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## WELCOME / KIA ORA

Studying abroad, even for a short time, provides an insight into another way of life, and contributes to greater cultural understanding. The opportunity to expand your horizons, as well as gain an excellent academic experience at the University of Otago, is one I encourage you to take. I was fortunate enough to spend the last year of my high school education on exchange in Japan, and it was an experience that has had a lifelong impact, both personally and professionally.

As well as providing a high quality education, the University of Otago is located in one of the most scenic parts of the world and Dunedin offers a student lifestyle unlike any other city in Australasia. Founded in 1869, the University of Otago is an integral part of the local community, and we value the contribution students from other countries make to the cultural diversity of both the campus and the city.

I challenge you to take up the opportunity to learn more about the internationally renowned "Otago Experience", and look forward to welcoming you to Dunedin and the University of Otago.



**PROFESSOR SARAH TODD**  
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## UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

### AN INTRODUCTION

Studying abroad provides an opportunity to learn about other cultures and to develop the international perspective essential for graduates today. If you decide to study at the University of Otago you will enjoy a unique educational environment. The University of Otago is New Zealand's most research-intensive university and is this country's top-ranked university for research quality. Otago also enjoys an international reputation for the quality of its teaching and is a world leader in many academic fields. Students from around the world rate Otago's reputation and the quality of its study environment as its strongest attractions.

### INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

The University of Otago is strongly committed to international education and has collaborative teaching, research and exchange agreements with major institutions in Asia, South America, the United States, Canada and Europe (see page 20).

Otago offers a rich cultural life, reflecting a diverse international student community and New Zealand's own multicultural population. From its original Scottish foundations, the University now embraces its Pacific heritage. It is engaged in a mutually-beneficial partnership with Māori, particularly with the local iwi (tribe), Ngāi Tahu. However, just as it is proactive in meeting the needs of the New Zealand people, the University of Otago welcomes the world. In 2011 the University hosted 2700 international students from more than 90 countries enrolled in a wide range of courses at all levels of study. We have included some of their experiences throughout this guide.

### A UNIVERSITY IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Education is Dunedin's largest industry with the University of Otago playing a vital role. Of Dunedin's population of 122,000 twenty per cent are students. The campus is in the centre of the city and, as a result, much of Dunedin's commerce, music, entertainment and sport has evolved around its student culture. Dunedin offers students the best of both worlds. It has the variety of facilities and entertainment of larger cities, but is small enough to be friendly, uncrowded and safe. International students find this city as welcoming as the University itself and appreciate the short time it takes to feel comfortable and at home.

### A UNIQUE STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Located on the edge of the Dunedin Botanic Garden, the Otago campus is very beautiful. The Water of Leith winds its way past the majestic stone Clocktower, a visible reminder of the University's history and tradition of learning, the state-of-the-art Centre for Innovation and the many character villas which house much of Otago's student population.

Almost all Otago students live within walking distance of the University campus and key facilities such as lecture theatres, libraries and computer resource rooms. The majority of students live in rented flats, which are apartments or houses, usually shared by four or five students.

Flating is an important part of Otago's unique student lifestyle. It offers students both independence and responsibility. Living so close to campus, students feel a real sense of community and a sense of belonging in a very pleasant and supportive environment. (For more information on accommodation see page 13.)

### MATARIKI NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES

The University of Otago is a founding member of the Matariki Network of Universities (MNU), a select international group of outstanding universities, with each member amongst the oldest and foremost places of learning in its respective country. The MNU has been established to enable the universities to enhance diversity, to share ideas, expertise and international best practice, recognising a shared commitment to an ethos of excellence in research, scholarship and rounded education. Other members of MNU include Dartmouth College (USA), Durham University (England), Queen's University (Canada), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany), The University of Western Australia and Uppsala Universitet (Sweden).

[www.matarikinetwork.com](http://www.matarikinetwork.com)

Ask Ashley Davidson to describe her experience as a Study Abroad student at Otago and she will sum it up in two words: "Life changing".

Ashley leapt at the opportunity to take part in a Study Abroad programme to the University of Otago for a number of reasons. As a Sports Medicine student, she was confident about the strong international reputation of the University's Divisions of Sciences and Health Sciences. As an outdoor enthusiast, she was keen on exploring New Zealand's famous natural environment. And finally, as someone with a strong attachment to her Scottish heritage, she was attracted

to the city of Dunedin, also known as "the Edinburgh of the South".

What she hadn't expected was how quickly she would feel right at home in her new environment. "There's always the possibility of culture shock when you travel to a new place," she says, "and my culture shock didn't last longer than a day. That was because of how warm and welcoming the people are. I made a lot of friends very quickly and the staff at the University really make time to meet with students."

Ashley's main area of academic interest is exercise and sports medicine, a field in which much exciting work is being done at

Otago. She describes one of the University's strengths as its teaching staff, who deliver course material in a way that is "engaging and exciting".

"All of my professors are highly enthusiastic, and the lab work is very hands-on and a lot of fun," she says.

Ashley has only one complaint about her Otago experience – six months was not long enough. Fortunately she has found a solution to this problem; she is planning to return for her master's study once her undergraduate degree is complete.



## ASHLEY DAVIDSON

ALMA COLLEGE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



You could be forgiven for thinking that life in New Zealand might seem rather quiet for someone hailing from the bustling metropolis of Barcelona. Think again, says Ferran Cáceres.

"The excitement here never stops!" says the Spanish Business Administration student, who is spending six months on exchange at the University of Otago. "The great thing about Otago is that the whole culture revolves around student life. Everybody lives close to the campus, and there are so many activities on offer."

