

TE ARA POUTAMA

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TE WĀNANGA ARONUI
O TĀMAKI MAKAU RAU

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PROGRAMME GUIDE
2026



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Nau mai, haere mai ki AUT WELCOME TO AUT

E ngā mana, e ngā reo
E te iti, e te rahi
E ngā mātāwaka o ngā tōpito o te ao
Ngā mahuetanga iho e kawe nei i ngā
moemoeā o rātou mā
Tēnā koutou katoa

Piki mai rā, kake mai rā,
Nau mai, haere mai ki tēnei o ngā wānanga
Whakatau mai i raro i te korowai āhuru o Te Wānanga
Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau

Te whakatupu i te kōunga, i te mana taurite me ngā
tikanga matatika, i ngā pūkenga ako,
i ngā pūkenga whakaako me te āta rangahau hei hāpai
i ngā hāpori whānui o te motu, otirā, o te ao.

To the prestigious, the many voices
The few, the great
To those of all races and creeds
We who remain to fulfil the dreams and
aspirations of the ancestors
Greetings one and all

Climb, ascend
Embark on the journey of knowledge
Let us at AUT embrace and empower you
To strive for and achieve excellence

To foster excellence, equity and ethics in
learning, teaching, research and scholarship,
and in so doing serve our regional, national
and international communities.

Cover

The cover design symbolises the far-reaching impact AUT has on students, their whānau, society and the world. The ripples represent this impact, while beneath them lies a modern Poutama pattern, symbolising the support and guidance AUT provides to students on their educational journey. A traditional Poutama design on the back connects to the front, reflecting the foundational role of Te Ao Māori in supporting and enhancing all aspects of AUT.

Disclaimer: Although every reasonable effort is made to ensure accuracy, the information in this document is provided as a general guide only for students and is subject to change. All students enrolling at AUT should consult its official document, the AUT Calendar, which is available online at aut.ac.nz/calendar, to ensure that they are aware of, and comply with, all regulations, requirements and policies. The information contained in this programme guide was correct at the time of print, December 2024.

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He aha ai e ako ki AUT? WHY STUDY AT AUT?

Scan this QR code for details about courses, where your study could lead and stories about our great graduates and students.



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New Zealand's leading modern university

AUT is proud to be one of the world's best modern universities. Times Higher Education has ranked us in the top 1% of universities in the world, the top 100 universities under 50 years of age and number one in Aotearoa New Zealand for international outlook. Study with us and you'll join New Zealand's most diverse and vibrant university, and develop the skills for rewarding careers in a wide range of industries and professions. At Te Ara Poutama – AUT's Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Development – you'll study in a supportive whānau environment with staff who are passionate about seeing you succeed, at university and beyond. AUT is where talent meets opportunity, and we're proud of the success of our students, in Aotearoa and around the world.

Preparing you for the future

With an AUT degree you'll graduate with a qualification that is widely regarded, and with valuable experiences and industry connections for your future career. You'll have plenty of opportunities to meet future employers and make valuable connections for your future. For example, in the Bachelor of Arts, you can work on projects for real clients as part of the workplace experience in your final year. Your degree can be as unique as you are – you can include subjects from across AUT and tailor your studies to your interests. And if you want another way into AUT, our Diploma in Arts is a great way to start your studies and gain the confidence to succeed at university.

Outstanding facilities and equipment

To make sure your learning is relevant to your future career, you have access to top facilities and industry-standard equipment, including video recording hardware and software, a dual boot lab and a specially designed sound room to record voiceovers. You'll study in modern buildings that don't just win architecture awards but also offer excellent environments where you can collaborate with your classmates and develop skills that help you stand out to employers. We're proud of our five-star ranking for teaching and facilities, awarded by the world university rankings organisation QS. Our state-of-the-art buildings were created using sustainable principles and offer inviting lecture theatres, auditoriums and research spaces; offering you the perfect environment for your studies.

Your new home on campus

The gateway to AUT, Ngā Wai o Horotiu marae is located on the City Campus, and is a whānau, cultural and spiritual centre. It embraces the history of Māori and welcomes the diverse cultures at AUT. The marae is one of the ways AUT acknowledges the importance of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and expresses our deeply held belief that AUT is a centre of learning for all peoples, but also a place where Māori have a special and distinct role. Our marae's whareniui was named Te Pūrengi by the local iwi Ngāti Whātua, representing the ropes which hold the mast of a waka in place. Our wharekai is called te Kaipara after the Kaipara Harbour, referencing Ngāti Whātua traversing the Kaipara from the North. You can find Ngā Wai o Horotiu on the corner of Wellesley and St Paul Street in Auckland.

Oranga Taurira

STUDENT LIFE

As a modern and innovative university, we offer you endless opportunities, and a supportive culture that celebrates diversity. Here, you are at the heart of everything we do. At AUT, you'll find some of the most comprehensive student support services in New Zealand, designed in collaboration with our students. We'll support you to build friendships, develop life skills, achieve academically, and have amazing experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

The best start for your uni journey

Starting university life is exciting and perhaps a little daunting, regardless of your stage in life. With our wide-ranging support services, orientation programmes at the start of each semester, and multiple opportunities to meet new friends and follow a passion or hobby, you'll transition smoothly.

