

The University of Auckland

Certificate in Foundation Studies

2018



You have made a wise choice in selecting the University of Auckland as your destination for university studies in New Zealand, and qualifying for admission to the University through our Certificate in Foundation Studies.

This programme has been taught exclusively through ACG Education since February 1999. We have observed that students who come to us through this programme have performed well academically at university level.

The collaboration between the University of Auckland and ACG offers you access to a comprehensive range of world-class qualifications in an excellent learning environment. The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies is accredited by the New Zealand Vice Chancellors' Committee and is recognised for entry to all New Zealand universities.

The University of Auckland was established in 1883 and is New Zealand's leading university. It is an international centre of learning and academic excellence. Around 42,000 students choose to study at the University each year, of whom over 7,000 are international, from 125 countries.

Graduates from the University of Auckland occupy leading positions in such diverse areas as business, law, medicine, politics and the professions, within New Zealand and overseas.

The University of Auckland guarantees entry to students whose results in the Certificate in Foundation Studies meet the published standards required for each of the University's degree programmes, and who meet other entry requirements for admission to the University.

On behalf of the University of Auckland, I welcome you to our Certificate in Foundation Studies programme and look forward to welcoming you to the University on successful completion of your foundation studies at ACG.

Professor Stuart McCutcheon Vice-Chancellor The University of Auckland





The University of Auckland

The University of Auckland is New Zealand's leading university and is situated in the heart of Auckland. The University offers a comprehensive range of world-class study programmes.

The University of Auckland is ranked 82nd among the world's top universities*, offering the opportunity to gain an internationally-recognised qualification from a leading research-led university. It is a QS Five Stars Plus institution, having achieved five stars in eight categories including Research, Employability, Teaching, Facilities, Internationalisation and Innovation.**

The University of Auckland teaches more than 30 undergraduate programmes across 125 different subjects. At postgraduate level, there are over 130 programmes and more than 180 subjects.



*QS World University Rankings 2018. **QS Stars rating 2017.

- Arts (including Humanities, Social Sciences, Cultures, Languages and Linguistics)
 - arts.auckland.ac.nz
- Business School business.auckland.ac.nz
- Creative Arts and Industries (including Architecture, Dance, Fine Arts, Music and Urban Planning)
- creative.auckland.ac.nz
- Education and Social Work education.auckland.ac.nz
- Engineering engineering.auckland.ac.nz
- Law law.auckland.ac.nz
- Medical and Health Sciences (including Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy and Optometry)
 fmhs.auckland.ac.nz
- Science
 www.science.auckland.ac.nz



The University of Auckland **Certificate in Foundation Studies**

The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies prepares international students for entry into the University's degree programmes.

Why choose the **University** of Auckland Certificate in **Foundation** Studies?

Key facts

- · The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies offers guaranteed pathways to the University of Auckland.
- The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies is recognised by all New Zealand universities.
- There are three options available: Fast track (8 months), Standard (12 months) and Extended (18 months), depending on your academic background and level of
- The curriculum includes core training in English and independent learning skills.
- · You will select four subjects plus English for Academic Purposes (EAP).
- · Subjects available include:
 - Accounting
- Art History
- •Economics
- ·Calculus
- Statistics
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Design
- Geography
- Photography
- Music*
- Painting*
- Fast Track classes may not necessarily be offered in Art History, Photography, Painting, or Music.

The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies is taught by ACG New Zealand International College.

University pathways

Successful completion of the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies to prescribed standards guarantees entry to an appropriate University of Auckland undergraduate degree.

The Certificate has also been accepted for entry to a range of Australian universities, including the Australian National University (ANU), the University of Adelaide, La Trobe University and Monash University.

Two offers of place from the start

When you enrol in the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, you will receive two offers of place at the time of application: a Letter of Offer for the Foundation Studies course and a Conditional Offer of Admission for the University of Auckland. A confirmed Offer of Admission will be issued by the University to students whose results in the Certificate in Foundation Studies meet the published standards required for each of the University's degree programmes, and who meet other programme-specific entry requirements for admission to the University.