Ferran had heard about Otago's unique campus atmosphere, and along with the opportunity to perfect his English language

skills and spend time at an internationally recognised, EQUIS-accredited Business School, this convinced him that Dunedin was the ideal location for a student exchange.

He hasn't regretted his decision. "The Business programme here is very strong," he says. "There is a lot of emphasis on doing the kinds of hands-on work that you will be doing in real-world employment situations, and the relationship between staff and students is great, with professors always putting in the extra effort to be there whenever you need them."

And once classes are over for the day, Ferran says there is so much to do and explore that

"there could never be enough time to see it all". He is trying his hardest to do just that, however. As a member of the University of Otago Tramping Club he has seen more of New Zealand's diverse natural environment and unique wildlife in six months than many New Zealanders will see in their lifetime.

He believes that making the most of life at Otago is as simple as getting as involved as possible in the many social and recreational activities on offer. "Otago is not just a cluster of buildings where people attend their classes," he says. "It's so much more than that."



**FERRAN CÁCERES**

ESADE  
SPAIN

## STUDY ABROAD AND EXCHANGE

Study Abroad provides the opportunity for students to enrol for the Summer School and/or one or two semesters on an independent basis or as part of a Study Abroad programme organised by the home institution or a sending organisation.

Student Exchange provides the opportunity for students to enrol for the Summer School and/or one or two semesters as part of a bilateral Student Exchange agreement existing between the University of Otago and overseas universities (see the list of exchange partners on page 20).

Study Abroad or Exchange students are able to choose from a broad range of subjects across the areas of Business, Health Sciences, Humanities and Sciences.

### SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

#### BUSINESS

Accounting  
Economics  
Finance  
Information Science  
Management  
Marketing  
Tourism

#### HEALTH SCIENCES

Anatomy and Structural Biology  
Biochemistry  
Bioethics  
Forensic Biology  
Genetics  
Health Studies  
Human Body Systems  
Microbiology  
Pathology  
Pharmacology  
Physiology

#### HUMANITIES

Anthropology  
Arabic  
Art History and Theory  
Asian Studies  
Biblical Studies  
Biological Anthropology  
Chinese

Christian Thought and History  
Classics  
Education  
English  
European Studies  
French  
Gender Studies  
German  
Greek  
Hebrew  
History  
Japanese  
Latin  
Law  
Linguistics  
Māori Studies  
Media, Film and Communication  
Music  
New Zealand Studies  
Pacific Islands Studies  
Performing Arts Studies  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Portuguese  
Religious Studies  
Social and Community Work  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Theatre Studies  
Theology

#### SCIENCES

Biology  
Botany  
Chemistry  
Clothing and Textile Sciences  
Computer Science  
Dance Studies  
Earth and Ocean Science  
Ecology  
Electronics  
Energy Management  
Energy Studies  
Environment and Society  
Food Science  
Geography  
Geology  
Human Nutrition  
Information Science  
Marine Science  
Mathematics  
Nautical Studies  
Neuroscience  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Physiology  
Plant Biotechnology  
Psychology  
Statistics  
Surveying  
Telecommunications  
Zoology

The subject listings above demonstrate the range of course offerings at Otago. As well as continuing study in your major subject, Otago offers the opportunity to undertake focused New Zealand and Pacific studies, specific study to complement pre-professional studies, Summer School, fieldwork and research possibilities.



## NEW ZEALAND AND PACIFIC STUDIES

New Zealand-focused study opportunities are available in many subject areas. Otago offers many courses which provide the opportunity to learn about the society and culture, language and history of the indigenous peoples of New Zealand and Polynesia. Enrolment in one or more papers with New Zealand focus will be an excellent complement to the Study Abroad experience.

### EXAMPLES

ANTH 204 Pacific and New Zealand Archaeology  
 ARTH 217 New Zealand Art in the Twentieth Century  
 BTNY 223 New Zealand Plant Ecology  
 ECON 301 Labour Economics  
 EDUC 251 Education in New Zealand: Policy and Treaty Issues  
 ENGL 242 New Zealand Literature: Nation and Narration  
 ENVI 211 Environmental History of New Zealand  
 FOSS 212 Food and Cultural Perspectives  
 GEND 101 Gender  
 HIST 105 ANZAC and Its Legacy: New Zealand and the First World War  
 HIST 207 Early Australia and New Zealand  
 HIST 308 New Zealand Society and Religion  
 MAOR 102 Māori Society  
 MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori  
 MFCO 216 New Zealand Cinema  
 PACI 101 Pacific Societies  
 POLS 102 New Zealand Politics – Introduction  
 POLS 213 New Zealand Foreign Policy  
 SOCI 101 Sociology of New Zealand Society  
 SOWK 111 Working with People: The New Zealand Context  
 TOUR 306 Ecotourism and Sustainable Development

## FIELDWORK AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Otago's southern New Zealand location, in close proximity to wildlife, marine and geological areas of research interest, enables University departments to make the most of the natural laboratory on their doorstep. New Zealand-specific content and exploratory field trips are common components to many science courses in, for example, Botany, Ecology, Geography, Geology and Marine Science. In addition, a number of papers offered at Otago provide the opportunity to undertake a small, independent research project.

### EXAMPLES

BTNY 325 Terrestrial and Marine Ecophysiology  
 CLTE 306 Project in Clothing and Textile Sciences  
 EAOS 111 Earth and Ocean Sciences  
 ECOL 111 Ecology and Conservation of Diversity  
 ECOL 313 Ecology Field Course  
 GEOL 112 Dynamic Earth: A New Zealand Perspective  
 GEOL 252 Field Studies and New Zealand Geology  
 MARI 201 The Marine Environment  
 PERF 301 Performance Project  
 PHSE 380 Independent Study (Physical Education)  
 ZOOL 318 Freshwater Ecology



## SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School (January to mid-February) provides an opportunity for students to study one or two papers for credit over a shorter teaching period and outside the standard semester timetable. Although the availability of papers is more limited than for the standard semesters, the Summer School can be easily combined with study for the first semester (mid-February – June).