Student Hub

Our professionally qualified staff, including social workers and occupational therapists, are ready to support our diverse student community. The Student Hub is your go-to for navigating student life at AUT, providing the support you need from when you apply to after you graduate.

Your home away from home

As a student you'll spend most of your time on campus, whether you're based at an AUT campus in the City, South Auckland or the North Shore. Each campus has its own vibe, and all are connected by shuttle buses or public transport. You'll find everything you need right here, including medical centres, gyms and recreation centres, free and confidential counselling, programmes to develop your self-knowledge and resilience, and community-specific services to make you feel comfortable and safe. Our campuses are monitored 24/7 by our security team.

Your place for support

AUT celebrates diversity and is committed to Te Tiriti o Waitangi with passion, curiosity and pride. We're committed to supporting the aspirations of our Māori and Pacific whānau. We were the first New Zealand university to appoint a full-time rainbow community coordinator, and are proud to be a Pride Pledge university. We support equity of access and opportunity for students, staff and visitors, and follow the principles of Kia Ōrite: Code of Practice for an inclusive tertiary environment that enables disabled, Deaf and neurodivergent students to achieve fully. As an AUT student you can access our specialised community support services, including LGBTTQIA+, disabled and Deaf, high-performance athlete, international, Māori and Pacific student support. The AUT Student Association (AUTSA) advocates and represents your interests, and shares student voices through Debate magazine.

Achieve your academic goals

Our goal is to help you achieve your academic dreams and set you up for a successful career. Our library and learning services support includes learning advisors, workshops, assessment advice appointments, tailored postgraduate research support and tools like Studiosity to help you ace your assessments. At AUT you'll find everything you need for your studies, including computer labs, printers, IT support, free wifi on campus, the full Microsoft 365 suite, LinkedIn Learning and remote access to AUT computers for specialist software. To make sure financial difficulty doesn't get in the way of your academic achievements, our support also extends to help with food or transport vouchers, rent and living expenses, and even laptops and data packages if you experience financial hardship.

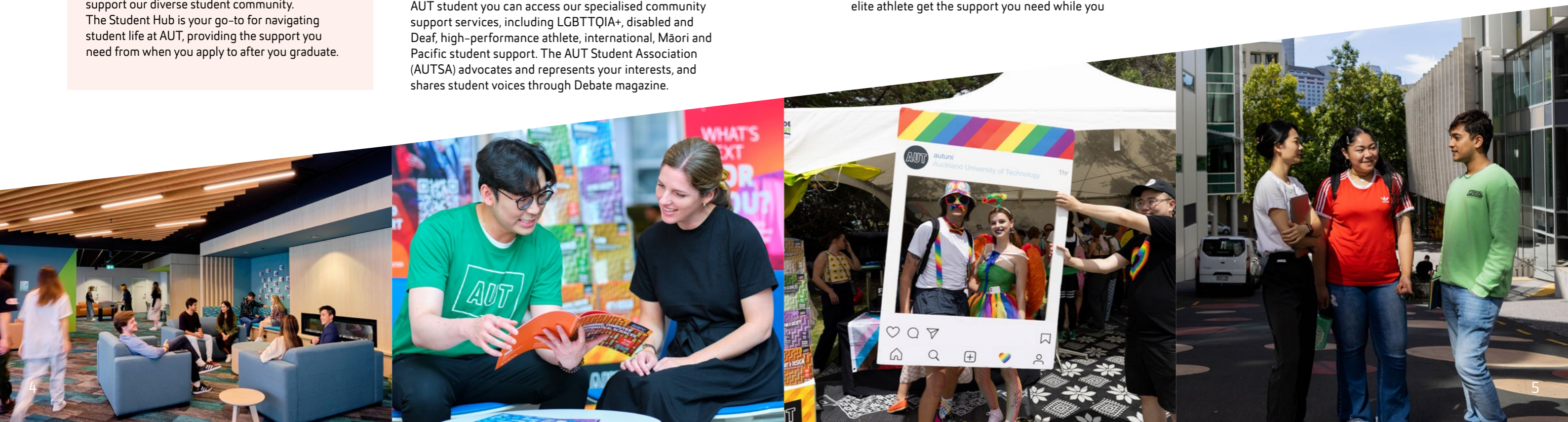
A vibrant uni experience

We want you to make the most of university life, have fun and grow during your time with us. Choose from over 90 student-led social, sustainability, cultural and academic clubs, or perhaps start your own. Participate in social sports, represent AUT through University Tertiary Sport (UTSNZ) and if you're an elite athlete get the support you need while you

compete internationally. Make the most of our state-of-the-art sports facilities at AUT Millennium, on-campus gyms at every campus, and a swimming pool and courts for tennis, volleyball, basketball and other sports at the South Campus. Our Te Āhuru Recreation Centre at the City Campus also has a sports court, dance and exercise studios, flexible spaces for clubs to meet, and large spaces to gather and share food.