^{*} The above subjects are subject to sufficient enrolments. ACG reserves the right to revise or postpone course starting



Things you need to know about the Certificate in Foundation Studies

Entrance requirements

- Successful academic experience and qualifications at Year 12 (NZ) or Grade 12/11 (Asia), Senior High School third/ second year or equivalent.
- For the eight-month (three-term) Fast-track Certificate in Foundation Studies:
 IELTS 5.5, TOEFL 525/195 or equivalent in the ACG English Language Test
 (ACGELT), successful completion of ACG English School's Academic Level 4 or other recognised equivalent.
- For the 12-month (four-term) Standard Certificate in Foundation Studies: IELTS 5.0, TOEFL 500/173 or equivalent in the ACGELT, successful completion of ACG English School's Academic Level 3 or other recognised equivalent.
- For the 18-month (six-term) Extended Certificate in Foundation Studies: IELTS 4.5, TOEFL 450/133 or equivalent in the ACGELT, successful completion of ACG English School's Academic Level 2 or other recognised equivalent.

Academic excellence – the key to success

ACG recruits the best specialists in each field of study. A dedicated group of professional educators is committed to creating a study environment that focuses on the learning needs of students. We personalise the learning experience by tailoring programmes to meet your individual needs and to reflect your ability and prior learning. Teaching includes lessons, tutorials and self-study periods. Contact periods occupy an average of 25 hours per week. You are assigned a tutor, who provides counselling and is available to listen and help with any questions or difficulties you may have. You are expected to spend 20 hours per week in self-study.

Four intakes per year

2018 starting dates (inclusive of orientation):

Thursday 25 January (Standard & Extended)

Monday 30 April (Fast-track)

Thursday 19 July (Standard & Extended)

Monday 8 October (Fast-track)

2019 starting dates (inclusive of orientation):

Thursday 31 January (Standard & Extended)

Monday 29 April (Fast-track)

Thursday 18 July (Standard & Extended)

Monday 7 October (Fast-track)

Attendance at orientation is required for all new Foundation students.

Scholarships

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



Distinguished School

Recognized by Apple as a distinguished school for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence.

ACG Pathways – an Apple Distinguished School

ACG Pathways is one of just 400 institutions from 29 countries to be appointed as an Apple Distinguished School. This invitation-only programme shows that we are innovative, we use technology effectively to support our students' goals, and we share Apple's vision for learning with technology. Our school leaders use iPad and Mac products to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking in our students.

Free iPads

When you enrol in a university foundation studies programme at ACG, you will receive an iPad free of charge for the duration of your course. You will have full access to a complete set of course materials via the iPad.

Mobile technology

Mobile technology expands the classroom, making learning possible anywhere, anytime. By using myACG (Blackboard), students have access to all of their resources and can be learning at any time of the day or night. A teacher's role is critical in helping students find the best sources of knowledge, and teaching them how to use that knowledge in the best way. That's why ACG Pathways appoints highly experienced, registered teachers who give effective guidance to students to help them achieve their goals.

Welcome to Auckland, New Zealand



Why New Zealand?

New Zealand consists of two main islands in the South Pacific, three hours to the east of Australia by plane, an overnight flight west of the USA, or ten to twelve hours direct flight from most Pacific Rim countries. It is beautiful in its geographical diversity.

Comparable in size and shape to Great Britain or Japan, it is a stable English-speaking democracy with a population of approximately 4.7 million people, making it one of the world's least crowded countries. Internationally it is known for the beauty of the landscape and the culture of the Māori – New Zealand's first nation people. The cities are clean, open and lively, with Auckland in particular showing many Pacific influences. New Zealand's oceans, mountains, and open spaces provide many opportunities for adventure tourism.

New Zealand has earned an international reputation for its politically independent stance, support for environmental causes and radical economic reforms. Its people have made significant contributions to the worlds of science and technology, the arts, medicine, conservation, food, wine, sports and fashion.

New Zealand is ranked 2nd on the Global Peace Index 2017 for the most peaceful nation on Earth.*

The quality of education in New Zealand ranks highly by world standards.

Why Auckland?

