

STUDY ABROAD

AUT

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY

NEW ZEALAND

**AUCKLAND
UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY**



Kia ora,
Welcome to Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Aotearoa New Zealand's university of technology and opportunity.
AUT is a place where people from all walks of life come together to learn, discover and create a better world. Located in the heart of one of the world's most liveable cities, we are proud to be New Zealand's most diverse and inclusive university, with nearly 30,000 students from over 100 countries. Our campuses are vibrant, modern, and deeply connected to the communities and industries around us.
We produce graduates the world needs. Our teaching and research are shaped by real-world relevance, led by expert academics and supported by outstanding facilities. Whether in the classroom, the lab, in natural or urban environments, or within the community, we discover and apply knowledge with purpose, working in partnership to accelerate impact locally, nationally and globally.
Our international outlook is reflected in our global alumni network of more than 200,000 graduates and in the many partnerships we hold with leading institutions and industries across the world.
We focus on technology, innovation, creativity and the future of work. We create meaningful pathways for students to succeed, offering access to transformative learning experiences, industry connections and research that makes a difference.
AUT is a place of transformation, where students from around the world are welcomed, supported and empowered to make a meaningful impact.
Our AUT International and student services teams are here to support you every step of the way, from your first enquiry through to graduation and beyond. Wherever your journey takes you, AUT will be your lifelong learning partner.
We look forward to welcoming you to AUT and being part of your journey.

Professor Damon Salea
Vice-Chancellor
Auckland University of Technology

CONTENTS

Welcome to Aotearoa New Zealand	4
Study in Auckland, city of beaches and adventure	6
Study at AUT	8
About the Study Abroad programme	10
Areas of study	12
Your new home: Living on campus	16
Ready to apply?	18

WELCOME TO AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Aotearoa New Zealand is a great choice to spend a semester or a year as a Study Abroad student. Our location offers a unique combination of adventure, incredible nature and unrivalled expressions of culture. New Zealand is similar in size to the UK or Japan, but with only 5 million people, you will have plenty of space to be yourself and enjoy your time here.

Friendly and welcoming

New Zealanders – also called Kiwis – are known for being friendly and open-minded, and you will find it easy to fit in and make new friends. The country is popular with students from all over the world, and when you study here you will cross paths with people from all walks of life and make friends from around the globe.



Diverse culture

Our land's first name, given by early Māori explorers, is Aotearoa which means 'land of the long white cloud'. We recognise and celebrate the culture and values of our nation's first people. If you study here, you will discover the richness of New Zealand's unique Māori culture, which is woven into New Zealand life. Experiencing Māori culture is an important part of the student experience, and you will have many opportunities to do so.



A safe study destination

New Zealand is one of the safest countries in the world, economically strong, politically stable, and ranked the second most peaceful country in the world in the Global Peace Index. The standard of living is high, and New Zealand ranks well above average for the quality of its education, healthcare, government services, income and wealth, and infrastructure.



Spectacular nature

New Zealand has some of the most beautiful landscapes in the world – from stunning beaches and rainforests to impressive mountains and glaciers. The country is made up of two main islands, the North Island and the South Island, and AUT is located in Auckland, New Zealand's biggest city and gateway to the North Island.



Adventure around every corner

Consistently leading in world quality of life studies, New Zealand offers a great lifestyle and lots of adventures – whether you want to go bungy jumping, jetboating or explore the country's beautiful scenery.



STUDY IN AUCKLAND, CITY OF BEACHES AND ADVENTURE

Auckland is New Zealand's largest city and one of our fastest growing, with 1.7 million people and home to a third of New Zealand's population.

Situated on a beautiful harbour, Auckland has all the advantages of a big city – with a thriving business sector, major events, cafés, restaurants and bars, and the world's best-known brands in Auckland's shopping precincts. It's a vibrant place that celebrates cultural diversity and is known for events like the Pasifika Festival, Chinese New Year Lantern Festival and Diwali, each of which attracts thousands of visitors each year.

