at ACG.

Professor Grant Guilford

VICE-CHANCELLOR, VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON



NEW ZEALAND'S
TOP UNIVERSITY
FOR RESEARCH

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand's top ranked university for research quality,¹ has eight teaching and research faculties.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY...

- Has internationally recognised courses and degrees, ranked in the world's top 150 universities in 15 subjects²
- Offers a quality education modelled on the highly successful British framework – one that emphasises creative thought and heightened world knowledge
- Teaches skills for getting ahead – leadership, communication, creative and critical thinking
- Has over 21,000 students including 2,800 international students
- Is a leading international research centre – this research is integrated into our teaching programmes.

Victoria University's eight faculties of study include:

- Architecture and Design
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Graduate Research
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Law
- Science

1. 2013 Performance-Based Research Fund

2. QS World Rankings by Subject, 2016

3. 2016 Mercer Quality of Living Survey:
imercer.com/content/mobility/quality-of-living-city-rankings



WELLINGTON...

- Is a great place to live during your studies and while entering the graduate job market
- Is a beautiful, vibrant, safe and fun city – one of Australasia's top three cities for quality of living³
- Offers the perfect mix of urban convenience and natural surrounds – it has the feel of a big city without the traffic, queues, pollution or population pressures
- Is a diverse and creative capital with excellent facilities and a lively calendar of events throughout the year
- Is compact and easy to get around on foot, or using its excellent public transport system
- Is motivated and energised by the intelligent vision of its people – over 55% of Wellington's working population has a tertiary qualification
- Is where many foreign embassies are located.

NEW ZEALAND...

- Is one of the world's top four most peaceful countries as ranked by the 2015 global peace index
- Values diversity of thinking, enterprise and quality of life – New Zealanders are renowned for their open friendliness
- Has a population of 4.7 million in a country the size of Japan (127 million) or the UK (64 million)
- Is a highly popular tourist destination, known throughout the world for its natural beauty – around one-third of its total land is protected conservation land
- Has an internationally acclaimed film industry, creating major blockbusters such as The Lord of the Rings trilogy, King Kong, Avatar, Tintin and The Hobbit trilogy.





VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

Registered as the ACG Foundation Studies Programme (Level 3)

The Victoria Foundation Studies Programme prepares you for entry into the University's undergraduate programmes.

Why Choose the Victoria Foundation Studies Programme?

- The Victoria Foundation Studies Programme offers guaranteed pathways to Victoria University of Wellington upon successful graduation.
- The Victoria Foundation Studies Programme is recognised by all New Zealand universities.
- The curriculum develops subject knowledge and skills as well as entrepreneurial enterprise, leadership and team skills to equip you for university.
- The Victoria Foundation Studies Programme offers flexibility with four intakes per year and six, eight and twelve-month course options (two, three or four terms), depending on your academic background and level of English.
- Special courses in English for Tertiary Study and New Zealand Culture and Society prepares you for study at university level.
- Subject choices include Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Tourism, Communication, Culture, Statistics, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

ACG offers you:

- Qualified, caring and experienced teachers
- A supportive and personalised learning environment
- A tutor who helps you to set high standards and develop your achievement goals.

University Pathways

Successful completion of the Victoria Foundation Studies Programme guarantees you entry to an appropriate Victoria University of Wellington undergraduate degree.

Two offers of place from the start

When you apply for the Victoria Foundation Studies Programme you will receive two offers of place at the time of application: A letter of offer for the Victoria Foundation Studies Programme and a conditional letter of offer for an undergraduate degree at Victoria University of Wellington.

An unconditional offer of place will be issued as soon as students have successfully completed the Foundation Programme and met admission requirements.