With a population of approximately 1.5 million, Auckland is New Zealand's largest city and the country's economic hub. It consistently rates as one of the world's most desirable cities in which to live and currently ranks third out of 230 world cities for quality of life.**

The city is surrounded by two harbours – the Waitemata and the Manukau – and is

often referred to as the "City of Sails" due to Aucklanders' love for water sports and the sea. The cultural facilities and educational institutions are major attractions for people from other countries.

Auckland's climate is temperate and perfect for enjoying the many beautiful and clean beaches within easy reach of the city. Temperatures range from an average maximum of 24 degrees in summer (December to March) to 16 degrees in winter (June to August).

Auckland is a city of cultural diversity with a large Polynesian, Māori and Asian, as well as European, population. This diversity brings with it an abundance of unique cultural experiences and entertainment, a passion for the arts, food and fashion, and a bustling inner city

Auckland is a vibrant and forward-thinking city which embraces the contributions of its many young people.

- * visionofhumanity.org
- ** Mercer 2017 Quality of Living Rankings

Ten reasons to study in Auckland and New Zealand





A popular place

Auckland is New Zealand's most popular destination for international students.



A vibrant, modern city

Auckland plays host to international sporting events, music shows and cultural festivals. When you need to take a study break, there's always something to see and do.



Prepare for the future

New Zealand is ranked top in the world for preparing students for the future, and earned full marks in the categories of teacher education and curriculum framework for future skills.

Worldwide Educating for the Future Index



Experience it together

You'll have other international students to share your experience with. More than 120,000 international students studied in New Zealand in 2016.



Be confident

New Zealand government agencies monitor the quality of all areas of the New Zealand education system, so you can be confident that you're receiving a relevant and credible qualification.



Improve your English

Improve your work-relevant English skills as you talk with native English speakers – watch your fluency grow by the day.



Quality of living

New Zealand ranked 1st in the 2016 Global Prosperity Index, a worldwide survey that judges the education, safety and security, personal freedom and natural environment of 149 countries.



The gateway to adventure

You can use your study breaks to take advantage of Auckland's frequent and inexpensive domestic flights. Take the opportunity to visit other parts of New Zealand and plan new adventures.



Top 500

All New Zealand universities are ranked in the world's top 500.

QS World University Rankings



A city made for students

Auckland is in the top 30 student cities in the world, according to the QS Best Student Cities index. It scored particularly well in the Student Mix category due to its diverse student community, and inclusive and tolerant culture.

QS Best Student Cities, 2017

ACG Pathways Campus

Discover Auckland with ACG



Contact details: International Centre, ACG Pathways Campus, 345 Queen St, Auckland

PO Box 6199, Wellesley St, Auckland 1141, New Zealand Tel: +64-9-307 5399 Email: admissions@acgedu.com

Location

The ACG Pathways Campus is conveniently located in Queen Street in the heart of Auckland city, a short walk from the University of Auckland. The central location means easy access to public transport, accommodation, shops, cafes and restaurants.

Facilities

ACG has teaching facilities of the highest quality, including spacious, air-conditioned and well-equipped classrooms, self-access and information facilities and computer laboratories. All students have free access to the internet and email.

Student services

Our staff are qualified people with an excellent attitude of service and support for the students. They are available to provide information and assistance to students and their parents. All students receive a full orientation programme on arrival to allow them to quickly settle into college life.

The deans, teachers, academic support staff and International Centre staff all work together to give each student encouragement, structure and support. Our staff organise banking, medical and travel insurance, visas and bus passes as required. Each student can be confident that help is readily available.

Accommodation

We organise accommodation with friendly homestay families who offer a clean and safe environment, support students outside of school time and contribute significantly to the development of cultural awareness. Students over 18 years of age and who prefer more independence may elect to stay at selected quality student apartments on a self-catering basis.

(45 weeks) Accommodation \$17,325 Lunch \$2,250 Transport \$1,350 Clothing \$1,500

Estimated living costs per year

Transport	\$1,350
Clothing	\$1,500
Entertainment	\$1,800
Insurance	\$500
Resource & examination fees (including IELTS exam)	\$1,285
Total	\$26,000

The above costs are in New Zealand dollars and are estimates only. Costs for individual students will depend on their own lifestyle.

Student stories

My name is Daria and I'm from Krasnodar, Russia.