### EXAMPLES

ARTH 218 Special Topic: Pop Art, Fashion and Consumer Culture  
 BIOA 201 Introduction to Biological Anthropology  
 BSNS105 Management and Organisations  
 CHIN 131 Introductory Chinese I  
 CLAS 240 The Classical World in the Movies  
 COMP 113 Social Media and Online Communities  
 COSC 360 Computer Game Design  
 ENGL 351 Special Topic: The Jane Austen Phenomenon  
 FORB 201 Special Topic in Forensic Biology  
 HUNT 233 Nutrition and Health: Concepts and Controversies  
 MAOR 110 Introduction to Conversational Māori  
 MANT 337 Organisational Theory: Organisations and Sustainability  
 MFCO 112 Reality TV and Lifestyle Culture  
 MUSI 259 Special Topic: Practical Conducting  
 NAUT 101 Nautical Studies I  
 PACI 210 Special Topic: Representation of the Pacific Islands through Media and Film  
 PHSI 170 Sun, Earth and Universe  
 POLS 331 Special Topic: US Intelligence and National Security  
 RELS 202 The Religions of Southeast Asia  
 TOUR 214 Introduction to Wine Business  
 TOUR 306 Ecotourism and Sustainable Development

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRE-PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

The University of Otago recognises the particular needs of students pursuing pre-professional studies for Medicine, Business or Law at their home universities. Study Abroad at Otago offers a selection of courses relevant to intended professional programmes' study.

### EXAMPLES

ACCT 211 Financial Accounting and Reporting  
 ANAT 250 Functional Anatomy  
 BIOC 221 Molecular Biology  
 CHEM 191 The Chemical Basis of Biology and Human Health  
 FINC 201 Fundamentals of Corporate Finance  
 FORS 201 Analytical and Forensic Science  
 GENE 221 Molecular and Microbial Genetics  
 HEAL 192 Foundations of Epidemiology  
 HEAL 203 Health Policy and Politics  
 HUBS 191 Human Body Systems I  
 LAWS 101 The Legal System  
 MICR 221 Microbes to Medicine  
 PHAL 211 Introductory Pharmacology  
 PHSL 231 Neurophysiology  
 PSYC 318 Developmental Psychology

Lysa Morishita is determined to make every day count while she is studying in New Zealand.

The Canadian Geological Engineering student says that New Zealand's reputation for natural beauty and outdoor recreation were the most important drawcards for her when she was deciding where to study abroad. Now she is experiencing the best of both worlds – studying in a city famous for its student-oriented culture and travelling on weekends and holidays around a country famous for its natural environment.

"I joined the University's kayaking club when I arrived, which opened a lot of doors in terms of being able to get out and see the most beautiful parts of the South Island," Lysa says. "At the same time, there are so many things to experience in Otago itself. I've been kayaking, tramping, rock-climbing at Long Beach and even spent a night dancing at a rave in a cave."

In addition to her outdoor exploits, Lysa will return home with an intimate knowledge of local culture, having spent a semester studying New Zealand's indigenous Māori society and culture alongside her Geology papers. "This is a great opportunity to study something you can't learn anywhere else in the world," she says.

The University of Otago is the physical, economic and cultural centre of Dunedin, something that Lysa says had a positive effect on everything from the ease with which she was able to make new friends to the short distance she had to travel to and from the University each day.

She cites the beauty of the campus itself and the "refreshing" relationship between staff and students as particular strengths of the University. "But the real highlight of the trip has been the people I've met," she says. "New Zealanders are extraordinarily nice and welcoming. I'd recommend the experience to anyone."



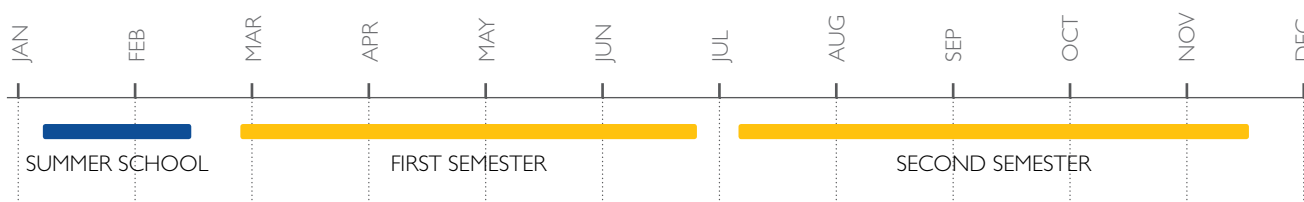
**LYSA MORISHITA**  
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY  
CANADA



## ACADEMIC TERMINOLOGY

### ACADEMIC YEAR

The University's academic year is divided into two semesters. In addition, the University runs a six-week Summer School.



### THE OTAGO DEGREE

New Zealand universities generally follow the British model of three-year undergraduate degrees. The Otago bachelor's degree builds towards a "major" in the third year with an increasing level of specialisation and difficulty. Study Abroad and Exchange students can choose from a wide range of undergraduate subjects.

### PAPERS

The building blocks of the degree are called papers. A paper is a fixed course of work in certain aspects of a subject. Introductory papers are called 100-level papers, then you move on in subsequent years or semesters to 200-level and 300-level papers. Most 400-level papers are at the postgraduate level.

