

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

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O TE ŪPOKO O TE IKA A MĀUI



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 two percent of the world's 18,000 universities and are in the top one percent in a number of subject areas. Victoria Business School is among an elite global group of around 75 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 Pathways. 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 more than 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 Pathways.

Professor Grant Guilford

VICE-CHANCELLOR, VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON



NEW ZEALAND'S
TOP UNIVERSITY
FOR RESEARCH
QUALITY

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

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

- Has internationally recognised courses and degrees, ranked in the top one percent of the world's universities in 14 subject areas²
- 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 more than 3,000 international students
- Is a leading international research centre – this research is integrated into our teaching programmes.

FACULTIES:

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

1. 2013 Performance-Based Research Fund

2. QS World Rankings by Subject, 2017

3. 2017 Mercer Quality of Living Survey:
imercer.com/content/mobility/quality-of-living-city-ranking

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 living.³
- 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 ranked 2nd on the Global Peace Index 2017 for the most peaceful nation on Earth.
- 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.





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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.

Free iPads

When you enrol in a university foundation studies programme at ACG Pathways 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students in the Victoria Foundation Studies Programme with high academic grades and excellent attendance, who show qualities of leadership, commitment, respect and self-discipline, are invited to apply for a NZ\$5,000 scholarship towards the tuition fees in the first year of their undergraduate degree at Victoria. An interview panel awards a maximum of one scholarship per term.

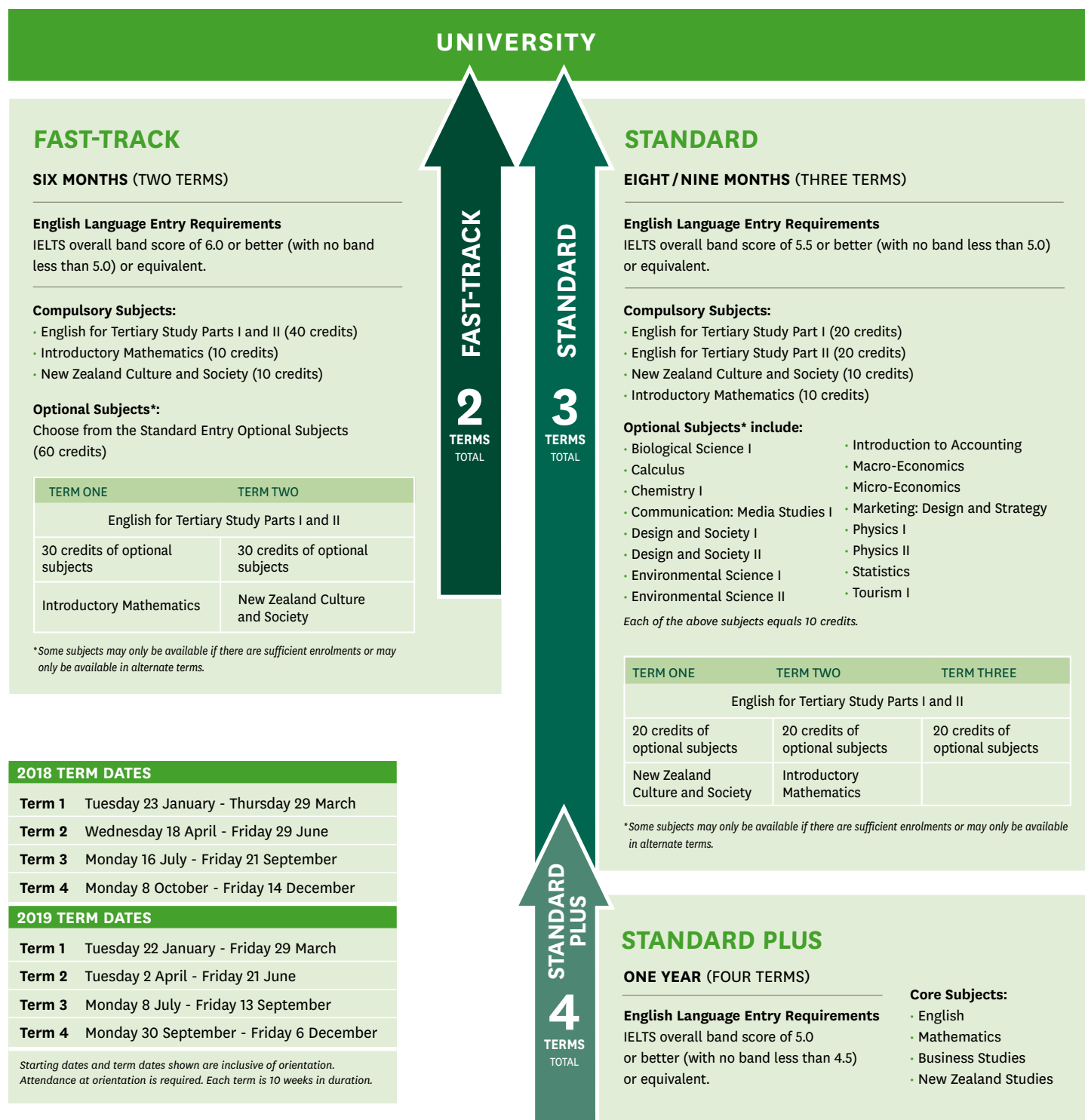


Hello, I am Ji. I'm from China and I have been here in Wellington for five months.