When I finished school in my country I wanted to go to university overseas and study in English. My parents travelled to New Zealand and liked it so much they suggested I come here to study. Also, in comparison with other English-speaking countries, New Zealand is more affordable.

I chose New Zealand because it is safe and has a high quality of life. To live here is a good chance to learn about another culture and get a different perspective of my own life. When you are so far from your country, family and friends you begin to understand what you really want from life, what your dreams are and who you really are. Also, your thoughts, beliefs and attitudes change and your vision of the world expands.

Since I started studying at ACG, every day has been very interesting and I have learnt a lot about other countries and cultures. Sometimes it can be quite difficult to study and express yourself clearly in another language. Also, the study methods here are pretty different from the ones in my country so you have to learn to study in a new way, but the teachers are always there to help you. I also like the people with whom I'm studying. I've made some good friends here.

After I complete my foundation studies at ACG, I'm going to enter the University of Auckland to study medicinal chemistry or pharmacology.

My name is Mohamed Alansari and I'm from Bahrain.

Because of the differences in the schooling systems of New Zealand and Bahrain, I needed to do a foundation course to ensure I was prepared to pursue my tertiary education in this country.

I completed a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and education, followed by a Bachelor of Arts (1st Class Honours) in education, a Masters of Arts (1st Class Honours) in education, and now a PhD specialisation in social psychology of education.

I am now a research fellow at the Faculty of Education and Social Work within the University of Auckland. As part of my role, I give lectures on educational and social psychology, research methods, and improving outcomes for university students.

I'm a big dreamer. So I see myself in ten years' time taking on a challenging leadership role that allows me to have a greater impact on how we teach students and cater to their needs at all education levels.



Our names are Tam and Krystal and we are from Vietnam. We are twin sisters.



Tam

I really enjoy living and studying here. ACG Pathways Campus has such a good study environment. This is a place where you can develop speaking, listening and writing, and improve your social skills. The teaching methods are varied and flexible. Next year I'm going to do a Bachelor of Arts in TESOL* at the University of Auckland and after that I'm going to keep studying to get a masters degree in TESOL. After that I will go home and become a university English lecturer.

Krysto

ACG is where my future began. I love it here. I feel warmly welcomed, I am encouraged to keep moving forward and I feel safe and accepted here. Everyone is very helpful and I feel at home. Next year I will study a Bachelor of Arts in TESOL at the University of Auckland, just like Tam, to become an English lecturer, but I have other options too. Presently, I find economics quite interesting.

New Zealand is such a great choice. It's a safe place with many job opportunities and it's not far from my country. The people here are just so friendly. I loved New Zealanders the moment I came here.

*Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

University of Auckland entry requirements

These entry requirements are effective for students applying for entry to the University of Auckland in 2019.

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

Faculty	Programmes	Minimum entry marks from best 4 or 5 academic subjects	Minimum English	Semester intake	Additional requirements	Duration years
Faculty of Arts	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	220	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One and Semester Two		3
	Bachelor of Global Studies (BGlobalSt)	300	IELTS 6.5 overall, minimum 6.0 in each band.	Semester One and Semester Two		3
Business School	Bachelor of Commerce (BCom)	230	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One and Semester Two		3
	Bachelor of Property (BProp)	230	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One and Semester Two		3
Creative Arts and Industries	Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS)	320 (in 5 subjects) 280 (in 4 subjects	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One	By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a portfolio of creative work and written statement). ¹	3
	Bachelor of Dance Studies (BDanceSt)	220	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One	By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a CV, written statement and an audition/interview).¹	3
	Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)	220	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One	By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a portfolio of creative works and written statement). ¹	4
	Bachelor of Music (BMus) – Classical Performance, Jazz Performance and Popular Music	220	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One	By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of an audition portfolio). Details of the portfolio requirements are given in depth on the University website. ¹	3
	Bachelor of Music (BMus) – Composition, Musicology	220	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One	Composition: By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a composition portfolio). Musicology: By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a statement of musical background. Details are listed on the University website. ¹	3
	Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours) (BUrbPlan (Hons))	320 (in 5 subjects) 280 (in 4 subjects)	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One	By selection only. (Subject to the qualitative evaluation of a written statement). ¹	4
Faculty of Education and Social Work	Bachelor of Education (Teaching) (Bed (Tchg))	230	IELTS 7.0 overall, minimum 7.0 in each band.	Semester One	By selection only. (Subject to a satisfactory interview, police check, safety checks and referees' reports. You may also be required to sit literacy and numeracy assessment). ¹	3
	Bachelor of Sport, Health & Physical Education (BSportHPE)	230	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One		3
	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	230	IELTS 7.0 overall, minimum 7.0 in each band.	Semester One	By selection only.(Subject to a satisfactory police check, safety checks and referees' reports. Interviews may be required). ¹	4
Faculty of Engineering	Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (BE (Hons))	320 (in 5 subjects) 280 (in 4 subjects)	IELTS 6.5 overall, minimum 6.0 in each band.	Semester One; Semester Two by selection, subject to availability	Calculus and Physics.	4
Faculty of Law	Bachelor of Laws Part I (LLB (Part I))	Students must be offered a place in another bachelor's degree. Entry will be based on entry requirements for the other bachelor's degree.	Must meet minimum English requirements for other bachelor's degree.	Semester One and Semester Two	Students will be selected into Part II on the basis of their results in Part I.	4