### POINTS

Most papers are single-semester papers and are worth 18 points.

### PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

Most papers beyond 100-level have particular prerequisites. If you have not completed the equivalent of a prerequisite for a certain paper at your home institution you are not permitted to enrol in that paper. Some papers also have what are called corequisites. If you have not already passed the equivalent of the corequisite, you must take it alongside the other paper.

### WORKLOAD

A full-time course is generally 54-72 points in any one semester or 108-144 points in any one year. As an approximate guide, you can expect to spend about 12 hours per week per one single-semester paper (18 points). These hours are made up of a combination of lectures, tutorials, laboratories, assignments and reading.

A maximum of two 18-point papers can be enrolled in for Summer School.

18 Otago points are worth approximately 9 ECTS and 3-5 US credits.

### TEACHING

The basic method of presenting subject information in undergraduate papers is the lecture, although many departments use a variety of flexible approaches. Lectures normally last 50 minutes. Lectures are only a basic means of introducing new knowledge. You must back them up with your own reading. You will also take part in laboratories or tutorials, which are teaching and discussion classes of 12-20 students where more individual attention is available. You will also find you are in regular contact with tutors, other academic staff and other students by email and online discussion groups.

### ASSESSMENT

Courses are assessed in a variety of ways. Examination "finals" are usually the most important. Each paper normally has a two- or three-hour final examination. Finals are held at the end of each semester. Most subjects also have shorter tests during the semesters. Written assignments and laboratory work also usually count towards the final grade. Ongoing internal assessment is a feature of most Otago papers.

## APPLICATION

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

You may commence study at the beginning of either the first semester (February-June), the second semester (July-November), or the Summer School (January-February). The deadlines for application are:

First semester	1 December
Second semester	30 April
Summer School	31 October

Early applications are encouraged.

### ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for Study Abroad or Exchange, you usually must have:

- *completed at least one year of study at an accredited tertiary institution (USA students are expected to be in their junior year)*
- *current enrolment at an accredited tertiary institution*
- *a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 minimum (USA/ Canada), or have "credit", "good", or above average results.*

Study Abroad students who do not meet all of the above criteria, but wish to study for one or two semesters, are welcome to make an application. We will confirm your eligibility for Study Abroad.

If you are participating as part of the Exchange programme, you will require nomination by the Study Abroad/International Office at your institution which has a formal agreement with the University of Otago.

In addition to the requirements above, if you wish to gain entry to higher level undergraduate classes at Otago, you will need to have completed relevant academic prerequisites at your home institution.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All courses at the University of Otago are taught and examined in English. If your first language is not English you must provide evidence of a satisfactory level of English language proficiency. Evidence of English language proficiency may be satisfied by one of the following:

- *IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.0 in the academic module (no individual band below 6.0)*
- *internet-based TOEFL score of 80 (minimum writing score of 20).*

If your English proficiency does not meet the required standard you may take pre-session courses in English at the University of Otago Language Centre (UOLC). The UOLC offers courses in General English and English for Academic Purposes.

For further information please email the University of Otago Language Centre, uolcfy@otago.ac.nz or browse the website, [www.otago.ac.nz/uolcfy](http://www.otago.ac.nz/uolcfy)

### HOW TO APPLY

To be considered for placement, you must complete and return the Study Abroad or Exchange application form to the International Office of the University. The application form must be accompanied by the following:

- *original or certified copies of all previous tertiary level studies undertaken (a full academic transcript showing all subjects attempted, including failures, marks, or grades)*
- *evidence of English language proficiency*
- *subject content for courses taken.*

All documents should be certified/notarised by an authorised authority such as principal, registrar, notary public, justice of the peace or attorney. The University will also accept documents that have been certified/notarised by staff of Study Abroad/Student Exchange offices.

### SELECTING PAPERS

Please note the following when you are choosing suitable papers:

- *54-72 points per semester can be regarded as an average or normal course load. 54 points is the minimum course load to maintain full-time status for one semester. 18 points is the minimum course load to maintain full-time status for the Summer School*
- *papers at 100-level are generally introductory papers; papers at 200-300-levels usually require the fulfilment of academic prerequisites at your home institution*
- *papers numbered above 300-level are normally postgraduate papers; you will need to have an advanced background in relevant subjects to be accepted for these papers*
- *normally, you will not be permitted to take papers from the following degree schedules – Dentistry, Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy*
- *select more papers than you need to take in case you do not meet the prerequisites for some papers, or in case there are timetable clashes; if you are applying for two semesters of study, you will need to select papers for both semesters*
- *a number of papers are listed as full year; you may enrol for these papers only if you intend to study for two semesters beginning in the first semester (February)*
- *normally, there is no restriction on class size for any paper offered for the first or second semesters. However, restricted enrolment may apply for Summer School papers*
- *you can alter your paper selections once you arrive at Otago and after consulting with a course adviser.*

### OFFER OF PLACE/ACCEPTANCE

All applications will be acknowledged and assessed for eligibility. You can expect to hear the result of your application within four weeks of the receipt of application.

Successful applicants will be sent an offer of admission with details of acceptance procedures.





## UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

### CARING FOR OUR STUDENTS

The International Office is a focal point for international students at Otago. The Office provides information, support and advice to future and current international students and to students wishing to study overseas on exchange programmes. It runs on-campus orientation programmes for new international students, operates the student mentor programme and Language Match, and offers a visa renewal service and assistance with insurance.

All enquiries from prospective students about application and admission should be directed to the International Office.

[www.otago.ac.nz/international](http://www.otago.ac.nz/international)

### ENROLMENT

When you arrive in Dunedin, University staff will guide you through the enrolment process. Course approval sessions are held before the beginning of each semester. Academic advisers will be available at these sessions to help you confirm your course of study.

### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation advisers will assist with placement in an appropriate accommodation option and ensure that you are fully informed of all costs and contractual obligations. Further information about accommodation and application is available on page 13.

## STUDENT SERVICES AND FACILITIES

As well as the specialised, individual support provided by the International Office, the University offers a comprehensive range of student services.

### STUDENT LEARNING CENTRE

The Student Learning Centre provides a free and confidential academic support service to all students at all levels of study. Study skills workshops are held regularly throughout the year and individual assistance on any matter relating to study is available.

[www.otago.ac.nz/slc](http://www.otago.ac.nz/slc)

### DISABILITY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

DI&S provides learning support, advice, advocacy and information to students with permanent, recurring or temporary impairments.

DI&S offers support to international students. However, as with any other student enrolling at the University, it is important that you check in advance to ensure that the University is able to meet your specific requirements. You need to be sure that the University can provide you with the type and level of support you are used to. As there may be costs associated with some support services, it is important that you are aware of these before you commit to studying at Otago. Please contact us as early as possible if you are planning to study at the University.

[www.otago.ac.nz/disabilities](http://www.otago.ac.nz/disabilities)

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS)

Computers and internet-based service systems are used in most teaching programmes throughout the University, with ITS staff providing the first line of support. All students are automatically given a username and email address on enrolment which gives them access to these systems. Computer resource rooms are located around the Dunedin campus and several are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Help and training in the use of the Student Computing System is provided by the Student Computing Services section of ITS. Wireless internet access is available at selected campus locations, including all libraries on campus.

### LIBRARIES

There are several branches of the University Library, all fully computerised with online search facilities. Five are specialised: the Law, Education, Medical and Dental, Science and Hocken libraries. The Hocken Library houses many of New Zealand's rare historical publications, records, pictures and photographs. The Central Library, which primarily houses Humanities and Commerce material, is in the University's multi-award-winning Information Services Building. Its world-class architecture attracts praise from within New Zealand and internationally. Most importantly, students enjoy spending time there – studying, reading or meeting other students and staff.

[www.otago.ac.nz/library](http://www.otago.ac.nz/library)

### RECREATION SERVICES

Sport, recreation and having fun are a big part of the Otago lifestyle. Recreation Services offers a comprehensive range of recreational facilities, activities and services on- and off-campus. At the Unipol Recreation Centre you can find out about the many activities, courses and tours available – from crafts and leisure activities to social sports and outdoor pursuits. Sport and recreation equipment is available for hire. The Unipol Recreation Centre also offers weight training and cardio rooms, fitness classes and gym space for basketball, table tennis and more.

In addition, the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) runs a Clubs and Societies Centre, covering over 100 different cultural, sporting, political and religious interests. OUSA also owns a yacht club, squash courts and an Aquatic Centre for University rowers, windsurfers and kayakers.

[www.otago.ac.nz/recreation](http://www.otago.ac.nz/recreation)  
[www.unipol.co.nz](http://www.unipol.co.nz)  
[www.ousa.org.nz](http://www.ousa.org.nz)

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Student Health Services is situated on campus and provides medical, nursing, counselling and psychiatric advice and treatment for all international students enrolled at the University of Otago. International students are required to pay for their consultation and claim reimbursement from their insurance provider.

[www.otago.ac.nz/studenthealth](http://www.otago.ac.nz/studenthealth)

### STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) runs an orientation programme at the start of the academic year. It also organises many social and sporting events, produces a weekly student newspaper and operates a radio station. The association also offers services to students needing friendly advice, assistance and/or representation concerning academic issues or, in fact, any problems you may be experiencing while you're studying at Otago. Currently, every student automatically becomes a member of the association. This gives access to a large range of facilities: the cafes, gymnasium, Clubs and Societies Centre, social events, etc.

[www.ousa.org.nz](http://www.ousa.org.nz)

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE

Students elect an International Students' Representative each year. His/her role is to act as a link between international students, the University and OUSA.



## ACCOMMODATION

### FLATTING

The majority of Study Abroad and Exchange students stay in rented accommodation, which they share with other students. In New Zealand we call this “flattening”. Flats in Dunedin are plentiful and most are within walking distance of both the University campus and the city centre. Flattening is an important part of the University lifestyle; it offers responsibility, freedom and also the chance to live and mix with “Kiwi” students.

### UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO FLATS

University of Otago flats are ideal for students staying for one semester. These flats normally have a New Zealand host student. The flats are fully-furnished and close to the campus. Electricity, telephone and food costs are shared by the tenants. There are also some flats that have been modified for students with disabilities. Tenancies are usually for 24 weeks for each semester of study. While the University endeavours to place you in a flat with at least one New Zealand “kiwi host”, most of your flatmates will be international students. For more information please refer to: [www.otago.ac.nz/uniflats](http://www.otago.ac.nz/uniflats)

### BOOKING ACCOMMODATION

Places in all of the University-managed accommodation options require a completed application form. We recommend that this is completed online through the University website [www.otago.ac.nz](http://www.otago.ac.nz) Admission to University-managed accommodation is usually restricted to applicants undertaking full-time study at the University of Otago.

### TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

If you plan to arrive before your permanent accommodation is available, it is important that you organise temporary accommodation in advance for when you first arrive in Dunedin.

The Accommodation Office provides a list of options including backpackers, “bed and breakfasts” and motels that are close to the University.