Facts about Auckland:



Pleasant subtropical climate all year. The summers average 25°C/77°F and winters have a day-time average of 15°C/59°F



1,500 kms of coastline with more than 80 beaches, many accessible from the city centre



Also known as the City of Sails



One of the most culturally diverse cities in the world with a strong South Pacific flavour and one in three Aucklanders born overseas



Check out Visit Auckland's Instagram for activities and events, and the best places for eating out and socialising in Auckland.



Auckland Harbour Bridge

Climb or bungee jump off this landmark which connects the city to North Shore beaches



Rangitoto Island

Enjoy 360-degree views from this island with a dormant volcano, only a short ferry ride from Auckland City



Westhaven Marina

Gaze at the awe-inspiring super yachts at this marine activity hub right in the city



Devonport & North Shore Beaches

Explore this charming suburb's cosy seaside vibes and the many stunning North Shore beaches



Waiheke Island

Beautiful vineyards, olive groves and beaches only a 40-minute ferry ride from downtown Auckland



Kelly Tarltons

Swim with sharks or get up close and personal with penguins at this underwater aquarium



Eastern beaches

Relax in one of the many on-street cafes, picnic areas and safe sandy beaches



Viaduct Harbour

This beautiful waterfront destination offers great nightlife and over 30 restaurants



Shopping and dining

Enjoy some retail therapy with the world's top brands or visit Commercial Bay for a range of dining options for all budgets



Sky Tower

Standing at 328 metres tall, you can experience dining, breath-taking views or take the plunge on a bungee jump



AUT City Campus

Located perfectly so you can explore shops, galleries and parks all within walking distance

STUDY AT AUT

AUT is New Zealand's leading modern university. We're one of the largest universities in the country, with over 250 programmes, 2,000 academic staff and more than 200,000 alumni all over the world. We have three campuses across Auckland: the City Campus in the heart of central Auckland, the North Campus on Auckland's North Shore and South Campus in the culturally diverse south of the city.

We offer exceptional learning experiences that prepare students to be successful wherever in the world their career may take them. Across all of our programmes, we encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, and the ability to explore new technologies, challenge routine thinking and solve problems in new ways. We're connected to an extraordinary range of organisations worldwide; sharing expertise and resources, collaborating on groundbreaking research, and connecting students with industry leaders.

We celebrate diversity with passion, curiosity and pride. Our students come from many different backgrounds and countries. At AUT you will have a great student experience. Our comprehensive student support services, student clubs, events and other opportunities make it easy for you to make friends, learn about our culture, develop life skills, and have amazing experiences inside and outside the classroom.



#1 IN NEW ZEALAND
FOR
INTERNATIONAL
OUTLOOK

Times Higher Education rankings



27,600
STUDENTS



144

Our students were
born in 144 countries



Teaching, Research,
Facilities, Global Engagement,
Employability, Good Governance;
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion;
Environmental Impact
QS STARS 2025-30



50+ research networks,
institutes and centres with
world-class expertise

STUDY ABROAD: STUDY A SEMESTER OR A YEAR IN NEW ZEALAND

As a Study Abroad student, you can study at AUT in Auckland for a semester or a year in your chosen subject or in a completely different discipline. By studying with us, you can gain access to everything New Zealand has to offer, while taking part in world-class academic courses, designed to give you powerful, practical, culturally immersive and collaborative learning experiences.

We will give you a unique Kiwi welcome to AUT and New Zealand, and support you while you settle into life and study here.

What you can study

Select from a wide range of courses taught from across our study areas, designing your own semester to study up to four courses that appeal to you. You can also choose to do an internship (the Work-Integrated Learning course) alongside one or two other courses.

You'll meet the subject requirements of your home institution, while expanding your educational experience with courses that aren't available at your home university. You can cross-credit the points you earn towards your home degree – and get international experience while you study.

To see our study areas and popular New Zealand-themed courses refer to the following pages.

Workload

A typical full-time semester at AUT is 60 points, which is equivalent to four courses. Most courses are 15 points. 60 points is generally considered equivalent to 30 ECTS or 15 US credits.

