

Commonly used words and what they mean	
Faculty	A faculty is similar to a 'house' at high school. We have five faculties at AUT - Business, Economics and Law; Culture and Society; Design and Creative Technologies; Health and Environmental Science; Māori and Indigenous Development.
School	A school is a smaller division of a faculty. For instance, the Faculty of Culture and Society has four schools – the School of Education, the School of Hospitality and Tourism, the School of Language and Culture, and the School of Social Sciences and Public Policy.
Semester	A semester is similar to a term at high school. Most programmes at AUT have two semesters (Semester 1 & 2) that are 12 weeks long. Some papers are also delivered at Summer School.
Summer School	Summer School is the 'third semester' and occurs in December or January. Papers in this semester are condensed.
A paper	A paper is like a subject in high school, and includes a series of classes (lectures, workshops, tutorials, labs, or distance classes) and an assessment component.
Class times	Before 12pm, classes start on the hour and finish 10 minutes before the hour. After 12, classes start 10 minutes after the hour and finish on the hour.
A lecture	In general, lectures are the same as a class.
A tutorial	In general, tutorials are smaller than lectures and the content tends to go into more in depth.
A workshop	Some schools use the name workshop instead of tutorial.
A lab	In general, a lab is the practical application of the theory learnt in a lecture or tutorial.
Vice-Chancellor	The Vice-Chancellor of AUT is Derek McCormack. His role is similar to the principal of a high school, or the CEO of a business.
Dean	A Dean is in charge of each faculty at AUT.
Programme Leader	A programme leader is the head of your programme.
Programme Administrator	A programme administrator can help you with timetabling and paper choices.
AuSM	AuSM is your Student Union, and exists to provide representation, essential services and advocacy to all AUT students. They provide Debate magazine and a free meal one day a week.