### ACCOMMODATION OFFICE SERVICES:

- *list of flats and houses, vacant rooms in flats*
- *list of temporary accommodation*
- *sample budgets for flat living*
- *free maps of campus and Dunedin areas*
- *checklists for flat finders*
- *flattening agreements*
- *assistance in finding family accommodation*
- *advice on your rights and responsibilities as a tenant*
- *advice on standards and prices.*

For further information please refer to the Accommodation Office website [www.otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation](http://www.otago.ac.nz/about/accommodation)

### RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

In special circumstances some of our Residential Colleges do consider single-semester student applications if they have places available. If you have any questions about this, please contact the Accommodation Office: [international.accommodation@otago.ac.nz](mailto:international.accommodation@otago.ac.nz)



## NEW ZEALAND / AOTEAROA

Comparable in physical size to Japan or Great Britain, New Zealand has a population of over four million people, making it one of the least crowded countries in the world. It is a land of great natural beauty, and it is also one of the world's most exciting adventure playgrounds.

New Zealand / Aotearoa was originally settled by the Māori about 1,000 years ago, followed by waves of European immigration during the past two centuries. Today the country maintains a diverse and dynamic multicultural emphasis, enhanced by the growing number of people from the Pacific Islands and Asia who have also made New Zealand their home in recent years.

New Zealanders are friendly people who, in spite of (or perhaps because of) the country's geographical location and relatively small population, have earned a reputation for being both enterprising and innovative. They welcome international visitors and have a wide range of interests, from the arts to outdoor and sporting pursuits. New Zealanders love their sport and are good at it. Swimming, walking,

biking, hiking, boating and fishing are all easily accessible as are many sporting codes such as rugby, soccer, tennis, netball, basketball, golf, squash and hockey. Those who are more adventurous enjoy surfing, white-water rafting, jet boating and bungee jumping, while in the winter months the country's many ski fields attract skiers and snowboarders from across New Zealand and afar.

The New Zealand economy is broadly-based. It is a major exporter of primary products with manufacturing, information technology, biological and medical research, education and tourism also playing vital economic roles. There is a growing focus on ecotourism ventures, the wine industry, fashion design and a flourishing film industry that is gaining wide international recognition. The New Zealand dollar is a stable currency offering visitors a favourable exchange rate. All goods and services are subject to a 15 per cent goods and services tax (included in the display price) and all major credit cards can be used.



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Find out more about New Zealand at [www.newzealand.com](http://www.newzealand.com)



## DUNEDIN AND OTAGO

The southernmost of New Zealand's main centres and the largest city in the province of Otago, Dunedin holds a special place in the hearts of many, and not just those who live here.

Although relatively small in size, it boasts many natural attractions as well as the facilities usually offered only by cities many times its size.

Settled by the Scottish in 1848, Dunedin grew rapidly with the discovery of gold in the Otago hinterland and became, for a while, the commercial centre of New Zealand. During this time, many of New Zealand's most beautiful buildings were constructed here and, with the establishment of the University of Otago in 1869, the foundations were laid for a strong tradition in education.

This commitment to education continues to be one of the city's most impressive qualities. The many early childhood education centres, primary and secondary schools enjoy an established reputation for excellence, and tertiary institutions attract

students from throughout New Zealand and the world. Dunedin is New Zealand's only true student city and the relatively large student population contributes greatly to the city's colourful and dynamic atmosphere.

The central city streets are lined with restaurants, bars and cafes. Modern shopping malls trade alongside boutiques, galleries, and weekly craft and farmers' markets. The fashion industry is particularly vibrant with several of New Zealand's leading designers based in the city. The Dunedin Public Art Gallery, museums and libraries are among the finest in the country and professional theatre and the Dunedin Sinfonia enjoy a high profile.

Dunedin is also home to New Zealand's newest, largest and most versatile arena – the Forsyth Barr Stadium at University Plaza. This is the place to go for all major sporting events, concerts and more.

Temperatures range from an average 14 – 24 degrees Celsius in the summer (December – February) and from 5 – 13 degrees Celsius

in the winter (June – August), so outdoor activities can be enjoyed year-round. There are more than 150 walking tracks in the Dunedin environs, four championship golf courses and many other sporting facilities which are all easily accessible. The long natural harbour is favoured for watersports and St Clair beach is considered one of New Zealand's best for surfing.

Dunedin is encircled by a "Town Belt" of native bush and trees and its coastline is home to colonies of yellow-eyed penguins, New Zealand fur seals and the world's only mainland breeding colony of the Royal albatross. Just a few hours' drive out of the city are some of New Zealand's most spectacular natural attractions – rugged mountains, deep fiords, clear blue lakes – including the internationally-known resort towns of Queenstown and Wanaka, famed for their ski fields and burgeoning wine industry.

Find out more about Dunedin at  
[www.CityofDunedin.com](http://www.CityofDunedin.com)  
[www.DunedinNZ.com](http://www.DunedinNZ.com)

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 IMPRESSIVE QUALITIES.





All distances are from the University area where most students reside. All distances are approximate and based on driving.

### DUNEDIN EVENTS

Dunedin offers a full calendar of annual events and festivals including:

- Scottish Week
- Fringe and Heritage Festivals
- ID Dunedin Fashion Week
- Regent 24-hour Book Sale
- University Capping Show
- Dunedin Midwinter Carnival
- International Science Festival
- Cadbury Chocolate Carnival
- International Film Festival.

### THINGS TO DO

- Surf at St Clair Beach
- Fish for salmon in the Otago Harbour
- Visit New Zealand's only castle, Larnach Castle
- Go on a Speight's Brewery Heritage Tour
- Watch rugby at Forsyth Barr Stadium
- Enjoy gourmet foods from the Otago Farmers' Market
- Mountain-bike around the Dunedin hills
- Go skiing in Central Otago
- See yellow-eyed penguins and royal albatross on the Otago Peninsula
- Buy cutting-edge locally-designed clothes
- Walk up the steepest street in the world ...