I really enjoy living and studying here. I decided to study at ACG to improve my English and learn more about New Zealand, and lay the foundation for university. Our teachers here are very conscientious. They always help us when we have a question or a problem. We have great facilities, with specialised learning classrooms and self-study rooms. I also love to participate in the intellectual games we have here to practise my English. After my studies at ACG I will be studying a Bachelor of Tourism Management at Victoria University of Wellington.

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FOUNDATION PROGRAMME COURSE OPTIONS



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 (NCEA Level 2) in NZ
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 16. 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.



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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 2018/2019.

PROGRAMMES	MINIMUM UNIVERSITY ENTRY MARKS (out of 600) for six Academic Papers	TRIMESTER INTAKE	MINIMUM DURATION Years	MINIMUM ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Bachelor of Architectural Studies	300	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	300	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	300	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Building Science	300	Trimester One	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Commerce*	300	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Design Innovation	300	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	300	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)	300	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.
Bachelor of Health	300	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Laws	300	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	300	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	300	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	
Bachelor of Tourism Management	300	Trimester One and Trimester Two	3	50% in English for Tertiary Study Part I and II	

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.

*Study in Trimester 3 may be possible for specific programmes, depending on course availability.



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:

- Communication Design
- Design for Social Innovation
- Industrial Design
- Interaction 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
- Software Engineering

Bachelor of Science in:

- Computer Graphics
- Computer Science
- Electronic and Computer Systems

FACULTY OF HEALTH

Bachelor of Health in:

- Population Health, Policy and Service Delivery
- Health Promotion
- Health Psychology
- Health Informatics
- Health Software Development

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
- Jazz
- Music Studies

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.

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.



Victoria Business School.

The academic year

Victoria'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.

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 led 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 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

Victoria offers two extracurricular leadership programmes designed to enhance degree study and employability: Victoria International Leadership Programme and Victoria Plus.

Challenge yourself, develop confidence and gain valuable learning. Victoria's extracurricular awards recognise outstanding achievement.

▶ www.victoria.ac.nz/vilp

▶ www.victoria.ac.nz/victoriaplus

ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

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Bachelor's degree 3 years¹

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6 months (2 terms) to 12 months (4 terms)

YEAR/GRADE 11/12

or equivalent

1. There are also four-year Bachelor's degrees offered, such as the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (BE[Hons]).



Victoria has more than 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 access to Victoria University of Wellington's support services and facilities.* Support services include: Student Health, Student Counselling, Financial Support and Advice, and Disability Support. 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 or 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, and examination fees (including IELTS exam)	1,135
University student service levy	730.50
Total	21,190.50
The above costs are estimates only. Costs for individual students will depend on their own lifestyle.	

**A university student service levy applies.*





ACG EDUCATION



OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES WITH PROVEN QUALITY AND RESULTS.

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

ACG COMPRISES:

English

- **ACG English School** - One of New Zealand's leading language schools, offering Intensive English.
- **The Campbell Institute** - A Category 1 English language school with campuses in Wellington and in Auckland, offering a wide range of programmes, including General English, IELTS and Cambridge Exam Preparation, Business English, Demi-Pair, Internships and more.

University Pathways

- **Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Studies Programme**
- **The University of Auckland Certificate in Foundation Studies**
- **AUT University Certificate in Foundation Studies**

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.
- **Penguins Early Learning Centre** - Located in Howick, Auckland, Penguins provides a place where imagination and the environment lead to discovery for learners aged 0 to 5.

Vocational Colleges and Higher Education

- **NZMA**
- **NSIA**
- **Academy New Zealand**
- **New Zealand College of Massage**
- **New Zealand Institute of Sport**
- **New Zealand School of Tourism**
- **Cut Above Academy**
- **Elite International School of Beauty & Spa Therapies**
- **Yoobee School of Design**
- **Ames - The Institute of IT**
- **Animation College**
- **South Seas Film & Television School**

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





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CODE OF PRACTICE

ACG 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. You can read about the Code and ACG Education's obligations to you at www.nzqa.govt.nz/the-code

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