Beyond learning and into employability

Our services and award programmes help you become a well-rounded graduate ready to succeed in New Zealand and the world, and support your career after you graduate. Attend employer presentations, events, and workshops throughout the year, and use our four graduate job boards, including for international career options. Develop sought-after skills through volunteering, leadership and employability activities with the AUT Edge and Beyond AUT Awards, or access funding and mentoring through AUT Ventures Limited to commercialise your AUT research. You can also study overseas as part of your degree at one of AUT Global's partner universities around the world.



Bachelor of Arts

Overview

BA | AK3704

QUICK FACTS

Level	7
Points	360
Duration	3 years full-time, part-time available
Campus	City
Starts	23 Feb & 13 July 2026

With AUT's Bachelor of Arts you'll have the knowledge and skills to contribute actively in the making of a brighter future for yourself, your community and the wider world. Our diverse range of majors and minors is designed to challenge and inspire you. As you gain expert knowledge of your major subject area, you'll strengthen your abilities to think critically, to analyse thoughtfully, to communicate creatively, to engage actively, to research rigorously, and to problem-solve successfully. Your studies, combined with workplace experience opportunities in your final year, will set the stage for you to achieve meaningful careers in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements

- University Entrance or equivalent

Useful New Zealand school subjects

All subjects are useful, in particular Art History, Classical Studies, English, Geography, History, Media Studies, Social Studies, Psychology and other languages

English language requirements

- IELTS (Academic) 6.0 overall with all bands 5.5 or higher; or equivalent

Don't meet the entry requirements?

Consider starting with a Diploma in Arts – refer to page 12 for more details.



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What this qualification covers

The Bachelor of Arts is highly flexible and you can build your degree in a way that reflects your interests.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts you need to complete:

Core courses (120 points)

These are courses all students in this degree need to take. These courses align with different United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and you can choose from different courses for each of the core course themes. One of the core courses is the workplace experience you complete in your third year.

Your chosen major (120 points)

Your major is the subject area you want to specialise in. This makes up one third of your degree, and usually consists of eight courses related to your chosen subject. You can view the list of majors in this degree on page 8.

Flexible component (120 points)

You can choose one of the following options:

- Two minors (60 points each); or
- A minor (60 points) and elective courses (60 points); or
- A second major (120 points)

Your second major, minor(s) and elective courses can be from the Bachelor of Arts or different AUT degrees.

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
SEMESTER 1	Academic Communication 15 PTS	Major course 15 PTS	Major course 15 PTS
	Culture & Society: Partnerships & Reduced Inequalities 15 PTS	Major course 15 PTS	Major course 15 PTS
	Culture & Society: Peace & Justice, Climate Action & Economic World 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS
	Culture & Society: Sustainability, Health & Wellbeing 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS
SEMESTER 2	Culture & Society: Quality Education, Gender Equality & Reduced Poverty 15 PTS	Major course 15 PTS	Major course 15 PTS
	Knowledge & Inquiry 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS
	Major course 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS	Work Integrated Learning 30 PTS
	Major course 15 PTS	Flexible component 15 PTS	

Core courses PTS: Points Core courses are likely to change. For the latest information, visit our website.



"At first, I was terrified of making the big move from Taranaki to Auckland, but the AUT Māori whānau room quickly became a home away from home. It was a space where everyone was in the same boat; moving to the big city from small rural towns or wherever we came from, and we all formed a strong bond. In the first semester of my first year at AUT, one of the TVNZ staff came into my class and asked if any of us were interested in a career in journalism. I saw it as an opportunity to put my foot in the door. It started as a small casual role for 1News, but it led to more opportunities, including work with Te Karere Māori News."

Kataraina Anneff

Ngāti Ruanui, Ngāruahinerangi, Ngāti Tumutumu, Ngāti Tamaterā
Te Karere Digital Producer, Television New Zealand
Bachelor of Māori Development in Māori Media

Bachelor of Arts

Overview continued

Majors

Choose one of these majors as part of your degree:

- History
- Māori Development
- Māori Media

Refer to pages 9 to 11 for more details on each of these majors.

If you want to include a second major in your degree, you can choose another subject from the list above or you could choose from other subjects in the Bachelor of Arts:

- Creative Writing
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Education
- Event Management
- Global Tourism
- International Studies
- Interpreting
- NZ Sign Language and Deaf Studies
- NZ Sign Language – English Interpreting¹
- Psychology
- Social Sciences

Scan the QR code on page 7 to see more info on these arts majors.

If you want to include a second major from a different AUT degree, you can see more options on aut.ac.nz/majors-minors

Minors

A minor is smaller than a major. It usually consists of four courses. If you decide to include a minor in your degree, you could choose from:

- Children and Learning
- Conflict Resolution
- Deaf Studies
- Digital Cultures
- Gastronomy
- Hospitality
- Hospitality Enterprise
- Hospitality Management
- New Zealand Sign Language
- Restaurant Management
- Social Education
- Spanish
- Te Reo Māori
- Translation

You can also study the majors listed on the left as a minor.

For more information on each of these minors and to see even more minors from other subjects visit aut.ac.nz/majors-minors

1. This major focuses on New Zealand Sign Language and developing the skills to become a Sign Language interpreter. It doesn't have the option to include courses from different subjects.



