INTRODUCTION TO VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
NEW ZEALAND

Capital thinking. Globally minded.
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New Zealand has it all—quality education, breath-taking scenery, a vibrant culture and some of the friendliest people anywhere in the world.

- Ranked the World’s Most Liveable City, according to the Deutsche Bank Quality of Life Survey 2017.
- Students enjoy a healthy study/life balance - some say it’s the best in the world. You can live in an urban environment within easy reach of New Zealand’s stunning landscapes and wide open spaces.
- Is about the same size as the UK or Japan but with only 4.4 million people.
- Has a rich and fascinating history, reflecting our unique mix of Māori, Pacific Islands and European culture.

WORK WHILE YOU STUDY— AND BEYOND

With a New Zealand student visa, most international students can work up to 20 hours a week during term time, and up to 40 hours a week during the holidays. New Zealand also offers a post-study work visa, which lets international students who graduate from a New Zealand university work for any employer in New Zealand for a year. If you find a job that’s relevant to what you studied, you can then apply to have your work visa extended for up to two years.

- Is the home of Middle Earth. More than 150 locations throughout New Zealand were used to film The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Trilogy.
- Has four distinct seasons: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. December, January and February are the hottest months, June, July and August are the coldest.
WELLINGTON

Located in the geographic, political and cultural centre of New Zealand, Victoria is at the heart of an outstanding community with a global perspective.

- Has an average maximum temperature of 11°C in mid-winter and 21°C in summer. Not too hot, not too cold, sometimes windy.
- Is the 9th safest city in the world and the only capital city in the world to have been designated ‘Safe City’ status by the World Health Organisation.
- Is compact and easy to get around on foot, or using its excellent public transport system.
- Is known as New Zealand’s Cuisine Capital and is reputed to have more cafes per capita than New York.
- Has more sunshine hours than London and less rainfall than Auckland.

- Is a popular destination for young people seeking a beautiful, vibrant, safe and fun place to live during their studies and when entering the graduate job market.
- Is a diverse and creative capital with excellent facilities and a lively calendar of events throughout the year.

Victoria has five stars overall in the QS Stars rating of excellence and five stars in each of the eight categories.

High ranking research, internationally recognised degrees, and skills for graduate success. Find out what sets Victoria apart.

- Has internationally recognised courses and degrees, consistently ranking highly in the QS world ranking by subject.
- Has eight faculties on three campuses.
- Offers a quality education modelled on the highly successful British framework – one that emphasises creative thought and heightened world knowledge.
- Teaches skills for graduate success – leadership, communication, creativity and critical thinking.
- Teaches approximately 21,000 students every year, including over 3,000 international students from more than 100 countries.
- Is a leading international research centre – this research is integrated into our teaching programmes.
- Offers award-winning student support services to help international students settle into their new living and learning environment.
- Offers great opportunities for students to engage with partners in business, government, the public sector, law and science and technology organisations through leadership programmes, internships, summer research placement and collaborative projects.
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TRIPLE CROWN ACCREDITATION

Victoria Business School is among just 1 percent of business schools worldwide that hold the “Triple Crown” of international accreditations:

- European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS)
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in business and accounting
- Association of MBAs (AMBA)
SUBJECTS OFFERED AT VICTORIA

ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES AND BUILDING SCIENCE
Architecture
Architecture History and Theory
Interior Architecture
Landscape Architecture
Project Management
Sustainable Engineering Systems

BUSINESS
Accounting
Actuarial Science
Business Administration*
Business Analysis*
Commercial Law
Economics
Global Management*
Global Marketing*
Finance
Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
Information Management*
Information Systems
Innovation and Commercialisation*
International Business Management
Marketing
Taxation
Tourism Management

DESIGN, FILM AND MEDIA
Communication Design
Design for Social Innovation
Film
Industrial Design
Interaction Design
Media Design
Media Studies
User Experience Design

EDUCATION AND TEACHING
Education
Second Language Learning and Teaching
Teacher Education (Early Childhood)
Teacher Education (Primary and Secondary)*
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING
Creative Writing
English Literature

ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
Computer Graphics
Computer Science
Cyber Security Engineering
Electronic and Computer Systems
Electronic and Computer System Engineering
Network Engineering
Software Engineering

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Conservation Biology*
Ecological Restoration*
Ecology and Biodiversity
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Marine Biology
Marine Conservation*

HEALTH
Biomedical Science
Clinical Immunology*
Clinical Research*
Drug Discovery and Development*
Health Care*
Health Informatics
Health Promotion
Health Psychology
Health Software Development
Human Genetics
Molecular Pathology
Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry
Midwifery*
Nursing Science*
Population Health, Policy and Service Delivery

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY
Art History
Classical Studies
Greek
History
Latin
Museum and Heritage Studies*
Philosophy

LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS
Applied Linguistics*
Asian Studies
Chinese
French
German
Italian
Japanese
Linguistics
Literary Translation Studies*
Modern Language Studies
New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Studies
Pacific Studies
Samoan Studies/Matāupu tau Samoa
Spanish
Te Reo Māori
Text Technologies
Writing (Academic and Professional)

LAW
Law

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS
Actuarial Science
Mathematics
Statistics
Stochastic Processes in Finance and Insurance*

MUSIC AND THEATRE
Arranging*
Classical Performance
Instrumental/Vocal Composition
Jazz
Music
Music Studies
Music Therapy*
Musicology*
Performance*
Sonic Arts
Theatre

PSYCHOLOGY
Clinical Psychology*
Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*
Cross-Cultural Psychology*
Education and Psychology
Educational Psychology*
Forensic Psychology*
Psychology

SCIENCE
Applied Physics
Biology
Biomedical Science
Biotechnology
Cell and Molecular Bioscience
Chemistry
Clinical Immunology*
Drug Discovery and Development*
Geographical Information Science*
Geography
Geology
Geophysics (Meteorology, and Solid Earth)
Human Genetics
Innovation and Commercialisation*
Molecular Microbiology*
Molecular Pathology
Molecular Pharmacology and Medicinal Chemistry
Petroleum Geoscience*
Physical Geography
Physics
Science in Society

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Cultural Anthropology
Criminology
Development Studies
Geographical Information Science
Geography
Physical Geography
Māori Resource Management
Māori Studies
Religious Studies
Social Policy
Sociology

PUBLIC POLICY
e-Government*
International Relations
Migration Studies*
Political Science
Public Management*

*Available at postgraduate level only
PHD STUDY AT VICTORIA

PhD candidates should visit the Faculty of Graduate Research website.

 WHAT IS IT GOING TO COST?  

International students pay the international tuition fee rate at Victoria University of Wellington, except for PhD students who pay the New Zealand domestic fee rate.

For the latest fees, see

SCHOLARSHIPS

Victoria offers a range of scholarships for international students, the scholarships range in amounts and can cover tuition fees and living costs. To see the full list of scholarships visit

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

IELTS overall band of 6 with no sub-score below 5.5; or

TOEFL 80 on the internet-based test; or

Pearson Test of English: A score of 58 (with a ‘Communicative’ score of not less than 50); or

A minimum of three ratings of 4 and one rating of 3 in the Victoria English Proficiency Programme.

POSTGRADUATE STUDY AND RESEARCH

IELTS overall band of 6.5, no sub-score below 6; or

TOEFL 90 on the internet-based test with at least 20 in writing; or

Pearson Test of English: A score of 65 (with a ‘Communicative’ score of not less than 58); or

A minimum of two ratings of 5 and two ratings of 4 in the Victoria English Proficiency Programme.

Visit our ‘Pick a Programme section’ on our website to find the academic and English requirements for each degree.

Important: These are the minimum English language requirements for admission to Victoria. Some programmes may have specific English Language requirements. For more information, contact victoria-international@vuw.ac.nz

PATHWAY PROGRAMMES

FOUNDATION STUDIES

Victoria University Foundation Studies Programme is taught by ACG New Zealand International College and is designed to help you prepare for undergraduate study.

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

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