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

### CODE OF PRACTICE

The University of Otago has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the code are available on request from this institution or from the Ministry of Education website [www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz)

### STUDENT VISA

All Study Abroad and Exchange students need to obtain a student visa prior to arrival in New Zealand as a condition of enrolment at Otago. Full details of visa 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 [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.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 [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz)

### ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES

International students are not normally entitled to publicly-funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit you will 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 its website [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)

### MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

International students must have comprehensive medical and travel insurance while studying in New Zealand. Enrolment at Otago is conditional on showing evidence of comprehensive insurance. Current instructions and advice on how to obtain adequate cover is located on the Otago website [www.otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare.html](http://www.otago.ac.nz/international/healthcare.html)

### REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES

The University has representatives in many countries around the world. These representatives can help you with your application to Otago and provide advice on the general requirements for studying abroad. A full listing of representatives can be obtained from the University's website [www.otago.ac.nz/international/agents/](http://www.otago.ac.nz/international/agents/)



Michaela Müller wasn't quite sure what to expect when she arrived in Dunedin for her University of Otago student exchange, although it had always been her dream to travel to the opposite corner of the globe.

"From day one, it was all go!" she says. "I arrived right at the beginning of Orientation week, and the atmosphere was amazing."

Otago's famous action-packed week of festivities and events gave Michaela an opportunity to make a lot of new friends and to take part in a number of Otago traditions, such as the famous Selwyn Lindsay battle, in which current Selwyn College residents dress up as gladiators and nurses and defend their

college from former students, and a half-day scenic train trip for international students through the Taieri Gorge.

Once classes began, she was equally impressed by Otago's academic programme. Michaela is studying Theology and says, "the department is fantastic. It offers a wide range of amazing, interesting courses. People are very open-minded and the professors are very friendly, so we could start a lot of interesting discussions."

Studying in a foreign country also gave her a unique perspective on her subject that she couldn't have got anywhere else, Michaela says. "New Zealand's research

focus draws on a lot of interesting sources from the English-speaking world that I hadn't come across in Germany," she says. "It really enriched my understanding of Theology."

Next year, Michaela is travelling to Vienna to study for a year, and she insists that Dunedin holds its own against the major European cities.

"The city is amazing. It is surrounded by beautiful beaches and mountains. The campus is close to the cafes, nightclubs and cinemas, and the city itself is close to the national parks and ski-fields. It's definitely an experience I'd recommend."



**MICHAELA MÜLLER**

UNIVERSITY OF TÜBINGEN  
GERMANY



## OTAGO GLOBAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

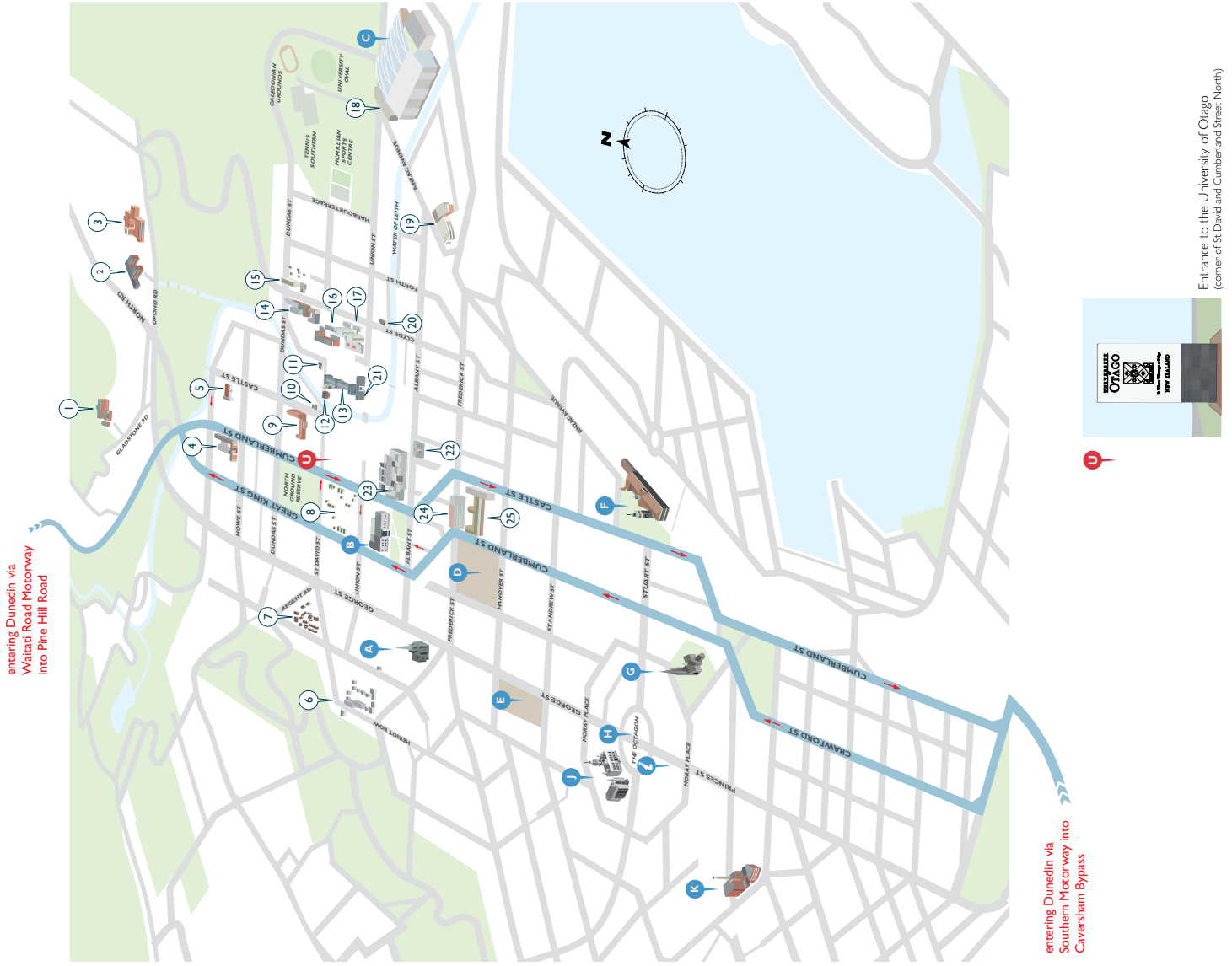
The University of Otago has formal exchange agreements with many institutions worldwide.