Build your degree on our website

Visit our website to build your own degree and see what your three years of study could look like. Simply scan the QR code on page 7.

Possible combinations include:

- Bachelor of Arts in Māori Media with minors in Creative Writing and Marketing (one major, two minors)
- Bachelor of Arts in Māori Development with a minor in Te Reo Māori (one major, one minor, plus elective courses of your choice)
- Bachelor of Arts in History and Māori Development (two majors)

Bachelor of Arts

History

Understand the past to change the future with a major in history. With the Bachelor of Arts in History you delve into the history of New Zealand and major events in our world over the centuries and develop advanced skills in research, writing, analysis and debate. All history courses are offered online; making it easy to fit your studies into the rest of your life.

What this major covers

YEAR 1

All students in the Bachelor of Arts take a range of core courses that align with different United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. You can choose from different courses for each of the core course themes. You're also introduced to historic events from New Zealand or global history.

YEAR 2

You further your understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and can choose from courses on oral histories, the history of Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland and Tā Moko. You also take courses from your second major, your minor(s) or elective courses.

YEAR 3

You study advanced level courses related to history and historical methods, and take the final courses from your second major, minor(s) or elective courses. In the second semester you also complete the Work Integrated Learning course; a supervised work placement related to your major(s), for an organisation of your choice. You could also take the Foundations in Research course to prepare you for postgraduate study.

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Career opportunities

- History teacher¹
- Diplomat
- Heritage manager
- Museum/gallery curator
- Journalist
- Policy specialist
- Civil servant
- Researcher
- Content producer

1. After completing a one-year teacher education programme.

Bachelor of Arts Māori Development

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Think critically about the role of Māori language and culture in Aotearoa New Zealand with a major in Māori Development. You'll become skilled in effective communication, analysis and research, and gain a strong foundation in tikanga and te reo Māori. As part of your studies you have many opportunities to collaborate, apply your knowledge and test new technologies.

What this major covers

YEAR 1

All students in the Bachelor of Arts take a range of core courses that align with different United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. You can choose from different courses for each of the core course themes. You also further your understanding of Māori development and Māori language.

YEAR 2

You advance your knowledge of Māori development and Māori language, and can select from a wide range of courses related to these topics. You also take courses from your second major, your minor(s) or elective courses.

YEAR 3

You study advanced level courses related to Māori development, and take the final courses from your second major, minor(s) or elective courses. In the second semester you also complete the Work Integrated Learning course; a supervised work placement related to your major(s), for an organisation of your choice. Recent placements included: iwi organisations, community organisations and government agencies. You could also take the Foundations in Research course to prepare for postgraduate study.

Career opportunities

Consultant – policy and strategic planning, entrepreneur, government and local authorities, iwi business development and resource management, private enterprise, research assistant, small business management, social services, teaching, tourism and events management.



"I did this degree because I wanted to learn new skills to be able to help my people, learn more about my culture and be able to use my biggest strengths as Māori in my personal and professional life. The atmosphere at AUT felt welcoming and colourful, and from the first day the staff and students were so supportive. Coming from a small town and a small school in the Hawke's Bay, and then moving and studying in the Auckland CBD was so interesting and learning to navigate this new space was a journey. I made some great friends while I was at AUT. We all came from similar backgrounds and were all in this to do better for ourselves and our whānau."

Maia Hemara-Tylden
Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Rangī
Administrator, Whenua Services,
Te Tumu Paeroa – Office of the Māori
Trustee, Wellington
Bachelor of Arts in Māori Development with
a minor in Education

Bachelor of Arts Māori Media

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Gain insight into the fast-paced media industry, as well as a sound understanding of te reo me ngā tikanga Māori. A strong foundation in te reo Māori and basic tikanga is highly valued in the field of Māori media – regardless of ethnicity. You explore the power of storytelling and the art of content creation, and learn to apply a Māori view to the world of media from a bicultural perspective.

What this major covers

YEAR 1

All students in the Bachelor of Arts take a range of core courses that align with different United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. You can choose from different courses for each of the core course themes. You also further your understanding of the Māori media industry and telling Māori stories through different media.

YEAR 2

You advance your knowledge of Māori media, with a specific focus on creating content from a te ao Māori perspective. You also take courses from your second major, your minor(s) or elective courses.

YEAR 3

You study advanced level courses related to Māori media, and work on Māori film or media projects. You also take the final courses from your second major, minor(s) or elective courses. In the second semester you also complete the Work Integrated Learning course; a supervised work placement related to your major(s), for an organisation of your choice. Recent placements included: Whakaata Māori, Auckland Museum, Kura Productions, Ngā Aho Whakaari, South Seas Film and Television School, and Tangata Whenua Television. You could also take the Foundations in Research course to prepare you for postgraduate study.

Career opportunities

Broadcasting, government and local authorities, marketing and sales, multimedia development, production and filming (sound, lighting, producing, directing, scripting, editing), public relations, radio, te reo/cultural advisor, and presenter.



