Study Abroad and Exchange
Wellington, New Zealand

#1 in New Zealand for Research Intensity*  
*The latest Performance-Based Research Fund Quality Evaluations
EXPLORE AOTEAROA
NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has it all—quality education, breathtaking scenery, a vibrant culture, and some of the friendliest people anywhere in the world.

New Zealand's compact size (similar to that of Japan or the UK) means you are just a short distance away from some of the most stunning destinations in the world.

In New Zealand, you’ll find everything from snow-capped mountains, golden sandy beaches, whale watching, bungy jumping, natural thermal hot springs, world-renowned hiking trails, beautiful national parks, and bustling cities with world-class restaurants, theatres, museums, and activities for everyone.

www.newzealand.com

NEW ZEALAND AT A GLANCE

MĀORI NAME: Aotearoa
POPULATION: 5 million
CAPITAL: Wellington
LANGUAGES: English, Māori, New Zealand Sign Language
CURRENCY: New Zealand Dollar
WARMEST MONTHS: January, February
COLDEST MONTHS: July, August
GOVERNMENT: Parliamentary democracy, member of the Commonwealth
NATIONAL BIRD: Kiwi

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DISCOVER WELLINGTON

STUDY IN THE COOLEST LITTLE CAPITAL THAT HAS IT ALL

Wellington is the geographic, political, and cultural heart of New Zealand. Within the city’s beautiful harbour setting, you’ll find a great quality of life, a strong global outlook, and a study experience to remember.

WELLINGTON IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO STUDY

CREATIVE
Wellington is New Zealand’s most creative city. It has topped the list for over 20 years. You can find Wētā Workshop, Te Papa national museum, and a lot more here.
*(2022 Infometrics Creativity Index)*

SAFE
Wellington is a safe and friendly place to live. It’s ranked among the top 10 safest cities in the world.
*(2021 The Economist Safe Cities Index)*

DIVERSE
About 34 percent of people who live in Wellington were born outside of New Zealand, making it a diverse and welcoming city.
*(2018 Statistics New Zealand)*

LIVEABLE
Regularly ranked as one of the world’s most liveable cities, Wellington has great public transport and a lively calendar of events. Most attractions, shops, cafés, and campuses are within easy walking or biking distance.
*(Global Liveability Index 2022)*

HIGH TECH
Wellington is at the forefront of technology and innovation, with many tech companies calling it home. It’s named as one of the world’s ‘21 Places of the Future’.
*(2021 Cognizant Center for the Future of Work)*
Top 1% of the world’s universities in 18 subject areas (2022 QS World University Rankings by Subject)

Our Wellington School of Business and Government is among the TOP 1% of business schools worldwide with the prestigious ‘Triple Crown’ of accreditations.

2,000 of our 22,000 students are international students
8 teaching faculties
43 research institutes
4 libraries
140+ clubs and societies

3 CENTRAL CITY CAMPUSES IN WELLINGTON

“"I chose Victoria University of Wellington because it was offering a programme that sounded like my wildest dream come true. As it turns out, it was.”

Alexandra Carroll
Colorado State University, USA
Study Abroad trimester in Conservation Biology
Victoria University of Wellington currently offers more than 170 different subjects. To find out more, go to

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international/programmes

**ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES AND BUILDING SCIENCE**
- Architecture
- Architecture History and Theory
- Interior Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Project Management
- Sustainable Engineering Systems
- Urban and Regional Planning*

**BUSINESS**
- Accounting
- Actuarial Science
- Business Administration*
- Business Analysis*
- Commercial Law
- Data Science
- Economics
- Finance
- Global Business*
- Human Resource Management and Employment Relations
- Information Systems
- International Business
- International Trade*
- Management
- Marketing
- Public Management*
- Public Policy
- Taxation
- Tourism Management

**COMMUNICATION**
- Intercultural Communication
- Linguistics
- Literary and Creative Communication
- Marketing Communication
- Media Studies
- Political Communication
- Science Communication

**DESIGN, FILM, AND MEDIA**
- Animation and Visual Effects
- Communication Design
- Design for Social Innovation
- Design Technology*
- Fashion Design Technology
- Film
- Game Design
- Industrial Design
- Interaction Design
- Media Design
- Media Studies
- User Experience Design*

**EDUCATION AND TEACHING**
- Education
- Educational Psychology
- Teacher Education (Early Childhood)
- Teacher Education (Primary and Secondary)**