SEMESTER DATES

Because New Zealand is in the Southern Hemisphere, we have different seasons and dates for our university semesters. Our summer lasts from mid-December to late March. Autumn is between late March and late May. Winter is between June and the end of August. Spring is from September through November.

Our semesters are typically 12 weeks long. Semester 1 begins in late February and ends in late June. Our Semester 2 begins mid-July and ends mid-November. There is a two-week mid-semester break in the middle of each full semester, allowing you to enjoy more of what New Zealand has to offer.

2027 semester dates

Semester 1: 22 February – 18 June

Semester 2: 12 July – 5 November

Orientation is the week before the semester starts, so make sure you arrive for that.



AREAS OF STUDY

Architecture & built environment

- Architectural engineering
- Architecture & future environments
- Civil construction engineering
- Construction
- Spatial design

Art & design

- Animated drawing
- Animation, visual effects & game design
- Cinematic arts
- Communication design
- Contemporary Pacific
- Creative entrepreneurship
- Design for health
- Digital fabrication
- Experimental surface design
- Extended reality
- Fashion design
- In print: publishing practices
- Industrial design
- Interaction design

- Motion capture
- Painting, printmaking & drawing
- Photographic practice
- Photography, sculpture & moving-image
- Spatial & interior design

Business & law

- Accounting
- Business law
- Data analytics for business
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship & innovation
- Finance
- Human resource management & employment relations
- Information systems
- International business & strategy
- Law*
- Management & leadership
- Marketing
- Supply chain management
- Sustainable enterprise

*Law courses are only available to students enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws degree



Communication studies

- Advertising & brand creativity
- Digital communication
- Journalism
- Public relations
- Radio & audio media
- Screen production

Education

- Early childhood teaching
- Primary teaching

Engineering, computer & mathematical sciences

- Architectural engineering
- Artificial intelligence
- Civil construction engineering
- Computer science
- Data science
- Digital services
- Electrical & electronic engineering
- Maritime engineering
- Mathematical modelling & computation
- Mechanical engineering
- Mechatronics engineering
- Networks & cybersecurity
- Software development
- Software engineering

Health sciences

- Psychology
- Public & environmental health

Hospitality, tourism & events

- Culinary arts
- Event management
- Gastronomy
- Global tourism
- Hospitality management
- Restaurant management

Language & culture

- Creative writing
- Deaf studies
- History
- International studies
- Interpreting
- Māori & indigenous development
- New Zealand Sign Language – English interpreting
- Spanish
- Translation

Science

- Analytics
- Biological science
- Biomedical science
- Chemistry
- Environmental science
- Food science
- Marine science

Social sciences & public policy

- Criminology & criminal justice
- Psychology
- Social sciences

Sport & recreation

- Health & physical education
- Sport & exercise science
- Sport leadership & management



To see a full list of current courses visit aut.ac.nz/study-abroad

NEW ZEALAND-THEMED COURSES

Many of our courses, across all subject areas, will help you learn more about Aotearoa New Zealand's rich history and culture. Want to dive a bit deeper? Then choose a New Zealand-themed course, including one of the courses below:

- **CWRT560** Kaupapa Māori Storytelling
- **EDUC517** The Child in Aotearoa New Zealand
- **EDUC550** People, Whānau and Communities of Aotearoa
- **ENGL502** Reading New Zealand
- **POLS683** Aotearoa New Zealand Politics and Policy Making
- **ENGL503** A Pacific Reader
- **HIST500** Introduction to New Zealand History
- **HIST505** Introduction to Pacific History
- **HIST691** Tā Moko: Marks of History and Identity
- **HRMG650** Te Ara Pou Leadership
- **MAOR504** Treaty of Waitangi: Resistance and Repair
- **MAOR505** Te Mānūtanga Beginners Māori Language 1
- **MAOR630** Mana Motuhake: The politics of Māori
- **PACS601** Indigenous Media Approaches
- **SPOR523** Sport, Exercise and Health in Aotearoa New Zealand
- **TIKA500** International Noho Marae: Indigenous Encounters of a Māori Kind
- **TVSP591** Media Production: A Te Ao Māori perspective