"For those who care about creativity in Aotearoa, this degree provides an excellent opportunity to see a little more of the iceberg that is the Māori media industry in New Zealand. I decided to come to AUT because the scope of classes provided in this course didn't seem to be offered anywhere else. I also like that the Māori media degree centres Māori kaiako to do what they do best. The lecturers in many of my classes have made studying worthwhile and there's plenty of opportunities to get involved to varying degrees. Once I graduate, I'm looking to get involved in creative, multimedia storytelling in as many capacities as possible."

Astrid Whiteside
Ngāi Tahu
2nd-year student, Bachelor of Arts in Māori
Media & Creative Writing

Diploma in Arts

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Interested in culture and society? Want to make a difference to your community? Start your university studies with our Diploma in Arts. It's another way into AUT; perfect if you're not entirely sure what to expect from uni or from studying a Bachelor of Arts, or missed out on getting into your dream degree. You'll take the same courses as our first-year bachelor's degree students, and study in a supportive environment with additional academic and student support. It's a great way to try university and gain a qualification in one year. Once you've completed your diploma you can then move into Year 2 of the Bachelor of Arts, which means you can still complete your chosen bachelor's degree in three years.

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements

- University Entrance OR
- 42 NCEA level 3 credits, including UE literacy and numeracy, with:
 - 10 credits in each of three approved subjects, OR
 - 12 credits in each of two approved subjects and 14 credits across two further subjects

English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) 5.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in writing and a minimum of 5.0 in other bands, or equivalent

What this qualification covers

You'll become familiar with different concepts related to culture and society, and improve your academic knowledge and study skills to give you the confidence for further study.

The courses you study are from the first year of the Bachelor of Arts. After you've completed this diploma, you can then cross-credit your courses and transfer to the second year of the Bachelor of Arts. Your diploma courses can also help you decide which subjects you might like to focus on later once you move into our bachelor's degree. We will work with you to help you identify where you want to go and what courses will help you get there.

Further study

- Bachelor of Arts

Because you study the same first-year courses as our bachelor's degree students, you can move into the second year of the Bachelor of Arts once you've completed this diploma.

1. Part-time not available to students who have narrowly missed UE.

Postgraduate Diploma in Arts Postgraduate Certificate in Arts

Scan this QR code for course details and where these qualifications could lead you.



Take your understanding of Māori development further with the Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate in Arts. These programmes can also serve as a pathway to further postgraduate study.

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements

- Bachelor of Arts OR
- Graduate Diploma in Arts OR
- Relevant professional experience equivalent to a bachelor's degree

English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) 6.5 overall with all bands 6.0 or higher; or equivalent

What these qualifications cover

The courses you study in these programmes cover advanced topics in Māori and indigenous development, and also help you advance your research and critical thinking skills.

For the Postgraduate Certificate in Arts you need to complete 60 points from courses, and for the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts 120 points.

DipArts | AK2001

QUICK FACTS

Level	5
Points	120
Duration	1 year full-time, part-time available ¹
Campus	City
Starts	23 Feb 2026



"I started my studies with a Diploma in Arts because I was on the fence about studying at university level. I found my last year of high school – during the COVID-19 pandemic – really difficult. I was unsure if I wanted to continue studying further, but was really passionate about my area of study and wanted to see if I would enjoy studying at AUT and at university in general, which I certainly have. I really enjoyed the fact that the diploma enables you to study wider options in your area of interest. The diploma was my first step into a university degree but offered the support I was seeking fresh out of high school."

Kasidy Wipani

Samoan, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Porou
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning student
Bachelor of Arts in Education with a minor in Health Promotion
Diploma in Arts

Postgraduate Diploma in Arts PgDipArts | AK3740

QUICK FACTS

Level	8
Points	120
Duration	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
Campus	City
Starts	23 Feb & 13 July 2026

Postgraduate Certificate in Arts PgCertArts | AK1004

QUICK FACTS

Level	8
Points	60
Duration	½ year full-time, part-time available
Campus	City
Starts	23 Feb & 13 July 2026

Master of Arts Māori Development

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The Master of Arts is a programme of advanced study and research. It's designed to support your particular research interests, and tailored to your individual learning needs. The learning environment is wānanga based, encourages inclusivity and discipline, and is informed by Māori beliefs and values. This degree is a great foundation if you want to move into a career in iwi resource management, consultancy, the media, research, education, the public service, politics or non-governmental organisations.

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements

- Bachelor of Arts OR Graduate Diploma in Arts
- Must have completed the relevant prerequisite courses in the selected subject area for this degree with a B grade average or higher

English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) 6.5 overall with all bands 6.0 or higher; or equivalent

What this qualification covers

Your courses cover advanced topics in Māori and indigenous development, and also help you advance your research and critical thinking skills.

This gives you a great platform for your research in the second half of this programme, and can help you develop chapters and other key contributions to your research thesis. Your thesis is worth 120 points and is a great opportunity to investigate a topic of your interest within te ao Māori, and Māori and indigenous development.

MA | AK3689

QUICK FACTS

Level	9
Points	240
Duration	2 years full-time, part-time available
Campus	City
Starts	23 Feb & 13 July 2026

Master of Philosophy

Scan this QR code for details on the application process and to browse academic supervisors.



The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is a one-year, research-only master's degree. It provides an opportunity for you to undertake a research topic of your interest under the supervision of Te Ara Poutama academics. It can also serve as a pathway to more advanced research at doctoral level.

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements

Must have completed one of the following with the equivalent of a B grade average or higher:

- Four-year bachelor's degree OR
- Bachelor's honours degree OR
- Bachelor's degree and postgraduate diploma OR
- Bachelor's degree and at least three years of experience relevant to the proposed research
- An interview may be required for particular research areas

English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) of 6.5 overall with all bands 6.0 or higher; or equivalent

Other requirements

May be required to complete an approved research methods course.

What this qualification covers

You complete an original thesis during this year of your study. Te Ara Poutama academics are available to supervise Master of Philosophy research on a wide range of topics.

MPhil | AK3720

QUICK FACTS

Level	9
Points	120
Duration	1 year full-time, 2 years part time
Campus	City
Starts	2 Feb, 4 May, 6 July & 5 Oct 2026

Career opportunities

As a graduate with a Master of Philosophy you have the necessary skills and qualifications to follow an academic or research career leading to a PhD. Alternatively, your research topic may lead you to a position of expertise in your chosen field.

Doctor of Philosophy



Scan this QR code for details on the application process and to browse academic supervisors.

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is the University's highest qualification. The degree is undertaken by research only and leads to advanced academic and theoretical knowledge in a specialist area. The PhD is suitable for students who want to pursue an academic or research career, or a senior position in the public or private sector. You will make a significant original contribution to knowledge and understanding in your field of study and meet recognised international standards for your work. Our academic supervisors are recognised world-class researchers in their fields who have the expert knowledge to guide and advise you throughout your PhD.

Entry requirements

Minimum entry requirements

Must normally have completed the following in a discipline appropriate to the proposed research:

- Master's degree with first-class or second-class (first division) honours OR
- Bachelor's degree with honours (equivalent to four years of study), normally with first-class or second-class (first division) honours

The degree should include advanced learning in research, execution of a research project and a written report on the research.

English language requirements

IELTS (Academic) of 6.5 overall with 7.0 in Writing and no band less than 6.0

Other requirements

Acceptance is subject to the availability of staff for supervision, prior research preparation and appropriate facilities.

Planning your PhD

You are required to prepare a brief proposal for your intended research, specifying the field of research and a general research question you wish to investigate. You should provide official copies of academic transcripts, and evidence of previous independent research outputs, like an honours-level dissertation or master's-level dissertation or thesis. You should also provide evidence of successful completion of studies in research methodology at a postgraduate level.

PhD research allowance

PhD research allowances are normally available to support PhD candidates with expenses associated with data collection and analysis, conference funding, and other resources.

PhD | AK3518

QUICK FACTS

Level	10
Points	360
Duration	3-6 years
Campus	City
Starts	2 Feb, 4 May, 6 July & 5 Oct 2026

Career opportunities

The PhD is suitable for students who want to pursue an academic or research career, or a senior position in the public or private sector. The opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills you gain will be extensive, both in industry and academia.



1 Enjoy whānau spaces available on every campus where you can connect with other ākonga Māori groups and networks, or just relax 2 & 3 AUT's Ngā Wai o Horotiu marae is a whānau, cultural and spiritual centre where you can learn more about Māori culture 4, 5 & 6 Take advantage of excellent facilities and equipment as part of the Māori Media major





University admission to AUT bachelor's degrees

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If you're a New Zealand citizen or resident, or an international student studying in a New Zealand high school, you must meet the requirements for University Entrance to gain admission to bachelor's degrees, plus any additional requirements for your chosen programme such as specific subjects and interviews.

Admission categories

You may be granted University Entrance under:

- NCEA University Entrance
- Ad Eundem Statum admission (at an equivalent level) – this includes Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB)
- Discretionary Entrance
- Special Admission

To find out more about entry requirements, including entry requirements for international students, scan the QR code on the opposite page.

English language requirements

If you don't have English as your first language, you may have to show evidence of your English language skills. Visit aut.ac.nz/englishrequirements for details about English language testing and recognised English tests.

International students

Contact us for information regarding studying at AUT if you're not a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand or Australia, or a citizen of the Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau islands.

Visit aut.ac.nz/int/entryrequirements for entry requirements for specific countries. If you have any questions, you can contact us at aut.ac.nz/enquire

UniPrep programme

Not sure if you're ready for university or what to expect at AUT? Taking place over five weeks in January and February every year, UniPrep is designed to ease you into university life and ensure you get the best possible start. Expect to advance your study skills, make lifelong friends, take part in team activities, find out where to get support for your studies and complete your first university course. Once you're part of our UniPrep whānau, just know – we got you!