**ENGINEERING AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**
- Artificial Intelligence
- Computer Graphics and Games
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Electronic and Computer Systems
- Renewable Energy Systems
- Software Engineering

**ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING**
- Creative Writing*
- English (Literature)

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**
- Climate Change Science and Policy*
- Conservation Biology*
- Ecological Restoration*
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Marine Biology
- Marine Conservation*

**HEALTH**
- Health Informatics
- Health Leadership and Management*
- Health Policy, Planning, and Service Delivery*
- Health Promotion
- Health Psychology
- Midwifery
- Nursing Practice*
- Nursing Science*
- Population Health, Policy, and Service Delivery
- Professional Practice*
- Workplace Health and Safety*

**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
- Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation*
- Italian
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Literary Translation Studies*
- Modern Language Studies
- New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) Studies
- Pacific Studies
- Samoan Studies / Matā'upuē
- Sāmoa
- Spanish
- Te Reo Māori
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Text Technologies
- Writing (Academic and Professional)

**LAW**
- International Trade*
- Law

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

**MUSIC AND THEATRE**
- Classical Performance
- Ethnomusicology*
- Instrumental/Vocal Composition
- Jazz Performance
- Music
- Musicology*
- Music/Sound*
- Music Studies
- Music Therapy*
- Performance*
- Popular Music Studies
- Sonic Arts and Music Technology
- Theatre

**PSYCHOLOGY**
- Cognitive and Behavioural Neuroscience*
- Cross-cultural Psychology*
- Educational Psychology
- Forensic Psychology*
- Health Psychology
- Psychology

**REALITIES AND POLITICS**
- International Relations
- Migration Studies*
- Political Communication
- Political Science
- Public Management*
- Public Policy
- Strategic Studies*

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- Criminology
- Cultural Anthropology
- Development Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Global Studies
- Indigenous Studies*
- Māori Resource Management
- Māori Studies
- Religious Studies
- Social Policy
- Sociology

*Available at postgraduate level only
**Available at graduate level only
VOLUNTEERING AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
Join our award-winning extracurricular programmes that can enhance your intercultural awareness and help develop your leadership, social responsibility, and employability skills.

The Wellington International Leadership Programme’s main themes are global leadership challenges, global interconnectedness, sustainability, cross-cultural communication, and New Zealand in the world.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/wilp](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/wilp)

The Wellington Plus Programme encourages civic and community involvement by connecting students to a variety of volunteer experiences both on and off campus.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/wellington-plus](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/wellington-plus)

SPORTS AND FITNESS
Victoria University of Wellington offers a variety of sporting facilities and competitions. Join the Recreation Centre for social and competitive sports leagues. Take part in a range of events and programmes—from Glow Yoga classes and Zumba parties to first aid and self-defence courses.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/recreation](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/recreation)

ORIENTATION
Orientation at Victoria University of Wellington is called ‘O Week’. It’s a great way to get to know the University and have fun meeting people before you start classes.

- Find out about studying and living in New Zealand at International Orientation.
- Experience a traditional Māori pōwhiri (welcome ceremony) and city tours.
- Enjoy free food and activities on campus.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-orientation](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-orientation)

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
Join a sporting, cultural, social, religious, educational, professional, performing arts, or political club, group, or association. There are more than 140 to choose from. Check out the Clubs Day in the first week of each trimester. Some of our clubs include Aikido, Amnesty International, Beta Alpha PSI, Capoeira, Chess, Christian Club, Conservation Biology, Cultural Cuisine, Debating, E Sports, Feminist Law Society, Football, Generation Zero, Handball, Lacrosse, Pipitea Toastmasters, Politics Society, Rugby, Sci-Fi, Snow Sports Club, Surf Club, Theatre Students, Tramping and Hiking, UniQ, and Yoga Lounge.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/clubs](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/clubs)

INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAMME
This programme connects new international students with current University students by providing a variety of free social events throughout the year. Having an international buddy will help you immerse yourself in Kiwi culture, share your own culture and experiences, and form friendships along the way.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-buddy](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-buddy)

RELIGION
The University chaplains offer pastoral and practical support for all, regardless of belief. Prayer rooms are available on each campus.

[www.wgtn.ac.nz/chaplains](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/chaplains)

“New Zealand is the most naturally beautiful country that I have been to—it’s the perfect opportunity to engage with nature.

My favourite moments at the University were playing basketball with people from different backgrounds: Māori, Chinese, Malaysian, and others. Touring around the country with my friends was also fantastic.”

Osama Syed
Davidson College, USA
Study Abroad trimester in Political Science
Our halls of residence provide a safe, comfortable, and supportive living environment. Most University accommodation is within walking distance from each campus and the city centre. The University has a range of accommodations to suit your style of living. Here are some options:

**TE PUNI VILLAGE**
A multi-level complex on Kelburn campus with stunning views from its communal areas
- Single, apartment single, or single studio
- From $512 per week
- 2–25 minutes’ walk to each campus

**EVERTON HALL**
A pleasant hillside setting beside the cable car for non-first-year students
- Single and double rooms in 5-bedroom apartments
- From $262 per week plus electricity
- 5–20 minutes’ walk to each campus

**BOULCOTT HALL**
A high-rise building close to the heart of the city with an engaged student community
- Single rooms
- From $472 per week
- 10–15 minutes’ walk to each campus

**KELBURN FLATS—WHARE HĪNAU**
Furnished self-contained houses close to Kelburn campus for non-first-year international students
- Single or twin-share rooms in houses
- From $238 per week
- 5–20 minutes’ walk to each campus

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES**
University accommodation is guaranteed for all international students who apply by the deadline. To secure your place in your preferred University accommodation, we recommend you apply for accommodation at the same time as you apply to study at the University or earlier.

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Students might not be placed in one of their initial accommodation choices. Applications received after these dates will be placed on the waitlist and considered once places become available.

Students applying through a Study Abroad provider must contact that provider for details on the accommodation application process deadlines, as special arrangements may have been made between them and Victoria University of Wellington.

To find out more, go to [www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation/halls/profiles](http://www.wgtn.ac.nz/accommodation/halls/profiles)

**FACILITIES AND SERVICES**
The University has a comprehensive range of facilities and student services to help you succeed academically, support you during your studies, and help you have the best possible student experience.

- free arrival meeting service
- international student services team (including visa and insurance officers)
- accommodation service
- recreation centre and gym
- religious support
- student health and counselling services
- disability services
- financial advice and support
- rainbow and inclusion services
- more than 140 student clubs and societies

**LIVING COSTS**
Your living costs will depend on your needs and habits. For 20 weeks (one trimester) in Wellington, you might need:

- Essential living costs (keeping it basic but comfortable): NZ$9,000
- Generous living costs (weekend trips and enjoying the nightlife): NZ$13,000

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www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-accommodation
If your home university has a formal exchange agreement with Victoria University of Wellington, you may be able to apply as an exchange student. Go to our website for a full list of exchange partner universities and talk to your home university study abroad or exchange coordinator.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/student-exchange-partners

**KEY DATES**

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International Orientation is held the week before classes start. Each trimester has a two-week mid-term break. To find out more, go to

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-deadlines

**APPLY NOW**

- You can find step-by-step instructions, entry requirements, and important information at www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-abroad
- If you are applying as an exchange student, visit your home university’s international office to assist you with submitting your application.
- If you would like additional assistance with your application, you may apply through one of our overseas representatives: www.wgtn.ac.nz/agent

If you need help with the process, or have any questions, contact international@vuw.ac.nz

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need to have successfully completed at least one year of a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent, with average or above average grades. If you have just finished secondary school, you may be eligible for admission through our First Year Abroad programme, depending on your high school results.

**English-language requirements**

If you are from a non–English speaking institution, you must provide evidence of English proficiency. Some exceptions apply.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/study-abroad

**FIRST YEAR ABROAD**

If you have just finished secondary school, are in your first year of university, or don’t want to commit to a long-term degree, you can still choose to study abroad.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD**

A variety of scholarships are available to Study Abroad students, including the Victoria University of Wellington Study Abroad Scholarship and Gilman Scholarships.

**GRADUATE FEES WAIVER FOR ALUMNI**

After a trimester of study, international Study Abroad and Exchange students will join our global alumni community and will be eligible for our Global Alumni Graduate Fees Waiver, a tuition fee discount for postgraduate study at Victoria University of Wellington.

www.wgtn.ac.nz/international-scholarships

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www.wgtn.ac.nz/youtube

**THE PASTORAL CARE CODE**

The Government’s Pastoral Care Code sets out the University’s roles and responsibilities in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all our students. This includes fostering learning environments that are safe and designed to support positive learning experiences of diverse learner groups. During your time here, you have access to a range of services and support to promote your overall wellbeing, development, and educational achievement. Read more about the code and our obligations: www.wgtn.ac.nz/support

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