These agreements provide the opportunity for reciprocal exchange of students. If you are currently studying at one of the institutions listed below, you may be able to apply as an exchange student. Please contact your home institution's international office for further details. If your university does not have an exchange agreement with the University of Otago, you are welcome to apply as a Study Abroad student.

<b>Argentina</b>	Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina	<b>Japan</b>	Hirosaki University Kansai University Keio University Ochanomizu University Otaru University of Commerce Rissho University University of Tokyo Yokohama National University
<b>Australia</b>	University of Western Australia		
<b>Austria</b>	Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration		
<b>Belgium</b>	Catholic University of Louvain (Business School)		
<b>Brazil</b>	Fundaçao Getulio Vargas, (EAESP) Pontificia Universidade Católica de Rio de Janeiro		
<b>Canada</b>	Brock University Dalhousie University Mt Allison University Queen's University University of Alberta University of British Columbia University of Toronto University of Western Ontario York University	<b>Korea</b>	Yonsei University School of Business
		<b>Mexico</b>	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Universidad de Colima Universidad Veracruzana
		<b>The Netherlands</b>	Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University University of Amsterdam
		<b>Norway</b>	Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration
<b>Chile</b>	Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez	<b>Poland</b>	Warsaw School of Economics
		<b>Portugal</b>	Universidade Nova de Lisboa
<b>China</b>	Chinese University of Hong Kong Dalian University of Foreign Languages Fudan University Tsinghua University University of Hong Kong	<b>Scotland</b>	University of Edinburgh University of Glasgow University of Strathclyde
		<b>Singapore</b>	National University of Singapore
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Charles University University of Economics, Prague	<b>Spain</b>	ESADE Universidad Autónoma de Madrid Universidad Complutense de Madrid Universidad de Granada
<b>Denmark</b>	Aarhus University Copenhagen School of Business University of Copenhagen	<b>Sweden</b>	Karolinska Institute Lund University Stockholm School of Economics and Business Administration Umeå University Uppsala University
<b>England</b>	Manchester Business School, University of Manchester University College Falmouth University of Bristol University of Durham University of East Anglia University of Essex University of Exeter	<b>Switzerland</b>	Universität St Gallen
		<b>USA</b>	University of California University of Hawai'i at Manoa University of Minnesota – Carlson School of Management University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill University of Oregon University of Richmond University of Texas, Austin University of Virginia
<b>Finland</b>	Aalto University School of Economics University of Helsinki		
<b>France</b>	Grenoble Ecole de Management Université Jean Moulin Lyon III Université Paris X – Nanterre Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris III		
<b>Germany</b>	Heidelberg University University of Cologne (Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences) University of Tübingen		
<b>Hungary</b>	Corvinus University of Budapest		
<b>Iceland</b>	University of Iceland		
<b>Ireland</b>	University College Dublin		
<b>Italy</b>	Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi		

# MAP

## DUNEDIN MAP



### Residential Colleges

- 5 Abbey College (postgraduate) – 900 Cumberland St
- 1 Aquinas College – 74 Gladstone Rd
- 14 Arana College – 110 Clyde St
- 6 Carrington College – 57 Heriot Row
- 4 City College – 911 Cumberland St
- 25 Cumberland College – 250 Castle St
- 8 Cumberland Court
- 24 Hayward College – 110 Frederick St
- 3 Knox College – Knox St
- 16 St Margaret's College – 333 Leith St
- 9 St Mary's College – 19 Knox St
- 2 Selwyn College – 560 Castle St
- 15 Studholme College – 127 Clyde St
- 7 Toroa College – 8 Regent Rd
- 17 University College – 315 Leith Walk

### Campus Facilities

- 11 Accommodation Services
- 13 Clocktower - Registry Building
- 22 Clubs and Societies Centre (OUSA)
- 23 Disability Information and Support
- 19 Hocken Collections and Unipol
- 23 Information Services Building / Central Library
- 21 International Office – Archway West Building
- 10 Māori Centre – Te Huka Mātauraka
- 20 Pacific Islands Centre
- 12 Schools' Liaison Office – Scott/Shand House
- 18 University Plaza at Forsyth Barr Stadium

### Places of Interest

- A Knox Church
- B Otago Museum
- C Forsyth Barr Stadium
- D Hospital
- E Shopping Malls
- F Railway Station
- G First Church
- H Octagon
- I Visitor Information Centre
- J St Paul's Cathedral / Municipal Chambers
- K Speight's Brewery

### Map Legend

- University of Otago Buildings
- Places of Interest
- One-way Traffic
- Entrance to the University of Otago (corner of St David and Cumberland Street North)

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