Visit aut.ac.nz/uniprep

NCEA university entrance

You must achieve all of the below

Level 3 (60 credits)	UE Literacy	Numeracy
<p>Within the 60 credits, you need to at least achieve the below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 credits in approved subject 1 14 credits in approved subject 2 14 credits in approved subject 3 18 credits from any Level 3 standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Reading credits (Level 2 or 3) 5 Writing credits (Level 2 or 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1, 2 or 3

To find out more visit www2.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-secondary-quals/university-entrance

Getting UE through CAIE or IB? Here's what you will need:

CAIE	IB ¹
<p>120 points on the New Zealand CAIE Tariff at A or AS level in any subjects that are broadly equivalent to NCEA approved subjects</p> <p>D or above in at least 3 different subjects (excluding Thinking Skills)</p>	<p>E or above in English Language, Language and Literature in English or Literature at AS or A level</p> <p>D or above in IGCSE or GCSE Mathematics, or any mathematics subject passed at AS or A level</p>
<p>IB Diploma with a minimum 24 points</p>	<p>Literature or language and literature (SL or HL) – IB Group 1, with English as the language</p> <p>Any mathematics subject – IB Group 5</p>

1. New Zealand residents who have taken IB but have not been awarded the diploma may apply for discretionary entrance.

Ngā utu whakauru, ngā karahipi FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Cost is an important factor when thinking about university study. This page gives you an idea of the approximate tuition fees at AUT, and different options to help you fund your education including scholarships, student loans and allowances.

To give you an idea of approximate costs, the 2025 tuition fees are shown below (based on full-time study and completing 120 points per year). All fees are in NZ dollars and include GST. The 2026 tuition fees will be advertised on aut.ac.nz/fees as soon as they have been set. Please note, you may also need to pay additional fees for course materials or elective courses (check with your faculty if there are additional fees for your programme).

Domestic student tuition fees

Undergraduate programmes

Fee (per year): \$8,379 – \$9,261 (for 120 points)¹
(\$7,187 – \$8,069 tuition fees
+ \$1,192 student services levy)

Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy

Fee (per year): \$9,118 (for 120 points)
(\$7,926 tuition fees + \$1,192 student services levy)

Other postgraduate programmes

Fee (per year): \$5,610 (for 60 points)–
\$11,220 (for 120 points)
(\$5,014–\$10,028 tuition fees
+ \$596–\$1,192 student services levy)

1. Part-time students pay a proportion of the fee based on the number of academic points they are studying.

International student tuition fees

Undergraduate programmes

Fee (per year): \$35,092–\$35,192 (for 120 points)
(\$33,900–\$34,000 tuition fees
+ \$1,192 student services levy)

Postgraduate programmes

Doctor of Philosophy

Fee (per year): \$9,118 (for 120 points)¹
(\$7,926 tuition fees + \$1,192 student services levy)

Master of Philosophy

Fee (per year): \$44,792 (for 120 points)
(\$43,600 tuition fees + \$1,192 student services levy)

Other postgraduate programmes

Fee (per year): \$18,596 (for 60 points)–
\$37,292 (for 120 points)
(\$18,000–\$36,100 tuition fees
+ \$596–\$1,192 student services levy)

1. The fee shown is for candidates conducting the majority of their study within NZ. Where the majority of studies is conducted outside NZ an international tuition fee of \$45,492 will apply.

Please note that you must pay your fees in full by the date specified on your fees invoice. To find out more about fees call **+64 9 921 9779** or **0800 AUT AUT** (0800 288 288).

Student loans and allowances¹

If you're a full-time domestic student, you may qualify for a student loan or allowance. Student loans and allowances are administered and paid by StudyLink. The application process can take some time, so it's a good idea to apply early. You can apply for a student loan or student allowance before your enrolment at AUT is complete.

To find out more call **0800 88 99 00** or visit studylink.govt.nz

Free fees for your university study¹

Eligible domestic students may receive their final year of full-time study fees-free. To check if you're eligible for fees-free study visit aut.ac.nz/fees

1. Domestic students only, not available to international students.

Financial assistance

We know that sometimes things happen and financial stress can impact your academic success. That's why we offer financial support that ranges from offering grocery or fuel vouchers, to helping with that unexpected bill.

StudyLink

Visit studylink.govt.nz for tools, tips and information to help you plan and understand the costs you will have while studying.

Scholarships and awards

Scholarships and awards are a great way to fund your university study. There is a wide range of scholarships and awards available to AUT students at all stages of their study including the Welcome to Auckland scholarship and Find Your Greatness scholarship (details below).

Visit the scholarships website for a full current list of scholarships offered by AUT and external funders, as well as application forms and closing dates. You can also contact AUT's Scholarships Office for advice on scholarships, awards and the scholarship application process.

AUT Welcome to Auckland Scholarships

Because we recognise the challenges students may face when moving to Auckland, AUT's three-year Welcome to Auckland scholarships make a contribution towards students' accommodation and study fees. These scholarships recognise high-achieving secondary school students living outside of Auckland who intend to enrol in bachelor's degree study commencing in 2026.

AUT Find Your Greatness Scholarships – School Leaver

AUT's Find Your Greatness undergraduate scholarships for school leavers reflect our commitment to creating great graduates. These three-year scholarships recognise students' academic achievement, as well as students' potential leadership ability and contribution to their school or community, cultural pursuits or sport at a representative level.

The Find Your Greatness scholarships are offered in the four categories below for study commencing in 2026:

- Academic Excellence
- All Rounder
- Hiki Ake (Lift Up)
- Kiwa (Māori and Pacific students)

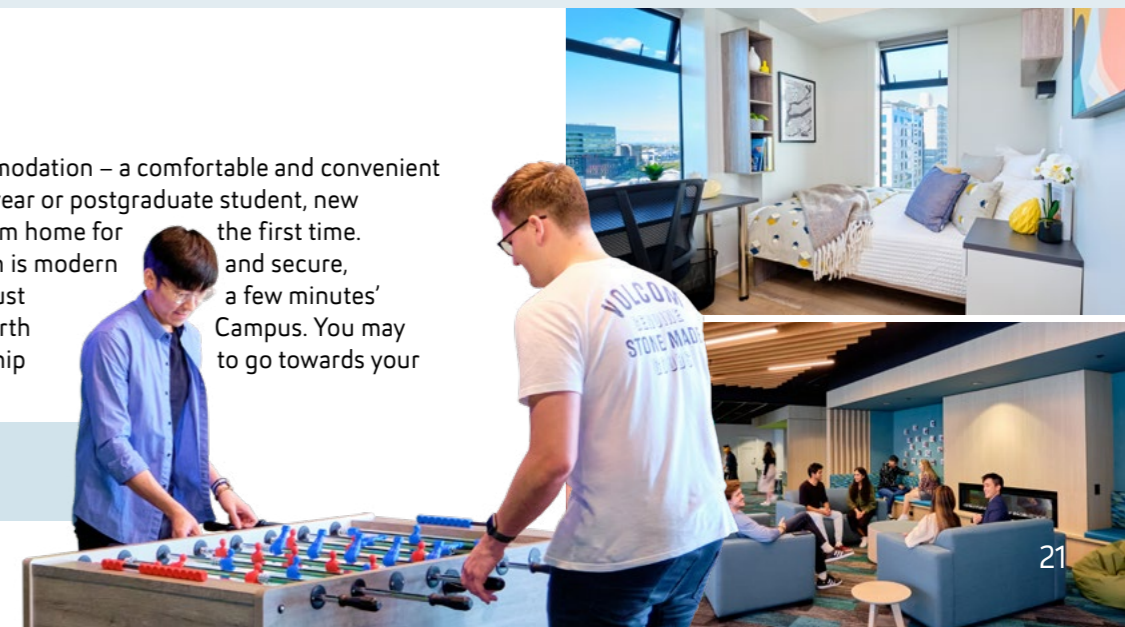
Applicants will be considered in all categories for which they are eligible.

To find out more call **+64 9 921 9837** or visit aut.ac.nz/scholarships

Accommodation

Check out our student accommodation – a comfortable and convenient option whether you're a first-year or postgraduate student, new to Auckland, or living away from home for the first time. AUT's student accommodation is modern and secure, offering a social community just a few minutes' walk away from our City or North Campus. You may even be eligible for a scholarship to go towards your accommodation costs.

Visit aut.ac.nz/accommodation



He pēhea te tono

HOW TO APPLY

Below is the step-by-step guide to the application process.
For more information visit aut.ac.nz/apply

1 APPLY EARLY

Places are limited. Submit your application well before the semester starts.

APPLYING FOR 2026

- Semester 1
– apply by 1 December 2025
- Semester 2
– apply by 4 May 2026

Applying for the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

If you're planning to enrol in a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at AUT, email the Graduate Research School doctoral.and.mphil.admissions@aut.ac.nz

2 COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

- Apply online
- Indicate your programme(s) of choice and major (if known)

International students can also apply using an AUT approved international agent. For a list of AUT registered agents visit aut.ac.nz/international-agents

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR APPLICATION

- We will send you an acknowledgment email, which explains how to check the status of your application
- We will contact you if we need more information

WE ASSESS YOUR APPLICATION

- We assess your application to ensure you have met the entry criteria for the programme(s) you are applying for
- We consider your academic history and relevant experience to ensure you can succeed in your programme
- We let you know if your application has been successful

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES

CONFIRMED We would like to offer you a place to study at AUT

PROVISIONAL You have met some of the criteria for entry to your chosen programme of study and we would like to offer you a provisional place to study at AUT. If you don't meet the rest of the requirements, then this offer will be withdrawn

CONDITIONAL You have to meet the conditions and approvals listed in your conditional offer to be able to secure a formal offer of place

DECLINED If you don't meet the entry requirements or all places are taken, we may offer you an alternative programme

3 ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

It's important that you respond as soon as possible, particularly if you've been offered a place in a programme with limited places.

Once you've accepted your offer of place, we'll let you know how to enrol in the courses for your programme, and you can start to get excited about joining AUT.

Ready to apply?
apply.aut.ac.nz

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FIND OUT MORE

aut.ac.nz



Need some help?

Visit aut.ac.nz/enquire, ask us your question and we'll call you back. Or you can phone **0800 AUT AUT** (0800 288 288) to speak to one of our friendly advisors. We can help with any questions you may have, and you could also book a course counselling session or a campus tour.

Campuses

City Campus
55 Wellesley Street East, Auckland Central

North Campus
90 Akoranga Drive, Northcote, Auckland

South Campus
640 Great South Road, Manukau, Auckland

Connect with us now:



AUT LIVE

Join us at our open day, AUT LIVE, on the City Campus and see everything AUT has to offer to help you make an educated decision about university study.

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