Faculty	Programmes	Minimum entry marks from best 4 or 5 academic subjects	Minimum English	Semester intake	Additional requirements	Duration years
Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences	Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc)	270	IELTS 6.5 overall, minimum 6.0 in each band.	Semester One only if seeking pathway to MBChB, otherwise Semester Two also.	One science subject. ²	3
	Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB)	No direct entry		Semester One	No direct entry. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the BSc (Biomedical Science) or BHSc programme, UMAT score and an interview. ¹	6 ³
	Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs)	270	IELTS 6.5 overall, minimum 6.0 in each band.	Semester One	One of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Limited numbers of places available. Selection by interview. ¹	3
	Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom)	No direct entry		Semester One	No direct entry. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the BSc (Biomedical Science) programme, and an interview. ¹	54
	Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm)	No direct entry		Semester One	No direct entry. Applicants will be selected on the basis of first year results in the BSc or BHSc programmes, and an interview. ¹	4 ⁵
Faculty of Science	Bachelor of Science (BSc) - Biomedical Science	270	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One	One science subject. ²	3
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) - Food Science & Nutrition	270	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One, Semester Two subject to availability	One science subject. ²	3
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) — Exercise Sciences	270	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One, Semester Two subject to availability	Biology.	3
	Bachelor of Science (BSc) - other majors	220	English B grade minimum or IELTS 6.0 overall with no band below 5.5.	Semester One, Semester Two subject to availability	One science subject. ² Psychology major subject to the availability of places.	3
Conjoint Degree Programmes	Conjoint Degrees (without Engineering)	300	Must meet minimum English requirements for both degrees.	Dependent on faculty	See the additional requirements listed for both degree programmes.	4+6
	Conjoint Degrees (with Engineering)	360 (in 5 subjects) 320 (in 4 subjects)	Must meet minimum English requirements for both degrees.	Dependent on faculty	Calculus and Physics. See the additional requirements listed for both degree programmes.	5+ ⁶

To qualify for the University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies, students must pass a minimum of four academic subjects (40% is a pass) and achieve a B Grade or higher in EAP or an IELTS level of at least 6.0 overall. 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 EAP or an IELTS level of at least 6.0 overall with no band less than 5.5.

Notes

- 1. Faculties with programmes that specify 'Selection' have additional entry requirements 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. One year BSc (Biomedical Science) or BHSc, plus five additional years in the MBChB programme if admission is gained.
- 4. One year BSc (Biomedical Science), plus four additional years in the BOptom programme if admission is gained.
- $5. \ \, \text{One year BSc or BHSc, plus three additional years in the BPharm programme if admission is gained}.$
- 6. Duration of conjoint programmes varies.

The above information is correct as at November 2017, and is subject to change.

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ACG and its colleges have agreed to observe and be bound by the New Zealand Government's Education (Pastoral Care for International Students) Code of Practice 2016. Copies of the Code are available on request from this institution or from the New Zealand Qualifications Authority website at nzqa/the-code.

IMMIGRATION: Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through Immigration New Zealand, 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 November 2017, 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.







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