Featured course: **TIKA500 International Noho Marae: Indigenous Encounters of a Māori Kind**

We particularly recommend the course **TIKA500 International Noho Marae: Indigenous Encounters of a Māori Kind**. This course offers international students an immersive opportunity to learn with Māori knowledge holders in a marae-based learning environment. Blending academic study with hands-on cultural experience, the course has been one of AUT's most popular international offerings since 2005. Taught by respected Māori educators, you'll engage with Māori culture, language, protocols, performing arts and worldviews, including a noho marae overnight stay. Challenging yet rewarding, **TIKA500** is widely described as a transformative experience that fosters belonging and provides lasting insight into Indigenous ways of knowing beyond the classroom.



WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING COURSE (INTERNSHIP)

Our Work Integrated Learning course is designed to help you engage with New Zealand's unique multiculturalism, while gaining valuable exposure to a business, non-profit or research organisation relevant to your field of study. Your internship is complemented by academic assignments, awarding you with a grade and credits toward your degree, while enjoying a level of immersion into New Zealand life that few international students get to experience.

The company we partner with leads the field in managing quality internships so that you can get your foot in the door and get involved with meaningful projects when you arrive. Your placement manager will help you find an organisation, develop your resumé, prepare for your interview and provide overarching support throughout your time in the course. Every step of the way you'll have the support you need.

You spend 20+ hours per week with your internship organisation, where you'll contribute, collaborate and connect with your colleagues. Depart with a deeper sense of confidence, practise what you study, and make friends and mentors that can last a lifetime. You combine the Work Integrated Learning course with two other 15-point courses to enrol full-time for your Study Abroad semester, or one other 15-point course for limited full-time enrolment.



YOUR NEW HOME: LIVING ON CAMPUS

Living on campus can be a great option for students – you will only be minutes away from AUT and it's an easy way to meet other students.

AUT accommodation options

Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive Student Accommodation

City Campus

- One-minute walk from AUT's main buildings
- Modern, purpose-built, high-spec studio units
- Each unit includes a king single bed, kitchenette with fridge and microwave, bathroom, study desk and chair, storage space
- There are 25 bedrooms (one on each floor) for students with special access needs
- On-site services and facilities include a recreation centre and sports court, 24/7 security, and shared study, social and dining spaces



For more information visit
aut.ac.nz/accommodation

Akoranga Student Village

North Campus

- Five minutes' walk from AUT's main buildings
- Each apartment is fully furnished with four or five bedrooms, two bathrooms, a shared lounge/dining area and a kitchen
- Some bedrooms have a double bed and some have a single bed
- All bedrooms have a wardrobe, desk, chair and bookshelf
- There are eight bedrooms in the facility available for students with special access needs (including bathrooms open to the person)
- On-site services and facilities include staff who are available 24/7, outdoor spaces and laundry

When you apply to live in AUT student accommodation, you can request to stay in an alcohol-free, single sex or rainbow-friendly apartment.



Residential life

AUT student accommodation runs a variety of social events every month from quizzes and baking challenges to exercise classes and bingo. During Orientation, students will be provided with a calendar of events for the year.

Our social events aim to be accessible to everyone, so students can expect a mix of virtual and in-person activities, for small groups and the full village.

Guaranteed accommodation

As a Study Abroad student, your place in student accommodation is guaranteed when you apply by the relevant deadline:

1 May for Semester 2

1 November for Semester 1 the following year

Applications for accommodation after these dates will be considered on a first-come, first serve basis, subject to availability.

More information
aut.ac.nz/accommodation

"Te Āhuru Mayoral Drive Student Accommodation is very close to AUT and I like the infrastructure of the accommodation. I'm glad that I have my own room with a bathroom attached that I don't have to share. My room is small but comfortable and has everything I need. The common area is a very nice place to socialise with table soccer, a pool table and table tennis."