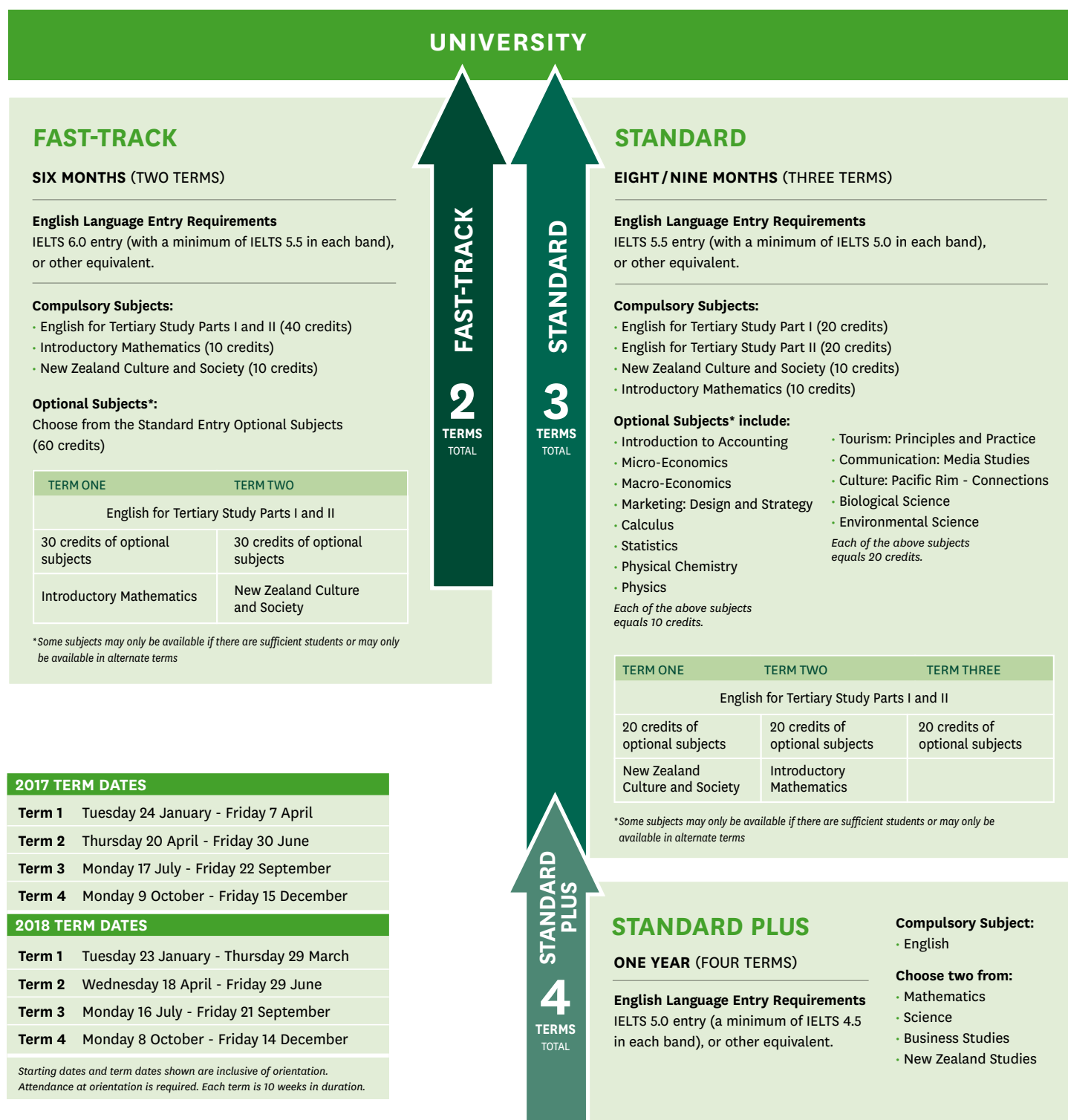
The Victoria Foundation Studies Programme is taught by ACG New Zealand International College.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The top student completing the Victoria Foundation Studies Programme each term receives a NZ\$5,000 scholarship towards the tuition fees in the first year of their undergraduate degree at Victoria University.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMME COURSE OPTIONS



2017 TERM DATES	
Term 1	Tuesday 24 January - Friday 7 April
Term 2	Thursday 20 April - Friday 30 June
Term 3	Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September
Term 4	Monday 9 October - Friday 15 December
2018 TERM DATES	
Term 1	Tuesday 23 January - Thursday 29 March
Term 2	Wednesday 18 April - Friday 29 June
Term 3	Monday 16 July - Friday 21 September
Term 4	Monday 8 October - Friday 14 December
Starting dates and term dates shown are inclusive of orientation. Attendance at orientation is required. Each term is 10 weeks in duration.	

There are three course options, ranging from six to twelve months in length, designed to meet the needs of each student.

For all options, the academic entry requirements are:
Successful academic experience and qualifications at Year 12 (New Zealand)
or Grade 12/11 (Asia), Senior High School 3rd / 2nd year, or equivalent.

For English language entry requirements, please refer to each course option. The minimum age to enter the Victoria Foundation Studies Programme is 17. The academic year is divided into four terms and there are four starting dates each year.

The programme consists of four compulsory core subjects and selected optional subjects. English for Tertiary Study Part I and II equal 20 credits each while other subjects provide 10 or 20 credits each. To qualify for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Certificate students must satisfy the following criteria in a minimum of four compulsory subjects and all selected optional subjects, including:

- Complete all 120-credit course requirements
- Achieve a minimum of 50% in each subject.



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The degree specific minimum entry requirements from the Foundation Studies Certificate are listed below. These are effective for students applying for entry to Victoria University of Wellington in 2017.

All undergraduate degree offers require University Entrance (UE). UE requires successful completion of 120 credits plus achievement of a minimum of 50% in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II, Introductory Mathematics and New Zealand Culture and Society, plus 50% or higher in optional subjects equal to 60 credits.

Students who achieve 50% or higher in English for Tertiary Study Parts I and II are deemed to have met the English language entry level of IELTS 6.0.

PROGRAMMES	TRIMESTER INTAKE	MINIMUM DURATION Years	MINIMUM ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Bachelor of Architectural Studies	Trimester One	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	Entry into the second year is competitive and is based on first year results.
Bachelor of Arts	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Arts (in Music)	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Building Science	Trimester One	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Commerce	Trimester One, Trimester Two and Trimester Three	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Design Innovation	Trimester One	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	Entry into the second year is competitive and is based on first year results.
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood	Trimester One	3	IELTS 7.0 with a minimum of 7.0 in each band	Completion of 'Teacher Education Programme Form for International Students' is also required plus a police report from every country a student has lived in for 12 months or more.
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	Trimester One and Trimester Two	4	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Laws	Trimester One	4	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	Entry into the second year is competitive and is based on first year results; entry to the parallel third-and fourth-year Honours programme is by invitation after high achievement in second year.
Bachelor of Music	Trimester One	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	Completion of the 'Application to Audition' form and an audition is required for Classical Performance and Jazz.
Bachelor of Science	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Tourism Management	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES AT VICTORIA

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Bachelor of Architectural Studies in:

- Architecture
- Architecture History and Theory
- Interior Architecture
- Landscape Architecture

Bachelor of Building Science in:

- Project Management
- Sustainable Engineering Systems

Bachelor of Design Innovation in

- Culture and Context Design
- Industrial Design
- Media Design

VICTORIA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Bachelor of Commerce in:

- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Commercial Law
- Economics
- Finance
- Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
- Information Systems
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Policy
- Taxation

Bachelor of Tourism Management

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Engineering in:

- Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering
- Network Engineering
- Software Engineering

Bachelor of Science in:

- Computer Graphics
- Computer Science
- Electronic and Computer Systems

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in:

- Art History
- Asian Studies
- Chinese
- Classical Studies
- Criminology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Development Studies
- Economics
- Education
- Education and Psychology
- English Literature
- Film
- French
- Geography
- German
- Greek
- History
- International Relations
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Linguistics
- Māori Resource Management
- Māori Studies
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Modern Language Studies
- Music
- Pacific Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Religious Studies
- Samoan Studies / Matāuputau Samoa
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Te Reo Māori
- Theatre

Bachelor of Music in:

- Classical Performance
- Composition (Instrumental/Vocal/Sonic Arts)
- Jazz
- Music Studies (Ethnomusicology, Musicology, Jazz Studies or without specialisation)

FACULTY OF LAW

Bachelor of Laws

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Biomedical Science in:

- Human Genetics
- Molecular Pathology
- Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry

Bachelor of Science in:

- Actuarial Science
- Applied Physics
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Cell and Molecular Bioscience
- Chemistry
- Computer Graphics
- Computer Science
- Development Studies
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Electronic and Computer Systems
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Geography
- Geology
- Geophysics
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Physical Geography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Statistics



A VICTORIA DEGREE

When you study for a Victoria degree, you will gain the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to turn your scholarship into a career.

In a Victoria undergraduate degree, teaching is both lecture and tutorial-based, by academics personally involved in research. Students learn how to be focused, independent, resourceful and forward thinking.

Postgraduate research degrees apply these qualities to individual research projects that have relevance to, and an impact on, today's world and the many ways that humans interact with each other and their environment – be it in science, business, education, the arts or socially.

Teaching and assessment

First-year courses usually have up to three 50-minute lectures per week. There may also

be one tutorial or laboratory/studio session per week. In tutorials, smaller groups of students meet with a tutor to discuss work covered in lectures. A laboratory or studio is a longer, hands-on class, where students may work more actively together. For most courses, work is assessed by a combination of essays, in-class tests and exams.

The academic year

Victoria University's academic year is made up of three trimesters:

- **Trimester 1:** late February-early July
- **Trimester 2:** early July-mid November
- **Trimester 3:** mid November-mid February*.

The academic year begins in February with International Orientation. Most students begin in Trimester 1 and study for two trimesters each year – from February to November.

Points

Degrees at Victoria work on a points system, with each course allocated a certain number of points. The total points required for a typical three-year degree is 360, with a specified number of points required at each level in specified subject areas.

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

A Bachelor's degree – also called a first or an undergraduate degree – is made up of courses, some prescribed and some chosen by you.

A professional degree, such as a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours or a Bachelor of Laws, has more prescribed courses. Others, such as the Bachelor of Arts, have great flexibility in course choice.

Most non-professional first degrees take three years to complete and require at least one specialist subject, called a major.

Majors

A major is the specialist subject of a degree. For example: a Bachelor of Arts degree can have a major in History; a Bachelor of Science degree can have a major in Physics. Most degrees allow for a single or a double major.

Double degrees

A double degree is the study of two degrees, either at the same time or consecutively. It is possible to cross-credit up to 120 points. A Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts double degree, for example, could therefore take five years of study instead of six.

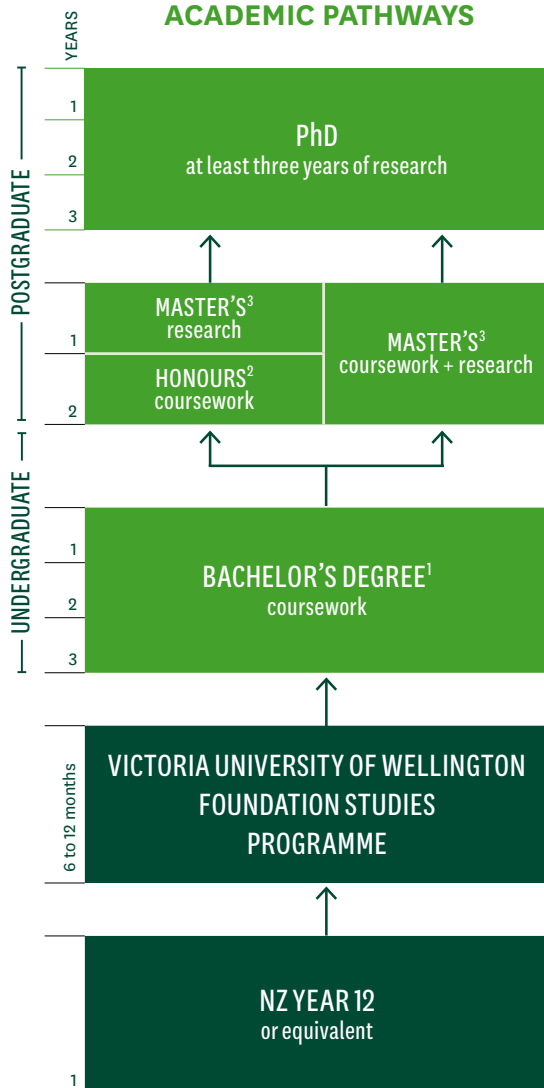
**Study in Trimester 3 is only available for specific programmes.*



Victoria Business School.



ACADEMIC PATHWAYS



1. There are also four-year professional Bachelor's degrees offered, such as the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE[Hons]).
2. Two faculties offer Postgraduate Diploma programmes as an alternative to their Honours programmes.
3. Other kinds of Master's programmes are also offered.

Quality teaching, research and great company - it's a dynamic combination that's hard to resist

FACILITIES AND CLASSES

Victoria's faculties are equipped with world-class facilities – excellent workshops and labs for Architecture, Design, Science and Engineering, a language learning lab, online services, wifi, computer rooms and library access for all students and a huge range of other subject-specific resources.

Class sizes can range from around 30 to 300 students, depending on the course. Larger classes will include assigned tutorial groups (small group sessions lead by a lecturer or tutor) as well as lectures.

CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Victoria has excellent facilities for students, including a purpose built building on the Kelburn campus dedicated to student study spaces, retail and social areas. On-campus facilities include a bank, book shops, health and counselling services, a travel agency, pharmacy, recreation and sports centres and student club spaces.

Victoria offers a lively social community beyond the classroom. There are great opportunities to meet both international and domestic students through a variety of events organised through university groups. Joining the hiking or sailing clubs, for example, is a great way to meet other students and see some of New Zealand's most beautiful scenery. New Zealand is outdoor-oriented and many activities are relatively cheap.

Many New Zealand students are interested in international affairs and join programmes designed to increase their interaction with international students. Joining the International Buddy Programme and the Victoria International Leadership Programme are great ways to make new friends and enhance your experience at Victoria.

Victoria has over 100 social, sporting, religious, cultural and ethnic clubs.





ACG PATHWAYS CAMPUS

Discover Wellington with ACG

LOCATION

The ACG Pathways Campus is conveniently located in central Wellington, a short walk from Victoria University of Wellington. The central location means easy access to public transport, accommodation, shops, cafes and restaurants.

Student Support

Our staff are qualified professionals with an excellent attitude of service and support. They are available to provide information and assistance to you and your parents. You will receive a full orientation programme on arrival to help you quickly settle into your new study life.

As a Victoria Foundation Studies student you have the same rights and privileges as other Victoria University of Wellington students.* Support services include: Student learning support, health service, counselling, financial advice and disabilities service. University facilities include a recreation centre, extensive libraries, cafes, bookshops and banking facilities, prayer rooms, student associations and more.

Accommodation

We organise accommodation with friendly homestay families who offer a clean and safe environment, support you outside of study time and contribute significantly to your well-being. If you are 18 and over, and prefer more independence you may elect to stay at a selected quality student apartment on a self-catered basis or catered hall accommodation.

ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS PER YEAR (45 weeks)	
Description	Estimate (Average) NZ\$
Accommodation	11,925
Lunch	2,250
Transport	1,350
Clothing	1,500
Entertainment	1,800
Insurance	500
Resource and course materials & examination fees (including IELTS exam)	1,135
University student service levy	718
Total	21,178
The above costs are estimates only. Costs for individual students will depend on their own lifestyle.	

*A university student service levy applies



ACG - ACADEMIC COLLEGES GROUP

Outstanding educational services with proven quality and results

ACG is New Zealand's largest provider of private school education, university pathways and tertiary skills-focused programmes for your career.

Our main goals are to provide:

- Excellent academic outcomes from quality teaching
- Excellent skills-based outcomes from inspired learning
- A superior quality of service.



ACG COMPRISES:

English

ACG English School - One of New Zealand's leading language schools, offering Intensive General English.

University Pathways

Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme - Taught by ACG New Zealand International College.

The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies - Taught by ACG New Zealand International College.

AUT University Certificate in Foundation Studies - Taught by ACG Norton College.

School Education

ACG Parnell College - Auckland's top-ranked private co-educational school, offering primary, middle and senior school education, Years 1 to 13.

ACG Senior College - A pre-university specialist centre in the heart of Auckland, Years 11 to 13, offering a choice of Cambridge A-Levels or the IB Diploma.

ACG Strathallan - A spacious campus with beautiful grounds, offering comprehensive education from Kindergarten to Year 13.

ACG Sunderland - A boutique school in West Auckland, offering comprehensive education from Kindergarten to Year 13.

ACG Tauranga - A spacious and purpose-built 14.8 hectare campus, offering Years 1 to 11 (further secondary levels will be introduced gradually from 2018).

Zig Zag Zoo Preschools - Purpose-built preschools, with state of the art facilities, providing a respectful, responsive and peaceful educational learning programme in Queenstown.

Tertiary and Careers

ACG Yoobee School of Design - New Zealand's largest specialised digital and multimedia design school, offering certificates and diploma programmes in Graphic Design, Web Development, Filmmaking, Animation, 3D Graphics and Game Art.

New Zealand School of Tourism - New Zealand's largest private tertiary establishment specialising in training programmes for the airline, travel and tourism industries, with eight campuses throughout the country.

NZMA - One of New Zealand's largest training providers, NZMA offers certificate and diploma-level qualifications in Hospitality Management, Professional Cookery and Business.

New Zealand Career College (NZCC) - A leading-edge training provider delivering certificates and diplomas in Health, Early Childhood Education and Level 7 Applied Business Management diplomas with streams in Professional Retailing, Health Management, Project Management and Procurement and Supply Chain Management.

ACG International Schools in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the Australian International School in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



ALL ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS TO:
ACG Education
 Email: admissions@acgedu.com
acgedu.com

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ACG and its colleges have agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Minister of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2016/0057/latest/DLM6748147.html.

IMMIGRATION: Full details of visa and permit 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 at immigration.govt.nz.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES: Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand.

If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may 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 their website at moh.govt.nz.

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

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE: International students must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand.

It is a requirement for all international students studying with ACG to have comprehensive medical and travel insurance cover. Students can either have the cover arranged by ACG or produce evidence at the time of application that they have insurance cover from another company that meets the approval of ACG.

As at August 2016, every attempt was made to present accurate information in this prospectus. ACG reserves the right to change without notice programmes, terms and conditions both before and after students' admission.