Fabienne Fehr
Study Abroad student from Switzerland



READY TO APPLY?

Excited about joining us and making the most of what AUT and New Zealand have to offer?
The information below outlines what you need to do to get started.

Check if you're eligible

To join the Study Abroad programme, you must have:

- Completed at least one year of full-time study at a recognised university
- A better than average academic record, especially in your most recent year of study
- English language requirements (if English is not your first language):
 - An IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher for undergraduate programmes*
 - An IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 overall with all bands 6.0 or higher for postgraduate programmes
- Be at least 18 years of age – if you're younger email study.abroad@aut.ac.nz

*Or a Duolingo English Test (DET) result of 105, or TOEFL iBT of 80 overall, with 15 in reading, 15 listening, 18 speaking, and 20 writing

Country-specific requirements

- **Denmark:** Completed an upper secondary education and obtained an average of at least 7 in English at A or B level on the 7-point scale examination/ Studentereksamen
- **Germany:** Abitur score of 10 or better (15-point scale) or 2- or better (on 6-point scale), and DAAD of at least 4 (****) out of 5 stars for each band (equivalent of B2 or higher)
- **Norway:** 4.0 or higher in final-year English for Vitnemål for videregående opplæring
- **Sweden:** Grade of C (VG) or better in English 5 and 6 (English A and B) for Slutbetyg/Examensbevis från Gymnasieskolan

If you can't provide the above, we may also consider:

- A statement from your home institute testifying that your language ability is sufficient to meet language entry requirements
- Previous university study in English

Gap-year students

If you've recently completed high school and/or are applying for Study Abroad at AUT during your first year of university, your application will be considered based on completion of a secondary qualification showing evidence of having met New Zealand's University Entrance requirements. To find out more visit aut.ac.nz/int/entryrequirements

Apply online

You can apply for Study Abroad online – visit apply.aut.ac.nz

Application checklist

You will need to have certain documents ready when you apply:

- Current passport that won't expire while you're in New Zealand
- Official, current transcript
- IELTS results if applicable

Application deadlines

Make sure you apply by:

- 30 November each year (to start in February/Semester 1)
- 31 May each year (to start in July/Semester 2)

Late applications may be possible – contact your home university advisor, agency counsellor or the AUT Study Abroad team for more information.

Fees and costs

The current fees for our Study Abroad programme are listed below. All prices are in New Zealand dollars.

Fees per semester for 2026

- Tuition fee for Study Abroad: NZ\$13,000 per semester (for AUT 60 points)
- Placement fee (study-internship option only): NZ\$1,000
- Compulsory insurance premium: NZ\$449.50 per semester
- Student Services Levy: NZ\$610.80 per semester

If you're applying through one of our Study Abroad partners, they may pay your fees on your behalf. Please check with them for all associated programme costs and fees.

Living costs

If you're coming to New Zealand on a student visa, Immigration New Zealand currently requires you to have enough funds to cover a return ticket home. You will also need to have enough money to adequately cover your living costs. Living costs can vary considerably depending on your lifestyle. To find out more visit studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/live-work/cost-of-living

New Zealand student visa

Once you've been accepted, one of the most important next steps is to get your student visa organised before you reach New Zealand. Without a valid visa and medical/travel insurance it's unlawful to study in New Zealand. To find out more visit immigration.govt.nz or studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/how-to-apply/visas

To learn more about working in New Zealand on a student visa visit immigration.govt.nz/study/once-you-have-a-student-visa/working-on-a-student-visa

Medical and travel insurance

The New Zealand Government requires all international students to have appropriate insurance. 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 the treatment. That's why it's so important that you have medical and travel insurance while studying at AUT. To make it easy, we include AUT's default medical insurance, the Studentsafe Inbound University plan, as part of your Offer of Place. However, you don't have to accept the AUT insurance policy, and can choose an alternative from an approved provider on our website. To find out more visit aut.ac.nz/international/insurance





AUT

Enquire now

aut.ac.nz/study-abroad

studyabroad@aut.ac.nz

Connect with us now:

